

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Leadership Team Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

Senior leadership in ACT Education has been working with ACT Health to ease restrictions in schools. We have also been consulting our staff and reviewing the school's Covid Safety Assurance Plan. The Education Directorate Covid Management Plan has just been approved and today the minister will be announcing the final decision, hence from next week on we will begin a transition back to more 'normal' school processes. We have already begun planning for this change and will communicate it to the school community early next week.

Excitingly we have been able to go ahead with multiple events this week. Last night I drove out to spend the night with year four, who have been at Birrigai since Wednesday. When these students get off the bus this afternoon, I am sure parents will see many tired young people, but I would not be at all surprised if they didn't feel their children have matured months in only a few days. For many students, the experience of an overnight camp is the first time away by themselves and this, combined with the nature of the outdoor education activities, stretches most students just the right amount to build independence and resilience. Camp also offers learning experiences outside of the usual daily curriculum, which enable students to demonstrate different strengths and shine in new ways.

On Thursday Mr Graetz also began the annual house soccer competition for years five and six. We saw some exceptional soccer skills and great sportsmanship. Yesterday also, the year one students enjoyed several hours exploring the National Museum, as did year five last week. It is a relief to be able to once more access all the wonderful resources that our capital city provides to enrich the students' learning in their units of inquiry.

Traffic and Parking

The current processes for the start and end of the school day will continue until at least the end of the term. Teachers and parents have asked that drivers be reminded of the following.

- If using the kindergarten drive-through system, please don't leave your car to drop off or pick up your child. Staff are concerned as this holds up the flow of traffic and creates a dangerous situation for students and teachers.
- If using the school carpark before 3.15pm to collect your child please park at the lower end, closest to the oval. This helps us to keep the kindergarten pick up system flowing and safe. Parents of older students are still being asked to avoid entering the car park between 2.50pm and 3.10pm for the same reason.
- If using the Astrolabe 'kiss and go' area, please collect year one and two students by 3.15pm unless they are waiting for an older sibling. A number of younger students are being collected quite late. Teachers have meetings and other responsibilities to fulfill after school, so they are not able to remain on outside duty for an extended time. The students themselves can also become distressed.
- Please remind your child, if you are running late unexpectedly, that they should wait at the front of the school with the bus duty teacher or go to the front office for assistance, rather than wait in another location around the school. If a student is not collected by 3.40pm he/she will be taken to the front office by the bus duty teacher and their parent or carer will be contacted.

Pupil Free Days

Today I am sending out a letter regarding two pupil free days this term. Because of the impact of staffing shortages on schools, the ACT Government is supporting all ACT public schools to hold two 'pupil free' planning days this term. These days will provide teachers with some extra space to complete assessment, reporting and curriculum planning.

As advised in the letter Red Hill's staff assessment and planning days will be on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022, and Wednesday, June 15th, 2022.

We will be asking that where possible students do not attend school on these days. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised. There is no need to contact us yet to register your child if they can't stay home as closer to each 'pupil free day' day we will publish a Google registration form to complete.

Assessment and Reporting

With the middle of the school year fast approaching our teachers will soon be preparing student reports for semester 1. This semester we will be providing students with an overall A-E grade, and an assessment of achievement standard statements on a 5-point scale. Kindergarten students will be provided with an assessment of achievement standard statements on a 5-point scale only. Preschool students will be provided with an assessment based on the Early Years Learning Framework.

While semester 1 reports won't include detailed teacher comments, parents are encouraged to speak directly with their child's teacher(s) if they have any questions or concerns about their progress. Our teachers will also continue to communicate directly with you when there are any concerns about student learning or other classroom updates.

NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. No special preparation is required for the assessments other than a solid night's sleep and healthy breakfast in the morning. It is important to remember that these assessments are just one way our teachers monitor and track student progress across the year.

We don't receive the results from the assessments for several months and often the children have already progressed in their learning since the assessment. Your child's teacher will be in touch should they identify any concerns in the results and you will be provided with a copy of the results (normally towards the end of Term 3). These students will undertake the assessments on the following days:

Tuesday 10 May – Writing

Wednesday 11 May – Reading

Thursday 12 May – Conventions of Language

Monday 16 May – Numeracy

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)

School Captains Report

Hello and welcome back Red Hill. It's really great to have everyone back at school. This term is going to be filled with exciting opportunities including the Cross Country Carnival, Rostrum and so much more.

For years 3, 4, 5 and 6, Rostrum will be going ahead in weeks 3 and 4. The year group finals are in week 5 and the whole school finals are in week 6. This year's topics are:

- Being organised
- Drones
- Every little bit helps
- My least favourite thing
- Paying it forward
- The right note
- Teamwork
- What next?

Red Hill's Cross Country Carnival will be going ahead in week 3. We want to see everyone dressed up in house colours to show house pride!

The Captains have some exciting news about the fish. If you don't know already, previous Captains have promised to get fish and past leadership teams have worked so hard to execute it. Finally, the student leadership team has done research and worked hard to get the fish. The fish will come in soon and the supplies are almost ready to go.

Another thing to look forward to is a ping pong table! Hugh has promised to introduce a ping pong table for the Red Hill community to use. The student leadership team is currently researching and putting a proposal together in order to having a bouncy good time at Red Hill!

That's all from the School Captains for now.

Evelyn (School Captain) and Harper Scott (Vice Captain)

School Crossing Supervisor

Remember to STOP for our supervisor

A school crossing supervisor is supporting our school each morning and afternoon to increase safety for children. Please support this initiative by driving safely near the school and encouraging children to use the supervised crossing.

Our crossing supervisor is responsible for controlling a busy environment, which includes managing the flow of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists during peak times. It is important for motorists to drive at a speed which allows them to safely stop when the supervisor enters the road. Please be patient and allow the crossing supervisor and other pedestrians to safely clear the road prior to proceeding.



The school community is encouraged to familiarise themselves with the basic crossing supervisor procedures:

- The supervisor will ask pedestrians to wait in a safe location by the side of the road
- When it is safe, the supervisor will stop traffic
- The supervisor will blow their whistle twice to indicate it is safe to cross.

The School Crossing Supervisor program is delivered by Transport Canberra and City Services' (TCCS) [School Safety Program](#). If you have any feedback about the program, please contact TCCS.

Please be patient, polite and respectful to our supervisor, they are committed to keeping our students safe.



School Photo Day

The School Photographer will be visiting our school in week 5 to take our annual school photos.

Monday 23 May 2022 – Main Day

Tuesday 24 May 2022 – Preschool Day 1

Thursday 26 May 2022 – Year 6, Groups & Catch Up Day


Friday 27 May 2022 – Preschool Day 2

Personalised order envelopes will be sent home shortly. These will have a code specifically for your child for you to order online. Please see below for an indication of prices in readiness for you to order.

Please note: Due to potential Covid Restrictions at the time of photography the traditional group in your photo package may be substituted for a composite group or equivalent.

ELITE

I am paying by:

- Please Tick ☐ Cash (Enclosed) 
☐ Money Order (Enclosed)
☐ Online Payment by credit card - Use the purple code below to order online.

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

X1679EL46R

MY ONLINE RECEIPT NUMBER IS:

Student Name: _____

School Name: Red Hill Primary School

Class/Year: /

Phone: _____

Email: _____

COMBINED PAYMENTS

(Each student MUST have their own envelope - please mark an X in the appropriate box)

☒ This child's payment is in

Name: _____


Class: _____

☒ This envelope includes payment/s for

Name/s: _____ Class/s: _____

I give permission for my child's name to be included underneath the class/year group photograph.
 If I DO NOT wish my child's name to appear I will notify the school IMMEDIATELY.

If you have any concerns upon receiving your photos, please email or call us directly at:
The School Photographer
 enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au (02) 9674 9824
 100% MONEY BACK GUARANTEE
 If you are not totally satisfied with your photographs, please post them (WITHIN 7 DAYS) to:
 Unit 20, 14-16 Stanton Road, Seven Hills NSW 2147



	Price	Qty	
BLUE	\$51	x	=
RED	\$48	x	=
GREEN	\$46	x	=
Group Only	\$29	x	=
Portrait Only	\$30	x	=
The products below may only be ordered with the purchase of one or more of the above options			
Drink Bottle	\$19	x	=
Mug	\$20	x	=
Keyring	\$ 8	x	=
Magnet	\$ 9	x	=
TOTAL:		\$	

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La Perouse and Carnegie Intersection

Below is a petition to deal with the intersection of La Perouse and Carnegie for those who are interested. This has been an issue for some time!

Subject: La Perouse/Carnegie Intersection

Message:

Many of you may regularly travel through the intersection of La Perouse Street and Carnegie Crescent bordering Narrabundah and Red Hill. If so, you would be aware of the traffic congestion and speed associated with vehicle traffic through this spot.

The poor road infrastructure at this intersection continues to pose an unacceptable risk to pedestrians including our local school children and elderly residents who are daily forced to weave their way through the commuter traffic to get to their destinations. Locals produced a short vid. to demonstrate our community concerns. (Link below).

<https://youtu.be/7sBn1SLqARw>

Residents have been in touch with the responsible Minister, Chris Steel MLA, on numerous occasions seeking rectification of this dangerous intersection but have seen no action other than promises of “reviews”.

Accordingly, we have decided to take this matter to the Legislative Assembly. We have initiated an e-petition to the Assembly calling on the ACT Government to recognise the seriousness of this issue and to take steps to lessen the congestion and speed at this dangerous intersection before a child or senior citizen is killed. We need 500 signatures before this matter is tabled.

If you feel strongly about this issue, please join us by clicking the link below to the ACT Government e-petition portal and making your voice heard.

Your signature may save a life.

Thank you.

<https://epetitions.act.gov.au/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetId=221&Index=-1>

Uniform Shop

TERM 2 2022

Due to COVID restrictions, all uniform shop orders are to continue via flexischools. <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

COVID restrictions permitting...new families can book time with the Uniform Shop Manager if needed; please email for a booking time:

rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com

Secondhand requests can be emailed through to the shop manager.

Donations are to be placed in the purple bin in the front office foyer.

Lost property will continue to be monitored and items that are labelled sent to the front office for return to the student. Anything not labelled will be sent to charity.



Canteen

The school canteen is open Tuesday - Friday for lunch. Orders need to be placed on flexischools by 8am each day and will be delivered to classrooms by senior students at lunchtime:

- Kindergarten – year 3: 11.10am
- Years 4 - 6: 1pm

The link to Flexischools can be found on the school website. Unfortunately, counter sales are not currently available because of Covid restrictions.



Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

Red Hill Primary School

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

Term 1
2022

Sandwiches & wraps **toasted or untoasted**

All served on wholemeal bread unless otherwise requested.

Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.00
Cheese V	\$3.80
Cheese & tomato V	\$3.50
Ham	\$3.50
Ham & cheese	\$4.50
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.80
Ham & salad	\$4.70
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$4.20
Chicken & cheese	\$4.50
Chicken & salad	\$4.70
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Tuna & cheese	\$4.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.20
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot V	\$4.30
Salad & cheese V	\$4.20
Egg & cheese V	\$4.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo V	\$4.20

Change up your sandwich:

Add: ham, chicken, tuna, egg or cheese	\$1.00
Add: Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato, beetroot	\$0.60
Change to: wrap	Extra \$0.50
Change to: gluten-free bread GF	\$1.00

Fresh salads

Build your own salad	From \$4.80
Seasonal fruit salad V GF	\$3.50

Hot meals

Pasta Bolognaise: beef (with or without cheese) H	\$5.50
Pasta Napolitana (with or without cheese) H V	\$5.00
Lasagne: beef H	\$5.50
Lasagne: veggie	\$5.50
Teriyaki chicken rice bowl	\$5.50
Stone-baked pizza (cheese or ham & pineapple)	\$5.80
Four'N Twenty Lite sausage roll	\$4.70
Four'N Twenty traveller pie	\$5.50

Snacks

Piece of seasonal fruit V GF	\$1.50
Poppin' corn V GF	\$1.00
Jelly (made with 100% juice)	\$2.00
Fluffy chocolate mousse V GF	\$2.00
Banana bread V	\$2.00
Warm assorted English muffins	\$2.50
Cheesy garlic bread V	\$2.50
Veggie sticks	\$2.00

Frozen

Quech juicy sticks V GF	\$0.70
Twisted frozen yoghurt (chocolate/vanilla, Strawberry/vanilla, watermelon/mango) V GF	\$3.00
Juice cups	\$2.00

Drinks

Plain milk: 300ml	\$2.50
Sipahh straw	\$0.50



V = Vegetarian

GF = Gluten Free

H = Certified Halal

H denotes products which have been Halal Certified. All chicken used in sandwiches and hot meals is also Halal Certified.

Community News



The poster features the CodeCamp logo at the top left. The main text reads "Learn to code at Code Camp after-school!". Below this, it says "Get creative and enjoy using logic and problem solving to build your own games!". The background is a vibrant, stylized landscape with a large, colorful, low-poly sphere in the center, a yellow ring floating above it, and a red dinosaur head on the right. In the foreground, two children, a boy and a girl, are smiling. The boy is holding a laptop displaying a game development interface. The girl is pointing upwards. The bottom of the poster includes logos for HP, Westpac, Chromebook, and Intel, along with the text "Supported by".

CODECAMP


Learn to code at Code Camp after-school!

Get creative and enjoy using logic and problem solving to build your own games!

Supported by    

 Tuesday
afternoons
3 May - 21 Jun
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

 Red Hill Primary
School

 \$260 for 8 weeks
Computers
Provided

 Years 2-6

codecamp.com.au/redhill

Focus on Girls and Women

Orienteering training

This instruction is female only (minimum age 10 years) and will prepare women and girls for bush navigation.

1	Friday 6 May	Kellaway Street, Hackett
2	Friday 13 May	South end Hayley Street, Ainslie
3	Friday 20 May	The National Arboretum
4	Friday 27 May Review/Wrap-up session	Mt Ainslie Drive, Campbell

Sessions will be modified to meet the different needs and skill levels of participants.
And to make sure everyone has FUN!

HERE'S HOW IT WILL WORK:

1. The beginners' session will start at 3.45pm and will go for an hour to 4.45pm.
 2. More experienced arrive from 4.15pm. Session will finish on dusk, around 5.30pm.
- For the more experienced, your activities and instructions will be there waiting for you! They will be adjusted week by week. There will be a focus on skills and drills rather than running a course. You can start in your own time or work together with the group instructions.

If you are already orienteering at regular Orienteering ACT events, these sessions will give you the chance to meet and orienteer with women and girls who also love to run wild!

WHAT TO BRING:

A drink bottle, warm clothes, and smile to share!

If you are at primary school you will need to bring a responsible adult, willing to share the fun. The responsible adult must stay.

Cost: (For 4 weeks of instruction).

\$20 Members (individual or family) (+ small booking fee charged by Register Now)

\$40 Non-member (individual or family) (+ small booking fee charged by Register Now)

(Sorry no refunds if you change your mind. No reductions if you come to fewer than 4 sessions. We are all volunteers, and our time is given for the love of it).

HOW TO Register:

We are using [RegisterNow.](https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=46905)

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Any Questions?? Email Toni on totoni@iinet.net.au or text on 0411 968 001