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Leadership Team Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

Along with the newsletter today you will receive a letter setting out some of the changes the school has already made in response to the relaxing of ACT Health and Education guidelines. There are some slight changes to the pick-up times for the junior school so please take time to read the letter - the alterations will commence from next Monday. For ease when reading, the changes have been written in bold font.

We are really pleased to once again be able to invite parents and carers to school assemblies. If your child is receiving an award, hosting, presenting work or performing at an assembly we would love you to join us.

Week 7 June 10 th 9.30am	Junior school (K-3)	Year 2 will be hosting
Week 9 June 24 th 9.30am	Senior school (4-6)	Year 5 will be hosting

CROSS COUNTRY

I apologise again for the very late notice regarding the rescheduled cross country events. For the sake of the students, many of whom had been training since late last term, we were determined to run the events if at all possible. However, we were unable to confirm when the races could go ahead until Monday because we needed to assess staffing levels. The timing of the races was also constrained by timetabling, year 5 NAPLAN, other year level commitments and the PSSA deadline. Fortunately, the PSSA was able to approve an extension for our year two and three students until next Tuesday.

I casually mentioned the cross country whilst at lunch on Mother's Day with my youngest son, Henry, who is now 23. He gave me a piercing look and demanded to know the purpose of cross country in primary school. It was never his favourite activity as a child (even though as an adult he enjoys running) and I often faced tears on the morning of his races. Startled by the question I took a few seconds to answer - but this is what I told him.

It's partly about encouraging physical fitness, its partly to give students an opportunity to excel in a different area of the curriculum but most of all its about fostering resilience and perseverance. It doesn't matter whether students win a place or even complete the required distance for their age, every one of them is placed outside of their comfort zone, is faced with challenge and is encouraged to work towards improving their personal best.

I wished Henry was present when, a few days later at school, a story was shared with me that backs up what I had told him. A younger student had asked her teacher at the beginning of term what she could do to get out of cross country, because she absolutely dreaded it. The teacher encouraged her to give it a go. Weeks later the student's class had PE – they had already practised for cross country that week, so the PE teacher set out a rotation of games. However, a few eager runners asked if they could practise cross country instead. Surprised, the teacher responded that anyone who wished to do this was welcome. To his astonishment the student in question put up

her hand and announced that she would like to practise cross country with them. The next day the class teacher also told me that since that PE session, the student had suddenly become far more courageous about tackling challenging academic tasks.

Not every child will enjoy cross country, not every child will have speed and agility on the track, but every child can feel pride in having done something difficult and showing courage, an experience they can then transfer into other areas of learning.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing has progressed well, thanks to the great organisation by Dave Corcoran and the year 3 and 5 teaching teams. Students completed the assessments calmly and with a ‘can do’ approach. We have reminded them that NAPLAN is only a snapshot of what they are capable of, and that there are many other ways we assess their learning in the classroom. We have also reminded them that, whilst NAPLAN is a valuable reporting tool for parents, it is really most useful in evaluating the effectiveness of school programs. We also know that not every student responds well to that style of assessment and that many students will have made significant progress between the time they sit NAPLAN and the arrival of their reports (late term three or early term four).

All year 5 students have completed NAPLAN. ‘Makeup’ testing will be available next week for any year three students who were absent last week.

PHOTOS

I would like to give another reminder that school photos are on next week. Please make sure students wear full school uniform and arrive at school on time, so that the schedule is not impacted.

Monday	Whole school; siblings
Tuesday	Preschool Program 1 (Griffith and Red Hill)
Wednesday	Pupil free day
Thursday	Special groups e.g., band, year 6; extra siblings and individual ‘make-ups’
Friday	Preschool Program 2 (Griffith and Red Hill)

Whilst on the topic of school uniform I would like to remind everyone that it is an expectation that all students wear Red Hill school clothing at school. “We believe that school uniforms create a stronger sense of school identity which leads to improved student well-being. Wearing school uniform promotes a sense of belonging between students and promotes the safety of students through easier identification” ([Red Hill School Uniform Policy](#), 2020).

We understand that students have individual needs and may also experience different levels of financial and other support at home to access uniform. If there is a financial or other reason (e.g., religious) why your child is unable to wear school uniform please make a time to speak to me. The school and the P &C are committed to making sure every child has what they need.

PUPIL FREE DAY WEDNESDAY MAY 25TH

Please remember that next Wednesday is an ACT Government approved pupil free day to provide teachers with time to pull together assessment data, moderate and begin entering grades on reports. Children of essential workers and vulnerable children will still be able to attend school and be supervised. Please follow this [link](#) to register your child for supervision if it is required. Thank you to those parents who have already registered their child.

REMOTE LEARNING

Moving to remote learning for year two and year three students this week was a very difficult decision for the Education Directorate. I would like to thank the parents and carers in these year levels for keeping their children at home. Thankfully we expect those teaching teams to be fully back on deck next week and for programs to return to normal.

ELECTION DAY

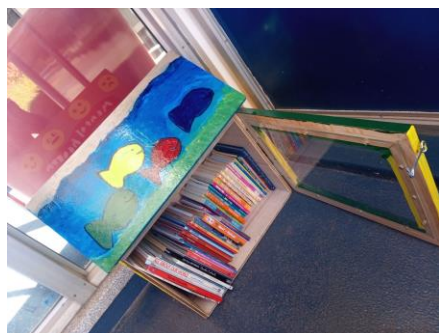
Don't forget to visit our P&C Election Day stalls tomorrow. Any money raised will go towards keeping Voyager Park a thriving community space for us all.



Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)

Red Hill Community Library



Once upon a time there was a promise made by Red Hill school captains. The promise was for all students to be able to share the love of reading through a Community Street Library.

This promise was realised last year, and Red Hill now has its own STREET LIBRARY!

The Street Library is located in the top corner of the Breezeway entrance and contains a variety of quality literature received from community

donations.

The books have been sanitised and we ask that the community wipe down any books they donate or return to the street library (it could also be a good idea to give them a wipe over to welcome them into your home).

The paintings on the Street Library are images of the promises made by the 2021 school captains: the Front Office fish, Waste Free Wednesday, The R U Ok? Box, House Sport and Duster Hockey equipment.

Enjoy the wonderful adventures you are about to embark on through a good book.



Please wipe over books before they are donated or returned.



Uniform Shop

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.

CANTEEN OVER THE COUNTER SALES (from Tuesday 17th May onwards)

- Junior students rostered to play on the asphalt 11.25-11.45
- Senior rostered to play on the asphalt 1.20-1.40

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Junior	3	2	1	K
Senior	5	4	6	5

CANTEEN CLOSED May 25th and June 15th



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 Bolognese: 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.

Red Hill School Calendar 2022 – Term 2					Mon 25 Apr – Fri 1 July
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Apr 25 - 29	ANZAC Day		Year 5 Discovery Centre Excursion		
Week 2 May 2 - 6	PYP Network – Job-a-like		Year 4 Camp - Birrigai		
			Year 5 Future Skills Excursion		
Week 3 May 9 - 13	NAPLAN				
Week 4 May 16 - 20					
Week 5 May 23 - 27	School Photo Day (Including Sibling Photos)	Preschool photo Day Year 2/3 Cross Country	Staff Assessment and Moderation Day	School Photo Day – Catch up, Special Groups and Year 6	Preschool photo Day Year 6 Rostrum Finals
Week 6 May 30- 3 Jun	Reconciliation Day	Winyu & Dijira Preschool Arboretum Excursion	South/Weston 12&U Regional Cross Country Staff Flu Vaccinations		Gabadang & Gurang Preschool Arboretum Excursion School Rostrum Finals (TBC)
Week 7 Jun 6 - 10			South Weston Cross Country		
Week 8 Jun 13 - 17	Queen's Birthday		Staff Planning Day		
Week 9 Jun 20 - 24					
Week 10 Jun 27 – 1 Jul	Nutrition Magician – Preschool			Year 5 Arts Performance	Nutrition Magician – Preschool



EASTS JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

WANT TO TRY RUGBY?

Easts Junior Rugby Club is a family friendly club in the heart of Canberra that is always looking to welcome new players from U7s and up!

We provide kids and parents with a fun, social environment whilst teaching the game and values of rugby through quality coaching.

TRAINING

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 5:30 - 6:30PM
NORTH CURTIN PLAYING FIELDS

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