

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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'Students from 5C playing Barry on the new artificial grass field'



Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment



16th February 2024



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Leadership Team Overview

Hello parents and carers,

Please see below for an update on recent and upcoming events at our school.

Year 6 Camp

Congratulations to our Year 6 cohort on a wonderful camp this week. The teachers reported that the students demonstrated their leadership skills in a wide range of activities over the three days. A big thank you to Ms Griffin for managing all the organisation for camp and to all the staff who attended. We've been reliably informed that go-karting and learning to surf were highlights as was the Giant Swing, which had the most spectacular view of the Illawarra Escarpment and coastline (see image below). I'm sure everyone who attended has slept soundly in their own bed the last couple of nights.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our school swimming carnival will take place on the Friday of week 6 at Dickson Aquatic Centre (for students turning 8 this year and older). Parent volunteers are very welcome. Permission and payment notes are due back by next **Friday 23rd February (week 4)**.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will occur in our school between **13 and 25 March 2024** for students in years 3 and 5. Nowadays the tests are online, and are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each one presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment. Tailored testing also allows a wider range of student abilities to be

assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. (All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.)

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress and identify areas of strength and development. All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

Bus Safety Week 2024: Safety never goes out of style!

"What's this coming along the road? It's a bus it's a bus... it's a school bus!" This week is Bus Safety Week 2024, and we are going back in time to 1989 with the original Bus Safe Rap because safety never goes out of style. Bus Safety Week is an opportunity to remind students of the importance of safe behaviours when on and around buses, bus stops and interchanges.

Brush up on your safety skills and see if you can do the Bus Safe Rap:

- *Signal the driver: Always signal the driver a safe distance from the curb by raising your arm – and giving the driver plenty of notice.*
- *Wait safely: Wait until the bus has left before you cross. Never walk in front of a bus, as other road users may not see you.*
- *Respect bus stops: Bus stops and interchanges aren't playgrounds. Avoid running or playing ball games while waiting for a bus.*
- *Stay alert: Put your phone away and turn the music down when moving around bus interchanges and crossing roads.*

With several buses servicing our school, it's a timely reminder to showcase our commitment to safety as a community, from the bus stop to crossing the road and where we park our cars.

Vandalism

Last weekend we sadly experienced vandalism at the school which saw several windows smashed and some external furniture moved. ACT Police responded to the incident and are managing the follow up. Please contact them directly if you have any information about the vandalism. We encourage community members to report any future suspicious activity at the school to our office and to ACT Police on 131 444.

Brumbies Clinics

Finally, thank you to Easts Rugby Club who came in to help the Brumbies today to run rugby clinics for Years 2, 3, 4 & 6.

Dave Corcoran, Deputy Principal (Junior School)

School Board

Red Hill School will have **two school board elected vacancies** for parents in 2024. This is a great way to be involved in your child's education and contribute to the school's operation and policies. If you would like more information, please contact Louise Owens or use this link: [School Boards - Education \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/education/school-boards).

The nomination period opened on Monday 5th February (Week 2, Term 1) and closes on Monday 19th February. New board members start their term of office on 1 April 2024.

Assemblies

Whole School Assemblies

The purpose of these is to connect as a whole school, show younger students some of the opportunities that will be available to them later in their school life (e.g., music ensembles), have students of all ages celebrate the achievements of their peers and impart important messages. It will generally not be possible to have parents at these assemblies because we cannot fit the whole school in the hall and socially distance large numbers of adults.

Year Level Assemblies

The purpose of these is to give students opportunities to speak and perform, showcase student work, celebrate achievement and share all of these with parents. Principal's Awards are given out at these assemblies. Parents of relevant year levels are welcome – **please sign in at the front office.**

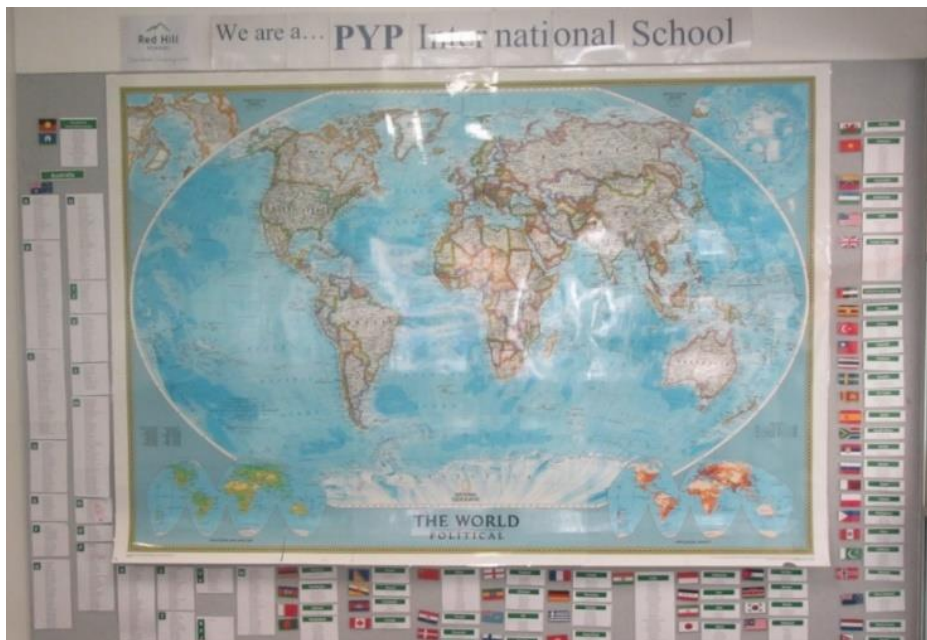
TERM 1 ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE				
Week	Host	MC	Principal's Awards	Parents invited
2	Exec (Whole School)	Student leaders	No	No
3	No assembly			
4	Year 4	Year 4 students	Yes (Senior 4-6)	Yes
5	Year 2	Year 2 students	Yes (Junior K-3)	Yes
6	No assembly			
7	Year 6	Year 6 students	Yes (Senior 4-6)	Yes
8	Year 1	Year 1 students	Yes (Junior K-3)	Yes
9	No assembly			
10	Swimming Carnival Assembly Years 3-6 (Ribbons)			
11	Exec (Whole School)	Student leaders	No	By special invitation

World Map

It is time to update the information around our map, to welcome our new students and farewell those who have left us.

Is your name already on our lists but you would like to change where it appears because you identify with another nationality?

All you need do is fill in the slip below and return it to the front office.



Red Hill School World Map and Nationality Representation

My name is:

My brother's and sister's names are

I was born in: _____

The country/nationality I identify with is:

Red Hill School Running Club

RED HILL SCHOOL RUNNING CLUB



**Interested in running the cross-country track before school?
Come and join Mr Graetz and run every Thursday morning.
8 – 8.45am every Thursday starting 1 June. Hope to see you on the track!**

Red Hill School Garden

Come along every third Sunday
of the month in 2024

Red Hill School
Garden

10am - 2pm
2024

**Family & Friends
Garden Days**

NEW DATES

21st Jan	21st July
18th Feb	18th Aug
17th March	15th Sept
21st April	20th Oct
19th May	17th Nov
16th June	15th Dec

Queries - Flip 0407 017 289

Uniform Shop

Ordering Online

The Red Hill School P&C Association uses Flexischools for uniform shop sales.

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

It is a cashless online ordering system which streamlines payment, ordering and processing of purchases and events. Quick and easy, it can be accessed 24/7 on PC, Mac or mobile app.

School uniform orders for existing students will be delivered to your child's classroom. Otherwise, orders can be collected from the front office.

Ordering in person

Opening hours Wednesday 8.30 to 10:00am and Friday 2.30 to 4.00pm. We prefer payment by credit card, but we can accept cash.

With COVID continuing to present a risk we prefer that orders are made online where possible.

Secondhand requests can be emailed through to the shop manager.

Donations can be placed in the purple bin in the front office foyer.

Lost property collected around the school is placed in the big blue bin outside of the uniform shop.

Due to the amount of lost property and the shortage of staff, labeled items will no longer be returned to classrooms. Instead, the items in the blue bin will be sorted and then placed in the adjoining blue and white cupboards for students to look through and collect any of their property that they find."



Red Hill School OVER THE COUNTER SALES

Milo Cookie	\$0.50
Pappadum (Garlic or Plain)	\$0.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Frozen Quelch Stick	\$1.00
Frozen Juice Cup	\$2.00
Jelly Cup or Custard Cup	\$2.00
Banana Bread	\$2.00
Berry Muffin	\$2.00
Jelly & Custard Cup	\$2.50
Fluffy Choc Mousse	\$2.50
Plain Milk	\$2.50
Twisted Frozen Yogurt	\$3.00
Plain Milk with flavoured Sipahh Straw	\$3.50

OPEN TIMES FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY -

10.30am - 10.45am

11.15am - 11.40am

1.10pm - 1.30pm

Please bring exact change if possible

Red Hill School Calendar 2024 – Term 1					Mon 29 Jan – Fri 12 Apr
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Jan 29-2 Feb	Pupil Free Day	Kinder 1 st Day of School	31 st January First Day of School		Whole School Assembly
Week 2 Feb 5-9					
Week 3 Feb 12-16	12 th February Year 6 Camp	13 th February Year 6 Camp	14 th February Year 6 Camp		
Week 4 Feb 19-23			21 st February Information Sessions 5.30pm-7.45pm		Senior School Assembly Hosted by Year 4
Week 5 Feb 26-1 Mar			28 th February Year 5 Camp	29 th February Year 5 Camp	1 st March Year 5 Camp Junior Assembly Year 2 host P&C Welcome BBQ
Week 6 Mar 4-8					8 th March Swimming Carnival Year 3-6
Week 7 Mar 11-15	11 th March Canberra Day Public Holiday				Senior School Assembly Hosted by Year 6
Week 8 Mar 18-22					Junior School Assembly Hosted by Year 1
Week 9 Mar 25-29	25 th March Kenny Koala Preschool Visit			28 th March Kenny Koala Preschool Visit	29 th March Good Friday Public Holiday
Week 10 Apr 1-5	1 st April Easter Monday Public Holiday				Swimming Awards
Week 11 Apr 8-12					Whole School Assembly

Community News

Pied Piper MUSIC FOR LITTLES



- A complete program where children and parents learn through music, movement and sensory play.
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February 7, 8, 9

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A circular photograph showing a young child and a woman smiling and interacting.

Questacon
The National Science and Technology Centre

www.questacon.edu.au

Australian Government

Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.

COME AND TRY

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

TERM 1 2024

A QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to the registration page for Beach Volleyball.

\$120
PER ATHLETE

ALL SESSIONS HELD AT
LYNEHAM BEACH FACILITY
ATHLETES AGED 15 AND UNDER
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME



A photograph of a beach volleyball on a sandy beach.

Thursdays 4pm - 5:15pm
starting 8th February 2024

Karilee Calisthenics

Fun, fitness, and friendship!

Cali-Dance is a team based performance sport which includes dancing, singing, ballet, marching, acrobatics, and apparatus work for ages 3 and up!

Scan the QR code to register your interest for free trial classes!

Located in Weston Creek

Find us on Facebook and Instagram or email joinkarilee@gmail.com to register for two complementary classes

Minijog is a handicap run. Everybody can win!

CANBERRA Runners MINIJOG




First Sunday of every month
8 am Oct - Mar, 9 am Apr - Sept.
Prescott Lane, Weston Park, Yarralumla



canberrarunners.org.au

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- 04 Guest appearances at selected programs

THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP!

\$234.50 for 3 days! Offer ends March 10!

Dates
16, 17, 18 April 2024

LOCATION
ANU, 19 North Road, Acton ACT 2601

“It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants”

Contact Us:
1300 914 368
admin@australiansportscamps.com.au

More Information:
australiansportscamps.com.au

BURLEY GRIFFIN SWIM CLUB

Swimming practice available to boost your confidence at your school's swimming carnival. The Burley Griffin Swim Club (BGSC) is offering a 4 weeks only training program special (\$100) with swim sessions available on every Tuesday and Thursday 5-6pm at the CGS school pool. Swimmers of all ages are welcome. No need to join the club. To sign up please email invoices@burleygriffinswimclub.org.au





Need school supplies or equipment?

Care Community Loans provides 0% interest loans of up to \$2000 for essential household goods and services



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Are you renting privately in the ACT?

The ACT Rent Relief program is 4 weeks rent up to a maximum of \$2,500. Eligibility criteria applies.

For more information or to apply, contact Care.



Office: 02 6257 1788



Mobile: 0423 161 727



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Registrations are now open for your child to play with a Dodgers team in the Winter 2024 season of basketball. Basketball is a thriving sport in the ACT and has seen enormous growth in recent years. Basketball ACT runs a competition that caters for young players from Under 10's through to Under 19s.

The Winter Competition 2024 will start on the weekend of the 16th and 17th of March and finish on the weekend of the 14th and 15th of September.



If your child would like to play with Dodgers in the winter season of basketball, please click [here](#) or scan the QR code.

For further information on registration, please contact our warm and friendly registrar Sean at wcwdregistrar@gmail.com

Registrations close on the 16th of February 2024.

<p>Junior Club Fees (Division 1-6) U10 - \$400 U12 and U14 - \$420</p> <p>Basketball ACT Affiliation Fee (insurance) BACT Affiliation - \$60</p> <p>Game Days <i>Saturdays</i> - U12s <i>Sundays</i> - U10s and U14s</p>	<p>Training 1 hour per week scheduled for a weekday afternoon or early evening. The primary training venues are Hedley Beare Centre, Alfred Deakin high School, Stromlo High School, Evelyn Scott School and Canberra College.</p> <p>Game Venues The majority of games are played at either Belconnen Basketball Stadium or Tuggeranong Southern Cross Stadium</p>
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