

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our beautiful, feathered friends proudly strutting around their yard, delighted that the school holidays are near and showing that everyone, feathered or not, deserves a little holiday joy.



**Red Hill School is a Nut Free
Environment**



25th September 2026

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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an incredibly busy term, with many highlights despite the challenges of industrial action.

SPORTING AND OTHER TEAM EVENTS

Following on from our week two athletics carnival, forty six students represented Red Hill School at the regional event. Our school won second place at the South & Weston Track and Field Championship, competing against a combination of twenty-two independent and public schools. Nine students from Red Hill then qualified to compete in eighteen events at the 2026 ACT 12 and Under Track and Field Championships. Some of those students will now be invited to represent the ACT nationally.

- Dejashya Arulmani (Long Jump and Discus)
- Harriette Chatain (800m Run, Shot Put, Long Jump, 100m and 200m Sprint)
- Kofe Fotu (Shot Put)
- Eve Groot Obbink, Eve (Shot Put)
- Maddie Hood (800m Run, Shot Put)
- Thomas Radtke (Long Jump)
- Salesi Taufua (Discus, Shot Put)
- Tevita Tuineau (100m and 200m Sprint)
- Ava Xiao (70m and 100m Sprint)

I would like to congratulate all of the students who represented Red Hill School for their talent, commitment, perseverance and sportsmanship.

This year, for the first time, we took fifty senior students to the Touch Football Gala Day. Whilst our teams did not qualify for the grand final Mr Colebatch was again impressed by the students' sportsmanship.

Students did not only have opportunities to compete in sporting events. Four teams competed in the six week Tournament of Minds challenge. All four teams performed admirably and will receive certificates at the first assembly next term.. Two of the teams did exceptionally well and were selected to go to the ACT finals.

A large number of senior students also competed in the ten to twelve week AMT Mathematics Challenge, and, for the first time, middle primary students competed in the shorter challenge. They were supported by a team of enthusiastic Narrabundah College student mathematicians.

The year six band also played beautifully at the IMP Celebration at Llewellyn Hall and for the Canberra community at Floriade.

INCURSIONS AND EXCURSIONS

Incursions and excursions are important ways to enrich learning, connecting the wider community with school and using experts from different fields to authentically build students' knowledge, skills and understanding. We had many rich experiences this term, including four weeks of Brumbies rugby clinics, an Academy of Future Skills incursion (year 4); "On Country" workshops with Aaron Chatfield of Dreamtime Connections (year 3); "People, Country and Culture" workshops (year five); several guest speakers sharing personal stories of migration (years five and six); the "Kenny Koala" early childhood program; and the year two Aqua Safe program.

It was an important term for us as well because we had our second Taiwan Study Tour and five yearly IB Evaluation. I am pleased to report that the IB panel found no matters to be addressed. Early next term we will share the panel's key commendations, affirmations and recommendations with the community. From the panel report staff will draw out an area of development to work on over the next twelve months, as part of our school improvement cycle..

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We dressed up for the annual Book Week Parade and Walkathon and welcomed grandparents and family members to the P&C morning tea. This is by far our favourite day of the school calendar- a joyful celebration of rich literature and books, creativity and community. At last Friday's assembly we gave out book vouchers for most creative Book Week costumes in each year level.

- Max Yacoub - Kindergarten
- Grace Clark – year 1
- Lulu Grovers and Valerie Watson – year 2
- James Opbroek Bennett – year 3
- Kora Taylor – year 4
- Rex Mison – year 5
- Archie Campbell – year 6

The P&C Walkathon winners will be announced at the next whole school assembly in week one term 4.

Parents, alumni and staff attended the P&C Trivia Night on Friday 18th September and year six students ran our inaugural student trivia competition last Friday, led by school captain Archie Campbell.

We also raised money for the Heart Foundation last week with rope sales and our Jump Rope for Heart and Crazy Hair day.

NEXT TERM

Next term the first big event will be the **Spotlight** performance on **Thursday 22nd October** at Erindale Theatre. This evening is a celebration of the arts and will be an opportunity for our musical ensembles and other groups to perform to a live public audience. Students in the school bands, Glee Club, Wassa Wassa and Wassa Wassa Junior will be involved as well as individual senior primary artists. The notes for these students were sent home last Thursday. If your child is in any of these performance groups and they did not bring home a note please contact the school. Information about ticket purchases will come home on Monday 12th October. All families are welcome to attend, and extended family members are also welcome so please let them know about the event.

Bricks for Smiles, our annual Lego fundraiser, will go ahead on Thursday 29th October.

Other important term dates include:

- ThinkUKnow Student Online Safety Presentation – Wednesday 18th November
- Year 6 Exhibition - Thursday 3rd December
- P&C BBQ and Disco – Thursday 10th December
- Year 6 Graduation – Thursday 17th December

In closing I would like to acknowledge the inconvenience and disruption caused by the industrial action for families and school operation. On behalf of our teachers and learning support staff I wish to thank you for your support. I hope that we can move forward with a well-resourced ACT public education system without the need for further industrial action.

I would also like to impress that, whilst parent-teacher interviews and other reporting processes are currently impacted by the industrial action, parents and carers should contact class teachers with any immediate concern related to their child's wellbeing or learning. Meetings about immediate academic and wellbeing concerns are not affected by the industrial action, and it's very important that they go ahead.

I am also aware that recent media reporting regarding school budgets and staffing has raised questions and concerns within our community. I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge this directly. Like all schools across the ACT public education system, we are working through budget and staffing planning for 2027. This includes considering how our staffing aligns with available resources, projected enrolments and, most importantly, the needs of our students.

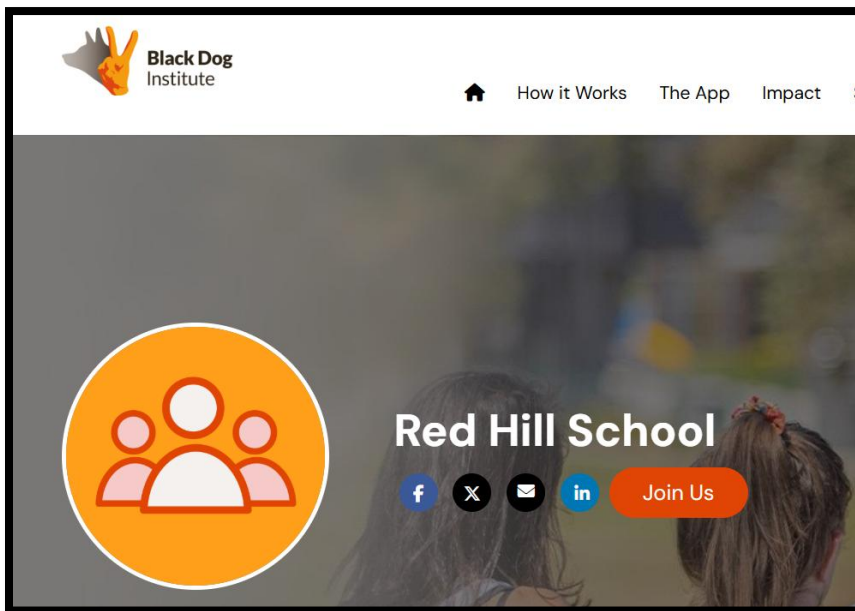
This work is still underway. The Education Directorate is currently working with schools to finalise staffing and budget planning and will continue to do so in Term 4. Our staffing model for 2027 has not been finalised, and figures currently being reported publicly should not be interpreted as confirmed staffing decisions or a final picture of what our school will look like next year.

As our planning progresses and decisions are confirmed, we will continue to communicate relevant information directly with our staff, School Board and community. While it will not always be appropriate or possible to communicate every detail of internal staffing and budget processes, I will aim to communicate openly where decisions or changes are likely to have a direct impact on our students, families or the operation of our school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)



This October, we have started a Red Hill School team to take part in One Foot Forward to help Australians impacted by mental illness and suicide.

We're walking throughout Mental Health Month to support crucial mental health research and support services to show people living with a mental illness that they are not alone.

Because 1 in 5 Australians experience symptoms of mental illness each year. And sadly, 9 people die by suicide every day.

But together, we can make a difference.

Other members of the school community are welcome to join our team here (for FREE):

<https://www.onefootforward.org.au/join/redhillschool>

Or donate to help create a mentally healthier world, for everyone.

[One Foot Forward - Red Hill School.](#)

P&C News

Last Friday it was the parent's turn to have some fun with our 90s nostalgia trivia night. It was a great success with lots of laughs, great costumes, delicious food, and, of course, trivia to help us stop right now and relive the smell of teen spirit (or baby spirit depending on when you were born). Thanks to everyone who came along to support the event, including two tables of teachers, and especially to all those who helped clean everything up at the end of the night. A big thank you must also go to Tanya Losanno, who generously donated her time to host the event. And a very big thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle and silent auction including:

- Muse Pilates Kingston
- David Beniamini at Manuka Tennis Club
- Griffith Butcher (who also donated ham for the dinner buffet)
- ACT Brumbies
- Canberra Raiders NRLW
- Amanda Yeo from LJ Hooker who donated her handmade jewellery
- Author Maree Splatt
- Zambrero Manuka (who donated vouchers for the winners of the Kids' Lunchtime Trivia, winners being announced at assembly today), and
- the parents who made donations of gifts and time.

Your generosity throughout the term has helped us edge close to our fundraising goal for the cricket nets and pitch! We'll provide an update on exactly how close early next term (once we've had a rest and run the numbers).

And lastly, a special thank you to all the P&C members who came together to make this event happen. It was a big job, but I think everyone who attended would agree that it was a fabulous night. Well done!

It's been a very busy term for all, so we hope you have a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing you at one of our events next term. Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 22 October: Spotlight Concert at Erindale Theatre
- Thursday 10 December: End of Year BBQ

As always, if you'd like to get in touch, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Year Level Representative or email us at rhps.pandc@gmail.com.

Uniform Shop and Canteen



Red Hill Primary School Uniform Shop

Item	Price
Hat Surf	\$15.00
Hat bucket	\$15.00
Beanie	\$12.00
Dress Summer	\$46.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (green)	\$30.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (gold)	\$30.00
Polo Shirt – Long Sleeve (green)	\$27.00
House T Shirt	\$20.00
Jacket Microfibre	\$50.00
Polar Fleece Jumper	\$40.00
Red Hill Hoodie	\$40.00
Skorts Pleated Cotton	\$26.00
Skorts Gabardine	\$26.00
Rugby Shorts Knit	\$18.00
Short Gabardine	\$22.00
Pants Long Gabardine Double Knee	\$30.00
Track Pants Microfibre	\$36.00
Track Pants Straight Leg Fleece	\$25.00
Socks Ankle Green	\$4.00
Tights Bootle Green	\$14.00
School Backpack (M)	\$50.00
School Backpack (L)	\$53.00
Anniversary Tea Towel	\$4.00
Second hand items	\$4.00
Second hand items unlimited amount	\$20.00



Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Wednesday 8.30-10.00am
and
Friday 2.30-4.00pm

Payment Options: Cash, EFTPOS, Amex, Credit Card (no American Express)

Ordering Online: The Red Hill School P&C Association uses [Flexischools](http://www.flexischools.com.au) for uniform shop sales. It is a cashless online ordering system which streamlines payment, ordering and processing of purchases and events. The system is quick and easy and can be accessed 24/7 from your PC or mobile App on your [iPhone/iPad](http://www.flexischools.com.au) or Android.

Please note the following: -

- For further information and to register please visit: www.flexischools.com.au
- School uniforms orders will be delivered to your child's classroom via their teacher or uniform shop staff.
- Payments by Credit Card or Bank transfer
- Some fees may apply
- Online orders are delivered on Wednesday or Friday of the same week, some deliveries may carry over to the following week.
- Details on sizing, including height, chest and waist are noted with each garment listing.
- Please include your child's name and class (for families new to the school and not yet been allocated a class please enter "New Student" and orders will be held at the front office for collection.

Lost property: Lost property collected around the school is placed in the big blue bin outside of the uniform shop. 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. When possible, staff will deliver labelled items to classrooms.

The Red Hill Uniform shop is staffed by volunteers from our parent community who kindly donate their time to help. If you have some time to help, please email rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com



Canteens4Kids ACT Menu

2026

Sandwiches

Served on wholemeal bread unless white bread is requested.
Wraps and GF bread also available.

Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.50
Cheese V	\$4.50
Cheese & tomato V	\$5.00
Ham & cheese	\$6.30
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$6.80
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$6.30
Chicken & cheese H	\$6.30
Chicken, lettuce & mayo H	\$6.30
Tuna & cheese	\$6.00
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$6.00
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot V	\$5.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo V	\$6.00

Toasted Sandwiches (in press)

Served on wholemeal bread unless white bread is requested.

Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.50
Cheese V	\$4.50
Cheese & tomato V	\$5.00
Ham & cheese	\$6.30
Chicken & cheese	\$6.30
Tuna & cheese	\$6.00
Ham	\$5.30
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$6.50
Gluten-free bread	Extra \$1.50

Fresh Salads

Build your own salad	From \$5.50
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Hot meals

Pasta bolognese DF, H (GF available)	\$7.50
Pasta napoletana DF, H, V (GF available)	\$7.00
Sausage roll	\$6.80
Beef lasagna H	\$7.50
Satay Chicken & Rice H	\$7.50
Chicken tender sub H	\$7.00
Mac & cheese V	\$7.00

Daily Specials

Daily specials available online

Snacks

Fruit salad	\$3.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheesy garlic bread	\$3.00
Banana bread	\$2.70
Jelly cup (made with 100 % fruit juice)	\$2.50
Homemade mini muffins	\$2.50
Corn on the cob	\$1.50
Chocolate mousse	\$2.50
Milo cookie	\$2.00
Piece of fruit	\$1.50

Frozen

Frozen juice cup	\$2.50
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$3.00

V- Vegetarian/GF- Gluten Free/ DF- Dairy Free/H-Halal

Prices inclusive of GST

Red Hill School Calendar 2026 –Term 4					Mon 12 Oct – Fri 18 Dec
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Oct 12-16	12 th October Pupil Free Day		14 th October Yr 6 Exhibition: Parent Evening		16 th October Preschool - Kenny Koala Whole School Assembly
Week 2 Oct 19-23	19 th October Preschool - Kenny Koala			22 nd October SPOTLIGHT on Red Hill Arts	23 rd October Year 5 ACT SES incursion
Week 3 Oct 26-30				29 th October SRC Bricks and Smiles Lego Expo Fundraiser	30 th October Junior Assembly – Year 1
Week 4 Nov 2-6					6 th November Senior Assembly – Year 5
Week 5 Nov 9-13			11 th November Year 5 Tidbinbilla Ranger Guided Walk: Australian Plants, Animals and Habitats		
Week 6 Nov 16-20			18 th November ThinkUKnow Senior Students Preschool Information Night TBC		20 th November Junior Assembly- Kinder/ICAS
Week 7 Nov 23-27		24 th November Preschool and Kinder Orientation	25 th November New Kinder Orientation		27 th November Preschool and Kinder Orientation Senior Assembly - Year 4/ICAS
Week 8 Nov 30-Dec 4		1 st December Preschool and Kinder Orientation	2 nd December Year 6 Exhibition Dress Rehearsal	3 rd December International Day of Persons with Disabilities Year 6 Exhibition Dress Rehearsal	4 th December Preschool and Kinder Orientation
Week 9 Dec 7-11			9 th December Christian Education	10 th December Year 6 Achievement Assembly School Disco P&C End of year BBQ 6pm	11 th December Year 6 Fun Day Limelight
Week 10 Dec 14-18				17 th December Year 6 Graduation	18 th December Talent Show