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Defence students prepared for our upcoming Remembrance Day Commemoration Assembly through creativity, reflection and remembrance during junior Defence club.

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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like the end of the year is rapidly approaching, with shops already filling with holiday season decorations. However, our learning certainly hasn't slowed down at school. Our Year 6 students are well underway with planning and researching for their Exhibition that occurs at the beginning of December. We also enjoyed the Year 1 children sharing learning about forces and the Year 4 children their writing from their Sharing the Planet inquiry during their assemblies.

Thank you again to everyone who supported our annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser on the last day of term 3. $850 was raised for the Heart Foundation. We also had a high level of enthusiasm and engagement in our Bricks and Smiles fundraiser last week. It was lovely to see so many parents students participating in the project.

When our students leave Red Hill it is wonderful to hear of their continued progress. Red Hill School would like to congratulate two alumni students, Ayan Khan and Aiden Lai, who currently attend Telopea High. Both Ayan and Aiden were recently awarded High Distinctions in the Intermediate section of the Australian Maths Trust Challenge. We are very proud of you!

Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation

Over the next couple of weeks, we will continue the orientation process for our newest students joining our preschool and kindergarten cohorts. Our 2027 preschoolers will spend some time getting to know their educators and classmates as well as the usual routines. For our 2027 kindergarten students, the orientation visits will also provide opportunities to become familiar with the bigger school environment. Each current Red Hill and Griffith preschool group will visit kindergarten for a session over the next two weeks. This term, we are also offering all new students and their families in kindergarten to year six a transition interview with a member of the school's leadership team. If you have not yet booked your interview, this can be arranged through the Booked website. If you did not receive the original email or are having trouble booking a suitable time, please contact the front office.

Morning Routines

Recently we have been informed of a number of students going to the shops before coming to school without their parents' knowledge or consent. If your child travels to school independently, please remind them that they need your permission to go to the shops. For students who are being dropped off at school, the expectation is they go straight to the designated areas. Teachers provide supervision from 8:50am each morning in the fenced playground areas. We thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

Antonia McGuire, Deputy Principal



Over recent weeks our year five students completed modules about leadership, in preparation for being our most senior students in 2027.

We believe that the best leadership is distributed and that every year six student can lead the school in some way, regardless of whether they are elected to formal positions or not. Each student has identified their personal strengths and values, how these would help them to be a year six leader and where they see themselves as being able to contribute most.

Many students presented leadership speeches to their year levels and/or the whole school. Each of them is to be congratulated on the quality of their speech and willingness to commit to leadership.

For 2027 our elected School Captains are Maddie Hood and Rex Mison.

Our 2027 vice-captains are Hugo Botham, Mai Nguyen, Dhiyan Saha and Becky Xiao,

I would also like to congratulate the other finalists: Christina Barco Pasco, Mackenzie De Stefanis Bruce, Joshua Hallett, Eve Hateley and Walter Oldmeadow. All eleven students delivered excellent speeches and can be proud to have been short listed by their peers.

Walter concluded his speech with a quote from the entrepreneur, Jim Rohn, which I particularly liked and, with Walter's permission, wish to share with our year six leaders.

"The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humour, but without folly."

SRC News

Building Smiles One Brick at a Time

Over the past few weeks, our Red Hill Primary School community came together to support **Bricks & Smiles**, a Canberra charity inspired by the story of Zac Minty, a young LEGO enthusiast whose courage, resilience and kindness continue to inspire others.

Throughout the campaign, students learned about Zac's story and how Bricks & Smiles brings joy, creativity and connection to children and families experiencing serious illness and hospital stays.

Our students enthusiastically participated in a range of activities, including:

- Creating a whole-school **Kindness Wall**, where students designed LEGO bricks and wrote messages of hope, encouragement and support.
- Taking part in **Guess How Many LEGO Pieces Are in the Jar**.
- Showcasing their creativity in our **LEGO Exhibition**, featuring amazing builds from students across the school.
- Supporting the **Mary-Lou Marmalade Fundraiser**, with handmade marmalade generously prepared by Zac's grandmother, Mary-Lou.

The Kindness Wall was a special highlight of the campaign. Each message represented a small act of kindness, and together they became a powerful reminder that even the simplest words can make a difference. Bricks & Smiles will be sharing these messages with children and families who need support, helping to spread encouragement far beyond our school community.

This campaign was about more than LEGO. It was an opportunity for our students to learn about empathy, resilience, community service and the importance of supporting others. We are incredibly proud of the creativity, generosity and kindness shown by our students and families.

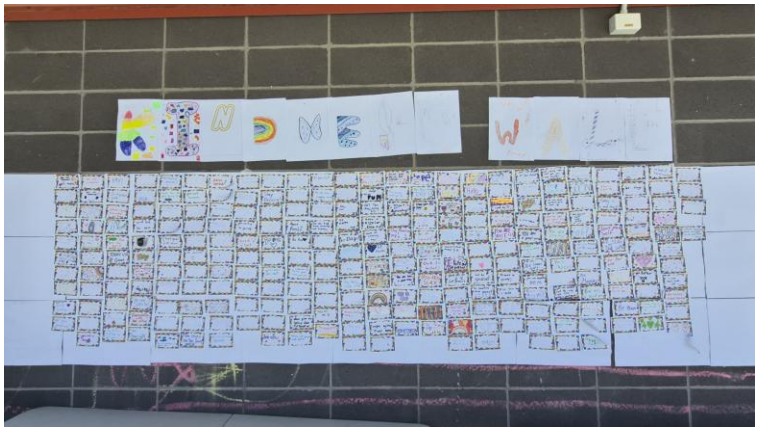
Thank you to everyone who donated, participated and supported this wonderful cause.

If you would like to learn more about Bricks & Smiles or make a donation to support their work, please visit:

https://bricksandsmiles.org/

Together, we helped build smiles, one brick at a time.

Red Hill Primary School SRC
Kylie Jenkins & Irean Tan, SRC Coordinators




LEGO CREATION: Bricks & Smiles Town
BUILDER: Angus & Alice
CLASS: 5K + 5M ENTRY NO: 526

P&C News

With the end of 2026 rapidly approaching, we've started thinking about 2027 and we'd love to hear from our school community about what you'd like the P&C to focus on next year.

The P&C is all about making our school an even better place for our kids, whether that's through bringing families together, supporting learning and well-being or improving school facilities.

But with limited time and resources, we'd love to know what matters most to you!

Would you like to see:

● Family events: Fun activities that bring our school community together, such as movie nights, discos, trivia nights or family bbqs.

● Educational and well-being opportunities: Supporting programs, resources and experiences that enrich our children's learning and emotional well-being.

● School improvements: Funding projects, equipment and facilities that make a difference to our kids' everyday school experience.

● Fundraising: Getting behind projects and initiatives that benefit the school and wider community.

● Community connection: Opportunities for parents, carers and families to get involved, meet each other and feel part of the school.

Or perhaps there's something completely different? Whatever it is, we'd love to hear about it.

We'd also love more parents and carers to get involved! Our next P&C meeting will be held in the school staff room at 6.15pm on Thursday 19 November, and we'd love to see some new faces. If you've ever been curious about what the P&C actually does, why not come along and find out! Meet the current crew, hear what we're working on and get a feel for what being part of the P&C involves – no commitment required! With a few of our current members finishing up at the end of the year, we'll also be looking for some fresh faces and new ideas to help shape the P&C in 2027. Whether you can lend a hand at an event, share an idea, help with a project or simply come along to a meeting now and then, every little bit helps.

The P&C is a great way to meet other families, have a say in what happens at our school and make a positive difference for all our kids.

So, we'd love you to share your thoughts! What would make you excited to get involved in the P&C next year? What would you like us to prioritise?

Keep your eye out for the link to a short questionnaire that we'll be sharing via the WhatsApp groups in the coming weeks to gather your feedback. Or feel free to chat

to your Year Level Representative via WhatsApp or email us directly at rhps.pandc@gmail.com.

Let's make 2027 a great year for our school community. We can't do it without you!

Dates for your diary

● 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

Gardening News

We are busy in the garden harvesting the last of the snow peas & watching impatiently for the huge crop of mulberries to ripen.

Gardening club groups have transplanted capsicums, chillis, tomatoes, eggplants, marigolds, rainbow beet, butternut pumpkins & watermelons into the garden beds. Seeds have been sown into pots & are in the greenhouse. These include cucumbers, sweet corn, zucchinis, beans, radish, beetroot & sunflowers.

Mr G &/or Cath usually open the garden on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

See you there!

Uniform Shop and Canteen

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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 Towell	$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* 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 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

Hot meals

Pasta bolognaise **DF, H** (**GF** available)	$7.50
Pasta napolitana **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

Students are not to bring in more than $10 to the canteen.

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	12th October Pupil Free Day		14th October Yr 6 Exhibition: Parent Evening 6:30-7:30pm		16th October Preschool - Kenny Koala Whole School Assembly
Week 2 Oct 19-23	19th October Preschool - Kenny Koala Defence families term 4 catch up 3:30-4:30pm			22nd October SPOTLIGHT Day rehearsal SPOTLIGHT on Red Hill Arts 6 - 8:30pm	23rd October Year 5 ACT SES incursion Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 3 Oct 26-30			28th October School Captain Finals	29th October SRC Bricks and Smiles Lego Expo Fundraiser	30th October Junior Assembly – Year 1 Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 4 Nov 2-6			4th November Year 6 Telopea Visit		6th November Senior Assembly – Year 4 House Captain Voting Years 2-6 Griffith Preschool Visit Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 5 Nov 9-13		10th November Griffith Preschool Visit	11th November Year 5 Tidbinbilla Ranger Guided Walk: Australian Plants, Animals and Habitats		13 November Remembrance Day Assembly Preschool Learning Journey (Red Hill) Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 6 Nov 16-20			18th November ThinkUKnow Senior Students Preschool Information Night TBC		20th November Junior Assembly-Kinder/ICAS Griffith Preschool Visit Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 7 Nov 23-27		24th November Preschool and Kinder Orientation - Griffith	25th November New Kinder Orientation		27th November Deadly' s On Country Walk Preschool and Kinder Orientation -Griffith Senior Assembly /ICAS Preschool After School Picnic Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 8 Nov 30-Dec 4		1st December Preschool and Kinder Orientation – Red Hill	2nd December Year 6 Exhibition	3rd December International Day of Persons with Disabilities Year 6 Exhibition Evening 6pm	4th December Preschool and Kinder Orientation – Red Hill Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 9 Dec 7-11		8th December Griffith Preschool Visit Yr 3-6 Pool Fun Day	9th December Christian Education Year 6 Telopea Orientation	10th December Year 6 Achievement Assembly School Disco P&C End of year BBQ 6pm	11th December Year 6 Fun Day – Limelight Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 10 Dec 14-18		15th December K-2 End of Year Fun Day TBC		17th December Year 6 Graduation	18th December Whole school Talent Quest Assembly - SRC

After School Programs

