

# RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*Sanvit Bharadwaj and Chloe Darrough from KVR have settled into Kindy and are enjoying investigating the playground equipment in their first week of school.*



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10<sup>th</sup> February 2023



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# Leadership Team Overview

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It is important to provide the best possible learning environment for our students. We believe that education works best when families, schools and the community work together, sharing different knowledge, expertise and resources to support young people's learning and development.

There are several ways that we would like to initiate these partnerships with you in 2023.

## THE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

### QUESTIONNAIRES

We appreciate that each child is a complex, unique individual and that parents (caregivers) have an intimate understanding of their children. Today you will receive a student questionnaire. This is an optional invitation for you to share your understanding of your child. By providing this information you will greatly assist your child's teacher to get to know your child and to cater for his/her individual needs at school. We appreciate you taking the time to respond. All information is treated confidentially and only shared with staff on a 'need to know basis'. If, after filling out the questionnaire, you feel there are still issues you would like to discuss regarding your child, please ring the office to request an appointment with the class teacher. There will also be further opportunities for the sharing of information between teachers and parents at our Parent Information Night in week 4 (see below).

### TERM 1 INFORMATION SESSIONS

#### ***Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February***

- ❖ **Preschool:** 5.30pm – 6 pm (online- link to follow through Seesaw and email)

As we have already held a preschool information session and conducted interviews with families, this session will be a little different to the K-6 arrangements. The teachers will provide a short presentation then open the floor to parents' questions. The Preschool sub-committee will also hold their annual AGM and seek parent nominations for 2023.

#### ***Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February***

- ❖ **Kindergarten – Year 3:** 5.30-6.15pm "Teacher Meet and Greet" in classrooms
- ❖ **6.30pm-6.45pm** Leadership Team Presentation in the Senior Hall
- ❖ **Years 4-6:** 7.00-7.45pm "Teacher Meet and Greet" in classrooms

At this evening helpful information will be shared with you about the school and curriculum. Parents and carers will also be able to meet the teachers and ask any 'burning' questions you may have about 2023.

## SEESAW AND OTHER DIGITAL APPLICATIONS

Seesaw is a digital portfolio platform that we like to use to communicate with home about student learning. Each class has an account that parents and carers can sign up to so that they can see what is happening in their child's classroom.

Seesaw is student driven; therefore, each child's portfolio will look different from class to class and year to year. Students are given the opportunity to include items they are proud of, work that shows their achievement of an individual learning goal or a reflection of their learning to make connections. Teachers will also include posts about what the class is currently inquiring into and other parts of school life (e.g., excursions) to keep you connected to what's happening in the school.

As well as a way to help you engage with your child's learning, Seesaw will be used as one of the main communication tools for announcements and reminders. Teachers will make regular updates in conjunction with the newsletter, emails and hard copy notes.

All students will be given a note requesting parent/carer consent for a range of different applications and programs that may be used in the classroom over the course of the year, including Seesaw. Please make sure that you return this note as soon as possible. If you do not wish to use Seesaw, or have difficulty accessing the internet, please speak to your child's class teacher directly so that a different communication method can be negotiated.

We ask that, when you are viewing any items on Seesaw, you do not take screenshots or put any of the material onto other social media platforms to respect the privacy of all parties. We also ask that Seesaw is only used to communicate about learning. It is more appropriate that concerns be raised in person or through email with the class teacher.

## QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Our staff are here to support students, parents and each other. If you have any questions or concerns, big or small, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher. However, there may be times when the teacher is unable to help you, or you feel your question has not been answered. On those occasions, please come to see a member of the leadership team. We want to work in partnership with you and the sooner we are aware of a concern, the faster we can work together to find a solution.

Leadership team year level support	
Preschool	Kristy Aitchison
Kindergarten and Year 1	Debra Lawrence
Year 2	Nathan James
Year 3	David Corcoran
Year 4	Kristy Aitchison
Year 5	David Corcoran
Year 6	Louise Owens
Deputy Student Welfare	Nathan James
PYP Coordinator P,K, Years 1 &4	Debra Lawrence
PYP Coordinator Years 2,3,5 & 6; Deputy Curriculum	David Corcoran
Principal	Louise Owens

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Base 2023

All kindergarten students are required to participate in the BASE assessment process between Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. This assessment takes place at the beginning and end of the school year to monitor student learning growth in kindergarten and identify students who may benefit from early academic intervention. The class teachers sit with the students during 1:1 online assessment and the interaction is a very positive one. However, a replacement teacher needs to take the class for a day while the assessments are being conducted. Some students can find this upsetting. Please help us to keep your children calm by reassuring them that their teacher will be back with them very soon. Please also make sure your child is at school on time during this assessment period.

### Christian Education

The Christian Education Program is available at parent request. The sessions go for one hour during class time in week 9 each term. Permission notes will be sent home to all kindergarten students soon. If your child is in a higher year level a permission note can be collected at the front office.

### Safety Before and After School

Students are often eager to connect with friends, arriving at school very early. Please remember that staff begin playground duty at 8.50am and that school commences at 9.10am. This is because staff need time before school to prepare for lessons and attend meetings. If you do need to drop your child off early, Woden Community Services provide 'before school care'. Please also remind your child that, if they arrive at school before duty

commences and experience any difficulty, they should come to the staffroom or the front office for assistance. Students should also be reminded to play in their designated year level area on the asphalt before school. Once they have entered the Breezeway or black gates they should remain in this area, rather than go to the basketball courts or local shops

After school each day, a teacher is on duty at the front of the school until 3.45pm. It is important that all children wait for parents in this supervised space and that they are collected by 3.45pm so that the duty teachers can get to staff meetings and other commitments. If a child is not collected by 3.40pm the duty teacher will take him/her into the front office to wait and will ring his/her parents. The child will then need to be signed out by the parent when they arrive. Again, please remind your children that, if they experience any difficulty after school, they can go to the duty teacher or front office for assistance. Woden Community Services and the Paid Tutor Program also provide after school programs.

Thank you for sending your children to school with sun smart hats and water bottles.

We are looking forward to working with all students, families and staff in 2023.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal), on behalf of all the Red Hill staff



## School Board

Red Hill School will have **one school board elected vacancy** for parents in 2023. 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/school-boards).

The nomination period opened on Tuesday 7 February (Week 2, Term 1) and closes on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. New board members start their term of office on 1 April 2023. Online voting will commence on 27 February.



# 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.**

Week	Host	MC	Principal's Awards	Parents invited
2	Exec (Whole School)	Student leaders	No	Only by special invitation from exec e.g., parents of student leaders getting badges
3	No assembly			
4	Year 4	Year 4 students	Yes (Junior)	Yes
5	Year 2	Year 2 students	Yes	Yes
6	Swimming Carnival Assembly Years 3-6 (Ribbons)			
7	Year 1	Year 1 students	Yes	Yes
8	Year 5	Year 5 students	Yes	Yes
9	No assembly			
10	Exec (Whole School)	Student leaders	No	Only by special invitation from exec

# 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 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

## Looking for work in 2023!

The canteen is looking for someone to work in the Canteen Fridays this year. If you are interested in working school hours on a Friday and would like to be paid for it, please contact [debbie@healthy-kids.com.au](mailto:debbie@healthy-kids.com.au) for further information. Or pop in and say hi to Irene in the Canteen Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.



## Healthy Kids Canteen Menu Red Hill Primary School

Order online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

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### Sandwiches & wraps **toasted or untoasted** All served on wholemeal bread unless otherwise requested.

Vegemite (with margarine) <b>V</b>	\$3.00
Cheese <b>V</b>	\$3.50
Cheese & tomato <b>V</b>	\$4.00
Ham	\$4.00
Ham & cheese	\$4.50
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$5.00
Ham & salad	\$5.50
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Chicken & cheese	\$5.00
Chicken & salad	\$4.80
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Tuna & cheese	\$4.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot <b>V</b>	\$4.50
Salad & cheese <b>V</b>	\$4.20
Egg & cheese <b>V</b>	\$4.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo <b>V</b>	\$4.50

### Change up your sandwich

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

### Fresh salads

Build your own salad	From \$5.00
Seasonal fruit salad <b>V GF</b>	\$4.00

### Hot meals

Crunchy mac & cheese	\$5.50
Pasta Bolognaise	\$6.50
Pasta Napolitana	\$5.50
Sausage roll	\$5.50
Veggie fried rice	\$5.50
Beef lasagna	\$6.50
Veggie lasagna	\$6.50

### Weekly specials

<b>Wednesday:</b> Stone baked pizza	\$6.50
<b>Thursday:</b> Crispy chicken burger wrap	\$6.00
<b>Friday:</b> Nacho dippers	\$6.00
Sushi rolls	\$4.80

### Snacks

Piece of seasonal fruit <b>V GF</b>	\$2.00
Poppin' corn <b>V GF</b>	\$1.00
Jelly (made with 100% juice)	\$2.00
Fluffy chocolate mousse <b>V GF</b>	\$2.00
Banana bread <b>V</b>	\$2.00
Cheesy garlic bread <b>V</b>	\$2.50
Veggie sticks	\$2.00
Custard cup	\$2.00
Jelly / custard	\$2.00
Milo cookie	\$1.00

### Frozen

Quech juicy sticks <b>V GF</b>	\$1.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt (chocolate/vanilla, Strawberry/vanilla, watermelon/mango) <b>V GF</b>	\$3.00
Juice cups	\$2.00

### Drinks

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



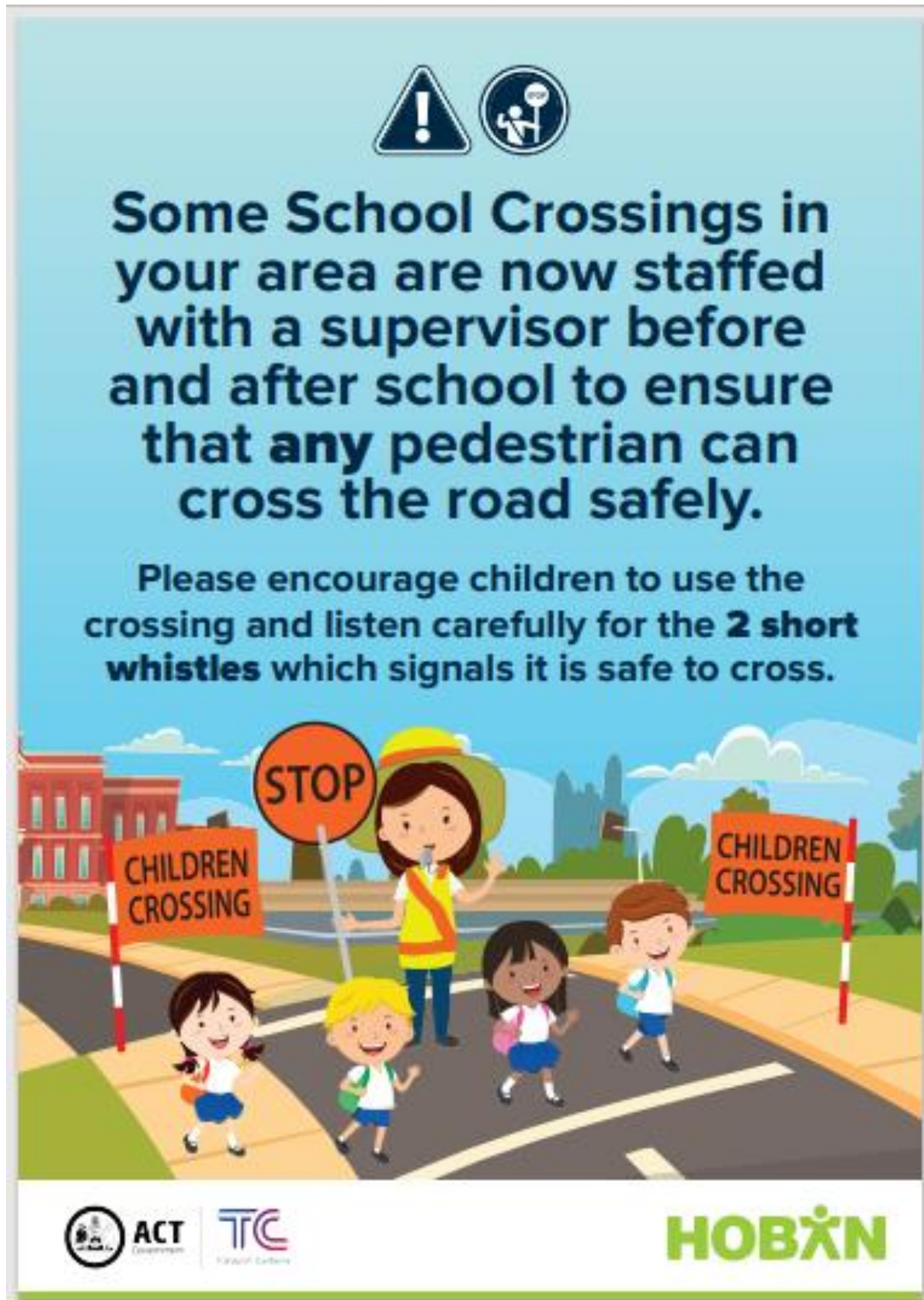
**V = Vegetarian**

**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 2023 – Term 1					Mon 30 January – Fri 7 April
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Jan 30 – Feb 3	Preschool and Kindy First day of School	Years 1-6 First day of school			
Week 2 Feb 6 - 10			Feb 8 Aural Testing for Music Year 5 9:15-10:30am		Feb 10 Whole School Assembly Exec to Host
Week 3 Feb 13 - 17	Kindy Base Testing				
			Feb 15 Preschool Parent Information Session 6-7 pm		Feb 17 Swimming Carnival
Week 4 Feb 20 - 24	Kindy Base Testing				
			Feb 22 Parent Information Session 5-6 pm		Feb 24 Kenny Koala – Preschool 12:30-1pm Senior Assembly Year 4 to Host
Week 5 Feb 27 – Mar 3	Feb 27 – Mar 1 Year 6 Camp to Tathra				
		Feb 28 Kenny Koala – Preschool 12:30-1pm	Mar 1 – 3 Year 5 Camp to Cooba		
					Mar 3 Junior Assembly Year 2 to Host
Week 6 Mar 6 - 10					Mar 10 Swimming Carnival Ribbons Assembly (Years 3-6)
Week 7 Mar 13 - 17			Mar 15 -27 NAPLAN		
			Mar 15Feb Year 1 National Museum Excursion		Mar 17 Junior Assembly Year 1 to Host
Week 8 Mar 20 - 24	NAPLAN				
					Mar 24 Senior Assembly Year 5 to Host
Week 9 Mar 27 - 31	NAPLAN				
Week 10 Apr 3 - 7					Apr 7 Whole School Assembly Exec to Host



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## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Red Hill Primary School (ACT) is held on Mondays from 3:20pm to 4:20pm, starting on 6 February 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.