

# RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*'Red Sky above Red Hill School, taken by Amy.'*



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



10<sup>th</sup> May 2024



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- ❖ Information Evening

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# Leadership Team Overview

## A message from the Education Directorate : Talking with Our School

The ACT Education Directorate recognises that our teachers and school staff work hard every day to provide the best outcomes for every student, and that doing this takes time. The Directorate also recognises that it is important that our teachers and school staff have time outside their core hours to rest and reset.

The Education Directorate has recently developed a Communication Policy for schools.

Every student and every family is important to us. By respecting the time of our teachers, you are helping to make time for them to do their job well. We want to continue to work closely with you on your child's learning at school and do our best to respond to you in a timely manner.

In accordance with the new policy we will aim to respond to your enquiries within a reasonable timeframe (within three working days or, if your matter is urgent, as quickly as possible).

There is no expectation that teachers respond to queries from families during their personal and family time.

We update families on what is happening at our school in a number of ways from information nights, emails, notes, newsletters and our new learning management system, Toddle. We encourage you to stay in touch with our school through these channels. Information about learning is also shared through student led conferences, the year six Exhibition, assemblies, parent workshops and end of semester reports and learning journeys.

## A message from the Education Directorate : Mobile Phone Policy

Parents and carers are reminded that the new *Personal Use of Communication Devices in ACT Public Schools Policy* now applies in all schools from term 2, 2024.

For students at Red Hill School this means that students may not use or access personal communications devices at school, including recess and lunch, or during school authorised events. This includes mobile phones and smart watches. Exemptions can be requested if a student needs their device/assistive technology:

- to manage or monitor a medical condition
- to help meet caring or family responsibilities

- to support adjustments for students with disability as part of an agreed individual learning plan.

If you have not applied for an exemption, please speak with our front office.

You can read more about the policy including frequently asked questions on the [Education Directorate website](#).

The implementation documents for both these ACT Education Policies can be found in the Policy Section of our school website.

## 2025 School Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2025 school year are now open for students starting at a new school. Visit [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au) for the online application link and information about the school in your child's Priority Enrolment Area. [School information sessions](#) for prospective students are being held throughout May.

Alternately, visit school websites to find out more or contact the school directly. Apply by 7 June to receive an offer from 29 July 2024.



If your child is moving to high school, please note the information evenings our two closest public high schools are offering. High school information sessions can also be found at the following link: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/school-information-sessions>.

**Telopea Park School** : Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 5:30-6:45pm  
(with parents meeting in the school hall)

**Alfred Deakin High School** : Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

If your child is joining Red Hill School for preschool or kindergarten (or another year level) our information evening is next **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 5.30pm to 6.30pm**. Short classroom visits are also available from 5pm until 5.30pm, or by appointment.

## Do not touch or eat wild mushrooms



Death cap mushrooms are growing in the ACT. They are a deadly poisonous fungus.

There have been multiple poisonings and deaths associated with death cap mushrooms in Canberra.

It can be hard to tell the difference between a death cap and an edible mushroom, even for experienced foragers.

All parts of the death cap mushroom are poisonous. Eating even a small amount of a death cap mushroom can kill you.

### Don't risk it - stay safe

- Do not touch, pick or eat wild mushrooms
- Cooking, soaking, freezing, peeling or drying does NOT make them safe
- Keep children and pets away from them
- Talk to family, friends and visitors about staying away from wild mushrooms in the ACT

### Seek urgent medical attention

If you think you may have eaten a death cap mushroom, seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department. Do not wait for symptoms to occur. The chances of survival increase when treatment is started early.

You can report death cap mushrooms growing in a public area at [Fix My Street](#), or by calling Access Canberra on [13 22 81](#).

Information on death cap mushrooms is available on the new [ACT Health website](#). It includes translated resources.

*Authorised by Victor Martin, Executive Branch Manager, Health Protection Service, ACT Health*

# Well-Being and Safety Cont.

## NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK 2024 – DRIVE SO OTHERS SURVIVE – 5-12 MAY 2024

Road safety is in the spotlight this week, with all Canberrans urged to take a pledge to drive so others survive as part of National Road Safety Week. This is particularly important for our younger drivers who are disproportionately represented in casualty crashes.

Driving so others survive means, obeying the speed limit, wearing a seatbelt, not driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, driving to the conditions, and leaving the phone alone. Road safety is everyone's responsibility, as the country works toward Vision Zero – no deaths or serious injuries on Australian roads. Share the attached colouring-in activity with students to help start a conversation about road safety. Find out more and take the pledge at [National Road Safety Week](#).



As a school we also urge you to drive and park safely in our school carpark.

Please :

- Use the Astrolabe Street “Kiss and Go” to drop your children off in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon.
- Don't double park.
- Drive under 10km per hour.
- Don't overtake.
- Wait for drivers to pull out of parking bays.
- Model respectful behaviour towards other users.
- Report accidents to the front office.

# Well-Being and Safety Cont.

## ONLINE SAFETY WEBINARS

The Online Safety Education team are committed to supporting school communities to develop their online safety skills and knowledge. The team aim to increase the number of safe and positive online experiences students have and reduce the number of online safety incidents that impact on learning environments.

There are multiple webinars running each term with both afternoon and evening times available that will help your family be more confident and safer online by:

- understanding online safety and risks young people face
- learning strategies to prevent and respond to online issues
- supporting your child to be safe online
- knowing where to go for further support.

Register for the Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinars – 2024 online at

[https://bit.ly/2024\\_OnlineSafetyWebinar\\_RSVP](https://bit.ly/2024_OnlineSafetyWebinar_RSVP)

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Online Safety  
Webinars - 2024**

**RSVP**

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All RSVP's receive video content and resources.**

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR  
TYPE THE LINK BELOW  
INTO YOUR BROWSER**

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# 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 2					Mon 29 Apr – Fri 5 Jul
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Apr 29-3 May	Pupil Free Day	30 <sup>th</sup> April YR5 Menslink 'Silence is Deadly' and 'Fearless Women' Sessions.	1 <sup>st</sup> May Fizzics Incursion		Anzac Assembly
Week 2 May 6-10			8 <sup>th</sup> May YR5 SHFPACT Session		10 <sup>th</sup> May Media Video Recording Bike Riding
Week 3 May 13-17	13 <sup>th</sup> May Birrigai Preschool	14 <sup>th</sup> May Matt Giteau Cup- Rugby/Rugby Union	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 Enrolment Information Session for New Families	16 <sup>th</sup> May Birrigai Preschool	17 <sup>th</sup> May Cross Country Carnival K-6
Week 4 May 20-24			22 <sup>nd</sup> May French Puppet Show- Puss in Boots- K-Yr3 YR6 Combined Band Rehearsal	23 <sup>rd</sup> May Rostrum School Finals	24 <sup>th</sup> May Junior Assembly Hosted by YR3
Week 5 May 27-31					
Week 6 Jun 3-7		4 <sup>th</sup> June Cross Country Regional Carnival			7 <sup>th</sup> June Yr3 Australian National Botanic Gardens Excursion Senior Assembly Hosted by YR5
Week 7 Jun 10-14		11 <sup>th</sup> June Colour Your Threads for Pos Ed Day			
Week 8 Jun 17-21					21 <sup>st</sup> June Junior Assembly Hosted by Kindy
Week 9 Jun 24-28					28 <sup>th</sup> June Cross Country Assembly
Week 10 Jul 1-5					5 <sup>th</sup> July Whole School Assembly

## ACT Skipping for Healthy Hearts

Skipping for Healthy Hearts is a **FREE** 6-week program for primary school kids in the ACT and nearby areas that promotes heart health and physical fitness through skipping.

Skipping workshops run each Saturday with our next program scheduled from **SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2024** and runs until **SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2024**.



### PROGRAM TIMES & LOCATIONS

#### THROSBY SCHOOL:

11:00AM - 12:15PM

#### KINGSFORD SMITH SCHOOL:

1:00PM - 2:15PM

#### MOUNT STROMLO SCHOOL:

3:00PM - 4:15PM

Skipping workshops are led by experienced skipping trainers who bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Kids will be provided with a free quality skipping rope which they are able to keep at the end of the program.

They will be taught a wide range of skipping techniques that will help develop their coordination, balance, and overall motor skills.

From basic jump roping to more advanced techniques, the trainers will work with your kids to improve their skipping abilities while ensuring that they have fun and enjoy the experience.

**REGISTER TODAY - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/d/australia--australian-capital-territory/skipping/>**

*Skipping for*  
**Healthy Hearts**





## Individualised swim lessons for children with a disability

Our specially designed Swim the Rainbow program is delivered by qualified and dedicated swim teachers in a social, fun and supportive aquatic environment.

### Rainbow Club is coming!

Register your interest for Swim the Rainbow

[REGISTER](#)

Rainbow Club is a network of social swimming clubs for children with a disability



[myrainbowclub.org.au](http://myrainbowclub.org.au)



## A safe and friendly community for children with a disability

Rainbow Club welcomes children with a disability regardless of the type of disability – helping children who find it difficult to participate in group swimming lessons to learn to swim and be safe in the water.

### Swim the Rainbow program:

- Our unique Swim the Rainbow program has been specially designed to teach children with a disability
- The swimming goals are aligned to the seven colours of the Rainbow to help build confidence
- There is an expectation that a parent or guardian will remain close by to assist if required
- Vacancies arise at short notice, so we recommend you register and be ready to start swimming with a Club that understands and supports children with a disability

### About Rainbow Club:

- We provide a membership for the duration of a school term (9 weekly half hour lessons)
- Our social calendar has something for everyone
- Club Committees are run by volunteers

We can't wait to see you at Rainbow Club soon!

[JOIN US](#)

See our website to register and find out more



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[myrainbowclub.org.au](http://myrainbowclub.org.au)

# CANBERRA YOUTH THEATRE

*Hey Red Hill! Canberra Youth Theatre is coming back to Red Hill Primary School for Term 2 with their in-school Drama Workshops for young artists in school years 1–6 on Tuesday afternoons.*

*Our Workshops create a space for young people to connect, collaborate and belong. Whether our young artists are considering pursuing a professional career in the arts, or simply want to make new friends and have fun, Canberra Youth Theatre is a safe, inclusive space for all young people to be creative, share their voice, and explore their passion! Our dedicated and trained Workshop Artists facilitate skill building in voice, body, collaboration, and imagination, in fun-filled weekly workshops – right at your child's school.*

*Enrolments are open now for Term 2 - they are closing at the end of this week! Book your spot via the Canberra Youth Theatre website.*

*RED HILL Workshops*

*3.20pm –4.20pm*

*School Years 1–6*



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