

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our preschool classes enjoyed a day out at Birrigai, learning about Songlines and the ways Aboriginal people took care of and appreciated Ngunnawal country.



Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment



23rd May 2025



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Leadership Team

Dear parents and carers,

This term, as they all seem to, has seen us hit the ground running, preparing and delivering quality educational learning experiences and organising events for the school and local community.

As the PYP coordinator, it has given me great pleasure to have continued to work with staff to develop engaging, transdisciplinary units of inquiry, that help us work towards the achievement of the IB mission, which is to,

‘Develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect...encouraging students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right’ (IB, From principles into practice, 2021)

The central ideas that children have been exploring this term range from, *Taking action helps us care for our world* (Preschool) to *Scientific knowledge influences how we see our world* (year 6). It is interesting to note that the building of conceptual understanding starts right at the beginning of a PYP student’s schooling, continuing to year 6 and beyond with a continual focus on the world that we live in. It is an honour to be working with a framework that truly prepares students for the complexities of life that they will experience as they grow, helping them to build independence, resilience and compassion.

I have been working at PYP schools since 2005 both in Australia and overseas and my own children have had an IB education, something that I am so grateful for. As of January 2025, there are 5964 schools across the world offering one of the four IB programmes, Primary Years Program (PYP), Middle Years Program (MYP), Diploma Program (DP) and the Career related program (CP).

The journey to *become and to remain an IB world school* is one that requires consistent adherence to the *Standards and Practices* of the IB, working across four overarching categories of purpose, environment, culture and learning. These four categories underpin the rigorous IB framework which places learners at the centre and is encircled by IB philosophy and a school's unique context. To ensure consistency and adherence to the IB standards and practices, every five years schools undertake a **school wide evaluation** which involves consultation with staff, students, parents and the school community.

“The aim of IB evaluation is to support schools in continuously extending their capacity to implement and develop IB programmes to have a greater impact on student outcomes... engaging schools in a reflective process leading to deeper understanding of both the aspects of the programme that are being implemented effectively and the aspects that need further development” (IB, Guide to programme evaluation, 2023)

We have been notified by the IB that Red Hill School will be visited by the evaluation team in August 2026. Last term evaluation was launched with the teaching staff. Evaluation involves three distinct parts, the preliminary review, the self-study and program development plans. We have started this work, and it will be ongoing until the evaluation team visit.

Please stay tuned for regular updates as we move through these three stages.

Warm regards,

Deb Lawrence

PYP Coordinator

Student Safety and Wellbeing

Safety

Sometimes we have students bringing items to school which are not allowed. Even though there is usually no intent on the student's part to cause harm, these items are not safe to have in a busy school environment. Items which are not allowed at school include any object with a sharp or pointed end such as pocket knives, maths compasses, nail files, scissors or sticks. Toy guns, glass containers and hard balls (e.g., golf and cricket balls) are also not permitted. All of these items have the potential to be very dangerous. We would greatly appreciate parents and carers being vigilant about what children bring to school and reminding them to let an adult at school know if they see anyone with one of these items or anything that worries them.

We also discourage the following at school for other health and safety reasons, or because there is a risk of loss or breakage:

- large amounts of money
- jewellery
- precious or valuable toys and electronic equipment, and/or
- chewing gum, lolly pops and other 'red' foods.

We encourage students with earrings to only wear small studs, because we have seen accidents occur where earrings get caught up during play, especially in sporting activities.

Illness

This week we have had four reports of Covid in total (in grades four, five and six). If you suspect that your child has Covid please test them and contact us as soon as possible. As soon as children are symptom free, they can return to school- they do not need to test 'negative'.

We have also had a report of Influenza B and two reports of gastroenteritis. To help us minimise the risk of further transmission to students and staff please keep children at home if they are unwell and report any communicable disease to our front office. This is a requirement under the *Public Health Act 1997*. ACT Health tracks and reports acute respiratory illnesses (Influenza, RSV and Covid) on a weekly basis. If you would like more information please refer to : <https://www.act.gov.au/directorates-and-agencies/act-health/our-business-areas/population-health/disease-surveillance-and-public-health-response>.

SRC Update

Red Hill School is committed to supporting the Smith Family in their important mission of helping disadvantaged children access quality education and succeed at school.

This term, the SRC is raising funds to sponsor an Australian child through the Smith Family. Commencing Monday 26 May and running through to Friday 20 June, we are encouraging all families to support the “**Change in a Bottle**” fundraiser. The SRC have placed upcycled plastic bottles in all classrooms and are encouraging students to donate a gold or silver coin over the coming month. For more information about the Smith Family and the incredible work they do, please visit their website: <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/>.

We encourage everyone to get involved and help make a difference.

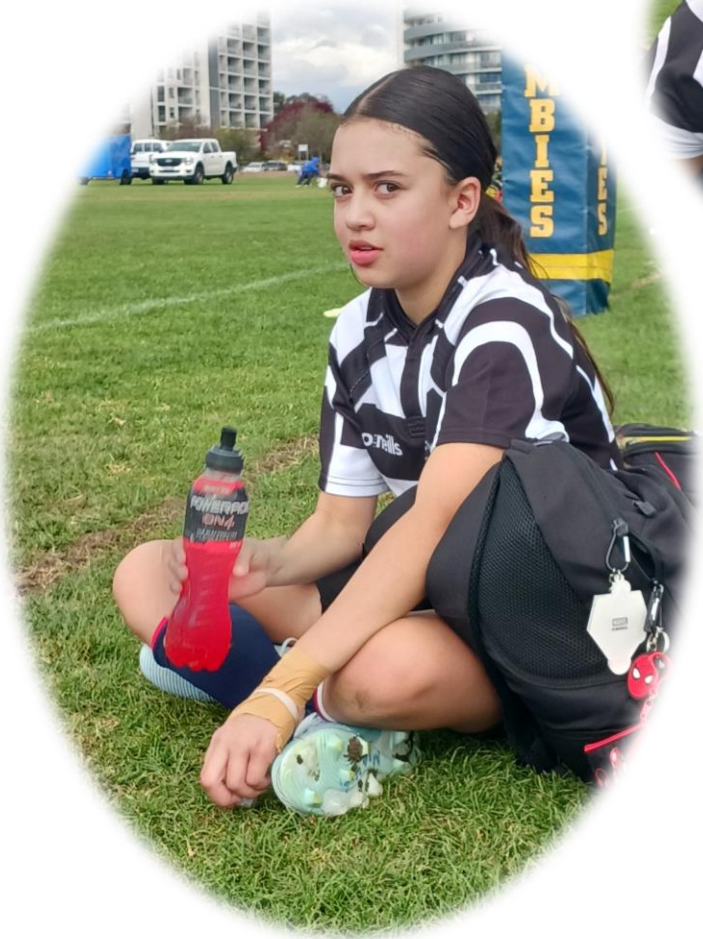
Kind regards, Kristy Aitchison, Kylie Jenkins and Angus Middleton

Sporting News

On Tuesday May 13th a passionate group of rugby union players from years 4, 5 and 6 participated in the Matt Giteau Competition at Southwell Park, Lyneham. Everyone had fun! Many thanks to Mr Whiteman, who coached the team and provided the uniform, and Mr Byng, who supervised the students on the day.

Message to parents of players: please return player's uniforms to the front office rsvp.







Parent Portal – Changes to ACT Digital Account ID requirements



The ID requirements for accessing Parent Portal have changed to make it easier to register your account.

If you have had trouble signing up to Parent Portal because of the ID requirements, we invite you to try again.

To access Parent Portal, you need to verify your identity via the ACT Digital Account. Previously you needed two forms of accepted ID and now you only need one.

To register, use the Parent Portal access link, [Parent Portal access link](#), and create or log in to your ACT Digital Account.

Please contact the front office on 6142 0960 if you haven't received an access key.



Canteens4Kids ACT Menu

2025

Sandwiches

Served on wholemeal bread unless white bread is requested.
Wraps and gluten-free bread also available.

Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.50
Cheese V	\$4.50
Cheese & tomato V	\$5.00
Ham & cheese	\$6.00
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$6.50
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$6.00
Chicken & cheese	\$6.00
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$6.00
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	\$6.00
Chicken & cheese	\$6.00
Tuna & cheese	\$6.00
Ham	\$5.00
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 (Gluten-free available)	\$7.50
Pasta Napolitana (Gluten-free available)	\$7.00
Sausage roll	\$6.50
Beef lasagna	\$7.00
Crispy Chicken Sub	\$7.00
Mac & Cheese	\$7.00
Baked Teriyaki Chicken & Rice	\$7.50

Daily specials

Daily specials available online

Snacks

Fruit salad	\$3.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheesy garlic bread	\$3.00
Banana bread	\$2.50
Jelly cup	\$2.50
Homemade mini muffins	\$2.50
Corn on the cob	\$1.50
Chocolate mousse	\$2.50
Milo cookie	\$2.00
Custard	\$2.50
Jelly & custard	\$2.50

Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.50
Juice (orange/mango, apple, apple/blackcurrant)	\$3.00
Flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 300ml	\$4.00
Plain milk: 300ml	\$3.00
Chill J	\$4.00
Sipahh straws	\$0.80

Frozen

Frozen juice cup	\$2.50
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$3.00
Quelch sticks	\$1.00
Pineapple ring	\$1.00

Prices inclusive of GST

Red Hill School Calendar 2025 –Term 2					Mon 28 April – Fri July 4
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 28 Apr – 2 May	28 th April Pupil Free Day		30 th April Year 6 Incursion Fearless Women and Menslink 11:30am – 12:30pm		Whole School Assembly – ANZAC (Saturday 3 rd May - P&C Election Day Sausage Sizzle and second handbook stall)
Week 2 May 5 - 9	WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:30am	6 th May ACT Swimming Carnival		8 th May Wassa Wassa HALT Summit Performance	9 th May Swimming Carnival Ribbon Assembly
Week 3 May 12 - 16	12 th May Preschool Photo Day WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:30am	13 th May School Photo Day Matt Giteau Cup Preschool Birrigai Excursion	14 th May Information Evening (New Parents) 5:30-7pm	15 th May Preschool Photo Day School Photo Day Special groups and catch up	16 th May Preschool Birrigai Excursion Cross Country Carnival
Week 4 May 19 - 23	WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:30am	20 th May Year 6 Combined Band	21 st May Year 5 Experience Expo	22 nd May School Rostrum Finals Yrs 3-6	23 rd May Junior Assembly – Year 1
Week 5 May 26 - 30	26 th May Year 3 Botanical Gardens Excursion WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:30am	27 th - 29 th May Year 6 Camp (The Tops in Stanwell Tops NSW)			
		27 th May Year 4 Academy of Future Skills Incursion			
Week 6 June 2 - 6	Reconciliation Day	3 rd June South/Weston Regional Cross Country Carnival Year 4 Academy of Future Skills Incursion			6 th June Senior Assembly – Year 5
Week 7 June 9 - 13	King's Birthday	10 th June Year 5 Band - Telopea Combined Band Year 4 Academy of Future Skills Incursion	11 th June Preschool Incursion - Kenny Koala 9:30-11am		13 th June ACT Cross Country Carnival
Week 8 June 16 - 20	WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:30am	17 th June Year 4 Academy of Future Skills Incursion	18 th June Preschool Incursion - Kenny Koala 9:30-11am		20 th June Junior Assembly – Kinder Combined Senior Lunchtime (Saturday 21 st June – P&C Movie Family Event in the hall)
Week 9 June 23 - 27	WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:30am	24 th June Year 4 Academy of Future Skills Incursion	25 th June Kindergarten Health Checks Christian Education	26 th June Kindergarten Health Checks	27 th June Kindergarten Health Checks
Week 10 June 30 – July 4		1 st July Year 4 Academy of Future Skills Incursion CHESS Tuggeranong	2 nd -4 th July Year 4 Camp to Birrigai		
					4 th July Whole School Assembly



Protect your child this winter!

Free pop-up influenza vaccine clinics for children aged 6 months to under 5 years.

We are hosting **free pop-up flu vaccine clinics** in May and June.

Pop-ups are located in Gungahlin, Belconnen, Central Canberra, Weston Creek and Tuggeranong.

Walk-ins are welcome. However, we recommend you make a booking by:

- » **calling the Central Health Intake** on 02 5124 9977 from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
- » **visiting myDHR.act.gov.au**

For more details, scan the QR code or search 'pop-up flu clinics' at act.gov.au





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- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs


THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

LOCATION
 ANU, 19 North Road,
 Acton ACT 2601 - 9, 10,
 11 and 16, 17, 18 July
 2025

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

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LOCATION

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DATES

Clinic 1- June 27, 2025
Clinic 2- July 09, 2025

TIME

9AM - 5:30PM

ABOUT

COMO Therapy is a paediatric physiotherapy clinic based in Canberra, specialising in treating children with developmental delays and disabilities. Our team offers a range of evidence-based therapies designed to help children reach their full potential. With a focus on innovative techniques such as DMI and intensive therapy, COMO Therapy is committed to providing accessible, high-quality care to families in Canberra and surrounding NSW.

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