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Wassa Wassa Junior students looking happy after receiving their new t shirts and excited for their first performance.

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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kindergarten 100 days at school

On Monday the 28th of July the Kindergarten team, students and teachers, celebrated 100 days of school. It was wonderful to see how proud the students were of reaching this milestone. To celebrate students completed an investigation into the number 100, exploring it through both a mathematical and social lens. Many of the students dressed up as centenarians, while completing activities like drawing, counting and representing 100. The celebrations culminated in the sharing of 100 cupcakes across the cohort. What a wonderful way to learn about 100 and celebrate 100 days of learning.



Book Week Events (Monday 11th to Friday 22nd August 2025- Week 5)

To celebrate all things reading and books, we have special events organised for the next two weeks. Book Fair kicks off next Monday in the library and runs for Weeks 4 and 5. Ms. Naidoo has developed a schedule for classes to visit Book Fair and students can write a wish list during this visit. Families are also invited to browse Book Fair before and after school.

We will celebrate with our annual Book Week Parade, Walkathon and Grandparent Morning Tea on Friday 22nd August. All families will receive correspondence about the day from our P&C by tomorrow. Please contact the Front Office if you require another copy of this note. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character on Friday 23rd August to participate in the Walkathon and Book Week Parade. Prizes will be given to a student in each year level who demonstrates creativity and use of recycled materials in the design of their costume.

More detailed information about these can be found later in the newsletter.

Preschool news

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful parents on our Preschool P & C subcommittee for their hard work and dedication in organising the preschool disco. The event was a big success, and the children had an amazing time dancing and celebrating together. We appreciate the time and effort that went into planning and executing this community event.

Special Visitors

Next Monday 11th August we will be welcoming eleven year 5 students from Taiwan. Our visitors will be with us for one week to experience the Australian school system and culture and improve their knowledge and understanding of English language. Many year five students have put up their hands to be buddies for the students from Taiwan and practise their Mandarin!

Sun smart hats

The 1st of August marked the return of 'Hats On' at school in our efforts to keep the children safe from the sun. Sun protection is recommended whenever UV levels reach 3 or higher which generally occurs from this time onwards in Canberra. After giving the students a few day's grace period, we are now enforcing our 'play in the shade' rule for any student who does not have an appropriate hat. Each play area has a shaded area, and students are being directed by duty teachers to play in the shade if they are not wearing a SunSmart hat. The Cancer Council recommends a broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat which shades the face, nose, neck and ears, which are common sites for skin cancers. Caps and visors do not provide enough protection. SunSmart hats are available for purchase from our school uniform shop for those who have outgrown or misplaced their hat. Note: It is important to label hats with your children's names so they can be returned to the owners when found.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)

THE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM

Key findings about Research on the Primary Years Program (PYP)

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Research department collaborates with universities and independent research institutions around the world to produce rigorous studies examining the impact and outcomes of the IB's four programmes—the Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), Diploma Programme (DP) and Career-related Programme (CP). This resource provides an overview of key findings from recent studies relating to the PYP.

Promoting well-being

In Australia, researchers investigated student well-being in PYP schools as well as the relationship between the PYP curriculum and student well-being. The study found PYP curriculum and programmatic elements to include many activities and practices that promote well-being. PYP schools with strong implementation consistently

showed more positive school climates and higher levels of teacher engagement, student participation, and student well-being, attributable to the PYP. Lastly, quantitative analysis of PYP and similar non-PYP schools offered substantial evidence that the PYP encourages student well-being above and beyond other well-being activities undertaken by schools (Dix and Sniedze-Gregory 2020).

PYP Approaches to Teaching

Researchers conducted an audit of IB curriculum materials as part of a global study on computational and design thinking within IB programmes. After reviewing PYP materials, the researchers concluded that, “the PYP Learning and Teaching Guide is exceptional in its depth of treatment of teaching practices, providing guidance for transdisciplinary approaches and specific practices that support student agency and foster skills development ... The emphasis on child development and teaching and assessment practices are exemplary” (Slotta et al 2020).

The impact of PYP implementation

A study in Australia explored the impacts of PYP implementation on 13 Victorian government primary schools as well as student outcomes on a national assessment for reading and numeracy. Students at PYP government schools performed at higher levels in both reading and numeracy, for years 3 and 5, when compared to similar schools and Australian schools generally. Additionally, school staff believed that the PYP had contributed to student learning, academic achievement, development of learner profile attributes and motivation (Gough et al 2014).

(taken from 'Key findings from research on the primary years programme', International Baccalaureate Organisation, 2020).

In light of this research, let us celebrate as a whole school community that our children are receiving the best education available.

Kind regards

Deb Lawrence (PYP Coordinator)

BOOK WEEK AUGUST 18th – 22nd 2025

Children’s Book Week is the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) key national event of the year. This year’s celebration will run from Saturday 16th to Saturday 23rd August.

The 2025 theme is Book an Adventure!

2025 is also a milestone year for the CBCA as they celebrate **80 years of Children’s Book Week!** Over eighty years the CBCA has been dedicated to “inspiring young minds to journey through the countless worlds that books offer”.



On Friday 22nd August we have two special events: the parade/walkathon, followed by a grandparents’ morning tea, which is hosted by our P&C and volunteers.

Grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles are welcome to congregate at the front of the school to watch the children come out from the Breezeway in their costumes before walking the Walkathon circuit. Everyone is then welcome to walk the actual circuit with the youngest child. In the family. For families with multiple children, the older sibling can walk with the younger sibling/s and grandparents if they wish.

The day will progress as follows.

Grade	Departure Time
Year 5	9.30am
Year 4	9.40am
Year 3	9.50am
Year 2	10.00am
Year 1	10.10am
Kindergarten and Year 6	10.20am
Grandparents Morning Tea	10.00am-11.30am On the grass outside library
Band and Wassa Wassa performances	10.40am-11.10am On the grass outside library

Library News

Our book fair is running from Monday 11th to Friday 22nd August 2025. We will have a face-to-face option where children can come in to view and purchase books, accompanied by a parent, either before or after school.

Parents and their children are encouraged to visit on their allocated day (see below). Siblings may come together, on the older sibling's rostered day. Students can also purchase books without a parent present, during their rostered weekly library session.

Book Fair Roster (Term 3 weeks 4 and 5).

Please be aware that this roster is for face-to-face visits only. The online component is available 24/7.

	Before school accompanied by a parent (8.30am – 9.10am)	During the school day – order in the library	After school accompanied by a parent (3.15pm – 4.00pm)
Monday	Kindergarten	All Year levels	Kindergarten
Tuesday	Year 1 & Year 2	All Year levels	Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday	Preschool	All Year levels	Preschool
Thursday	Year 3 & Year 4	All Year levels	Year 3 & Year 4
Friday	Year 5 & Year 6	All Year levels	Year 5 & Year 6

Red Hill P&C 2025 Picture Products Fundraiser

Dear Red Hill Parents and Carers,

We're excited to announce that the Red Hill P&C is running a Picture Products Fundraiser for 2025—and we'd love for you to take part!

Your child's unique artwork will be transformed into high-quality, long-lasting products—perfect as keepsakes or gifts for family and friends. Whether it's a plate, clock, tote bag or water bottle, these creations are a treasured reminder of your child's creativity and school years.

Why Get Involved?

These products are not only useful and beautiful but also deeply sentimental. Imagine your child one day enjoying a meal with their own child using the plate they once drew on in primary school! You can order as many copies as you'd like—ideal for gifts for grandparents and relatives.

Your child can use photos, paint, markers, handprints and more to create their masterpiece.

So....what will your child create?

A FAMILY TRADITION

Pictureplate, Tablemat, Calendar, Pencil case, Mousepad, Tote bag, Water bottles, Clocks, Ceramic & plastic mugs

"Love these keepsake plates. Look forward to doing another set next year!" - Heidi

"The smiles and looks on the children's faces when they see what they have created is priceless!" - Anthony

"I still have my plates from 38 years ago and I love them and now my kids have a good collection already!" - Anna

Picture products

Uniform Shop and Canteen

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.

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. 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 labeled items to classrooms.





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

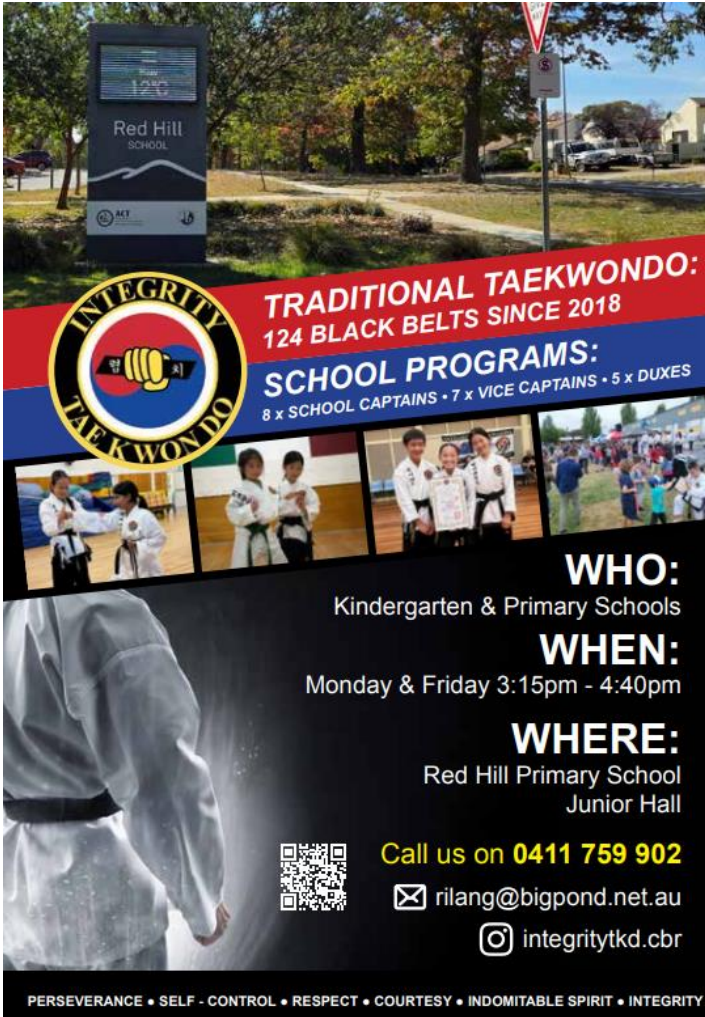
Prices inclusive of GST

Red Hill School Calendar 2025 – Term 3

Mon 21 July – Fri 26 Sept

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 July 21 - 25	21 st July Pupil Free Day		23 rd July ACT Futsal School Tournament (Girls)	24 th July Year 6 Group Photo	25 th July ACT Futsal School Tournament (Boys) Whole School Assembly
Week 2 July 28 – Aug 1			30 th July Preschool Winter Disco 5:30-7pm		WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 3 Aug 4 - 8	4 th August Athletics Carnival	5 th - 7 th August Years 3-6 AMT Competition			8 th August Junior Assembly – Year 3 WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 4 Aug 11 - 15	11 th – 15 th August Year 2-6 ICAS English				
	11 th – 15 th August Taiwan Study Tour				
		12 th August Year 6 Excursion to Siev X Siev X Memorial		14 th August Year 6 Learning Journey - Science Fair	15 th August Senior Assembly -Farewell Taiwan Students WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 5 Aug 18 - 22	18 th – 22 nd August Year 2-6 ICAS Science and Spelling				
		19 th August Year 6 Combined Band		21 st August South/Weston Regional Athletics Carnival	22 nd August Limelight Combined Rehearsal Book Week Parade WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 6 Aug 25 - 29	25 th – 29 th August Year 2 ICAS Maths				
					29 th August Senior Assembly – Year 4 WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 7 Sept 1 - 5			3 rd September Year 3 Learning Journey Dr Justin Coulson SRC and Parent Workshop	4 th September Year 4 Learning Journey	WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 8 Sept 8 - 12		9 th September Year 1 Excursion to Arboretum Limelight Tech Rehearsal	10 th September Limelight Tech Rehearsal	11 th September Limelight	12 th September Limelight Junior Assembly – Year 2 WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 9 Sept 15 - 19		16 th September ACT Athletics Carnival	17 th September Year 5 Learning Journey	18 th September SRC- Bricks and Smiles Fundraiser	19 th September Athletics Carnival Ribbon Assembly WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am Trivia Night – Cricket Theme 6-10pm
Week 10 Sept 22 - 26			24 th September Year 6 Band Floriade		26 th September Whole School Assembly

Community News



Red Hill SCHOOL

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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 28 July 2025.

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.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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