

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The annual Pool Fun Day at Dickson Aquatic Centre was a success and fun was had by all year levels.



Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment



18th December 2025



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❖ 2026 Year 5 Camp Cooba

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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have reached the final day of term for 2025. It seems to have sped by in a flash. It has been a busy but productive year of learning. These last couple of weeks have seen several important events and activities taking place. The school disco and community BBQ, held last Wednesday evening, were a huge success with students of all ages enjoying some time together dressing up and dancing. A huge thank you to all those involved behind the scenes in making this event possible. Special thanks must be given to Ms Leigh Kanara for her wonderful organization of the disco and to the P&C, for making the evening run smoothly. A final thanks to all the families that attended the evening. Through the disco the school raised enough money to cover the costs of that part of the evening and pay our contribution for the Smith Family child who we support as a school community.

Another whole school event was held on Monday, the Pool Fun Day, that students look forward to all semester. Everyone had a wonderful time and behaved with care and respect for themselves and those around them. Thanks again to all the staff that supported your children on the day and to Mrs. Vickie Larnach for organising the day so successfully.

On Tuesday our year 6 students attended their graduation ceremony. It was a wonderful reflection of the learning and fun that had taken place this year. The year 6 teachers spoke about their classes with humility and humour and the surprise video presented by the kindergarten buddies was a highlight. We wish every one of these students a successful transition to year 7.

Yesterday saw the running of our inaugural Red Hill Talent Show. The acts were entertaining and well-rehearsed. The whole school enjoyed coming together to view their year level finalists. Thank you to the year 5 team for putting the Talent Show together for us. It was a lot of fun!

Warm regards

Debra Lawrence (Acting Deputy Principal)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year comes to an end, on behalf of the school staff and students, I would once again like to express our gratitude for your support in 2025. We hope that your summer break is enjoyable and restful with family and friends.

We wish all departing families the best for the future and look forward to seeing returning and new families in February 2026.

Kind Regards,

Louise Owens (Principal)



END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

On Tuesday 16th December, the end of year written reports and A-E grades were emailed home to the primary email address listed for each student. (Preschool reports were sent home with the students as these were produced in hard copy.)

Please contact Deb Lawrence or the front office if you have not received your child's report. (It is a good idea to check your 'junk mail' before contacting us). If there is any aspect of your child's report that you wanted to discuss but you didn't get a chance to meet the class teacher, please contact us so that we can arrange for this to happen early in the new term.

2026 STAFFING

With sadness we have farewelled Juliette O'Connor, Nazmeen Rahman, Frances Szeremet, Ben Doran-Edmunds and Charlotte Churchill. We will miss their contributions to Red Hill School, but we hope their new adventures are exciting and fulfilling.

Other Staffing News

Sophie Hopkins and Toni Pallamountagne will be taking leave next year for family reasons.

Kai Cartwright will be rejoining us in February, and Kathryn Morris, Linley Jenkins and Angel Chung will return later in the school year.

I am excited to announce that Antonia McGuire will be joining us as a substantive deputy principal. We are looking forward to the knowledge and expertise Antonia will bring to the school. The deputy position was advertised in 2024 but unfortunately the successful candidate was seconded to run another school and has since been successful in winning a permanent principalship. I greatly appreciated Deb Lawrence filling the deputy role while we went through another recruitment process. Antonia's last position was as deputy at Turner Primary,

and she has a wealth of experience working in different settings in the fields of inclusion, early childhood education and literacy and numeracy education.

CLASSES 2026

We have almost finalised teacher placements and classes for next year. However, given that we usually experience changes in enrolments and staffing over the summer break, there may be some slight changes. Class lists will be on display in the Breezeway from 12pm on **Friday 30th January 2026**. They will also be emailed out that afternoon.

THE FIRST DAYS BACK

- Kindergarten students will commence school on **Friday 30th January**. Parents are invited to morning tea at 9.30am in the library courtyard.
- New students (years 1- 6) and students with special needs are invited to visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers on **Friday 30th January** as well (between 10am and 12pm). Senior students will conduct school tours for our new students and their families in this timeslot too.
- All students (years 1- 6) and Program 1 preschool students will return to school on **Monday 2nd February 2026**.
- Program 2 preschool students will commence school on **Thursday 5th February 2026**.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)



The school values its partnership with Woden Community Services, which enables us to provide 'wrap-around' care for families.

- Holiday care will be available over from Friday 19th to Wednesday 24th December 2025 and Friday 2nd to Thursday 29th January 2026) - excluding public holidays).
- Play group will be available Fridays 10:00am-11:30am in weeks 2 to 9 of every school term.
- The first day of each term is a 'pupil free day' for teacher planning. Holiday care will be available on the first day of terms two, three and four to support families.
- After hours care is available at both preschool campuses.

Parent Portal Update

Dear Families,

Please remember to take the time to activate your Parent Portal.

From the beginning of the 2026 school year, Quick Web will cease operation, and all online payments will be processed exclusively through the Parent Portal.

Westpac Quick Web will cease as a digital payment option for all ACT public schools in January 2026.

Information about how to make payments using the new system will be provided on our school website under the Payment tab at the start of the 2026 school year. Families will receive requests for contributions via emails or the Parent Portal using a payment link.

The school will continue to accept on-site cash and EFTPOS payments.

Should you require any assistance, please contact the Front Office on 02 6142 0960.

*Kind regards,
Red Hill School*

Register now for Parent Portal

Our school is using Parent Portal – a secure online platform to share information between parents and carers and your student's teachers.

With Parent Portal you will be able to:

- notify the school when your child is sick or to explain an absence
- book parent-teacher interviews
- receive academic reports
- receive the school newsletter
- receive messages from your child's teachers
- make payments
- access the school calendar and your child's timetable
- update contact details.

Ask our Front Office team about how to register or scan to find out more.

ACT Digital Account



POSITION VACANT: Red Hill School Board Member

The Red Hill school board plays an important role in setting the strategic direction of the school, always acting in the best interest of the school and its students.

The board meets regularly throughout the year. It is made up of representative members from key stakeholder groups such as parents and carers, P&C Association and/or local community members and staff.

Several board positions will become vacant in March 2026, and we will be seeking nominations to fill the following roles in early Term 1:

- 1 x staff member
- 1 x parent member
- 1 x P&C member

To learn more about the roles and responsibilities of school board members, visit the [School Boards](#) webpage.

Further information about the nomination process will be provided early Term 1.

Uniform Shop and Canteen



Red Hill Primary School Uniform Shop



Item	Price
Hat Surf	\$10.00
Hat Bucket	\$12.00
Hat Slouch	\$10.00
Hat Micro bucket	\$12.00
Dress Summer	\$47.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (green)	\$23.50
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (gold)	\$23.50
Polo Shirt – Long Sleeve (green)	\$23.50
Jacket Waterproof Flying	\$43.00
Jacket Microfibre	\$43.00
Polar Fleece Jumper	\$30.00
Skorts Pleated	\$23.50
Skorts Gabardine	\$23.50
Shorts Knit	\$18.50
Short Gabardine	\$23.50
Pants Long Gabardine Double Knee	\$28.00
Pants Long Stretch Boot Leg	\$38.50
Track Pants Microfibre	\$33.50
Track Pants Straight Leg Fleece	\$23.00
Socks Ankle Green	\$5.50
Tights Bootle Green	\$12.00
School Backpack (M)	\$47.00
School Backpack (L)	\$50.00



Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Wednesday 8.30-10.00am
and
Friday 2.30-4.00pm

Payment Options: Cash, EFTPOS, Credit Card (no American Express)

Ordering Online: The Red Hill School P&C Association uses [Flexischools](http://www.flexischools.com.au) 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 rphs.uniformshop@gmail.com

Uniform Shop Extended Hours 2026

The uniform shop is open for extended hours early each year to cater for increased demand in this period.

We will open in the week before schools restarts with the hours shown below.

Please note that new students start school on Friday the 30th of January. Continuing, students return to school on Monday the 2nd of February. Monday the 26th of January is the Australia Day public holiday.

Current opening hours (Wednesday 8:30am to 10:00am and Friday 2:30pm to 4:00pm) will not change for the duration of term four in 2025 but Flexischool orders made after the 9th of December will not be available until the shop reopens in 2026.

The shop will be set up in the art room (adjoining the uniform shop) for early trading.

Opening Hours 2026

Wednesday 28th of January	1:00pm to 3:30pm
Thursday 29th of January	11:00am to 1:00pm
Friday 30th of January	9:00am to 12:30pm
Monday 2nd of February	8:30am to 10:00am
Tuesday 3rd of February	8:30am to 10:00am

And from then on, Wednesday 8:30am to 10:00am and Friday 2:30pm to 4:00pm from the usual uniform shop location.

Red Hill School Calendar 2026 –Term 1

Thurs 29th Jan – Thurs 2nd April

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Jan 29-30				29 th January Pupil Free Day	First Day of School for Kindergarten New Students School Tours
Week 2 Feb 2-6	First Day of School for Years 1 to 6 and Preschool Program 1			First Day of School for Preschool Program 2	
Week 3 Feb 9-13					
Week 4 Feb 16-20					
Week 5 Feb 23-27					
Week 6 Mar 2-6	4-6 th March - Year 5 Camp to Cooba 25 March				
Week 7 Mar 9-13	9 th March Canberra Day	NAPLAN			
Week 8 Mar 16-20	NAPLAN				
	Harmony Week				
Week 9 Mar 23-27	NAPLAN				
			25 th March Christian Education		
Week 10 Mar 30-April 2					

Community News

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Fri 19 Dec **Mon 22nd Dec**

Sports, Ninja & Nerf Christmas Ninja & Movie*

Tues 23rd Dec **Wed 24th Dec**

MEMBERS \$85
NON MEMBERS \$105

AGES 4+ AND TOILET TRAINED

ARRIVE at 9AM | PICK UP at 3PM
(24th is 9am to 1pm)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™

The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet



HOLIDAY CAMPS



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CAMP 1: 8TH - 12TH DEC: DEAKIN MINT OVAL
CAMP 2: 15TH - 19TH DEC: DEAKIN MINT OVAL
CAMP 3: 22ND - 24TH DEC: ARANDA OVAL

CAMP 1: 8TH - 9TH JAN DEAKIN MINT OVAL
CAMP 2: 12TH - 16TH JAN DEAKIN MINT OVAL
CAMP 3: 19TH - 23RD JAN DEAKIN MINT OVAL
CAMP 4: 29TH - 30TH JAN ARANDA OVAL

PHILOSOPHY

We are passionate about helping each and every player achieve their goals and reach their potential through expert coaching in a fun, challenging, positive and professional environment. Through the game of cricket we ultimately aim to help our players learn, grow and develop into becoming better people.



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OUTLINE



Designed for cricketers of all ages and stages from 8-22. Players will experience up to 5 days of high quality coaching and T20 Games with specialist coaches in batting, bowling, fielding and WK focusing on the specific requirements of each player.

\$495 - 5 DAYS
\$415 - 4 DAYS
\$325 - 3 DAYS
\$120 PER DAY

Players will be exposed to a variety of match scenarios and drills that aim to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.

Pre performance player report with feedback provided to each player at the completion of the Camp.



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TOURNAMENT DETAILS
22ND & 23RD DECEMBER
Aranda Oval

\$120 PER DAY

PURPOSE

Designed for talented cricketers aged 12-15. Players will experience 2 days of high intensity T20 Cricket while being coached and mentored by Cricket Australia Qualified coaches.

Teams of 8 players (form your own team) or come along individually and be allocated a team.



PURPOSE

Designed for talented cricketers aged 12-15. Players will experience 3 days of high intensity T20 Cricket while being coached and mentored by Cricket Australia Qualified coaches.

Teams of 8 players (form your own team) or come along individually and be allocated a team.



FORMAT

2 days of high intensity match play T20 cricket. When not playing players will be taken through our pro performance coaching stations to work 1:1 with one of our coaches on all facets of their game!

Players will be exposed to a variety of match scenarios that aim to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.

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Places are limited. Enrol now and give your child a positive, confidence-building start to their musical journey.

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Warm regards,

Jake Lang
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Term 1 2026



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