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# Red Hill School Newsletter

## Coming Events

### Monday 16 December

End of Year Pool Fun Day –  
Kindergarten to Year 6

### Tuesday 17 December

Year 6 Graduation 11:30am  
to 1pm

### Wednesday 18 December

Junior Singing Group at  
Anglicare  
SRC End of Year Party 11am  
to 12pm

### Thursday 19 December

Talent Show – Students only  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR  
2019**

### Monday 3 February

**First Day of School for  
Kindergarten and Preschool  
students**

Meet and Greet for  
New Families 10.00am

### Tuesday 4 February

**First Day of School for  
Years 1 to Year 6**



*Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment*



*Senior Choir performance at St. Paul's Christmas Carol Service on 5<sup>th</sup> December*

## Notes Home

Asbestos works December 2019 (via email)

To come: Year 5 Camp Cooba and Year 6 Camp Tathra

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## Our Next Assembly

Will be the *Talent Show* held on Thursday 19 December at 9:30am

*Hosted by: SRC*

Please be advised: The Talent Show is for Students only

# Leadership Team Overview

## Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our last newsletter for 2019. We hope that you and your families have an enjoyable Christmas and summer break. We thank you all for your support of the staff and students over the past year.



## Our Community

I would like to thank the P & C and the many wonderful parent helpers for organising last Thursday's end of year barbecue. I would also like to thank Susan Edwards, Nicole McPherson and the teacher volunteers for their hard work in making the disco a fun event, and Woden Community Services for providing a free photo booth and face painting.

## Our Student Leaders

After delivering inspiring speeches recently, these students were elected as our 2020 student leaders and inducted at the Year 6 Graduation. Congratulations go to Madison Harris-Talbot and Bailey Anderson who were voted in as our new school captains. Congratulations also go to our vice captains Penelope Hampson, Kimiya Almasi, Leo Donald and Finn Campbell. We sincerely thank Jesse Weston, Will Goch, Miranda Thompson, Skye Monaghan, Archie Varnes and Damiru Perera, the outgoing leaders.

We farewelled many other year six leaders at their Graduation on Tuesday morning. We will miss the outgoing class of 2019 and wish them well on the next part of their journey in life and education.

## Reports

On Tuesday the end of year written reports and A-E grades were emailed home to the primary email address listed for each student. Please contact Emma Campbell if you have not received either of these documents, or if there is any aspect of your child's report that you would like to discuss.

## Staffing 2020

As the year concludes we have staff who are moving on to new positions, new opportunities or a well-deserved break. All of these people have made significant contributions to our school. On behalf of Red Hill Primary, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for their professionalism, enthusiasm and hard work.

Sharon Edwards will be moving to Garran Primary. We wish Sharon the very best and thank her for her contributions to our kindergarten program. We also thank Kylie Birch and Kim Werner for stepping in at short notice as classroom teachers on year one and kindergarten respectively.

We sadly have two retirements. Karen Farrell is leaving us after more than thirty years teaching in the ACT system. Karen is a wonderful classroom teacher, who has also led our sustainability initiatives with the student Green Team. Without Karen we would not have a vegetable garden, bush tucker garden, chickens or a revamped recycling system. We are incredibly grateful to Karen for the work she has put into Red Hill School and hope that she will come back to us in some capacity after a well-earned break.

We also farewell Julien French who generously joined us on the year five team in 2018, even though she had officially retired. Likewise, we hope we can coax Julien back in some role next year.

It is our pleasure to warmly welcome:

- Skye Eddi from New South Wales
- Nazmeen Rahman from the Islamic School of Canberra
- Amber Griffin from Theodore Primary
- Sandi Lees from Campbell Primary
- Tamsin Cowap from Garran Primary
- Amanda Tutalo, previously at Lyons Early Childhood School and the ANU
- Chad Birks from Mawson Primary

We will also be welcoming back Emilie Minto and Claire Hansen.

We are still finalising staffing because of changes in the Education Directorate's recruitment and transfer processes in 2019, and the impending implementation of a 'class size' policy for kindergarten and years one to three. The impact of this policy is that additional classes will be created over time for each of these year levels, requiring extra teachers.

## School Facilities

### -New Classrooms

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter the new class size policy will increase the number of classes at Red Hill School. Over time we will move to five classes in each of the K-3 grades with 21 students per class. The Education Directorate is installing two new classrooms to help us with this change. These will be where the "Spider Web" play equipment is currently located. The installation has encountered unexpected engineering problems. Because of this we may not be able to move into the new classrooms until two to four weeks into the school term. If this delay eventuates, we will make short term arrangements and will advise the affected classes and teachers as soon as possible. At the moment we are considering the different options for class locations in 2020, with an eye on constantly changing enrolments.

### -Oval Upgrades

We are excited to announce several oval upgrades. Firstly, two new pieces of playground equipment will be installed on the oval: a new "Spider Web" and a replacement play space under the Gazebo, where the "old equipment" was located. The installation will be a big project with rubber soft-fall which will be finalised by next March. Whilst this delay has been very frustrating, we believe the end product will be well worth waiting for. We are also excited to announce that the Education Directorate is returning one of our football fields this January.

We look forward to seeing our school community again on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February (preschool and kindergarten) and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February (years 1-6).

Kind regards  
Louise Owens  
Principal.



*P&C end of year BBQ*

## A message from the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development



In the ACT there are 88 public schools, over 49,000 public school students and around 3,800 educators. But of course, I understand that for each of us as parents, the most important school is the school our children go to. That's why I want to make sure that every public school is a great school.

The ACT Government is upgrading and expanding public schools to make sure that learning environments are accessible and sustainable.

The government is committed to ensuring that every public school has the infrastructure to support high-quality education and that's why the government has been investing more than \$115 million to upgrade public schools right across the Territory.

Here at Red Hill Primary School the government has delivered:

- Upgraded building access designed for students and staff to make sure that school is accommodating for everyone.
- Improved the heating, ventilation and cooling systems to provide comfortable temperatures and prevent heat loss in winter and heat gain in summer. This work included mechanical cooling installed in the main hallway and adjoining classrooms, and passive ventilation implemented in others.
- Upgraded the phone system to ensure high-quality communication technology in the school. The entire phone system has been upgraded to a current-technology digital system. This work includes all new handsets, data cabinets an uninterruptable power supply and some re-cabling. This system is now the same as those found in ACT Government offices.
- We have provided a transportable building to ensure additional student capacity.

Every child and family has a place in ACT public schools regardless of their background or life circumstances. That's why this investment into public school infrastructure goes beyond just the basic things that allow learning and teaching to take place. The ACT Government invests in public schools to make sure that every student has what they need to be included, and to learn and develop their interests, passions and life skills.

The ACT Government has upgraded heating and cooling systems, reducing polluting emissions and making temperatures comfortable and conducive to learning in over 40 older public schools across Canberra.

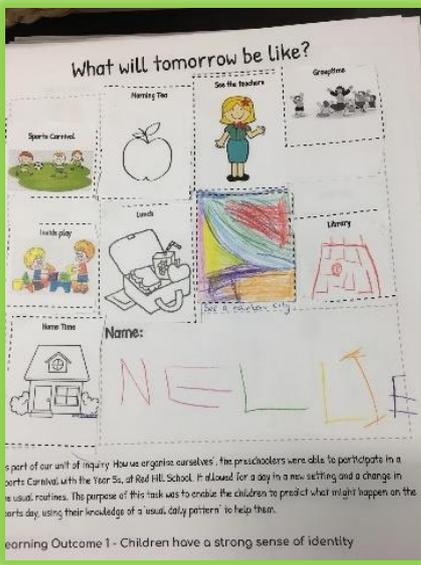
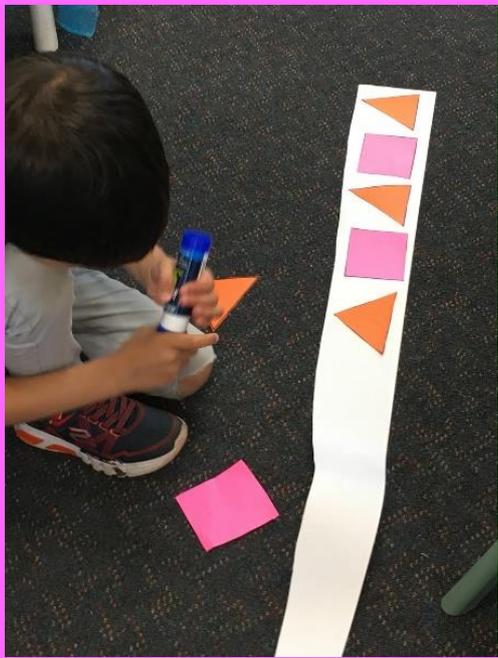
The government has also purchased 3,300 Chromebooks to give to schools in February 2020 and upgraded classrooms, toilets, libraries, canteens and bike shelters, as well as gardens, landscaping and playground areas in schools to make sure that these spaces are positive and accommodating.

As Canberra grows, the government is making sure that schools grow with it. Every child has the right to access education and the ACT Government is making sure that this right is equally ensured for every young person.

**Yvette Berry MLA**

# Preschool

This term Preschool has been very busy with Kindy transition visits, a Preschool Sports Morning and our unit of inquiry, *How we organise ourselves*. In this unit of inquiry, we investigated what a pattern was. Then we questioned what would happen if we changed a pattern, such as words to a song, routines, etc. The students were extremely engaged and started finding patterns everywhere!



## Art News

It has been another busy and creative year in the Art Room.

Students have explored a variety of mediums and techniques and extended themselves by looking with an inquiring eye at art from Australian and international artists.

Have a happy, safe and relaxed break. As a family, you could try sketching outside or at night, making salt dough and sculpting, recycling Christmas paper and cards into collages or making environmental art in the garden or on the beach.

The galleries are always a cool place to escape the blistering heat. See you all next year for more creating, exploring, looking and thinking!

### **Mrs Helene Halliday** **Visual Arts**



*John Olsen Sydney Sun 1965*

Here are the details of some school holiday activities offered by two of Canberra's institutions. Please check the website for the most up to date information.

### **National Portrait Gallery: School Holiday Activities**

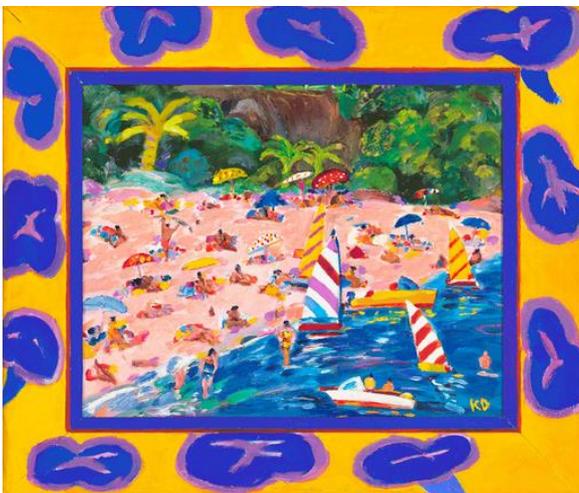
Become a PI - Portrait Investigator: and join us to explore the portraits through drawing and creative activity in the galleries. For children aged 4 to 8 to share with family and friends. All children must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Mondays throughout January 10.30-11.30am \$7 per child

Story Time: Listen to the story *Thelma The Unicorn* by Aaron Blabey and create your own visual response. All materials provided; designed for 4 to 8 year olds. All children must be accompanied. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of January 10.30am-12pm \$7 per child

### Scattering Colour:

Experiment with colour combinations, breaking up colour and making it do different things in this workshop inspired by colourful portraits in the Gallery. Suitable for children aged 8 to 12 years. Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1-3pm \$20 per child



*Ken Done Christmas Beach 1985*

### **National Gallery of Australia**

Family Tours (All ages- children to be accompanied)  
Volunteer guides present family-friendly tours of the permanent collection and exhibitions.  
11am for 45 minutes. Free

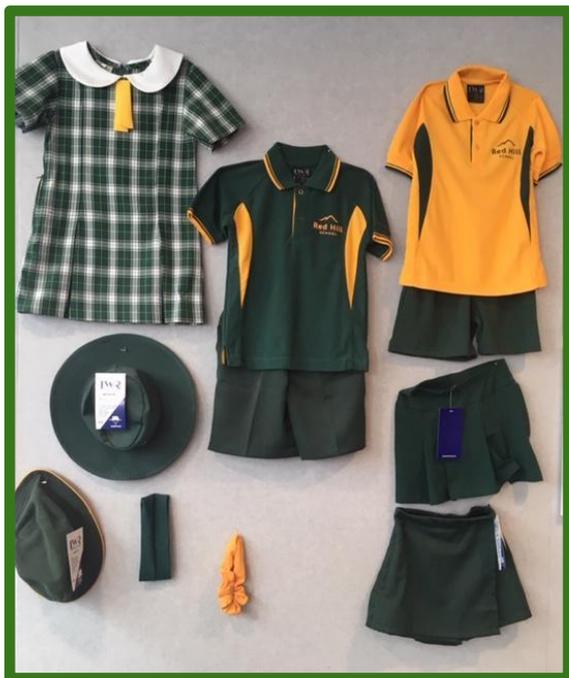
Tim Fairfax Learning Gallery and Studio  
Free creative activities for all ages and abilities  
10am-5pm during the weekends and school holidays.  
No bookings required.

# Student Achievements

Congratulations to Shayan Siddique (5N), Lijia Wang (4KS), Orin Moir (4S) and Bridget Grove (3K) who attended the 2019 Australian Mathematics Trust Awards ceremony earlier this month to collect their High Achiever awards.



## RED HILL UNIFORM SHOP



### HATS

|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| Bucket       | \$12 |
| Micro Bucket | \$12 |
| Surf         | \$10 |
| Slouch       | \$10 |

### BODY

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Summer Dress                          | \$47.00 |
| Polo Shirts Green/Yellow Short sleeve | \$23.50 |
| Polo Shirt Green Long sleeve          | \$23.50 |
| Waterproof Flying Jacket              | \$43.00 |
| Microfibre Jacket                     | \$43.00 |
| Fleece Full Zip Jacket                | \$30.00 |
| Cotton Pleated Skort                  | \$23.50 |
| Gabadine Skort                        | \$23.50 |
| Gabadine Shorts                       | \$23.50 |
| Knit Shorts                           | \$18.50 |
| Gabadine Double Knee Pants            | \$28.00 |
| Bootleg Stretch Pant                  | \$38.50 |
| Microfibre Track Pant                 | \$33.50 |
| Fleece Straight Leg Pant              | \$23.00 |
| Ankle Socks                           | \$5.50  |
| Tights                                | \$12.00 |

### BAGS

|        |         |
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| Medium | \$47.00 |
| Large  | \$50.00 |

### Ordering in person

Opening hours Wednesday 8.30 to 9am and Friday 2.30 to 3.30pm.

### Payment options

Cash, EFTPOS, credit cards (no American Express)

### Ordering Online

The Red Hill School P&C Association uses Flexischools for uniform shop sales. 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. Some fees may apply.

School Uniform orders will be delivered to your child's classroom via their teacher or Uniform Shop Staff.

### Please note the following:

- Payment is by credit card or bank transfer
- Some fees may apply
- Online orders are delivered on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon of the same week, some deliveries may carry over to the following Monday
- Details on sizing, including height, chest and waist are noted with each garment listing
- You will need to include your child's name and class ie 3E, (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
- For further information and to register please visit: [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

### Lost Property:

Lost property is sorted on a weekly basis with each station being clearly marked. All lost property will if uncollected by week 5 of each term be donated to charity or if deemed suitable placed into the secondhand offering bins.

Only school logo items will appear in the secondhand bins. Uniform donations are accepted, please use the purple bins in the office reception area or bring to the shop during opening hours.

The Red Hill Uniform Shop and Lost Property is staffed by volunteers from our parent community who kindly donate their time to help. If you have some time, please email [rhps.uniformshop@gamil.com](mailto:rhps.uniformshop@gamil.com)

# RED HILL SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED 2019/2020 SHOP HOURS

December 2019

## Week 9 December 9th to 13th

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Wednesday 11th December | 8.30am to 9.30am |
| Friday 13th December    | 2pm to 4.00pm    |

*Flexischool order cut off for 2019 will be 11th December 2019.  
All orders placed during week 9 will be delivered by Monday 16th December.*

**Last Day for opening in 2019 is  
FRIDAY 13th December**

The Uniform Shop will be closed Week 10 of Term 4  
16th December to 19th December.

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## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

### Set up in the Art Room next door to Uniform Shop

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Tuesday 28th January 2020   | 8.30am to 1.30pm  |
| Wednesday 29th January 2020 | 12.30pm to 3.00pm |
| Thursday 30th January 2020  | 8.30am to 1.30pm  |
| Friday 31st January 2020    | 12.30pm to 3.00pm |

*Flexischool orders will reopen on 22nd January 2020. All orders placed between the 22nd and 31st January  
can be collected during above opening times.*

### Term 1 Week 1 & 2 2020

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Wednesday 5th & 12th February 2020 | 8.30am to 11am |
| Friday 7th & 14th February 2020    | 2pm to 4pm     |

**Regular Shop hours are Wednesday 8.30 to 9am and Friday 2.30pm to 3.30pm.**

# School Banking

Those students who have ordered rewards in the past two weeks may not receive their reward before the year ends. These will be available for collection early next year. Those in year 6, we will have your reward available before you leave.

Could you please ensure that your child collects his/her deposit book before the end of term on 19 December. If you are unable to find your deposit book and you are expecting to receive a reward, your teacher will have it.

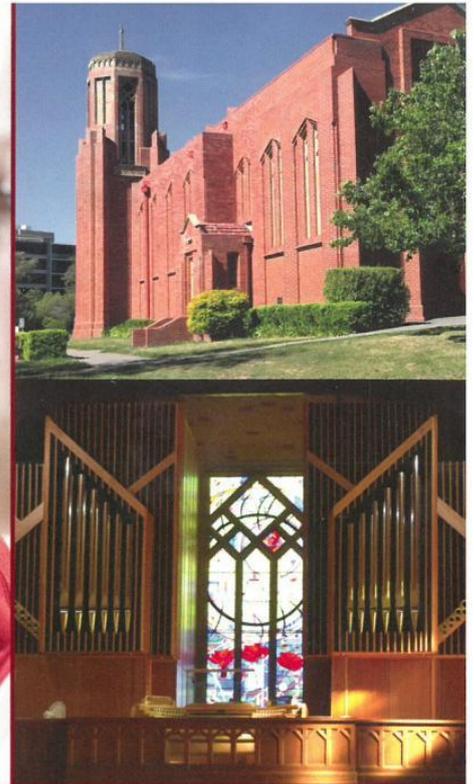
Congratulations to every student who has banked this year. Your bank accounts are no doubt looking very healthy. You can either use the CommBank Youth app or check in branch, if you wish to see how much you have in your account.

Hope to see you continue with your banking next year.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope you all enjoy your well-deserved holidays.

School Banking Team



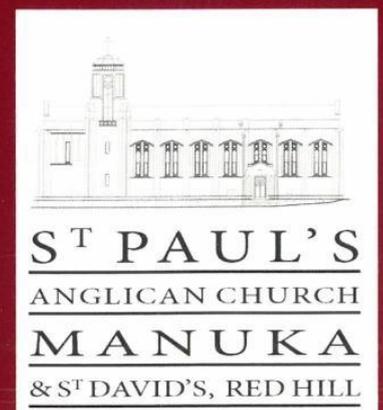


# St Paul's Manuka JUNIOR CHOIR

choral training and musical enrichment  
**for boys and girls  
ages 8-14**

*Scholarships Offered in 2020*

FIND OUT MORE:  
[www.stpaulsmanuka.org.au](http://www.stpaulsmanuka.org.au)  
[juniorchoir@stpaulsmanuka.org.au](mailto:juniorchoir@stpaulsmanuka.org.au)



# McDonald School of Tennis

## Christmas School Holiday Tennis Clinic

Kindergarten to 17 Years  
All standards

Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe St, RED HILL

**CLINIC 1:** 20<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 8am-4:30pm

**CLINIC 2:** 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December, Monday and Tuesday 8am-6pm

Santa Claus 🎅 appearing and handing out toys!!



🎾 Full Stroke Development (1<sup>st</sup> timers/beginners will be serving over-arm by end of the clinic!)

🎾 Well trained and well credentialed coaching staff

🎾 Trophy Singles Tournament 🏆

🎾 Afternoon Doubles Training and Tournaments

🎾 McDonald's lunch

🎾 Great range of lunchtime activities

🎾 Games, heaps of fun, Prizes galore!

**Enrolment Forms at School Front Office or**

Phone Matt McDonald, Professionally Qualified Level 2 Tennis Coach 0412565137