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26th November 2021

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Leadership Team Overview

Staffing News

As the year concludes we have staff who are moving on to new opportunities. Two of these wonderful people will be departing earlier than others. Sadly, for the school, Serena Wahome and Charlotte Churchill will be leaving us at the end of this week.

We hope to see Charlotte Churchill towards the end of next year as she is excitingly taking leave to have her first child. We wish Charlotte the very best for the birth of her child and the enjoyment of becoming a parent. Serena Wahome has a different adventure ahead – she will be taking up a position in the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources. Serena has been at Red Hill School for many years and has been an executive teacher for the last seven of these. I for one will sorely miss her presence on the leadership team and I know she will be dearly missed by many staff and students.

On behalf of Red Hill Primary, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation for Serena's and Charlotte's contributions to the school and their never-ending professionalism, enthusiasm and hard work.

Pool Day



The students were excited to hear that our annual Pool Day can go ahead this year, albeit a little differently. On Friday 10th December, students in the even years (2,4 & 6) will visit Dickson Aquatic Centre in the morning and students in the odd years (1,3 & 5) will visit in the afternoon. Both the pool and school will have Covid Safety Plans in place to ensure everyone's well-being and the pool will be closed to the public. Permission notes have been sent home today.

Classes in 2022

As explained in the last newsletter, because this year was disrupted by a pupil free period and many weeks of online learning, we decided to keep most class groups intact for 2022. However, we flagged that some changes might be necessary, for example where projected enrolments indicate that we will need a different number of classes in a particular year level. This scenario is looking likely for some year levels, so we have asked students to fill out sociograms in case we do need to make changes e.g., going from four to five classes.

We recognise the connection between the power of relationships and student learning, and promise that each student will have at least one nominated friend if in a new class in 2022. Sometimes a best friend is a good person to play with but not necessarily an appropriate person to learn with in class. Teachers have spoken to the students about this, and it is helpful for parents and carers to reinforce the same message.

Students will complete their sociograms at school, selecting five peers they believe they would work well with, and then bring these home so that parents have the opportunity to talk with their children about their choices. We would appreciate the sociograms being returned by **Monday 6th December**. Please do not sign off on your child's sociogram unless you feel comfortable with his/her choices.

We will also make slight alterations to classes if we have observed student dynamics that are not conducive to optimal learning. When organising classes, we strive for a balance to ensure that all students have the best opportunity to learn. Final decisions are made using input from current teachers and executive staff, sociograms and parent requests. If you have any concerns about your child's class placement in 2022, please contact your child's teacher, Nathan James (Student Welfare Deputy) or Louise Owens so we can talk this through before the end of the year. It is essential that, once the classes are formed, we do not make further changes as this can upset the balance of student needs.

It's also important to understand that the choice of teacher cannot generally be used as a basis for forming classes for the following school year and so we ask that parents not request specific teachers for their children. The decision about teacher placements has not been made yet as there are staff appointments still being finalised. Furthermore, teachers occasionally change year levels because they benefit professionally from teaching across all grades and students in turn benefit from teachers' increased capacity to understand where every child is at.

Thank you to the families who have already let us know of changing family circumstances in 2022. **If your child will not be attending Red Hill School in 2022, please let us know as soon as possible.** It is very important that we have accurate enrolment projections so that we can plan staffing and the correct number of classes for next year.

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2022 ATTENDANCE AND CLASSES

Name: _____ **Class:** _____ **Name:** _____ **Class:** _____

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- ☐ **Will not be attending Red Hill School in 2022 - we will be leaving the school on** _____ **as our family is going to** _____.
- ☐ **We are not sure at this stage but will be able to advise you further on or after** _____.

Parents Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

French Poetry Awards



Félicitations (congratulations) à tous ceux qui ont participé au concours de poésie – congratulation to all the participants who have participated in the French Poetry Competition, especially to Victoria (2 M) who came first in the Alliance Française poetry competition for the year 2 level. We also had a few participants who were assigned second place: Oscar (KMC), Elizabeth (1H), Chiara De Novellis (1LC) and Guhika (3B) with Harshika (3C) were awarded with a certificate and a prize for their poetry recital.

Merci (thank you) à tous les autres participants who took part in the Alliance Française French Poetry Competition. This year 58 students were involved, and they all received participation certificates acknowledging their great effort and the positive attitude they express towards learning an additional language.

I was impressed to hear and watch the videos showing the way students recited their poem with appropriate expressions, correct intonation, and body language. It was not an easy task for the judges to choose the winners this year.

Félicitations once again to all the finalists and participants who have once again been risk takers and have embraced the experience with pride!

Salutation: Frances Szeremet



SRC Xmas Cards



As you may know the Red Hill School Student Representative Council (SRC) supports a Smith Family child to attend school as part of our commitment to community service. Last year the SRC created and designed Christmas cards to sell with ALL profits going towards our sponsored child. 'Bytes and Colours' kindly subsidised the cost of printing the cards. These will be on sale again this year. You can choose to order a pack of 5 or 10. (You can order as many as you like. The more the merrier!)

To pay for your card packs please pay online using the fee code SRC XMAS. The link to online payments can be found on our school website. PLEASE make sure you include your online payment reference number when ordering. Alternatively, you can purchase cards directly from the front office. Once your online order and payment have been received, we will send your Xmas cards home with your child. Be sure to use your CHILD'S FULL NAME and CLASS so the SRC can deliver the cards to your child with ease.

Here is the link to order the SRC XMAS CARDS online.

<https://forms.gle/7S35HwCnVyABkC2NA>

Uniform Shop

DECEMBER 2021

Due to COVID restrictions, the uniform shop will remain closed during term 4. All orders are to continue via flexischools. <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

COVID Restrictions permitting...new families can book time with the Uniform Shop Manager if needed; please email for a booking time: rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com.

COVID Restrictions permitting.... booking days will be between Monday 13th December and Friday 17th December - last week of term.

Secondhand requests can be emailed through to the shop manager.

Donations are to be placed in the purple bin in the front office foyer.

Lost property will continue to be monitored and items that are labelled sent to the front office for return to the student. Anything not labelled will be sent to charity.

*Flexischool **order cut off for 2021 will be 10th December.***

All orders placed during week 10 will be delivered between Monday 13th and Friday 17th December.

JANUARY 2022

The shop will open in the Art Room next door to Uniform Shop

Thursday 27th January 2020 9.30am to 12pm

Friday 28th January 2020 9.30am to 12pm

Flexischool orders will reopen on 21st January 2022. All orders placed between the 21st and 27th January can be collected during above opening times.

FEBRUARY 2022

Term 1 Week 1 2021

Tuesday 1st February 2022 8.30am to 11.30am

Wednesday 2nd February 2021 8.30am to 11.30am

Friday 4th February 2021 2pm to 3.30pm

Term 1 Week 2 2022

Monday 7th February 2021 8.30am to 9.00am

Wednesday 9th February 2021 8.30am to 9.00am

Friday 11th February 2021 2pm to 3.30pm

2022 Regular Shop hours to be confirmed and communicated via the Red Hill Facebook page and school Newsletter.