

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Red Hill School is a Nut Free
Environment**



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Leadership Team Overview

Hello parents and carers,

Athletics Carnival

Last week our year 2 to 6 students attended our annual athletics carnival. We were fortunate enough to have a nice clear day for the event. Well done to all the students who competed and good luck to the students who are going on to represent the school at the zone athletics carnival. These events don't run smoothly without the support of all staff so thank you to everyone involved. A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Elsom for her organisation of such a successful event. A visiting high school teacher who was there on the day commented that he had never seen such a well-run carnival.

Mrs. Elsom – Farewell

Sadly our 'carnival organiser extraordinaire', Mrs. Elsom, is leaving us. Some of you may have already heard the news that Mrs. Elsom has won a promotion and will be moving to Gold Creek School where she will take up an executive teacher role. We wish her the absolute best. She will be greatly missed by the staff, students and community. Rob has worked in a number of roles across the school in her 10+ years here and her skill set will be greatly missed. We haven't seen the last of her though as she will continue to part of our school community as a parent. Most of the staff and students across the school got to sign a football for her which she will put in pride of place at her new school, along with a new jersey and other mementoes.

Pupil Free Day

Last week's pupil free day was an opportunity for staff to work in their teaching teams to get some important planning completed, complete mandatory training and participate in IB professional learning. We want to thank you for your support on this day. There will be a second ACT Education pupil free day on Friday 9 September (Week 8) - details about the day will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Excursions

Our year 2 students had an excursion to Questacon this week and the year 4 cohort visited the Cotter Dam. It is certainly nice to be able off these opportunities to students again. Excursions are wonderful enrichment opportunities that can't be replicated in classrooms. Our older students are also looking forward to going to camp later in the term.

2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The 2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 19 August to 9 September. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college. We will send more detailed information about this closer to the time.

Kind regards, Nathan James (Deputy Principal)

News from the Library

BOOK WEEK AUGUST 20th – 26th 2022

“Each year since 1945 the Children’s Book Council of Australia has brought children and books together across Australia through Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children’s authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians create colourful displays, develop activities, run competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. You will often see parades with students dressed as their favourite book character.”



Event: Red Hill School Book Week Parade and Walkathon

Date: Friday August 26

The theme: ‘Dreaming with eyes open....’

Heads up!

Each year Red Hill School and the P&C run a wonderful Book Week Parade and Walkathon. Over recent weeks of school, teachers have shared the Book Council’s shortlisted fiction and non-fiction books with students. We will culminate our celebration of wonderful literature on **Friday 26th August** when we will dress up as book characters for our usual parade and walkathon.

As in the past we encourage students to be creative in putting together their costumes, rather than buying them. A prize will be awarded to the most creative costume for each year level.

Keep an eye out for the Walkathon sponsorship forms that will be coming home shortly from the P&C.

In conjunction with ‘Book Cow’ of Kingston the library will also be holding a Virtual Book Fair, so keep an eye out for more news on that too!

Information for Families

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACT EDUCATION DIRECTORATE: KEEPING OUR STUDENTS LEARNING IN TERM 3

Every ACT public school is working hard to manage the impacts of COVID-19 and the flu in our schools to ensure minimal disruption for everyone and keep students learning.

Face-to-face learning in the classroom remains the core way students are learning this term; however, staff shortages may see them learning a little differently from time to time.

What can parents and students expect?

When schools do not have appropriate staffing levels to support students in their usual classrooms the following measures may be put in place:

- Older students may learn online in a supervised setting.
- Students may be engaged in a modified program of learning in their regular classroom with supervision from school staff.
- Students may participate in self-directed learning (supervised by other classroom teachers this may be via Google Classrooms or a pre-prepared activity).
- Students may be split into classes across the school, where children may engage in self-directed learning and/or the learning of their host class.
- Some activities may be put on hold (e.g., lunchtime clubs)

Where schools are no longer able to manage using the above strategies students may move to learning from home for short periods of time.

If this is the case your school will work with the Directorate ahead of time to make this decision and families will be provided with learning activities for use during this time.

Sometimes this decision will need to be made quickly. We appreciate that the short notice is difficult for families and, where we can, will ensure we give as much notice as we are able.

Non-essential events and excursions

There may also be the need to postpone/cancel planned activities and events offsite (e.g., camps, excursions, sporting days etc.) from time to time, sometimes at short notice.

We appreciate any cancellation is disappointing and wherever possible schools will reschedule these missed opportunities.

Thank you once more to our parents, carers and staff for their ongoing support and commitment again this term.

2022 LIMELIGHT CANCELLATION

As foreshadowed at the beginning of term, pressures as a result of staff availability continue to impact our schools. As a Directorate our priority remains ensuring continuity of learning, prioritising our efforts to ensure we deliver our learning program.

It is with regret that we inform you the Education Directorate has made the difficult decision to cancel the Limelight Gala for 2022.

When the program was launched at the beginning of this year, we did not anticipate such impacts on our schools and teaching workforce at this point in the year.

We appreciate the commitment from our schools to this event. We recognise there has already been significant work invested in the creation and rehearsal of performances. Schools have been contacted by the Directorate in regard to next steps and opportunities to showcase your performances within your school.

The Limelight Team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being enthusiastic supporters of the Limelight Gala. We appreciate everything you do in your schools as advocates for this program and we hope that 2023 will see students back on stage for this event.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Limelight Team on limelight@ed.act.edu.au.

The 2022 School Satisfaction and Climate Survey

The 2022 School Satisfaction and Climate Survey – 19 August to 9 September

As part of our continuous effort to improve ACT public schools, each year all parents and carers, school staff and students in years 4 to 12 are invited to give feedback through the School Satisfaction and Climate Survey. The 2022 survey will be available online from 19 August to 9 September. The results help us to understand the impact that our schools are having on the young people of our community.

Parents and carers have already received the first communication via email advising of student participation in the survey. Closer to the date of the 19th of August, you will receive an invitation with a link to complete the survey.

The Parents and Carer's Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carer's Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the front office.

If you cannot complete the survey online, paper copies of the survey will be available at the front office from the 19th of August.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

Kind regards

Helene Halliday and Dave Corcoran(survey coordinators)

Uniform Shop

Due to COVID restrictions, all uniform shop 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

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.



Canteen

The school canteen is open Tuesday - Friday for lunch. Orders need to be placed on flexischools by 8am each day and will be delivered to classrooms at lunchtime:

- Kindergarten – year 3: 11.10am
- Years 4 - 6: 1pm

The link to Flexischools can be found on the school website.

The canteen would love to thank the amazing year 3 & 6 children who deliver lunch crates to their fellow students for us Tuesday to Friday. A great big thank you to the year 6 children who help serve counter sales at lunch time.

We also would love to welcome any parent/grandparent/carers who would like to volunteer in the Canteen, even for an hour or so to assist with counter sales.

CANTEEN CLOSED: Friday 9th September



Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

Red Hill Primary School

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

Term 3
2022

Sandwiches & wraps *toasted or untoasted*

All served on wholemeal bread unless otherwise requested.

Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.00
Cheese V	\$3.50
Cheese & tomato V	\$4.00
Ham	\$4.00
Ham & cheese	\$4.50
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$5.00
Ham & salad	\$5.50
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Chicken & cheese	\$5.00
Chicken & salad	\$4.80
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Tuna & cheese	\$4.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot V	\$4.50
Salad & cheese V	\$4.20
Egg & cheese V	\$4.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo V	\$4.50

Change up your sandwich:

Add ham, chicken, tuna, egg or cheese	\$1.00
Add Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato, beetroot	\$0.60
Change to: wrap	Extra \$0.50
Change to: gluten-free bread GF	\$1.00

Fresh salads

Build your own salad	From \$5.00
Seasonal fruit salad V GF	\$4.00

Hot meals

Pasta Bolognese: beef H	\$5.80
Pasta Napolitana H V	\$5.00
Lasagne: beef H	\$5.80
Lasagne: veggie	\$5.80
Butter chicken & rice	\$5.80
Stone-baked pizza (cheese or ham & pineapple)	\$5.80
Four'N Twenty Lite sausage roll	\$5.00
Four'N Twenty traveller pie	\$5.80
Add cheese to pasta	extra \$.30

Snacks

Piece of seasonal fruit V GF	\$1.50
Poppin' corn V GF	\$1.00
Jelly (made with 100% juice)	\$2.00
Fluffy chocolate mousse V GF	\$2.50
Banana bread V	\$2.00
Cheesy garlic bread V	\$2.50
Veggie sticks	\$2.00
Custard cup	\$2.00
Jelly / custard	\$2.00
Milo cookie	\$1.00

Frozen

Quech juicy sticks V GF	\$1.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt (chocolate/vanilla, Strawberry/vanilla, watermelon/mango) V GF	\$3.00
Juice cups	\$2.00

Drinks

Plain milk: 300ml	\$2.50
Sipahh straw	\$0.50

V = Vegetarian

GF = Gluten Free **H** = Certified Halal



H denotes products which have been Halal Certified. All chicken used in sandwiches and hot meals is also Halal Certified.

Red Hill School Calendar 2022 – Term 3

Mon 18 Jul – Fri 23 Sep

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Jul 18 - 22	Think U Know – Parent Presentation by AFP	SHFPACT – Puberty Parent Evening			Year 6 Fizzics Incursion Whole School Assembly
Week 2 Jul 25 - 29	Nutrition Magician - Preschool			Junior School Assembly – Year 1 to Host	Year 5 Market Day Nutrition Magician – Preschool Step Into the Limelight – Art Exhibition
Week 3 Aug 1 - 5	Step Into the Limelight – Art Exhibition		Kindergarten Health Checks Australian Maths Competition		PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 4 Aug 8 - 12				Year 4 Cotter Catchment Excursion	
Week 5 Aug 15 - 19	Kindergarten Botanic Gardens Excursion ICAS English Year 2 TBC	ICAS English Year 2 TBC South Weston Athletics Carnival	ICAS English Year 2 TBC	ICAS English Year 2 TBC Year 6 Careers Expo Excursion	ICAS English Year 2 TBC
Week 6 Aug 22 - 26	ICAS Science Year 2-6 TBC	ICAS Science Year 2-6 TBC	ICAS Science Year 2-6 TBC Year 6 Combined Band Practice	ICAS Science Year 2-6 TBC	BOOK WEEK PARADE AND WALKATHON ICAS Science Year 2-6 TBC
Week 7 Aug 29 – Sep 2	ICAS Maths Year 2 TBC	ICAS Maths Year 2 TBC	ICAS Maths Year 2 TBC	ICAS Maths Year 2 TBC	Senior School Assembly – Year 6 to Host ICAS Maths Year 2 TBC
Week 8 Sep 5 - 9					PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 9 Sep 12 -	Year 6 Camp				Whole School Assembly
			Christian Education		
Week 10 Sep 19 - 23	Year 5 Camp				

What is *Learning for Life*?

Learning for Life provides families with opportunities to increase their children's success at school.

The *Learning for Life* program helps each child to reach their potential by supporting their education from primary through to post-school studies.



everyone's family

Learning for Life provides:



Am I eligible for *Learning for Life*?

To be eligible, you must:

- ✓ Have a child/ children in Kindergarten/ Prep/ Reception to Year 6, who attend a school that we work with
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pension Concession Card
- ✓ Demonstrate a strong commitment to education through regular school attendance



What else do I need to know?

Learning for Life is a partnership between your family and The Smith Family.

As a parent/guardian or caregiver, you will be committing to:

- Your children attending school regularly
- Providing a school report yearly for each child
- Returning a yearly progress report for each child
- Maintaining contact with The Smith Family



How do I apply for *Learning for Life*?

If you meet all of the above criteria and would like to apply for the *Learning for Life* program, please complete the referral form provided and return to your school.

For further information, please contact the Family Partnership Coordinator:

Maddison Perkins (she/her)
Family Partnerships Coordinator - Murrumbidgee

Mobile - 0481 464 065
Email - maddison.perkins@thesmithfamily.com.au

