

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are proudly observing our year 6 students as they enter the final stage of primary school. This is traditionally a busy term. The students are working hard on their Exhibition inquiries, supported by their teachers and mentors. Class teachers have also been in conversations with students and high school staff, discussing transitions to secondary school. There is an air of excitement combined with nervousness in the year six classrooms, which is to be expected right now. The students are managing these mixed emotions admirably, particularly given that they were in the unusual situation having to start Exhibition during remote learning.

We want to acknowledge and celebrate the year 6 students' achievements before they leave Red Hill School. We have carefully considered how we can design all the traditional year six events in the best interests of the students concerned whilst also meeting ACT Health's current Covid guidelines for schools. We are mindful that the current restrictions are likely to ease more in early December, but also that the situation could adversely change with little warning, so we need to be flexible, designing events that can be quickly changed in response to public health advice.

We would like to give you early notice of the proposed events so you can block out dates on your calendars.

Please keep in mind that the Year 6 Fun Day is tentative because it will depend on revised ACT Health orders.

Event	Date and time	Location	Who is invited?
Year 6 Exhibition Miss Shaw's Class	Thursday December 2 nd (Group1) 9.30am – 10.00am (Group2) 10.10am – 10.40am	6S Classroom	Two adults per child can attend
Year 6 Exhibition Mrs Norton's Class	Thursday December 2 nd (Group1) 9.30am – 10.00am (Group2) 10.10am – 10.40am	6N Classroom	Two adults per child can attend
Year 6 Exhibition Mr Kemp's Class	Thursday December 2 nd (Group1) 11.20am-11.50am (Group2) 12.00pm – 12.30pm	6K Classroom	Two adults per child can attend
Ms Nixon's Class	(Group1) 2.00pm – 2.30pm (Group2) 2.30pm – 3.00pm	6KN Classroom	Two adults per child can attend
Telopea Park School Transition Day	Mon. 6 th December (Week 10) 9.30am-1.30pm	Telopea Park School, Barton	All students who are attending Telopea Park School in 2022 Students will be transported by bus to and from Red Hill with Mrs

			Norton and Miss Shaw in attendance (no cost involved).
Year 6 Fun Day	Thursday December 9 th To be confirmed early December	Kingpin Canberra and school	All year 6 students in two sessions: 10.00am – 11.30am 1 st Session 11.30am – 1.00pm 2 nd Session
Graduation	Wednesday 15 th December 11.30am-12.30pm (Week 11)	Senior Hall	Two adults per child can attend The event will also be 'live streamed' for other family and relatives to watch. Parents are welcome to take their children out for a celebratory lunch after the event if they wish.

We understand that families may be disappointed that only two adults can attend Graduation. Given the current social distancing guidelines it would only be possible to have more adults attend if we split Graduation into two sessions. As a staff we decided that separating the students from their peers for Graduation would spoil the event for them. Hence, we are holding one graduation session and will also be livestreaming the event to families. If you do not wish for your child to be filmed, please let their class teacher know well beforehand. Please be assured that the event will not be publicly aired, it will only be streamed to Red Hill families (and grandparents if requested).

EXHIBITION

We would also like to mention Exhibition. Exhibition is the culmination of students' learning in the International Baccalaureate program and their time at primary school. The students work collaboratively and independently to explore, document, and share their understanding of an issue or opportunity of personal significance that they have identified. They design their own inquiries, applying knowledge, conceptual understandings, skills, and learner profile attributes that they have developed during their years in the Primary Years Program.

The Exhibition is a powerful demonstration of student agency, in which students take action, showing their development as internationally minded students who have the potential to "make a positive difference in their lives and the lives of others".

The year 6 Exhibition is a new experience for the students. It is the time when teachers “let go” of the curriculum and hand over the learning to the students. This term is therefore largely self-directed for the year 6 children. The experience is an exciting, engaging and equally challenging one, which provides the opportunity to develop lifelong skills in time management, teamwork, critical and reflective thinking, research, communication, and self-management. The process is the most important part of the Exhibition, not the end product. We would like to reassure you that it is normal for every child to find the experience challenging. Our experience has been that every child reaches the end of this time, feeling extremely proud of themselves.

Because term four started with remote learning and we were unsure when normal school would resume, this year’s Exhibition had to be designed a little differently. We have also been constrained by Covid guidelines for schools. If you have experienced Exhibition in previous years, please don’t expect this year’s event to look quite the same.

In closing we would also like to mention that if you are thinking of going on summer holidays early, we would like to ask you to reconsider this. It has been our experience that children who miss out on all the year 6 rites of passage such as Graduation and Exhibition are quite disappointed when this happens. They do not get the opportunity to graduate with their peers and friends who they have known for a long time. Nor do they get the opportunity to proudly showcase their Exhibition work.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child’s class teacher.

In closing, we would like to thank you for your partnership with us in your child’s education.

Kind regards

Ben Kemp, Karen Nixon, Heidi Norton and Holly Shaw (Year 6 teachers)

Louise Owens (Principal)

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