

# RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### POOL FUN DAY

*Bridget Grove, Amy Tanner, Demi Andonaros,  
Sophia Chittick, Janise Chan, Chloe Ngo*

Notes to come  
home next week

- ❖ Year 5 Camp
- ❖ Year 6 Camp



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16<sup>th</sup> December 2022



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# Leadership Team Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is our last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Thank you for all that you have done for your children and our school. On behalf of the Red Hill staff I would like to express our immense gratitude for your support in 2022.

Have an enjoyable, safe break. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Kind Regards,

Louise Owens (Principal)



## END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 have been sent home with the students as these were produced in hard copy.)

Please contact David Corcoran if you did not receive your child's reports or you require an extra copy. Please also contact your child's class teacher if there is any aspect of your child's report that you would like to discuss.

## 2023 STAFFING

In 2023 it will be our pleasure to warmly welcome these teachers to Red Hill School.

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| ▪ Fiona D'Elboux (from Theodore)                 | ▪ Toni Pallamountagne (from Mawson)       |
| ▪ Kate Hanley (from Arawang)                     | ▪ Annika Presser-King (from Palmerston)   |
| ▪ Ashley Howse (from Harrison)                   | ▪ Majella-Rose Shanahan (from Yarralumla) |
| ▪ Manpreet Kaur and Tina Nguyen (from MacGregor) |   |

We also congratulate the following teachers who, although already working at Red Hill, have recently received offers of permanency with the ACT Education Directorate and will be continuing with us in a five year placement.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ▪ Alison Chesson                | ▪ James Urwin (new educator) |
| ▪ Sophie Hopkins (new educator) | ▪ Kim Werner                 |
| ▪ Leigh Kanara                  |                              |

These staff will be returning to Red Hill after postings, parenting leave and other placements.

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| ▪ Kadiya Bilston              | ▪ Gwen McCormack (returned this term) |
| ▪ Isabelle Carpenter (term 3) | ▪ Sammi Smith                         |
| ▪ Charlotte Churchill         | ▪ Ellie Tennant                       |
| ▪ Claire Kerswell (term 2/3)  | ▪ Jodie Watt                          |

With great sadness we farewell some truly wonderful teachers. 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, and wish them all well in their next placements.

Julien French deserves special mention. After many years of threatening to retire she has finally decided to enjoy travelling with her husband. Julien has been an inspiration to all of us and she will be sorely missed.

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| ▪ Rachael Bellwood | ▪ Tania Hardcastle | ▪ Nghi Perrim  |
| ▪ Tahnee Carters   | ▪ Kirsten Khan     | ▪ Holly Shaw   |
| ▪ Julien French    | ▪ Nicole Mengel    | ▪ Karen Spence |
| ▪ Alex George      | ▪ Dianne Peios     |                |

\*Cass Moorby, Melissa Aniversario, Angel Chung and Nicole Macpherson will be taking parenting leave in 2023.

**CLASSES 2023**

We had a stunning response to our recent ‘class formation’ survey. One hundred and seventy parents and approximately four hundred students answered the survey and raised many valid points in favour of all the three options (changing all classes, not changing classes at all or changing classes in some year levels only). After considering all the feedback and their own professional experiences the teachers finally decided to create new classes in all year levels for 2023, whilst keeping sound student combinations wherever possible. This decision will be reviewed in December 2023.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete the survey and offer your opinions.

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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## THE FIRST DAYS BACK

- Kindergarten and Program 1 preschool students will commence school on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**.
- New students and students with special needs will be invited to visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers on this day as well (between 10am and 12pm).

Senior students will conduct school tours for our new students as well. (More information about this will be published in the January newsletter.)

## SCHOOL BOARD

School-based management and decision making is a longstanding and well-embedded philosophy in the ACT public education system, having been an underpinning principle of school management since 1976.

School boards work in partnership with the Principal and school community. They have specific responsibility for endorsing and overseeing the strategic direction and priorities of the school; monitoring and reviewing school performance; developing, maintaining and reviewing curriculum; and approving budgets and policies for the effective use of school resources.

We will have one parent and one staff position vacant on our School Board from March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Being a Board member offers the opportunity to see school life from a different perspective and we encourage you to consider nominating. Nominations and elections will take place early in term one.

Information on the school board selection and appointment process is available in the [School Board Handbook - Selection and Appointment of Board Members](#).

## SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

Our 2022 School Satisfaction Survey results were reported to the School Board recently.

Our student results were well above the ACT average for primary schools in all areas, with highlights including student perception of:

- being treated fairly
- being given useful feedback
- feeling safe at school; and
- being given the opportunity to learn interesting things.

Our parent results were also above the ACT average for primary schools, with one exception. Highlights included parent perception of:

- students being treated fairly
- students being given useful feedback
- students feeling happy and safe at school
- students being given the opportunity to learn interesting things
- the school's recognition and celebration of diversity
- the availability of healthy food; and
- students being well equipped for the future.

The area identified by parents for ongoing improvement was school maintenance.

### Overall Satisfaction Results

	Students	Parents	Staff
Overall, I am satisfied students are getting a good education at this school.			
Red Hill	86%	88.1%	92.7%
ACT primary	75.3%	83.1%	91%
I am satisfied this school has high expectations in all that it does.			
Red Hill	78.7%	77.5%	80.5%
ACT primary	68.7%	74.8%	86%

## NAPLAN RESULTS

YEAR 3	Reading	Writing	Numeracy
Red Hill	450.9	442.6	412.6
ACT primary schools	446.9	443.7	410.6
YEAR 5	Reading	Writing	Numeracy
Red Hill	524	516.5	510
ACT primary schools	514.9	493	499

Given it was a strategic priority in our most recent School Improvement Plan we were really excited to see the achievement of year five students for writing.



Over recent weeks our year five students completed modules about leadership, in preparation for being our most senior students in 2023.

We believe that the best leadership is distributed and that every year six student can lead the school in some way, regardless of whether they are elected to formal positions or not. Each student has written a letter to the school, identifying their personal strengths and values, how these would help them to be a year six leader and where they see themselves as being able to contribute most.

Many students presented leadership speeches to their year levels and/or the whole school. Each of them is to be congratulated on the quality of their speech and willingness to commit to leadership.

For 2023 our elected School Captains are Alsen Lai and Hannah van der Toorn.

Our 2023 vice-captains are Aarna Bagul, Finlay Rangiah, Lilian Nolan-Smith and Morison Grovers.



Our 2023 house leaders will be:

Carnegie	Flinders	Monaro	La Perouse
Archie Wilde	Ahmed Farooq	Ireland Pirie	Anya Olson
Miro Vidler Wilkinson	Maddy Reid	Josie Haling	Chris Pemberton
Phoebe Clark	Nieve Regent	Mitchel Heath	Eadie Croston
Portia Fischer	Tom Lovejoy	Owen MacMullin	Karunya Bishwakarma

These students will be formally inducted into their roles early next term.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal) and the Year 5 Teaching Team

## Student Achievement

Again, Victoria Mortensen has been recognised for her artistic talents with the camera in another major photographic competition this year. She submitted photos for the annual Cherry Photographic competition. On the 27th of November, Victoria Mortensen was awarded first prize for the Juniors Under 13 years for a photograph of her sister entitled "I can see you" - This follows the success for the ACT COTA Award for first prize in the category of Primary School students for a photograph of her father. She also received a highly commended" for another photograph in the category of Junior Under 13 years for the competition. This is a terrific way to end the year for Victoria as she now heads to high school where she can start to explore other avenues in photography.



# Uniform Shop

## Ordering Online

The Red Hill School P&C Association uses Flexischools for uniform shop sales.

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

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.

School Uniform orders for existing students will be delivered to your child's classroom. Otherwise orders can be collected from the front office.

## Ordering in person

Opening hours Wednesday 8.30 to 10:00am and Friday 2.30 to 4.00pm. We prefer payment by credit card but we can accept cash.

With COVID continuing to present a risk we prefer that orders are made online where possible.

Secondhand requests can be emailed through to the shop manager.

Donations can 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.





# Uniform Shop Extended 2023 Hours

## **JANUARY 2023**

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

Tuesday	24th January 2023	8.30am to 12pm
Wednesday	25th January 2023	12.30pm to 3.00pm
Friday	27th January 2023	8.30am to 12pm

**Flexischool orders will reopen on 18th January 2023.** All orders placed between the 22nd and 31st January can be collected during above opening times.

## **Term 1 Week 1 2023**

Monday	30th January 2023	8.30am to 10.30am
Tuesday	31st January 2023	8.30am to 10.30am
Wednesday	1st February 2023	8.30am to 10.30am
Friday	3rd February 2023	2pm to 4pm
Wednesday	8th February 2023	8.30am to 9.30am
Friday	10th February 2023	2pm to 4pm

**Regular Shop hours for 2023 to be confirmed.**

# Community News



## LOOKING FOR WORK IN 2023!

We have the Ideal job for parents/carers wanting to work school hours. Healthy Kids Association services many canteens in Canberra. We are looking for permanent part time assistants at Alfred Deakin High, Stromlo High, and a manager at Lanyon High. We are always seeking casual staff for our other Canteens around Canberra.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Jacqui Gowan, Canteen Business Manager, via email [cbm@healthy-kids.com.au](mailto:cbm@healthy-kids.com.au) or phone 98761300.

### **Title: Paid opportunity for casual Canteen Assistant – Narrabundah College**

Narrabundah College canteen has a vacancy commencing in the 2023 school year for a casual part-time Canteen Assistant - combining school friendly hours with a flexible, supportive work environment.

The Narrabundah College Canteen is operated by the parent run P&C Association on a not- for-profit basis. It serves the entire school community providing meals, snacks and drinks. The role is available for 4 days (Tuesday to Friday) each week between approximately 10:00am to 2:30 pm during school terms. Experience preferred but not essential. For more details please contact [narrabundahpc@gmail.com](mailto:narrabundahpc@gmail.com) to request a full job description or call Sandra Hayhoe on 0417 691 229. Feel free to forward this information on to friends or family who may be interested.