

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Guhika Walia with Kiyali Senarath and Harshika Mehra who performed at the Australian Parliament House 35th birthday celebration recently as part of the Primary Concert Choir.



Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment



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Leadership Team

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to a chilly week 6. The temperature has definitely taken a turn over the last few weeks and has moved us into winter. It is hard to believe that we are already past the middle of the term. The teachers have all been busy working on your children's reports and have spent many hours writing comments to celebrate your children as the amazing learners that they are. We are sure that you will enjoy sharing in your children's successes when the finished reports arrive in your inbox in week 10.

Reports are automatically generated and emailed by our system to the first listed email address for each student. If you require an additional report in hard copy, please contact the front office before week 10.

Reconciliation week

This week we are celebrating reconciliation following on from the school's recognition last Friday of 'Sorry Day'. Many students across the school have been building their understanding of the word 'reconciliation' and what it means for our society.

Rostrum

Last week also saw the finals of the Rostrum public speaking competition that students from years 3-6 have been preparing for this term. Everyone who prepared a speech and presented it to their class, year group or wider school audience should be so proud of their efforts, as public speaking is not an easy thing to do, especially in front of your peers. It is an important skill to have in your toolkit and it was so pleasing to see the amount of risk taking that was observed by your children at all stages of this competition. We would like to congratulate all of the finalists, the overall winner, Ahmed Farooq, and the very close runner-up, Anna Scott.

African Dance Workshops

This week students from years 4-6 had the opportunity to participate in West African dance workshops. Workshop leader, Mitzi, engaged our students in high energy dance routines and provoked participants to think about what life would be like for children living in West Africa. Many students reflected after the workshops that they felt inspired by Mitzi and were excited to learn more about African dance. Students are looking forward to now incorporating their new knowledge into our Wassa and classroom dance routines.

“When I grow up, I want to be.....” day

It was wonderful to see so many students and staff dressed up last Friday to help the SRC raise funds for the Earthquake appeal in Türkiye (just over \$900). We would not only like to congratulate the SRC on a successful event but also Nehir Ugur, for taking action and suggesting this as a worthy appeal for the school to support. Well done Nehir for your advocacy and willingness to want to make a difference in the world. It was also wonderful to share this day with a visit from the Turkish Ambassador, His Excellency Mr Ufuk Gezer, and his wife Dr Sebnem Feriver Gezer, who are also part of our Red Hill School community. Ufuk spoke to us about the incredible response of countries around the world in offering help to Türkiye at this devastating time. We were proud, as a school community, to be part of this.



Kind regards

Deb Lawrence and Kristy Aitchison

MANAGING STAFF ABSENCES IN ACT SCHOOLS

As the colder weather sets in, we expect to see a higher number of staff away at times due to seasonal illness and COVID-19. To ensure that we continue to provide all students with quality learning with minimal disruption, we may be implementing temporary changes to our learning programs.

If required, some classes may be combined for short periods of time. We may also deliver student self-directed learning onsite using either online modules such as Google classroom or hard copy resources.


The school may also take the opportunity to temporarily modify timetables or work with external providers to deliver some programs. There may also be a need to postpone excursions and other extra-curricular activities until there is enough staff to support them.

Every school will implement these measures differently and has the flexibility to make choices that best meet the needs of their school community. If changes are required at our school at any time, we will write to you to let you know. We will also ensure we keep you up to date on how long we expect any changes to be in place.

As always, we remain committed to providing our students with high quality learning experiences in a safe and welcoming school environment.

Thank you for your understanding.

STAYING COVID SMART AT SCHOOL



As you may be aware, there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases across ACT public schools in recent weeks.

To help stop the further spread of COVID-19 in our school, we are encouraging and implementing the following measures:

- Students who are COVID-19 positive or displaying symptoms (including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever) should test and **must not attend school while unwell**.
- Parents and carers must **inform schools** if their child is COVID-positive.
- Keep up to date with vaccinations.
- Families can access a **free rapid antigen test (RAT)** from the front office of their school. Nasal and saliva tests are available. **Test when symptomatic or as a precaution.**
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Distance where possible.

For the latest COVID-19 advice please visit the [ACT's COVID-19 website](https://www.act.gov.au/covid-19).

You can access **free rapid antigen tests** from the front office. Nasal and saliva tests are available.

RED HILL SCHOOL RUNNING CLUB



Interested in running the cross-country track before school?

Come and join Mr Graetz and run every Thursday morning.

8 – 8.45am every Thursday starting 1 June. Hope to see you on the track!

SunSmart Hats

As of the end of May students no longer need to be wearing their SunSmart hats at school. SunSmart hats are optional for June and July and students can get some vitamin D. The uniform shop also has Red Hill Beanies which are a good option in the colder months. Please ensure that all winter jackets, jumpers, gloves and beanies have students' names on them.

Active Travel Program Evaluation

Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) is undertaking an evaluation of the school active travel programs, including the Ride or Walk to School, Active Streets for Schools and School Crossing Supervisor programs.

As part of the evaluation, TCCS is requesting school communities to complete a short online survey about their travel habits to and from school. The survey can be accessed through this link or via the QR code below.



TCCS has engaged First Person Consulting (FPC) – a Melbourne-based evaluation consultancy – to manage the evaluation and the surveys. FPC will not be collecting any identifiable information from anyone completing the survey, and all responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

TCCS appreciates your support to evaluate these programs to continue to enhance the program offerings to schools.

West African Dance

All students from years 4 – 6 had a fantastic learning experience by participating in West African Dance workshops taught by guest teacher Mitzi McRae from Melbourne. Mitzi engaged the students first by getting them to think about the lifestyle of someone their own age living in West Africa. Students then learned to move their bodies in new ways, and also learned a choreography of a West African dance involving many moves. Some students even demonstrated their own solo moves to the drumming which was very exciting. It was so nice to see Red Hill students enjoying dancing so much.



Lost and Found

Lost and Found

We are changing the way we process lost and found at the school.

During Covid parents were limited from attending the school so staff distributed items back to students.

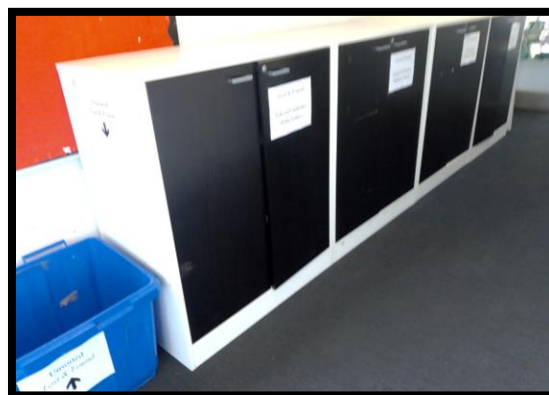
Now with restrictions reduced we are returning to a system where students are primarily responsible for collecting lost and found from outside the uniform shop.

All lost and found will be placed in the big blue bin in the corridor outside the uniform shop. A few times a week this will be sorted and placed in the adjoining cupboards which are divided into named uniform items, unnamed uniform items, non-uniform clothing and in the final cupboard drink bottles, lunch boxes and other items. By sorting the items, we hope to make searching quicker and easier for the students. Parents are also welcome to look for an item there at drop-off or pick-up.

We are making this change partly because returning items took up a lot of staff time and also because having the students responsible for recovering items will hopefully encourage them to not lose them in the first place.

Michael

Uniform Shop Manager



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.





Healthy Kids Canteen Menu Red Hill Primary School

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

Term 2
2023

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



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.

Hot meals

Pasta Bolognaise	\$6.50
Pasta Napolitana	\$5.50
Sausage roll	\$5.50
Beef lasagna	\$6.50
Veggie lasagna	\$6.50
Honey soy fried rice - chicken	\$6.50
Honey soy fried rice - veggie	\$5.50

Weekly specials

Wednesday:	Stone baked pizza	\$6.50
Thursday:	Crispy chicken burger wrap	\$6.00
Friday:	Nacho dippers	\$6.00
	Sushi rolls	\$4.80

Snacks

Piece of seasonal fruit V GF	\$2.00
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	\$1.50

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

Red Hill School Calendar 2023 – Term 2					Mon 24 April – Fri 30 June
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 April 24 – 28		April 25 Anzac Day Public Holiday			
Week 2 May 1 – 5					
Week 3 May 8 – 12					Year 3 Assembly
Week 4 May 15 – 19		PBL Parent Workshop 2.30pm	May 17 Combined Band-Year 6 5.30-7pm Parent Information Evening		May 19 Cross Country
Week 5 May 22 – 26	May 22 School Photos	May 23 Preschool Photos		May 25 School photos – Year 6 and Groups, catch up day. Rostrum Finals	May 26 Preschool Photos SRC fundraiser Year 6 Assembly
Week 6 May 29 – June 2	May 29 Reconciliation Day Public Holiday	May 30 West African Dance Workshop	May 31 West African Dance Workshop	June 1 Year 6 Fizzics Incursion	Kinder Assembly
Week 7 June 5 – 9		June 6 Regional Cross Country	June 7 French Puppet Show K-3		June 9 Cross Country Assembly Preschool Birrigai Excursion
Week 8 June 12 – 16	June 12 Sovereigns Birthday	June 13 Preschool – Birrigai Excursion	June 14 Botanic Gardens Yr 3		Year 4 Assembly
Week 9 June 19 – 23					
Week 10 June 26 – 30	CHESS COMPETITION				

TENNIS CANBERRA JUNIOR COACHING 2023 WIMBLEDON SEASON



SEASON STARTS MAY 30th
ENDS AUGUST 20th



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CANBERRA WINTER CRICKET CAMPS

Times: 9am - 3pm each day

(8:30am drop off, pick no later
than 3:15pm)

CAMP 1

26TH - 30TH JUNE

DEAKIN MINT OVAL

CAMP 2

3RD - 7TH JULY

DEAKIN MINT OVAL

CAMP 3

10TH - 14TH JULY

DEAKIN MINT OVAL

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We are passionate about helping each and every player achieve their goals and reach their potential through expert coaching in a fun, challenging, positive and professional environment. Through the game of cricket we ultimately aim to help our players learn, grow and develop into becoming better people.

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