

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Aari Khan from Griffith Preschool enjoying waterplay in the sandpit on his first day of Preschool.



Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment



14th February 2025

Notes Home

❖ Questionnaires



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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

We believe that education works best when families, schools and the community work together, sharing different knowledge, expertise and resources to support young people's learning and development. There are several ways that these partnerships can support learning and engagement, two of which are listed below. Parent/teacher interviews and learning journeys will also take place later on.

THE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

QUESTIONNAIRES

We appreciate that each child is a complex, unique individual and that parents (caregivers) have an intimate understanding of their children. Later this week you will receive a student questionnaire. This is an optional invitation for you to share your understanding of your child. By providing this information you will greatly assist your child's teacher to get to know your child and to cater for his/her individual needs at school. We appreciate you taking the time to respond. All information is treated confidentially and only shared with staff on a 'need to know basis'.

If, after filling out the questionnaire, you feel there are still issues you would like to discuss regarding your child, please ring the office to request an appointment with the class teacher. There will also be further opportunities for the sharing of information between teachers and parents at our Parent Information Night in week 3 (see below).

TERM 1 INFORMATION SESSIONS (advised by earlier email)

At these evenings helpful information will be shared with you about the school and curriculum. Parents and carers will also be able to meet the teachers and ask any 'burning' questions you may have about 2025.

Wednesday 19th February

<i>Kindergarten to Year 2</i>	<i>5.30-6.15pm</i>	<i>"Teacher Meet and Greet" in year level shared spaces and classrooms</i>
<i>Years 3, 4 and 6</i>	<i>6.45-7.30pm</i>	<i>"Teacher Meet and Greet" in year level shared spaces and classrooms</i>

There will also be a short leadership team presentation and "Meet and Greet" in the Senior Hall between 6.20pm-6.40pm.

Wednesday 26th February

Year 5	5.30-7.30pm	<p>Part 1: "Teacher Meet and Greet" in year five shared space and classroom</p> <p>Part 2: Presentation by Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT (SHFPACT) as an introduction to the year five "Who we are" unit of inquiry (more information will be sent home about this)</p>
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STAFFING SEMESTER 1 2025

PRINCIPAL	Louise Owens	
BUSINESS MANAGER	Marko Tancheski	
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	Nathan James	Curriculum; Student Welfare 4-6
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (ACTING)	Debra Lawrence	Curriculum; Student Welfare P-3 PYP Coordinator
Executive Teachers	Kristy Aitchison	
	Kristy McCumiskey (acting)	
	Gwen McCormack (acting)	
	Ellie Deacon (acting)	Preschool
Red Hill Preschool	Robyn Leatherland Nicole Lipman	Lidija Trpeska (Mon-Thurs) Ivanka Kennedy (Fri)
Griffith Preschool	Mandy Tutalo Julie Ferguson	Bronwyn Beattie
KNR	Nazmeen Rahman	
KS	Nicole Smith	
KD	Isabelle Dunlop	
KMC	Kristy McCumiskey	Robyn Leatherland (Fri)
1C	Alison Chesson	
1J	Juliette O'Connor	
1HK	Kate Hanley	Leigh Kanara (Fri)
1LF	Sue La Flamme	
1S	Karen Spence	
2J	Linley Jenkins	
2KM	Lynda Keane	
2K	Manpreet Kaur	
2R	Virginia Rosser	
2S	Phillip Southerton	
3AM	Angus Middleton	
3KJ	Kylie Jenkins	
3H	Adam Hambly	
3KM	Kathryn Morris	
3W	Jodie Watt	
3WL	Kathy Winchester <i>and</i> Vickie Larnach	
4B	Nigel Byng	Angel Chung (Wed)
4C	John Crawford	
4CB	Claire Bailey	
4N	Tina Nguyen	
4V	Arno Visagie	
5CH	Hannah Churchyard	
5E	Skye Eddi	
5RC	Rose Clarke	
5U	James Urwin	

6D	Zac Lawrence	Ben Doran-Edmunds (Mon)		
6H	Ashley Howse			
6KN	Karen Nixon			
6S	Sammi Smith	Angel Chung (Mon)		
Small Group Program	Gwen McCormack Libby Howard	Toby Palmer Tasmira Habib		
Response to Intervention	Kadiya Bilston, Aminah Kazak and Kim Werner			
Learning Support Assistance	Veronica Ellsmore Leanne Emerson Cass Mallinson Harrison Whitelum Ivanka Kennedy	Nicole McPherson Kerry Sturgeon Deepa Walia Joanna Cruikshank Zac Noack		
Specialists Semester 1				
Amanda Dawe (French K-3)	Will Colebatch (PE K-3; Sports Coordinator)	Sophie Hopkins (Arts)	Toni Pallamountagne (Preschool; Junior Release)	Jeisson CarvajalRios (In house relief) Leigh Kanara (In house relief)
Irean Tan & Angel Chung (Mandarin 4- 6)	Dan Graetz (PE 4-6; Drumming)			
School Psychologist: TBA (3 days per week)				
School Secretary: Nicole McPherson and Ivanka Kennedy		Enrolments: Amanda Butz		Finance, excursions and general support: Kirsten Aitchison
Building Services Officer: Pier Peterson				

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Our staff are here to support students, parents and each other. If you have any questions or concerns, big or small, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher. However, there may be times when the teacher is unable to help you, or you feel your question has not been answered. On those occasions, please come to see a member of the leadership team. We want to work in partnership with you and the sooner we are aware of a concern, the faster we can work together to find a solution.

Leadership team year level support	
Preschool	Ellie Deacon
Kindergarten	Kristy McCumiskey
Years 1-3	Debra Lawrence
Year 4	Kristy Aitchison
Small Group Program	Gwen McCormack
Year 5	Nathan James
Year 6	Louise Owens
Deputy Student Welfare and Curriculum P-3 (Acting)	Debra Lawrence
Deputy Student Welfare and Curriculum 4-6	Nathan James

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will occur in our school between **12 and 24 March 2025** for students in years 3 and 5. Nowadays the tests are online, and are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each one presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment. Tailored testing also allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. (All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.)

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress and identify areas of strength and development. All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

NAPLAN and RAMADAN

This year NAPLAN overlaps with the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which is expected to begin on 1 March 2025. Ramadan is a sacred month for the Muslim community. Members of the Muslim community may observe the period by fasting from food and drink between dawn and sunset, with a focus on devotion and spiritual contemplation. Students therefore may be more tired than usual during the school day.

Parents and carers should let class teachers know if this will impact their children and discuss any concerns to identify what support measures are available. Where possible we will schedule NAPLAN tests first thing in the morning to ensure fasting students' energy levels are at their highest.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education Program is available at parent request. The sessions go for one hour during class time in week 9 each term. Permission notes will be sent home to all kindergarten students soon. If your child is in a higher year level a permission note can be collected at the front office.

SAFETY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Students are often eager to connect with friends, arriving at school very early. Please remember that staff begin playground duty at 8.50am and that school commences at 9.10am. This is because staff need time before school to prepare for lessons and attend meetings. If you do need to drop your child off early, Woden Community Services provide 'before school care'. Please also remind your child that, if they arrive at school



before duty commences and experience any difficulty, they should come to the staffroom or the front office for assistance. Students should also be reminded to play in their designated year level area on the asphalt before school. Once they have entered the Breezeway or black gates they should remain in this area, rather than go to the basketball courts or local shops

After school each day, a teacher is on duty at the front of the school until 3.40pm. It is important that all children wait for parents in this supervised space and that they are collected by 3.40pm so that the duty teachers can get to staff meetings and other commitments. If a child is not collected by 3.40pm the duty teacher will take him/her into the front office to wait and will ring his/her parents. The child will then need to be signed out by the parent when they arrive. Again, please remind your children that, if they experience any difficulty after school, they can go to the duty teacher or front office for assistance. Woden Community Services and the Paid Tutor Program also provide after school programs.

Thank you for sending your children to school with sun smart hats and water bottles.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal), on behalf of all the Red Hill staff

School Community

SCHOOL BOARD

Are you passionate about making a difference in our school community? We are seeking nominations for two positions on the Red Hill School Board: one for a Staff Member and one for a Parent Member, starting from 1st April 2025.

School boards work closely with principal and the community to ensure our school operates in the best interests of our students. By joining, you'll help foster excellence, inclusion, and an environment where all students can thrive.

Nominations open: Monday, 10th February 2025

Nominations close: Monday, 24th February 2025

For further information about the role of school board members, please visit [School Boards](#).

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

INTERGENERATIONAL GARDENING DAY

The first gardening day of 2025 is coming up. Friends and grandparents are welcome. Please bring fruit and vegetable scraps if you have any.

Sunday 23 February 10am to 1pm.
Come along for a visit or to lend a hand



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO**

**Red Hill School
Intergenerational
Gardening Day**

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

10AM -1PM

**Come along for a visit or lend a hand
Queries: Sheb 0466 904 478**



School Crossing



Some School Crossings in your area are now staffed with a supervisor before and after school to ensure that **any** pedestrian can cross the road safely.

Please encourage children to use the crossing and listen carefully for the **2 short whistles** which signals it is safe to cross.



HOBART

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.

Donations can be placed in the purple bin in the front office foyer.

Lost property collected around the school is placed in the big blue bin outside of the uniform shop. Items in the blue bin will be sorted and then placed in the adjoining blue and white cupboards for students to look through and collect any of their property that they find. When possible, staff will deliver labeled items to classrooms.



Red Hill School Calendar 2025 – Term 1

Mon 3 Feb – Fri 11 April

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Feb 3 -11	First Day of School for Preschool, Kindergarten and new Students	First Day of School for Years 1 to 6			
Week 2 Feb 10 -14					School Census Whole School Assembly
Week 3 Feb 17 - 21			Teacher Information Session K-2 5:30-6:15pm Yrs 3, 4 & 6 6:45-7:30pm		
Week 4 Feb 24 - 28			Teacher Information Session Yr 5 5:30-7:30pm		Senior Assembly - Year 6
Week 5 Mar 3 - 7	5 th – 7 th March Year 5 Camp				
					Junior Assembly - Year 3
Week 6 Mar 10 - 14	Canberra Day		NAPLAN		
					14 th March Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
Week 7 Mar 17 - 21	NAPLAN				
	Harmony Week				
					Senior Assembly – Year 4 World Down Syndrome Day
Week 8 Mar 24 - 28	NAPLAN				Junior Assembly – Year 2
Week 9 Mar 31 -Apr 4					South/Western Regional Swimming Carnival
Week 10 Apr 7 -11					Whole School Assembly

Community News



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<p>Juniors 11-13 years Tuesdays 5:00-7:30pm</p>	<p>Intermediates 14-17 years Wednesdays 4:45-7:00pm</p>
<p>Seniors 18-25 years Mondays 5:30-8:00pm</p>	<p>Masters 26+ Wednesdays 6:45-8:30pm</p>

First 2 classes obligation free!

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SESSION DETAILS

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WHERE: PARKES PLACE WEST LAWNS - BETWEEN THE TREASURY BUILDING AND THE FOUNTAIN

- LEARN NEW SPORTS SKILLS
- UNDERSTAND SPORT-SPECIFIC RULES
- GAME BASED ACTIVITIES
- BUILD CONFIDENCE TO JOIN COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUBS

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7-10 YEAR OLDS - 11:00AM

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LOCATION
ANU, 19 North Road,
Acton ACT 2601 - 15, 16,
17 and 22, 23, 24 April
2025

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