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# Red Hill School Newsletter

## Coming Events

### Regular Weekly events

- Junior Singing Group – Fri  
8.30am
- Year 3/4 Choir – Thursdays  
8.15am
- Year 5/6 Choir Tuesdays  
8.30am

### Week 4

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

All class groups and siblings  
with year 4 students

Preschool Botanical Gardens  
Excursion Winyu and Djira

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Year 6 Combined Band  
Rehearsal and Concert at  
Garran Primary School

Preschool Botanical Gardens  
Excursion Garrang and  
Gabadang

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Year 4 Camp

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Kindergarten NGA Excursion

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**Catchup day, Specialist  
Groups and Siblings**

### Week 5

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Reconciliation Day – Public  
Holiday

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Year 1 Questacon and NGA  
Excursion

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Cross Country Carnival Awards  
Assembly



*Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment*



*Year 1 boys running the cross-country*

## Notes Home

PSSA South Weston Primary Schools Cross Country Carnival 2019

Year 5 Combined Bank Rehearsal and Concert

Year 6 Combined Bank Rehearsal and Concert

Year 1 Questacon and National Art Gallery Excursion

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# Our Next Assembly

Will be a **SENIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9:25am

*Hosted by: The Year 3 Team*

All welcome, please be seated by 9:20am for a prompt start

## 2019 School Photos

### Reminder

When:

Primary School



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – all class and individual photos

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May all specialist groups, sibling photos\*\* and catch up photos

**\*\*Sibling photos – due to year 4 camp at the end of the week, families with students in year 4 will have sibling photos taken on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

*All transactions and orders are between families and “The School Photographer”.*

*Orders must be made online at [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) or by handing envelopes with orders and payments to the photographer on the day. Online orders can be made after photo day however, envelopes cannot be accepted by the school after photo day. Some blank envelopes and SIBLING ENVELOPES can be collected at the front office.*

*Ordering ‘Specialist Photos’: Information will be sent home later in the process to order these.*

## Leadership Team Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Improving learning and achievement for all students**

Students and teachers are back into the business of teaching and learning, with lots of activity humming along throughout the school. I know years 3 and 5 have enjoyed their recent excursions, making the most of the fantastic opportunities here in our national capital. The year three teachers were very impressed with the program delivered at Birrigai last week for their Sharing the Planet unit of inquiry, as were the year five teachers when they visited Anzac Parade and Reconciliation Place. Teachers commented yesterday that they had developed entirely different perspectives themselves on the year five excursion; a wonderful thing to happen when we are modelling lifelong learning.

Many year levels are in the process of completing current units of inquiry and teachers are discussing how the next inquiries may look. These are always such exciting conversations, with all team members having the chance to share ideas and discuss the various learning opportunities that might be offered to students. We always hope for student action as the inquiries draw to a close. If your child ever takes action at home as the result of learning at school, we would love to hear about these stories. Feel free to email teachers or send a note in. Alternatively email me, I love hearing what our students are up to!

Last week's cross country event ran very smoothly in the new format. It was amazing to see students striving to achieve 'personal bests', regardless of where they placed in their events. They showed great courage and resilience- we recognise the efforts of every student, no matter how far or how fast they ran. We also thank Dan Graetz and Rob Elsom for their work organising the day.

### **A safe, inclusive and respectful school culture**

#### **Anti-bullying message**

Our year 6 school captains and vice captains spoke to the whole school assembly last week about bullying. They very clearly gave the message that bullying is not something they want to see in our school. They also gave students some ideas about what can be done if they experience or witness bullying. The student leaders shared a clip from the **Bullying. No Way!** website which was powerful.

This is the link to the video; you may like to watch it with your child. Parents frequently ask what they can do at home to help their child's learning- watching and discussing this video would certainly do this, presenting an important shared message between home and school.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/resources/videos/pages/videoplayer.aspx?VideoID=183>

The Bullying. No way! website provides resources for teachers, students and parents around the issue of bullying. We recommend parents and carers take some time to browse through what it offers. Staff and the student leaders will focus on anti-bullying messages throughout this term, both at assemblies and in the classrooms.

#### **Red Hill Shops**

We have been told that quite a few older students are going to the Red Hill shops before school, often catching up with friends. Our concerns about this are twofold: firstly, parents may have dropped students at school before teachers are on duty and not realise the students are leaving the school grounds to walk over to the shops. If staff observe students leaving the school grounds, we redirect them back to school. (Alternatively, the students may stop at the shops on their way to school.)

Our second worry is that community members have told us that some students are spending relatively large sums of money each day on lollies, chips and packets of biscuits, which they are consuming before school or at recess. The excessive levels of sugar that are being ingested don't set students up for success at school. It might be worthwhile to ask your child if they have walked across to the shops to meet friends or buy food. A conversation about what is appropriate for school snacks may also be in order.

Kind regards

Emma Campbell

# 2020

## ACT Public School Enrolments Process

*Initial Enrolment Consideration Period Opens—* **Monday 29 April 2019**

**Enrolment Applications should be lodged online at:**

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

ACT public school enrolments for 2020 open at 6am on **Monday 29 April 2019**. This is for all enrolments from Preschool to Year 12.

For applications received by **7 June 2019**, offers will begin to be made from **29 July**.

You are encouraged to get your application in before 7 June, so your school can start planning for your child's education. However, every child from Kindergarten to Year 12 is guaranteed a place at their local public school, regardless of when you apply.

The Education Directorate (ED) enrolment process has been updated. To avoid disappointment, and before completing your enrolment form, please carefully read the information on the ED website so you can make the best decision for your family from the options available.

## Earn & Learn 2019



We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

Sticker sheets are available at the front office or you can print off the sheet on page 11 of this newsletter, get sticking and bring them in and drop the sheets off in the boxes in the breezeway or front office.



# Year 5 News

In Year Five we are currently looking at the transdisciplinary theme of *Where we are in place and time*, the central idea being that “significant events and people shape a nation”. We have looked at Australia’s identity and tried to understand which events in Australian history have contributed to making us who we are as a nation. One event that has moved us all was World War One and the ANZACS. Year five did a phenomenal job of hosting the ANZAC commemoration ceremony. We also reflected on what ANZAC means to us. Here is what some of the students wrote:



Captains and the school Wreath

*‘Anzac days means to me to remember all those brave souls who served this fair nation. We respect and appreciate what they have done for this wonderful country. No matter what we shall still commemorate this day as ANZAC Day.’ By Abi*

Red Hill Primary School Wreath made by some of our defence children here at Red Hill



*‘For me ANZAC Day is a time for us to remember all those who served for this nation. All those who fought through the cruel weather and the terrible conditions they had to live in. It is a time for us to pay respects to all those who had fought for what this world is today. It had proved our loyalty to different countries it had also proved our mateship on how we would do anything for our friends. It proved that we have enthusiasm. When Australia went to join the war, people started signing up immediately spreading the word about the war and finding as many possible ways they could help. Because of ANZAC Day Australia has become what it is today and I am extremely thankful for that.’ By Kimiya*

We have had a moving and emotional experience of interviewing serving and ex serving members of our community as well as the elderly within our community. This was a rich experience that helped us make connections between the same event having the possibility of many different perspectives.

We also went on a trip to the National Museum and participated in a workshop on “Making a Nation” This was an invaluable experience that we all enjoyed.



# Library News

## Library Trust Fund

Our library is funded by the *Red Hill Primary School Library Trust Fund*. We use these funds to purchase resources and equipment to support our PYP units of inquiry, as well as our school subscription to Storybox Library, and our monthly order of picture books, novels and non-fiction from Lamont Books.



In recent years we have also used funds from the Library Trust Fund to buy “big ticket items” to improve the physical space and make the library easier and more enjoyable to use. In 2017 and 2018 we purchased new shelving for the non-fiction and picture books and earlier this year we purchased a range of soft furnishings. The furniture has been positively received by our students and it is wonderful to see so many students using our library space during lessons and lunch time.

This year’s focus is to update and improve our non-fiction collection, particularly resources in the areas of positive education and mindfulness, science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics.

All contributions to the Library Trust Fund are tax deductible and can be made to the front office. Thank you for your continued support.



# 2019 Cross Country Carnival



We had a fantastic cross-country carnival last Thursday. Well done to everyone who participated and congratulations to those who placed.

We will be holding our ribbon assembly on Friday 31 May in the hall from 9:30am. We hope to see you all there.

Thank you

Dan Graetz and Rob Elsom

# SEAACT Science and Engineering Fair 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

2019 SCIENCE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF THE ACT (SEAACT)  
SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

We would like to offer students the wonderful opportunity to participate in the 2019 Science Educators Association of the ACT (SEAACT) Science & Engineering Fair.

Involvement in the Science Fair is voluntary and is open to all students from preschool to year 6 for individual or group entry. The Science Fair is designed to be a lot of fun and provide opportunities for some family 'conversations' over the next couple of months. If your child loves Science and thrives in independent learning situations, we encourage you to consider this opportunity.

Participation is optional and will largely involve independent work on Science Fair projects at home. Teacher support will be available on Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunchtimes in the library. There is a RHIPP group called Discovering Science for students in year 1 to 6 Science to further support students with their Science Fair projects. All materials for these projects is to be supplied from home.

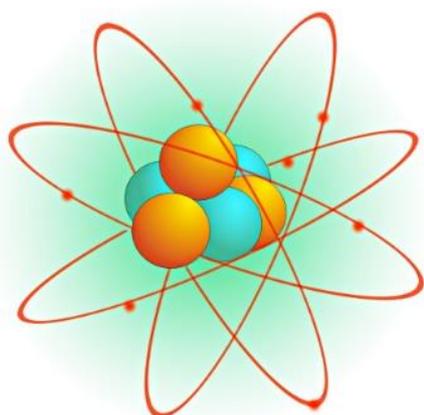
## KEY INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCIENCE FAIR

Download your copy of the "My Science Investigation Student Booklet" to start your project at:

<http://seaact.act.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Science-investigation-booklet-1.pdf>

All information can be found at the SEAACT Science Fair webpage:

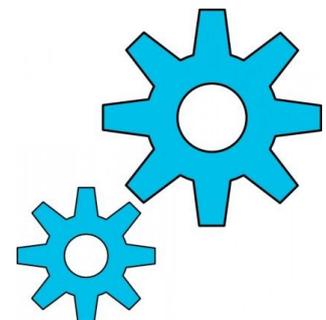
<http://seaact.act.edu.au/science-fair/>



Please ask your child to come and see me in the library on Wednesdays or Thursday, if they are interested in participating.

Kind regards,

Tony Kennedy  
(Science Fair Coordinator)



# Uniform Shop News

## Opening Hours are:

Wednesdays → 8.30am to 9am

Fridays → 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Online orders remain the same with Flexischools: [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

### Special Note:

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May (Week 5) - the Uniform Shop will be closed.**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May – 8.30am to 9.30am**

## LOST PROPERTY

The new location for Lost Property is working out well and we have managed to keep a good handle on the incoming items. Please ensure you **label** your child/children's clothing/drink bottles/lunch boxes and if something does go missing to pop in and take a look as soon as you can. Remember 'Lost Property' is open all day during school hours.

Any unlabelled item of clothing not collected by mid-term (week 5) will be either placed in the second-hand bins (RH logo items only) for resale or given to charity (non-school items including plain green and gold clothing) depending on the condition of the item. The same process will occur at the end of term.

Managing the lost property and Uniform Shop during opening times can be a big job for one person, it takes a community to keep our school services going. Please if you have time to spare and wish to help out do get in touch.

Thank you,

Leanne

Uniform Shop Manager

rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com

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## School Banking



### School Banking day – Friday

Leave banking at Front Office by 9.00am on Friday Morning

Collect after 3.15pm on Friday Afternoon



Open a Dollarmite account at any Commonwealth Bank branch and start banking today  
every \$ you bank raises money for the school

# Red Hill School Calendar 2019 – Term 2

Mon 29 Apr - Fri 5 Jul

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Week 1 Apr 29 – May 2		Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am		Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Newsletter Junior Singing Group 8:30am ANZAC Assembly	
Week 2 May 6 - 10	ACT Swimming Carnival	<b>Preschool Photos</b> Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am 5MN & 5FT National Museum Excursion	Ridiculous Rhyme Show – Whole School	<b>Preschool Photos</b> School Cross Country Carnival Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Junior Singing Group 8:30am Whole School Assembly Hosts - Executive Team RHIPP	
Week 3 May 13 - 17	NAPLAN ONLINE NAPLAN 5F & 5N National Museum Excursion P&C Meeting 6.30pm Staff Room	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am School Board Meeting 5:45pm	Year 5 ANZAC Parade & Reconciliation Place Excursion Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am INFORMATION EVENING FOR NEW ENROLMENTS.	Year 2 Qwestacon and Boundless Playground Excursion Newsletter	Junior Singing Group 8:30am RHIPP
Week 4 May 20 - 24	<b>School Photos</b> <b>Year 4 Sibling</b> <b>Photos</b> Preschool Botanical Gardens Excursion		Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am	Year 4 Camp		Junior Singing Group 8:30am Senior School Assembly Hosts – Year 3 <b>School Photos – Catch Up / Special groups / Sibling</b> RHIPP
Week 5 May 27 – 31	<b>27 May Reconciliation Day</b>	Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am	Year 1 Qwestacon and NGA Excursion	Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Newsletter Junior Singing Group 8:30am RHIPP Cross Country Awards Assembly 9.30am	
Week 6 Jun 3 - 7	South Weston Cross Country Carnival	Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am	Year 5 Combined Band Rehearsal at Mawson Primary School	Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Junior Singing Group 8:30am Whole School Assembly Hosts - Executive Team RHIPP	
Week 7 Jun 10 - 14	<b>10 June Queen’s Birthday</b>	Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am		Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Newsletter Junior Singing Group 8:30am RHIPP	
Week 8 Jun 17- 21		Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am School Board Meeting 5:45pm		Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Junior Singing Group 8:30am Junior Assembly Hosts - Year 1 RHIPP	
Week 9	P&C Meeting 6.30pm Staff Room	Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am	Christian Education	Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Newsletter Junior Singing Group 8:30am	
Week 10		Year 5/6 Choir – 8:30am		Year 3/4 Choir - 8:15am	Whole School Assembly Hosts – Executive Team	

