

# RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# Leadership Team Overview

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

First, we faced the 'Black Summer Fires' of 2019/2020, when the city was shrouded in thick smoke. These were immediately followed by the Covid 19 pandemic, which brought with it a range of challenges for families, schools and the wider community. Together we 'weathered the storm', learning to adapt to change more frequently and rapidly than ever before, especially in education.

When school resumed this year, everyone was rested, hopeful and excited. Little did we realise what new challenges lay ahead, particularly in terms of student and teacher absences and staffing shortages that the education system, locally and nationally, has never experienced before. These challenges have certainly had an impact on our school's operation. However, as this unusual term draws to an end, I want to express my appreciation of the Red Hill School staff and their continual professionalism and dedication to students. They have banded together to support colleagues and children, ensuring that we continue to deliver a quality education program. I also feel incredibly grateful to you, our parents and carers, for being understanding when things didn't go as planned, for showing your children's teachers continual support and for being there for other families in need. I am extremely proud to be part of this school community.

At this time of the year, we usually hold student led conferences, inviting parents into school. Under the current Covid guidelines this would be difficult to manage. Teacher and student absences, staffing shortages and the implementation of Covid restrictions have also increased workload this term. Consequently, we have decided to postpone the conferences until later in the year. However, we know that giving you timely feedback early in the school year is important so that you can play an informed role in your child's education. At the end of next week classroom teachers will be sending home progress sheets for every student. These are not formal reports (which come home at the end of each semester) but are brief records of the key areas of achievement and development for each child, and the goals they are currently working on. The intention is to help you as parents to converse with your children about their learning and target support around their goals and areas of development.

We hope that student led conferences and learning journeys are possible later in the year.

We are looking forward to holding our first assemblies for the school year next Friday and have been busily planning excursions, school camps, senior house soccer and cross-country carnivals (junior and senior) for early next term.

Our students have shown remarkable resilience and commitment to learning this term, coping with changes of routines and staff. They have worked hard, engaged positively and supported their peers. Most year levels have already commenced their second unit of inquiry. Over the last few weeks each kindergarten student has also completed baseline assessments for literacy and numeracy, and year three and five students have sat NAPLAN familiarization tests, so they know what to expect during the actual assessments in May.

Last weekend's celebration of Ride2School Day with 'Simon the Bike Guy' was a highlight of this term. Usually, Simon has a pop-up maintenance workshop in Bowen Park but last Saturday he set up at Voyager Park. A big thanks to Brent Fuller, a parent, who introduced Simon to Red Hill School and to the school's P&C, for organising and sponsoring this free community event, which was so successful that we may repeat it!

Kind regards, Louise Owens (Principal)

## School Captains Report

Hello Red Hill,

Wow! What a term we have had! It sure does ring true that time flies when you are having fun!

We are proud to announce and would like to inform you that the bullying boxes are up and running once more and as Captains we are hoping to get more around the school more as covid restrictions ease. The captains will check on the bully boxes once a week or more as we can improvise depending on how much they are used.

It is important that we give a reminder that bullying is repeated actions or words that make someone feel uncomfortable, and unsafe. Parents, we encourage your child to talk about bullying and what they can do to get help.

Mitchell has been successful in fulfilling his promise to get larger bike helmets. 8 large new bike helmets arrived in school on Monday week 9!

Free Range Friday, Bridget Grove's captain's promise of more lessons taking place outside, we hope we will be able to start at the beginning of next term. All classes and teachers in the school will be completing a google form so the captains can gather data on Free Range Friday to support the best way of having this implemented.

We have thoroughly enjoyed being Captains and leading the school through a challenging term one despite heavy restrictions due to COVID19. We wish all Red Hill a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing you all when we get back.

From Mitchel and Hugh (Boy's School and Vice-Captain)



# Acknowledgements

Oliver Sim (4P) had a huge evening at the Brumbies vs Reds Rugby Union game on Friday 18 March. Not only did the Brumbies win, but Oliver and his teammates from East's Junior Rugby Union Club were the honour guard for the teams as they ran on the field, and then played in the centre against the Vikings Juniors at half time. Oliver, pictured receiving an autographed ball from Brumbies player Scott Sio, described the evening as 'the most fun I've ever had!'.



If you are keen for your young girls and boys to play a great family friendly sport this season, and are looking for a supportive team environment, the East's Junior Rugby Union Club is the club for you! For more details send an e-mail to [2022ejrcteam@gmail.com](mailto:2022ejrcteam@gmail.com) - juniors training is on Wednesdays from 5:30pm - 6:30pm and games are on Saturday mornings. All are welcome.

# The Francophone Celebration Day

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It was great to see so many people attending the Francophone Market Day on Friday, 18 of March, at the Alliance Française Cultural and Language Centre in Turner, ACT. Many of the Francophonie embassies participated to promote their culture, some of which had food stands, information booths about their country, live music, a book fair and coffee stand which added significance to the Francophonie cultural flavours.

Several of our students were present to admire the displays of collages, sculptures, and artworks to promote the Francophone Poster Competition. This year many of our Year One students participated in the Francophone competition and our board game project was on exhibition at the Alliance Française Centre. Many of the ACT public schools were acknowledged for their contributions and participation, and students were offered treats, brochures, and little gifts by the organisers of the Francophone Market Day. Participation certificates were



awarded to the students who took part in the Francophone Competition. Congratulation to all the Year Ones who compiled the board game on: L' île de la Nouvelle Calédonie which was selected and displayed for everyone to admire. The year one classes who participated in the Francophonie Poster Competition will receive their participation certificates in the coming week. Thank you to all those parents who drove their children to the Alliance Française Cultural Centre, after school, to support and assist us in celebrating such a special day.

À plus tard! Frances Szeremet

# Uniform Shop

## TERM 1 2022

Due to COVID restrictions, all uniform shop orders are to continue via flexischools. <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

COVID restrictions permitting...new families can book time with the Uniform Shop Manager if needed; please email for a booking time:

[rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com)

Secondhand requests can be emailed through to the shop manager.

Donations are to 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.



# Canteen

The school canteen is open Tuesday - Friday for lunch. Orders need to be placed on flexischools by 8am each day and will be delivered to classrooms by senior students at lunchtime:

- Kindergarten – year 3: 11.10am
- Years 4 - 6: 1pm

The link to Flexischools can be found on the school website. Unfortunately, counter sales are not currently available because of Covid restrictions.

The canteen is looking for someone to work Fridays in school hours at Red Hill Canteen.

Must have WWVP card or be willing to obtain this and be fully vaccinated.

Ideal job for school parent.

Please contact Debbie via email at [debbie@healthykids.com.au](mailto:debbie@healthykids.com.au) if interested or wish to know more.





# Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

## Red Hill Primary School

Order online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Term 1  
2022

### Sandwiches & wraps **toasted or untoasted**

All served on wholemeal bread unless otherwise requested.

Vegemite (with margarine) <b>V</b>	\$3.00
Cheese <b>V</b>	\$3.80
Cheese & tomato <b>V</b>	\$3.50
Ham	\$3.50
Ham & cheese	\$4.50
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.80
Ham & salad	\$4.70
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$4.20
Chicken & cheese	\$4.50
Chicken & salad	\$4.70
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Tuna & cheese	\$4.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.20
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot <b>V</b>	\$4.30
Salad & cheese <b>V</b>	\$4.20
Egg & cheese <b>V</b>	\$4.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo <b>V</b>	\$4.20

### Change up your sandwich:

<b>Add</b> ham, chicken, tuna, egg or cheese	\$1.00
<b>Add</b> Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato, beetroot	\$0.60
Change <b>to</b> : wrap	Extra \$0.50
Change <b>to</b> : gluten-free bread <b>GF</b>	\$1.00

### Fresh salads

Build your own salad	From \$4.80
Seasonal fruit salad <b>V GF</b>	\$3.50

### Hot meals

Pasta Bolognaise: beef (with or without cheese) <b>H</b>	\$5.50
Pasta Napolitana (with or without cheese) <b>H V</b>	\$5.00
Lasagne: beef <b>H</b>	\$5.50
Lasagne: veggie	\$5.50
Teriyaki chicken rice bowl	\$5.50
Stone-baked pizza (cheese or ham & pineapple)	\$5.80
Four'N Twenty Lite sausage roll	\$4.70
Four'N Twenty traveller pie	\$5.50

### Snacks

Piece of seasonal fruit <b>V GF</b>	\$1.50
Poppin' corn <b>V GF</b>	\$1.00
Jelly (made with 100% juice)	\$2.00
Fluffy chocolate mousse <b>V GF</b>	\$2.00
Banana bread <b>V</b>	\$2.00
Warm assorted English muffins	\$2.50
Cheesy garlic bread <b>V</b>	\$2.50
Veggie sticks	\$2.00

### Frozen

Quech juicy sticks <b>V GF</b>	\$0.70
Twisted frozen yoghurt (chocolate/vanilla, Strawberry/vanilla, watermelon/mango) <b>V GF</b>	\$3.00
Juice cups	\$2.00

### Drinks

Plain milk: 300ml	\$2.50
Sipahh straw	\$0.50



**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.

# Community News



**EASTS**

**Junior Rugby**

East's Junior Rugby is part of the oldest rugby Club in Canberra and has been a breeding ground for exceptional boys and girls who have gone on to enjoy rugby at the highest levels while always focusing on the inclusiveness and community bonds of their teammates, schoolmates and neighbours.

This core ethos along with playing an enjoyment and skill first approach, builds a special team and Club first culture that resonates through their junior, senior and vocational journeys and importantly, developed lifelong friendships, connections locally and globally.

Our development approach is, and will always be grounded in learning, skills and safe-play under positive coaching. No matter the result, the team culture and the aim of the game is that has every player enjoyed themselves and taken pride in what they have learnt about their own and team's awareness.

**Training Locations**

East's Junior Rugby trains on:

Wednesdays at **Curtin (Dustan St)** for our younger age groups  
Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/iVBdWG2kT1udPm4YA>

East's Senior Rugby trains on:

Tuesdays and Thursdays at **Griffith (Captain Cook Cr.)**  
Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/i1e7CmH7j2EsoQdaA>

Please go to our website at [www.eastsjrc.com](http://www.eastsjrc.com) for further information and registration options including training and full playing options

**Training Time (Juniors)**

Wednesdays - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**For more Information:**

Contacts:

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Aiden Whiteman - 0459 875 766  
Email Address - 2022ejrcteam@gmail.com





# McDonald School of Tennis

## Easter School Holiday Tennis Clinic



Kindergarten Kids to 17 Years

All standards

Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe St, RED HILL

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday to Thursday 8:00am to 1:00pm (Half Day) or  
Monday to Thursday 8:00am to 6:00pm (Full Day)



✓ 100% refund after Monday if not continuing

✓ FULL DAY, less than \$7.00hr 🤩!👍💰



🎾 Full Stroke Development (1<sup>st</sup> timers/beginners will be serving over-arm by end of the clinic!)

🎾 Well trained, well credentialled coaching Team

🎾 Trophy Singles Tournament – Thursday 🏆

🎾 Afternoon Doubles Training and Tournaments

🎾 McDonald's Lunch – Thursday full day pupils

🎾 Great range of Lunchtime activities

🎾 Games, heaps of fun, Prizes galore!

Enrolment forms at WEBSITE- McDonald School of Tennis,

<https://www.mcdonaldschooloftennis.com.au/?msclkid=54e1adccb08a11ecba84569f666e2764>

Or

please phone professionally qualified level 2 tennis coach Matt McDonald, 0412565137