# RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Aurora, Charlie and Lily from Preschool enjoying the Preschool P&C Spring Carnival.







22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023







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Fee code for Voluntary Contributions is VOL CONS

## Leadership Team



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

This term many learning journeys have taken place in which students have had the opportunity to articulate their developing understandings of the world around them and demonstrate the new skills and knowledge they have acquired. There is great value in having parents in classrooms talking with students about the learning that goes on in the units of inquiry which cannot be replicated in written reports. Students' metacognition, assessment capability and confidence as learners develops from the conversations about their learning that they are actively involved in with others. Thank you for making the time to attend.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Alongside the learning that takes place in classrooms through the program of inquiry and literacy and numeracy learning experiences, there have been many extra-curricular opportunities this term. Some of the 'stand-outs' have been:

- massed choir and dance performances at 'Limelight'
- combined Band practices at other schools
- performances by Wassa Wassa at 'Limelight' and other special events (Wassa Wassa have been invited to perform at the ACT Public Education awards next term after two fantastic performances at Limelight)
- the Sue Geh and Jamie Pearlman Basketball Competitions for upper primary students (One of our boy's teams won the Southside Carnival and is progressing to the ACT finals in week two next term.)
- chess competitions for students in years 4 to 6 (where teams excelled and got the finals event), and
- the reintroduction of our 'Red Hill Interests, Pursuits and Purpose Program'.

These opportunities have meant that students could pursue strengths and passions outside the classroom and were only made possible through the expertise and dedication of staff and parent volunteers who were willing to work many extra hours. Huge thanks go to Karen Nixon, Nathan James, Dan Graetz, Juliette O'Connor, Sophie Hopkins, Heidi Norton, Kadiya Bilston, Amber Griffin, Felicity Roantree and Jake MacMullin. The students themselves are to be commended on their perseverance and commitment because they have also put in many extra hours of practice and shown openness to new learning.

Next term is another jam packed one, which will include events such as:

- Year 4 Birrigai Camp (week 1)
- Year Six Music Finale (week 4)
- Year 5 Arts Learning Journey (week 7)
- Year 6 PYP Exhibition (week 8)
- Whole School Pool Day (week 9)
- Year 6 Telopea Orientation and Year 6 Fun Day (week 9)
- Whole school Community BBQ and Disco (week 9)
- Year 6 Graduation (week 10)

#### **Tennis ACT Award**

Last semester Mrs. Norton arranged for our junior students to participate in a wonderful program with "On the Line Tennis", funded through a Sporting Schools grant. The lessons were enjoyed by many and have certainly

raised the profile of tennis as a sport of choice in our school community.

Heidi Norton's efforts to offer this program to our students has resulted in Red Hill School receiving Tennis ACT's *Most Outstanding School Award* for 2023. I would like to congratulate Heidi and "On the Line Tennis" for the partnership which made this possible.

#### 'Jump Rope for Heart'

Yesterday the playground was a splash of colour and ropes. Everyone dressed up in their favourite colours and skipped to music, celebrating being active and at the same time raising money through gold coin donations and skipping rope sales for the Heart Foundation.

We wish you all well for the upcoming break and look forward to the students returning on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> ready for term 4 learning.

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Kind regards, Louise Owens (Principal)



# Have Your Say: Mobile Phones in ACT Public Schools



The Education Directorate is reviewing policies related to student use of mobile phones and similar devices in all ACT public schools.

A new *Personal Use of Communication Devices in ACT public schools' policy* will be created to ensure that ACT public schools and classrooms are safe places that provide an effective and accessible learning environment for all students. It will outline the appropriate use of mobile phones

and other communication devices by students.

By providing feedback, you can help make sure the policy meets the needs and expectations of parents and carers. You can provide your feedback by visiting <a href="mailto:yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/mobile-phones-in-schools">yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/mobile-phones-in-schools</a> before 8 October 2023.





## **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 collected around the school is placed in the big blue bin outside of the uniform shop.

Due to the amount of lost property and the shortage of staff, labeled items will no longer be returned to classrooms. Instead, the 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."

## Community News



Please read this section carefully as there are many holiday opportunities listed.





#### ACT Instrumental Music Program Primary Extension Ensembles – 2024

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Years 4-6 in ACT public schools in 2024 to audition for primary extension ensembles.

Current Years 3-5 students can apply for:

- ACT String Ensemble (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass): Years 4-6 students with at least one year experience on a bowed stringed instrument, in ACT public schools in 2024
- Primary Concert Choir (Singers): Years 4-6 students in ACT public schools in 2024

Current Year 5 students in IMP Band Classes can apply for:

 Primary Concert Band (Woodwind, Brass, Percussion): Year 6 students in IMP Band Classes in ACT public schools in 2024

Students auditioning for Primary Concert Band and ACT String Ensemble must have previous experience on their instruments. These groups are not suitable for beginners. Students auditioning for Primary Concert Choir may or may not have previous singing experience.

Auditions will be held online in Term 4 (27 November - 8 December). All audition requirements and music will be available on the IMP website by Term 4 Week 3.

The ensembles are an excellent opportunity for hard-working, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The groups are active performance ensembles and the families of students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.

Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at <a href="http://www.imp.act.edu.au/our\_ensembles/auditions">http://www.imp.act.edu.au/our\_ensembles/auditions</a>

The form to register for an audition can be accessed in the following three ways:

- http://www.imp.act.edu.au/our ensembles/auditions
- https://forms.gle/MBQrkhmnTaqHdBbZ9
- QR code



Information cards and posters will be available from the Music/Arts teacher at your child's school from Term 3 Week 10.

Applications close Monday 13 November.



### Zumba Kids @ RedHill Primary

- Are you looking for a fun activity for your children that will keep them active and put a smile on their faces?
- Would collecting your child at 4:20pm be easier to manage with your work schedule?
- Does your child love the idea of dancing, but there are not enough hours in the day to get them to dance class?
- Do you want your child to get some extra physical activity into their week?

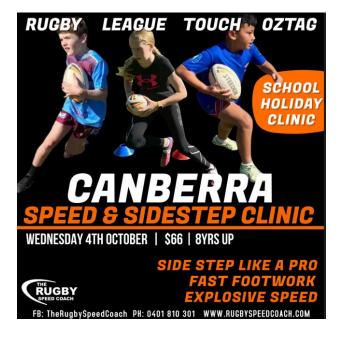
At RedHill Primary School we can help with all of these things and all you need to do is enrol your child.

**Wednesday afternoons** we run Dance/Zumbakids sessions (outside as often as possible but also in the junior hall), no previous experience is required, just a willingness to try something new, or take the opportunity to further develop skills. Children come straight to us when the bell goes, and we will deliver them to you, or After School Care at 4:20pm.

Please use the booking link below to secure your spot, or email Susan info@fun4fitness.net for more details.

https://www.fun4fitness.net/book-online





#### **ACT SPRING HOLIDAY SKILLS CLINICS**

(Tuesday 26th (Intermediate) & Thursday 28th (Advanced) September 2023)



#### **AASC Spring Batting Clinics**

Intermediate & advanced level batting skills clinics. Covering technical bases, batting against spin, batting against pace, power hitting and more.

9:00am - 11:00am at Reid Oval (each day)



#### **AASC Spring Fast Bowling Clinics**

Intermediate & advanced level fast bowling clinics. Build your technical & tactical knowledge base + test your max speed using our ball tracking software

12:00pm - 2:00pm at Reid Oval (each day)



#### **AASC Spring Spin Bowling Clinics**

Intermediate & advanced level spin bowling clinics. Build your spin bowling toolkit. Learn the key methods & tactics to develop as a wicket-taking spin bowler

3:00pm - 500pm at Reid Oval (each day)



Join AAS Cricket Coaching's upcoming ACT Spring Holiday Skills Clinics.

Contact Holly today on 0400 125 342 or activeallsports@outlook.com







## Free Rangers Spring School Holiday Program.

Mon 25th to Thu 28th September. 9am to 5pm, Turner.

We will be cooking over the campfire, climbing trees, building with ropes, woodworking, walking the dogs, exploring the local green spaces. Mostly just getting mucky and relaxed outdoors in the fresh air!

Enrol at: <a href="https://enrolmy.com/free-rangers">https://enrolmy.com/free-rangers</a>

Contact us at: Phone: 0405 467 173

email:admin@freerangerskids.com







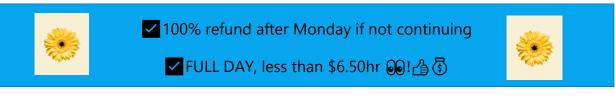
## McDonald School of Tennis Spring School Holiday Tennis Clinic

Kindergarten Kids to 17 Years

#### All standards

Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe St, RED HILL

SEPT 25-29, Mon-Friday 7.45am-1pm HALF DAY, or 7.45-6pm FULL DAY



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

Well trained and well credentialled coaching Team

Afternoon Doubles Training and Tournaments

McDonald's Lunch - Friday full day pupils

Great range of Lunchtime activities

Enrolment forms at WEBSITE- McDonald School of Tennis, <a href="https://www.mcdonaldschooloftennis.com.au/">https://www.mcdonaldschooloftennis.com.au/</a>

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







