

# RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Red Hill School is a Nut Free  
Environment**



Year1 teachers having fun at the Pool!

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



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# Leadership Team Overview

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As this is our last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. On behalf of the Red Hill staff, I would also like to express our gratitude for your support in 2023.

Have an enjoyable, safe break. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Kind Regards,

Louise Owens (Principal)



## END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December the end of year written reports and A-E grades were emailed home to the primary email address listed for each student. (Preschool reports were sent home with the students as these were produced in hard copy.)

Please contact David Corcoran if you did not receive your child's reports or you require an extra copy. Please also contact your child's class teacher if there is any aspect of your child's report that you would like to discuss.

## 2024 STAFFING

We are not expecting a big change to staffing in 2024. It will be our pleasure to welcome Rose Clarke and Aminah Kazak (previously at Telopea Park School) and Annika Presser-King (previously at Palmerston Primary School). Angel Chung and Melissa Aniversario will also be returning from parenting leave.

We are sad to farewell Susan E. and Catherine Thorpe and wish them all the best for their next endeavours. Both of them have made significant contributions to our school.

Ben Kemp will be departing on a posting with his family however will be with us for the start of term one. Claire Kerswell will also be with us in term one before going on maternity leave.

## CLASSES 2024

We have almost finalised teacher placements and classes for next year. However, given that we usually experience changes in enrolments and staffing over the summer break, there may be some slight changes. Class lists will be on display in the Breezeway from 12pm on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. They will also be emailed out that afternoon.

## THE FIRST DAYS BACK

- Kindergarten and Program 1 preschool students will commence school on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**. New parents are invited to morning tea at 9.30am in the Library.
- New students (year 1- year 6) and students with special needs are invited to visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers on this day as well (between 10am and 12pm). Senior students will conduct school tours for our new students in this timeslot. New parents are invited to morning tea at 9.30am in the Library. (More information about this will be published in the January newsletter.)
- All students (year 1- year 6) will return to school on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.
- Program 2 preschool students will commence school on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

## SCHOOL BOARD

School-based management and decision making is a longstanding and well-embedded philosophy in the ACT public education system, having been an underpinning principle of school management since 1976.

School boards work in partnership with the Principal and school community. They have specific responsibility for endorsing and overseeing the strategic direction and priorities of the school; monitoring and reviewing school performance; developing, maintaining and reviewing curriculum; and approving budgets and policies for the effective use of school resources.

We will have three parent and staff (1 staff, 1 P & C and 1 parent) positions vacant on our School Board from March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Being a Board member offers the opportunity to see school life from a different perspective and we encourage you to consider nominating. Nominations and elections will take place early in term one.

Information on the school board selection and appointment process is available in the [School Board Handbook - Selection and Appointment of Board Members](#).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to William Macklin who took action, arranging for his year 1 peers to raise money for the WWF, and was recognised at our last assembly this morning.



Over recent weeks our year five students completed modules about leadership, in preparation for being our most senior students in 2024.

We believe that the best leadership is distributed and that every year six student can lead the school in some way, regardless of whether they are elected to formal positions or not. Each student has written a letter to the school, identifying their personal strengths and values, how these would help them to be a year six leader and where they see themselves as being able to contribute most.

Many students presented leadership speeches to their year levels and/or the whole school. Each of them is to be congratulated on the quality of their speech and willingness to commit to leadership.

**For 2024 our elected School Captains are Bianca Pennington and Harvey Hood.**

**Our 2024 vice-captains are Harshika Mehra, Emily Mortensen, Louise Gotovac and Sunyul Song.**

Our 2024 house leaders will be:

	Carnegie	Flinders	Monaro	La Perouse
Captains	James Gategood Scarlett Stanek	Kyle Rutter Charlie Smith	Hamish Copeland Mathilda Kearns	Ananth Karthik Alanna Povey
Vice Captains	Tom Stefanic Izabela Trpeska	Georgia Pether-McPhie Oscar Whitechurch	Lachie Brayshaw Kodi Seamons	Sophie Heather Kahlan Primrose

These students will be formally inducted into their roles early next term.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal) and the Year 5 Teaching Team

The school values its partnership with Woden Community Services, which enables us to provide 'wrap-around' care for families.

- Holiday care will be available over January 2024 (excluding public holidays, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Play group will be available Mondays 9.30am-10.30am in weeks 2 to 9 of every school term.
- From 2024 onwards the first day of each term will now be a 'pupil free day' for teacher planning. Holiday care will be available on the first days of terms two, three and four next year to support families.



## SCHOOL ADVERTISEMENT

Do you love gardening and community? We are looking for a keen gardener who would like to work in our school on Fridays, caring for our vegie garden, checking in on our chickens, working with small groups of students at lunchtime, helping out Madame Szermet with RHIPP and liaising with parent volunteers.

What do you need:

- A current Working with Vulnerable People card
- Registration with the Education Directorate for casual employment
- A love of children and gardens
- An interest in community engagement.

Please contact Louise Owens if you are interested in taking on this role. ([Louise.owens@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Louise.owens@ed.act.edu.au))

# 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."



## Uniform Shop Extended Hours 2024

The uniform shop is open for extended hours early each year to cater for increased demand in this period.

We will open in the week before schools restarts with the hours shown below.

Please note that new students start school on Tuesday 30 January 2024. Continuing students return to school on Wednesday 31 January 2024. Friday the 26th of January is a public holiday.

Current opening hours (Wednesday 8:30am to 10:00am and Friday 2:30pm to 4:00pm ) will not change for the duration of term four in 2023 but Flexischool orders after the 6th of December will not be available until the shop reopens in 2024.

The shop will be setup in the grade four corridor prior to the resumption of classes on the 31st of January.

### Opening Hours 2024

Tuesday 23rd of January	1:30pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday 24th of January	11:00am to 1:00pm
Thursday 25th of January	9:00am to 12:00pm
Monday 29th of January	9:00am to 11:00am
Tuesday 30th of January	8:30am to 10:00am
Wednesday 31st of January	8:30am to 10:00am
Friday 2nd of February	2:00pm to 4:00pm

And from then on, Wednesday 8:30am to 10:00am and Friday 2:30pm to 4:00pm.

# Community News

**DEC '23 & JAN '24  
KIDS WOODWORKING WORKSHOPS**

**CREATIVE KIDS**  
REGISTERED PROVIDER  
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**DECEMBER 18-22** **TWO SHEDS WORKSHOP**  
WOODWORK FOR WOMEN AND KIDS

Monday 18th Dec morning /// Holiday Present Making  
**SOLD OUT** Monday 18th Dec afternoon /// Swords  
**SOLD OUT** Tuesday 19th Dec morning /// Ping Pong Propulsion Perpetuators  
Tuesday 19th Dec afternoon /// Card Making  
Thursday 21st Dec morning /// Swords  
Thursday 21st Dec afternoon /// Shields  
Friday 22nd Dec morning /// Wind Chimes



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**DEC '23 & JAN '24  
KIDS WOODWORKING WORKSHOPS**

**15-25 JANUARY '24**

**WITH MORE  
WORKSHOPS ADDED  
OVER THE NEW YEAR**

Monday 15th Jan morning /// Bird Feeders 9yrs+  
Monday 15th Jan afternoon /// Spoon Carving 9yrs+  
Tuesday 16th Jan morning /// Flick Hockey  
Tuesday 16th Jan afternoon /// Toolbox Building  
Monday 22nd Jan /// Tall Stools for Teen Girls  
Wednesday 24th Jan morning /// Clocks & String Art  
Wednesday 24th Jan afternoon /// Bug Keepers



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# Summer FREEbies Week!



**This summer we are hosting a week of  
FREE activities for Aussie kids!**

**Working from home with the kids around? Or just need an hour of entertainment to start the day? Sign up for Summer FREEbies Week!**

**Starting Monday 15 January, we will have a different hosted activity every day, including: [Guided coding lessons](#), [Trivia Sessions](#), [Treasure Hunts](#), and more!**

**Join the fun via Zoom and [win awesome prizes](#) such as movie tickets, gift vouchers, and cool merch. All welcome, so tell your friends!**

**REGISTER NOW! [codecamp.com.au/summerfreebies](https://codecamp.com.au/summerfreebies)**



## School holiday bus timetable in place

**FROM 18 Dec 2023**

Free travel on Christmas Day and  
from 5:00 pm New Year's Eve

**PLAN AHEAD**