

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Year 6KN are enjoying buddy reading with KD



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



28th February 2025

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Leadership Team

Dear parents and carers,

It was wonderful to welcome you all back into the school for our recent information evenings. We enjoyed putting them together for you and were pleased to see so many of you there. I would also like to welcome our families who are new to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP).

What is the IB?

'Imagine a worldwide community of schools, educators and students with a shared mission to empower young people with the values, knowledge and skills to create a better and more peaceful world. This is the International Baccalaureate (IB).'

IB programmes aim to provide an education that enables students to make sense of the complexities of the world around them, as well as equipping them with the skills and dispositions needed for taking responsible action for the future. They provide an education that crosses disciplinary, cultural, national and geographical boundaries, and that champions critical engagement, stimulating ideas and meaningful relationships.'

The PYP is the beginning programme of the IB, and it is transdisciplinary in nature where learning aims to transcend traditional boundaries between subject areas. Students explore six transdisciplinary themes of global significance: *who we are; where we are in place and time; how we express ourselves; how the world works; how we organize ourselves; and sharing the planet.*

This term most units have focused on *Who we are* with students investigating concepts such as relationships, connections, identity, self-talk, wellbeing and belonging to name but a few. Students have been involved in engaging learning experiences that have been collaboratively developed with me and all teaching teams across the school. Make sure you are checking in often with your children to find out what they have been learning about in these units of inquiry, so that you can help to consolidate learning through discussion. (Information extracted from *What is an IB Education*, 2009)

We witnessed some of this transdisciplinary learning on Friday morning at the year 6 assembly. Congratulations to the students and teachers for a wonderful showcase of learning.

The schedule for the rest of the assemblies this term are as follows:

Week 5 – Junior assembly – hosted by year 3 (Parents invited)

Week 7 – Senior assembly – hosted by year 4 (Parents invited)

Week 8 – Junior assembly – hosted by year 2 (Parents invited)

Week 10 – Whole school assembly – hosted by the Leadership team (no awards)

If you have any questions or queries that weren't addressed at the information evenings, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher for more information or me if it is PYP related.

Kind regards,

Deb Lawrence

A/C Deputy and PYP Coordinator

Parent Portal Access

We use Parent Portal to communicate with parents and carers. Through Parent Portal, you can:

- get push notifications when your child's teachers post to the newsfeed
- let us know if your child is sick or explain an absence
- book parent-teacher interviews
- receive academic reports and the school newsletter
- make payments
- access our school's calendar and your child's student timetable.

You can access Parent Portal on a web browser or through the Sentral for Parents app, available wherever you download your apps.

For our new families, you should have received an access code and registration link recently. You need an ACT Digital Account to register. Information on how to register is on the [Education Directorate's website](#).

If you have any questions or would like us to resend you your access code and registration link, please contact the front office.



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			19 th February Teacher Information Session K-2 5:30-6:15pm Yrs 3, 4 & 6 6:45-7:30pm		
Week 4 Feb 24 - 28			26 th February 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				
			5 th March Preschool Welcome BBQ and Information Evening 5:30-7pm		Junior Assembly - Year 3
Week 6 Mar 10 - 14	10 th March Canberra Day	NAPLAN			
					14 th March Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
Week 7 Mar 17 - 21	NAPLAN				
	Harmony Week				
Week 8 Mar 24 - 28	NAPLAN				Senior Assembly – Year 4 World Down Syndrome Day
Week 9 Mar 31 -Apr 4					4 th April South/Western Regional Swimming Carnival
Week 10 Apr 7 -11					Whole School Assembly

Community News

SCHOOLS CHESS CHALLENGE AT WODEN 2025 (PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS DIVISION) Organised by Canberra Academy of Chess

DATE: SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2025
VENUE: CANBERRA ACADEMY OF CHESS CENTRE
UNIT 4, 32 DUNDAS COURT, PHILLIP, ACT
DIVISIONS: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DIVISIONS
TIME: 9:15AM REGISTRATION
9:45AM ROUND 1 BEGINS
1:30PM PRIZE-GIVING
COST: \$40 PER CHILD



FORMAT

This tournament is run as an individual event, however there are also school prizes awarded. The winning school is determined by adding the 4 highest scorers from each school. This means that your school can enter **any number of players**, and there is no need to rank them by ability, or assign teams.

This tournament is a 7-round 'Swiss' competition. This means that all players play 7 games and no-one is 'knocked out' of the tournament.

TIME LIMIT

Chess clocks will be used in this event. There will be a short demonstration on the use of chess clocks before the start of the tournament.

The time limit is 15 minutes per player per game. This tournament will be ACF Quick rated (depending on sufficient numbers of rated players entering).

PRIZES

★ First placed school in each division will receive **\$250** worth of equipment from Canberra Academy of Chess

★ Trophies given in each division:
- 1st to 5th individuals
- 1st to 3rd schools

★ All participants receive an electronic certificate of participation.

Children must wear their school uniform on the day of the tournament.

TO ENTER

Fill in the entry form and pay by credit or debit card at: www.canberraacademyofchess.com.au/payment
Enter the code **BH8GK3EDID** then follow the prompts. Please fill in your child's details including their school name on the 'Notes' section, and either PRIMARY or SECONDARY if not clear from the school name.

Please inform your school chess co-ordinator if you are entering this competition. For general enquiries about the tournament, please call us on (02) 9745 1170. For information about this event and other chess activities, please visit our website: www.canberraacademyofchess.com.au



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY NETBALL IN 2025?

Woden Blues Netball Club is this year supporting **NET SET GO**, Netball Australia's introductory program for netball for girls and boys aged 5-10.

NET is a skill-based program for players aged 5-7 years old (Kindergarten & Year 1) that develops netball-specific skills through fun activities and introducing modified games.

SET offers modified games for girls and boys aged 7-9 (Year 2 & Year 3) and **GO** offers modified games for girls and boys aged 9-10 years old (Year 3 & Year 4).

The season runs in Deakin on Saturday mornings in Terms 2 and 3.

For more information and how to register, please email juniorbluesnetball@gmail.com



Woden Blues Netball



2025 Autumn SCHOOL HOLDS TENNIS CLINIC, Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe St. Red Hill.

April 14-18, Mon-Fri 7.45-1 (half day) or 8am-6pm (full day)

✅ 100% refund after Monday if not continuing

✅ FULL DAY, less than \$7/hr 👍👁️

🎾 kindergarten kids-17yrs 🎾 all standards 🎾 full stroke development- '1st timer's/beginners will be serving over-arm by end of Clinic! 🎾 well trained and well credentialed coaching Team 🎾 🏆 Trophy Singles Tournament-Friday 🎾 Afternoon Doubles training and Tournament's 🎾 McDonald's lunch -Friday full day Pupils 🎾 Great range of Lunchtime activities 🎾 Games, heaps of fun, Prizes galore!

-Enrolment forms at WEBSITE-McDonald School of Tennis, mcdonaldschooloftennis.com.au

ACT Skipping for Healthy Hearts

Skipping for Healthy Hearts is a FREE 6-week program for primary school-aged kids that promotes heart health and physical fitness through skipping.

Skipping workshops will run each Saturday with our next program scheduled from **SATURDAY 22 February 2025 until SATURDAY 29 March 2025.**



National Champion Skippers

Full of knowledge and expertise

MEET YOUR COACHES

PROGRAM TIMES & LOCATIONS

THROSBY SCHOOL:

11:00AM - 12:15PM

FLOREY SCHOOL:

1:00PM - 2:15PM

TRINITY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE:

3:00PM - 4:15PM

Skipping workshops are led by experienced skipping trainers who bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Trainers will teach a range of skipping techniques, from basic to advanced, to enhance coordination, balance, and motor skills while ensuring kids have fun.

Kids will be provided with a free quality skipping rope which they are able to keep at the end of the program.

REGISTER TODAY - [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/d/australian--australian-capital-territory/skipping/](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/d/australia--australian-capital-territory/skipping/)

Skipping for
Healthy Hearts





Think Dance
Think Deanne!

Dancing | Co-ordination | Teamwork | Perform | Fitness | Gymnastics

COME & TRY FOR FREE!

All classes at our Club Hub
St John Vianney's School, Namatjira Drive, Waramanga

TEAM	AGES*	DAY	TIMES
TEENIES (recreational)	2 to 5 years	Sunday	9:00 – 9:45am
TINIERS	7 years and under	Sunday	10:00am – 12:00pm
SUB-JUNIORS	8 to 10 years	Sunday	12:30 – 3:30pm
JUNIORS	11 to 13 years	Tuesday	5:00 – 8:00pm
INTERMEDIATES	14 to 17 years	Wednesday	5:30 – 9:00pm
SENIORS	18+	Mondays	6:15 – 9:30pm
MASTERS	26+	Thursdays	6:15 – 9:15pm

*Age is at 31 December 2025

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2025 Enrolments Special
\$95 Discount ^

Enter Promo Code **SN95** on the registration form
 ^ New participants only & excludes Teenies. Register by 15 March

PARENT & CARER ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS - 2025


Help your family be more confident and safe online by:

- understanding the current online safety issues children and young people are experiencing,
- learning how to support your child to be safe online,
- finding out about resources for preventing and responding to online issues and where to go for further support.

Afternoon and evening times available.
All RSVP's receive access to video content and resources.

Scan the QR code or type the link below into your browser

bit.ly/2025_PC_OnlineSafety_RSVP



SCAN HERE!

