

# RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Year 5 students at camp doing the "The Survivor Challenge" that required working together and being willing to get wet and dirty.

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



14<sup>th</sup> March 2025



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# Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the Canberra Day long weekend and the opportunity to spend some time with family and friends. It's hard to believe we are already more than halfway through the term.

Next week, we will be celebrating both Harmony Week and World Down Syndrome Day with exciting activities to promote inclusivity, diversity, and awareness.

## **Harmony Week – Monday 17 March**

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate our diverse community and bring together Australians from all backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

On Monday 17 March, students are encouraged to wear either their traditional cultural outfit or something orange, the official colour of Harmony Week.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to share aspects of their culture with our students throughout the week. If you would like to contribute by telling a traditional story, bringing in cultural food, or sharing a special tradition, please contact your child's teacher.

## **World Down Syndrome Day – Friday 21 March**

Friday 21 March marks World Down Syndrome Day, a global awareness day observed by the United Nations since 2012. This day is all about promoting understanding, inclusion, and support for individuals with Down Syndrome.

To show support, students are encouraged to wear their craziest, most colourful odd socks to school! This fun initiative symbolises embracing differences and celebrating uniqueness.

We look forward to a fantastic week filled with learning, connection, and celebration!

## **Year 5 Camp: A Memorable Adventure at Cooba**

Congratulations to our Year 5 students on a fantastic camp experience last week! Over the course of three action-packed days at Cooba, students embraced new challenges, built resilience, and showcased their leadership skills in a variety of outdoor activities.

Teachers and staff were impressed by the enthusiasm and teamwork demonstrated throughout the camp. Highlights included the thrilling Giant Swing, where students tested their courage, and the exciting paint and water combat course, which brought plenty of laughter and fun.

A heartfelt thank you to all the dedicated staff and parent volunteers who attended and helped make this camp a success. Your support and encouragement played a crucial role in ensuring a positive and memorable experience for our students.

After such an adventurous few days, we're sure everyone who attended has enjoyed some well-earned rest in their own beds! If your child is missing any items from camp, we have quite a lot of unclaimed lost property on display in the breezeway. Please encourage them to stop by and check for anything they may have left behind.

## **NAPLAN**

A reminder that NAPLAN testing is taking place between 12 and 24 March 2025 for all students in Years 3 and 5. NAPLAN provides valuable insights into student achievement and progress in literacy and numeracy, helping both schools and parents support learning development.

Most tests will be scheduled during the morning session, when students are at their most focused. To support a smooth testing experience, we kindly ask parents to ensure their child arrives at school by 9:10 am during the testing period.

If your child is unwell, make-up sessions will be available for reading, numeracy, spelling, and grammar and punctuation.

## **Do you want to connect with your child's learning more regularly?**

Make sure that you are connected to your child's TODDLE portfolio as this is the platform that we use to invite you into our classrooms and celebrate your child's learning. Both students and teachers post learning experiences that they want to share on this platform each week.

All classrooms are using TODDLE portfolios, and you should have received the code, via your classroom teacher, to log into your child's portfolio. You will need to download the TODDLE app onto your phone or other device. The student portfolio feature on Toddle is a powerful way for families to gain an authentic insight into their child's learning.

Each year level also sends home an overview of the learning that will be taking place across the grade level each week or each fortnight. Please see the table below to find out when and where to expect your child's overview of learning to be posted.

Year level	Communication method	Day
Preschool	Physically at the preschool	Throughout the week
Kindergarten	Bulk email - Fortnightly	Mondays
Year 1 TODDLE - Weekly		Thursdays
Year 2 TODDLE - Weekly		Fridays
Year 3 TODDLE - Weekly		Thursdays
Year 4 TODDLE - Fortnightly		Fridays
Year 5 TODDLE - Weekly		Mondays
Year 6 TODDLE - Termly		Tuesday of each new term

You can not only read the posts but use them as conversation starters with your children to find out about their learning. Your children also love to read the positive comments that you post on their work, so keep that coming!

### Student-led Conferences

Student-led conferences will be taking place during Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for students to take ownership of their learning by sharing their progress, achievements and goals with parents and teachers.

More details, including how to book your child's conference, will be sent home soon. We encourage all families to participate, as these discussions play an essential role in supporting student growth and success.

### Reminder:

Please remember to pack a piece of fruit for your child each day to support healthy eating habits.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Kind regards

Kristy Aitchison (Executive Teacher)

## A message from the Education Directorate: Talking with Our School

The ACT Education Directorate recognises that teachers and school staff work hard every day to provide the best outcomes for every student, and that doing this takes time. The Directorate also recognises that it is important that teachers and school staff have time outside their core hours to rest and reset.

In 2024 the Education Directorate developed a Communication Policy for schools.

Every student and every family is important to us. By respecting the time of our teachers, you are helping to make time for them to do their job well. We want to continue to work closely with you on your child's learning at school and do our best to respond to you in a timely manner.

In accordance with the EDU policy, we will aim to respond to your enquiries within a reasonable timeframe (within three working days or, if your matter is urgent, as quickly as possible).

There is no expectation that teachers respond to queries from families during their personal and family time.

We update families on what is happening at our school in a number of ways from information nights, emails, notes, newsletters and our learning management system, Toddle. We encourage you to stay in touch with our school through these channels. Information about learning is also shared through student led conferences, the year six Exhibition, assemblies, parent workshops and end of semester reports and learning journeys.

## A message from the Education Directorate: Mobile Phone Policy

Parents and carers are reminded that the new *Personal Use of Communication Devices in ACT Public Schools Policy* now applies in all schools. You can read more about the policy including frequently asked questions on the [Education Directorate website](#).

For students at Red Hill School this means that students may not use or access personal communications devices at school, including recess and lunch, or during school authorised events. This includes mobile phones and smart watches. Exemptions can be requested if a student needs their device/assistive technology:

- to manage or monitor a medical condition
- to help meet caring or family responsibilities
- to support adjustments for students with disability as part of an agreed individual learning plan.

If you have not applied for an exemption, please speak with our front office. **The implementation documents for both these ACT Education Policies can be found in the Policy Section of our school website.**



## Register now for **Parent Portal**

Our school is using Parent Portal – a secure online platform to share information between parents and carers and your student's teachers.



Ask our Front Office team about how to register or scan to find out more.

With Parent Portal you will be able to:

- notify the school when your child is sick or to explain an absence
- book parent-teacher interviews
- receive academic reports
- receive the school newsletter
- receive messages from your child's teachers
- make payments
- access the school calendar and your child's timetable
- update contact details.



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# Uniform Shop and Canteen

## 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.





# Canteens4 Kids ACT Menu

2025

## Sandwiches

Served on wholemeal bread unless white bread is requested.  
Wraps and gluten-free bread also available.

Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) <b>V</b>	\$3.50
Cheese <b>V</b>	\$4.50
Cheese & tomato <b>V</b>	\$5.00
Ham & cheese	\$6.00
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$6.50
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$6.00
Chicken & cheese	\$6.00
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$6.00
Tuna & cheese	\$6.00
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$6.00
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot <b>V</b>	\$5.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo <b>V</b>	\$6.00

## Toasted Sandwiches (in press)

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Chicken & cheese	\$6.00
Tuna & cheese	\$6.00
Ham	\$5.00
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$6.50
Gluten-free bread	Extra \$1.50

## Fresh Salads

Build your own salad	From \$5.50
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## Hot meals

Pasta Bolognaise (Gluten-free available)	\$7.50
Pasta Napolitana (Gluten-free available)	\$7.00
Sausage roll	\$6.50
Beef lasagna	\$7.00
Crispy Chicken Sub	\$7.00
Mac & Cheese	\$7.00
Baked Teriyaki Chicken & Rice	\$7.50

## Daily specials

Daily specials available online

## Snacks

Fruit salad	\$3.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheesy garlic bread	\$3.00
Banana bread	\$2.50
Jelly cup	\$2.50
Homemade mini muffins	\$2.50
Corn on the cob	\$1.50
Chocolate mousse	\$2.50
Milo cookie	\$2.00
Custard	\$2.50
Jelly & custard	\$2.50

## Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.50
Juice (orange/mango, apple, apple/blackcurrant)	\$3.00
Flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 300ml	\$4.00
Plain milk: 300ml	\$3.00
Chill J	\$4.00
Sipahh straws	\$0.80

## Frozen

Frozen juice cup	\$2.50
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$3.00
Quech sticks	\$1.00
Pineapple ring	\$1.00

Prices inclusive of GST

# 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 <sup>th</sup> February Teacher Information Session K-2 5:30-6:15pm Yrs 3, 4 & 6 6:45-7:30pm		
Week 4 Feb 24 - 28			26 <sup>th</sup> February Teacher Information Session Yr 5 5:30-7:30pm		Senior Assembly - Year 6
Week 5 Mar 3 - 7	5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March Year 5 Camp				
			5 <sup>th</sup> March Preschool Welcome BBQ and Information Evening 5:30-7pm		Junior Assembly - Year 3
Week 6 Mar 10 - 14	10 <sup>th</sup> March Canberra Day	NAPLAN			
					14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April South/Western Regional Swimming Carnival
Week 10 Apr 7 -11					Whole School Assembly

2025 EASTER SCHOOL HOLS TENNIS CLINIC, Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe St. Red Hill.

April 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>, Mon-Thurs 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

## 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](http://www.canberraacademyofchess.com.au/payment) Enter the code **BHBGR3EDID** 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](http://www.canberraacademyofchess.com.au)



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Address: Unit 4, 32 Dundas Court, Phillip ACT  
Postal Address: PO Box 1325, Burwood NSW 1805

## 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 [juniornetball@gmail.com](mailto:juniornetball@gmail.com)



## Woden Blues Netball



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