

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Community News



On Tuesday 25th November, Vivienne's mother Naomi shared a Japanese tradition with 3KM, by showing the children how to make an origami crane. This was part of our 'How We Express Ourselves', inquiry, in which the children are learning about cultures, traditions and celebrations from around the world. The crane represents peace, which ties in perfectly with our holiday season in Australia.



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



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5th December 2025



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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst the countdown is on to the end of the year, things have not slowed down at Red Hill! The last two weeks have been busy, our youngest students from Red Hill and Griffith preschools enjoyed their orientation visits to 'big school', and our eldest students, year six, presented their Exhibition! This time of year, is a period of reflection and gratitude as well as preparation for the exciting year ahead.

The Year 6 Exhibition was a fantastic culmination of the PYP for our current Year 6 students. It was exciting to see the students demonstrate not only all their skills and knowledge, but also their passion and enthusiasm for taking action to support the Sustainable Development Goals across global and local communities. It was wonderful seeing the community support for our students on Thursday evening. The atmosphere in the hall during the performance and the buzz in the classrooms as guests explored the exhibition zones were sensational. A big thank you to the Year 6 teaching team, Karen Nixon, Zac Lawrence, Ashley Howse, Samatha Smith, Deb Lawrence (PYP coordinator), Sophie Hopkins (Arts teacher) and all those across the school and community who mentored, supported and guided along the way. Students reflected on their journey, with many saying it was empowering to create and answer their own questions in literacy and numeracy and to show off their performance to family and friends, and that they were most proud of the positive reactions to their work from people across the school community.

This week also saw some of our kinder transition visits occur for our preschool students. It always creates an atmosphere of joy, with lots of excited, smiling faces. The final visit for the Winyu group will take place on Monday 8 December. A big thank you to the kindergarten and preschool teams who helped to make these transition sessions run smoothly. A huge thank you also to those preschool parents who accepted the offer of a kinder information interview with the executive staff. It was so lovely to learn more about your children in preparation for their kindergarten year.

In preparation for 2026, an 'Acting Up' session will be held on Tuesday 9 December, where all students from K-5 will have the opportunity to find out more about the year level they will be moving into next year. Students will join teachers in their 2025 learning spaces to ask questions about what to expect next year. Thank you to the families who have already let us know that circumstances have changed for next year and they will no longer be attending Red Hill School in 2026. If you haven't let us know, could you please do this as soon as possible as it is very important that we have accurate enrolment projections so that we can plan staffing and classes accordingly.

Finally, the end of the school year would not be complete without taking time to show gratitude to all the amazing community members who volunteer at our school to support the everyday and extracurricular activities that our students and staff value so much. From reading with young students to overnight camps, every task, big or small, is appreciated beyond measure. An invitation is extended to all volunteers to join us at a morning tea on Friday 12 December from 10.45 -11:45am in the Library Courtyard. Invitations include an RSVP slip to be returned to school by Monday 8 December.

Just a reminder that semester 2 reports will be emailed home on Wednesday the 17th of December. To ensure that your child/ren's report reaches your inbox, can you please ensure that your details are correct in the system's database. This means contacting the front office to update your primary and secondary contacts with the correct email addresses if any of these have changed recently. Please also be advised that reports are automatically emailed by the system to the first 2 contacts listed on your child's school profile. If you want additional reports to be emailed to other trusted contacts, can you please leave a message with the front office or email your class teacher with this information.

Kind regards

Vickie Larnach (Executive Teacher)

School Community

LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS Our school community is diverse, and families celebrate many different events over the school year. In December many of our students begin celebrating Christmas and like to give classmates cards and other gifts. We would like to remind everyone that we discourage students from bringing red foods to school in line with the Healthy Foods Policy in all ACT schools. In particular, we ask that candy canes are not sent to school. Not only are they a red food, but they increase plastic litter, are particularly bad for dental health and often become a safety issue when children are running around.

Volunteer Morning Tea

We would like to thank you for the assistance that you have provided throughout the year.



You are invited to join with the staff of Red Hill School for

Morning Tea in the Red Hill Library Courtyard

10.45am – 11.45pm

Friday 12th December 2025

Please RSVP by Monday 8th December 2025

Volunteer Thankyou Morning Tea RSVP

I will be attending the volunteer morning tea on

Friday 12th December 2025

Name: _____

Parent Portal Update

Dear Families,

Please take the time to activate your Parent Portal.

From the beginning of the 2026 school year, Quick Web will cease operation, and all online payments will be processed exclusively through the Parent Portal.

The school will continue to accept on-site cash and EFTPOS payments.

Should you require any assistance, please contact the Front Office on 02 6142 0960.

*Kind regards,
Red Hill School*

A graphic for the Parent Portal registration. At the top, there is a blue cloud icon, a hamburger menu icon, a Wi-Fi signal icon, a laptop icon, a play button icon, an email icon, a mouse cursor, and an @ symbol. The laptop screen displays the text 'PARENT portal'. Below the graphic, the text reads 'Register now for Parent Portal'. To the left, it says 'Our school is using Parent Portal – a secure online platform to share information between parents and carers and your student's teachers.' To the right, it says 'With Parent Portal you will be able to:' followed by a list of features. At the bottom left, there is a QR code and a text box that says 'Ask our Front Office team about how to register or scan to find out more.' At the bottom center, there is the ACT logo and the text 'Digital Account'.



POSITION VACANT: Red Hill School Board Member

The Red Hill school board plays an important role in setting the strategic direction of the school, always acting in the best interest of the school and its students.

The board meets regularly throughout the year. It is made up of representative members from key stakeholder groups such as parents and carers, P&C Association and/or local community members and staff.

Several board positions will become vacant in March 2026, and we will be seeking nominations to fill the following roles in early Term 1:

- 1 x staff member
- 1 x parent member
- 1 x P&C member

To learn more about the roles and responsibilities of school board members, visit the [School Boards](#) webpage.

Further information about the nomination process will be provided early Term 1.

Lids 4 Kids

Rescuing plastic for the planet

Why are we doing lids 4 kids?

To reduce plastic waste, and make amazing things out of lids.

how to donate my lids?

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Remove any inserts in the lid.

Place clean lids in the black tub in the breezeway.

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Student Achievement



In August, Anuradha Karthik (1HK) entered the National History Challenge. She demonstrated her inquiry skills as she researched, made and presented a narrated stop motion video of the Emu War – a significant Australian historical event from 1932. As a result of her hard work, Anuradha was awarded a gold and silver certificate and gold medallion at a presentation ceremony held at The Museum of Australian Democracy in November. Well done Anuradha!

From the 27- 30 November 2025, Archie Simpson (5U) represented ACT at the School Sports Australia Track and Field Athletics competition held at Canberra's AIS. He competed in the 1500m and 800m events, earning personal bests in both. It was a huge success with great sportsmanship on show by all participating states and territories over the full four days.



Each year the school offers a range of enrichment opportunities, including the ICAS and AMT Mathematics Competition and Challenges. As a part of these competitions, additional awards and prizes occur for top performing students. This year, the Australian Mathematics Trust State Awards included state-level distinctions for top performers, along with "Best in School" awards for exceptional results at individual schools.

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of two Red Hill students; Frederic Musial-Simpson from 3KM was awarded an AMC High Distinction and AMC Best In School and Bongo Ibn Imam from 5U was awarded a Year 5 AMC High Distinction.

Congratulations, Freddy and Bongo!



Year 2 and 3 Highlights

Two highlights for our year 2 and 3 students included the Year 3 excursion to the National Museum of Australia and the Year 2 ACT Water Safety Program that students participated in last term.

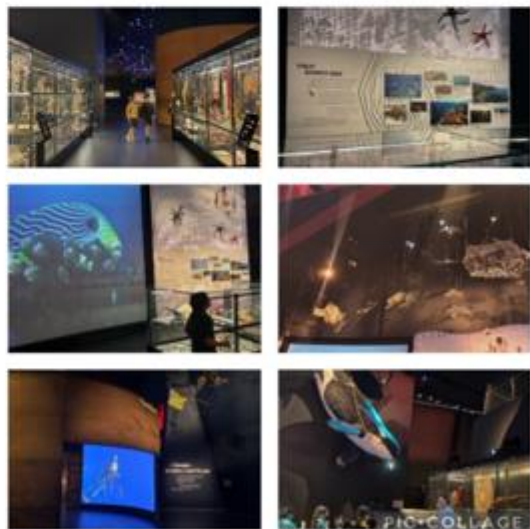
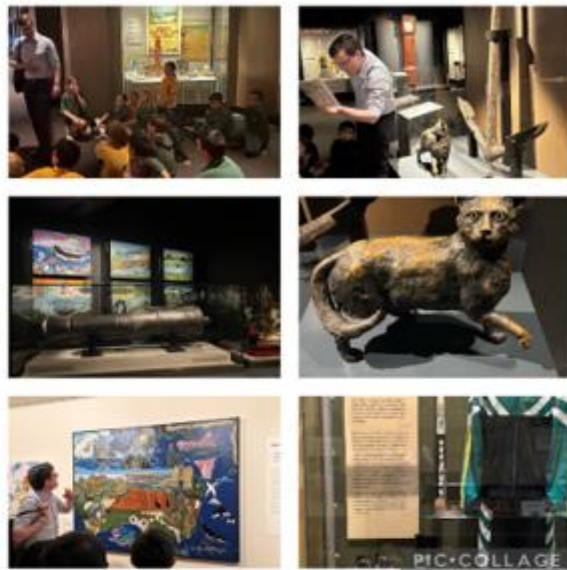
National Museum of Australia Reflection

Something I enjoyed: I enjoyed the story about Old Tom the Orca that helped a family catch fish for 90 years.

Something I learnt: I learnt that Nova Peris was the first Indigenous person to win a gold medal in the Olympics. Nova Peris won a gold medal in hockey. After she tried running and won gold.

Something I would like to know more about: I would like to know how long it took Captain Matthew Flinders and Trim the cat to finish the map of Australia?

By Bonnie 3WL





Water Safety Program Reflection

I was a risk taker during swimming last week. I went out of my comfort zone many times. I learnt how to do pin drops. I hesitated many times because I was not confident in the water. I tried and tried again. By the end of the week, I was confident enough to jump into the pool, at the deep end, without a life jacket on! As I gained confidence, I also started to encourage others to try new things in the water too.

By Sylvia 2R



Uniform Shop and Canteen



Red Hill Primary School Uniform Shop



Item	Price
Hat Surf	\$10.00
Hat Bucket	\$12.00
Hat Slouch	\$10.00
Hat Micro bucket	\$12.00
Dress Summer	\$47.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (green)	\$23.50
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (gold)	\$23.50
Polo Shirt – Long Sleeve (green)	\$23.50
Jacket Waterproof Flying	\$43.00
Jacket Microfibre	\$43.00
Polar Fleece Jumper	\$30.00
Skorts Pleated	\$23.50
Skorts Gabardine	\$23.50
Shorts Knit	\$18.50
Short Gabardine	\$23.50
Pants Long Gabardine Double Knee	\$28.00
Pants Long Stretch Boot Leg	\$38.50
Track Pants Microfibre	\$33.50
Track Pants Straight Leg Fleece	\$23.00
Socks Ankle Green	\$5.50
Tights Bootle Green	\$12.00
School Backpack (M)	\$47.00
School Backpack (L)	\$50.00



Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Wednesday 8.30-10.00am
and
Friday 2.30-4.00pm

Payment Options: Cash, EFTPOS, Credit Card (no American Express)

Ordering Online: The Red Hill School P&C Association uses [Flexischools](http://www.flexischools.com.au) for uniform shop sales. It is a cashless online ordering system which streamlines payment, ordering and processing of purchases and events. The system is quick and easy and can be accessed 24/7 from your PC or mobile App on your iPhone/iPad or Android.

Please note the following: -

- For further information and to register please visit: www.flexischools.com.au
- School uniforms orders will be delivered to your child's classroom via their teacher or uniform shop staff.
- Payments by Credit Card or Bank transfer
- Some fees may apply
- Online orders are delivered on Wednesday or Friday of the same week, some deliveries may carry over to the following week.
- Details on sizing, including height, chest and waist are noted with each garment listing.
- Please include your child's name and class (for families new to the school and not yet been allocated a class please enter "New Student" and orders will be held at the front office for collection.

Lost property: 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 labelled items to classrooms.

The Red Hill Uniform shop is staffed by volunteers from our parent community who kindly donate their time to help. If you have some time to help, please email rhps.uniformshop@gmail.com



Canteens4Kids ACT Menu

2025

Sandwiches

Served on wholemeal bread unless white bread is requested.
Wraps and **GF** bread also available.

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

Toasted Sandwiches (in press)

Served on wholemeal bread unless white bread is requested.

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Cheese V	\$4.50
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Ham & cheese	\$6.00
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 bolognese DF, H (GF available)	\$7.50
Pasta napolitana DF, H, V (GF available)	\$7.00
Sausage roll	\$6.50
Beef lasagna H	\$7.00
Cheeseburger H	\$7.50
Chicken tender sub H	\$7.00
Mac & cheese V	\$6.50

Daily Specials

Daily specials available online

Snacks

Fruit salad	\$3.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheesy garlic bread	\$3.00
Banana bread	\$2.50
Jelly cup (made with 100% fruit juice)	\$2.50
Homemade mini muffins	\$2.50
Corn on the cob	\$1.50
Chocolate mousse	\$2.50
Milo cookie	\$2.00
Piece of fruit	\$1.50

Frozen

Frozen juice cup	\$2.50
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$3.00

V- Vegetarian/GF- Gluten Free/ DF- Dairy Free/H-Halal

Prices inclusive of GST

Red Hill School Calendar 2025 – Term 4

Mon 12 Oct – Thus 18 Dec

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Oct 13 - 17	13 th October Pupil Free Day	14 th October Year 3 Excursion to National Museum of Australia Year 6 Exhibition Parent Workshop 6 – 7:30pm		16 th October Year 2 Learning Journey	17 th October Whole School Assembly
Week 2 Oct 20 - 24	Year 2 ACT Water Safety Group 4				
		21 st October Kindergarten Excursion to CMAG	22 nd October Kindergarten Excursion to CMAG Year 1 Learning Journey STP	23 rd October Spotlight: Red Hill Arts	24 th October Preschool Learning Journey – Gabadang and Garrang WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 3 Oct 27 - 31	27 th October Preschool Learning Journey - Djira and Winyu Year 5 Excursion to Questacon	28 th October IMP Band Rehearsal IMP Evening Band Celebration	29 th October School Captain Speeches Years 2-6		31 st October Junior Assembly – Year 2 WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 4 Nov 3 - 7			5 th November House Captain Speeches Years 2-6	6 th November Year 4 Excursion to National Portrait Gallery	WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 5 Nov 10 - 14					14 th November Senior Assembly – Year 5 WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 6 Nov 17 - 21	17 th November Preschool Orientation (Winyu)				21 st November Junior Assembly – Year 1 Preschool Orientation (Garrang) WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 7 Nov 24 - 28	24 th November Preschool Orientation (Djira)				28 th November ICAS Assembly Preschool Orientation (Gabadang) WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 8 Dec 1 - 5		2 nd December Preschool Visit - Winyu	3 rd December Year 6 Exhibition	4 th December Year 6 Exhibition	5 th December Junior Assembly-Kinder Preschool Visit - Garrang WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 9 Dec 8 - 12	8 th December Year 6 Telopea Orientation 11.30am-2.30pm	9 th December Year 6 Achievement Assembly Acting Up Session 2:15-3:15pm	10 th December Year 6 Fun Day	11 th December Preschool New Student Orientation 9:30-1pm School Disco and BBQ 6-9pm	12 th December Volunteer Morning Tea WCS Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 10 Dec 15 - 17	15 th December Pool Fun Day	16 th December Year 6 Graduation		18 th December Whole School Assembly	19 th December School Holidays

Community News

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 DECEMBER 2025

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Fri 19 Dec **Mon 22nd Dec**

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Tues 23rd Dec **Wed 24th Dec**

MEMBERS \$85
 NON MEMBERS \$105

AGES 4+ AND TOILET TRAINED

ARRIVE at 9AM | PICK UP at 3PM
 (24th is 9am to 1pm)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™

The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet



HOLIDAY CAMPS



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CAMP 1: 8TH - 12TH DEC; DEAKIN MINT OVAL
CAMP 2: 15TH - 19TH DEC; DEAKIN MINT OVAL
CAMP 3: 22ND - 24TH DEC; ARANDA OVAL

CAMP 1: 8TH - 9TH JAN; DEAKIN MINT OVAL
CAMP 2: 12TH - 16TH JAN; DEAKIN MINT OVAL
CAMP 3: 19TH - 23RD JAN; DEAKIN MINT OVAL
CAMP 4: 29TH - 30TH JAN; ARANDA OVAL

PHILOSOPHY

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OUTLINE



Designed for cricketers of all ages and stages from 8-22. Players will experience up to 5 days of high quality coaching and T20 Games with specialist coaches in batting, bowling, fielding and WK focusing on the specific requirements of each player.

\$495 - 5 DAYS
\$415 - 4 DAYS
\$325 - 3 DAYS
\$120 PER DAY

Players will be exposed to a variety of match scenarios and drills that aim to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.

Pre performance player report with feedback provided to each player at the completion of the Camp.



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TOURNAMENT DETAILS
22ND & 23RD DECEMBER
Aranda Oval
\$120 PER DAY



TOURNAMENT DETAILS
WEEK 1: 15TH & 16TH JANUARY
WEEK 2: 22ND & 23RD JANUARY
VENUE: DEAKIN MINT OVAL
\$120 PER DAY

PURPOSE

Designed for talented cricketers aged 12-15. Players will experience 2 days of high intensity T20 Cricket while being coached and mentored by Cricket Australia Qualified coaches.

Teams of 8 players (form your own team) or come along individually and be allocated a team.



PURPOSE

Designed for talented cricketers aged 12-15. Players will experience 3 days of high intensity T20 Cricket while being coached and mentored by Cricket Australia Qualified coaches.

Teams of 8 players (form your own team) or come along individually and be allocated a team.



FORMAT

2 days of high intensity match play T20 cricket. When not playing players will be taken through our pro performance coaching stations to work 1:1 with one of our coaches on all facets of their game!!

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2025 Christmas School Holidays Tennis Clinic

Dec 22-24, Monday-Wednesday 7am-6pm, Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe St. Red Hill

Kindergarten-17yrs, All standards

Total Stroke development. Beginners will be serving Overarm by the end of the Clinic

Singles Tournament on Wednesday

Christmas for every pupil

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