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# Red Hill School Newsletter

## Coming Events

**Monday 19th July**

Senior Choir 1:10pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 1 Learning Journey  
8:30am to 9:30am

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Year 1 Learning Journey  
8:30am to 9:30am

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Year 5 & 6 Sue Geh Cup  
Basketball  
Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am  
Junior Singing Group 8:30am

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

Senior Choir 1:10pm

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am  
Junior Singing Group 8:30am  
Year 6 Combined Band at  
Garran  
Athletics Carnival

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

Newsletter



*Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment*



## Notes Home

[KB Parent Teacher Meetings \(KB Only\)](#)

[2021 Science Educators Association of the ACT \(SEAACT\) Science & Engineering Fair](#)

[Yurbay Bush Medicine Workshop \(Kindergarten to Year 2\)](#)

[Sue Geh Cup Basketball \(Year 5 and 6\)](#)

[Year 1 Learning Journey](#)

[Athletics Carnival](#)

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### Think before you park...and keep our kids safe!

We encourage all parents to make parking safety a priority!

This means:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't stop in the car park roadway to let children exit the vehicle, always pull into a parking bay, or consider using the 'kiss and go' zone
- don't park in the disabled parking zones unless you have a permit to do so
- don't park in bus zones, on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park!

**Remember** – it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

**Consider** – having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

**Think** – visibility around school and if your car may be blocking the view of crossing for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

**Be kind** – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

**Note** – Licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at [www.act.gov.au/accessCBR](http://www.act.gov.au/accessCBR)

## Leadership Team

Dear parents and carers,

Here we are - already halfway through the school year! Outside has been chilly and often gloomy this week, but inside the school there has been a vibrancy and excitement that comes from re-joining friends and colleagues and engaging in new learning.

Several changes have accompanied the start of this semester, the first in regard to staffing and the second to our school timetable.

### STAFFING

Miss Campbell is on five week's long service leave at the moment. Mrs Lawrence and Ms Aitchison are sharing the deputy principal (curriculum) role, whilst Mrs Halliday and Mrs Elsom are sharing an executive teacher role. We would like to congratulate all four staff members on being appointed to these acting positions.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or welfare please remember to contact the class teacher as soon as possible. Our staff are here to support students, parents and each other. However, there may be times when the teacher is unable to help you, or you feel your question has not been answered. On those occasions please come to see a member of the leadership team. We want to work in partnership with you and the sooner we are aware of a concern, the faster we can work together to find a solution.

<b>Leadership team year level support Term 1 Weeks 1-5</b>	
Preschool	Kristy Aitchison
Kindergarten and Year 1	Debra Lawrence
Year 2	Serena Wahome
Year 3	Kristy Aitchison
Year 4	Rob Elsom & Helene Halliday
Year 5	Louise Owens
Year 6	Louise Owens
Specialist Team	Rob Elsom & Helene Halliday
Student Welfare	Nathan James

We also welcome Miss Linley Jenkins, a passionate young educator, who has joined our teaching team. Miss Jenkins will be taking 5S for the rest of the year as Ms Smith is expecting a child and will be leaving us later in the term.

Finally we have great pleasure in welcoming Veronica Ellsmore as our Defence Support Mentor. Veronica is well known in our community as a Defence mum, proactive P&C member and canteen helper.

## TIMETABLE

This week we switched to a new timetable which does not affect the start and end of school times. However it does affect break times. This change was made for several reasons, the two most important being that:

- research demonstrates the most optimal learning takes place earlier in the day, and
- ACT Education guidelines require that all students in years 3-6 learn an additional language at school for at least one hour per week (previously our lessons were 45 minutes long).

Our new timetable has the benefit of a two hour block of learning in the morning, with sessions becoming progressively shorter as the day goes on and children become tired. Most specialist sessions are also now one hour long, allowing specialist teachers to cover more content in depth. Recess is shorter but lunch is longer, and the library is open for 40 minutes each day (previously it was only open for 20 minutes).

### New timetable

<b>First session</b>	9.10am - 11.10am (All classes have a fruit break between 10am and 10.10am)
<b>Recess</b>	11.10am - 11.30am
<b>Second session</b>	11.10am - 1.00pm
<b>Lunch eating time</b>	1.00pm - 1.10pm (with class)
<b>Lunch Break</b>	1.10pm – 2.10pm
<b>Third session</b>	2.10pm – 3.15pm

Reminder bells will continue to be rung three minutes before the final bells for the start of each session (e.g. 9.07am, 11.27am and 2.07pm). A bell also rings at 1.30pm when the library opens. Because the morning session is longer, it is now compulsory for all students to have a fruit break between 10am and 10.10am. So make sure your child brings a healthy snack for this short break : fresh fruit or vegetables only please.

The new timetable will be reviewed with staff and students at the end of the semester and refined, based on the feedback we receive. So far we have encountered positive comments from teachers and students, despite this being quite a significant shift in how we are used to operating our school day.

*“We get so much done in the first session when everyone is fresh.”* (upper primary teacher)

*“More teaching time in the morning, the breaks. I love it all.”* (lower primary teacher)

*“We love the long lunch break. But you need to change the playground roster!”* (Year 5 students)

*“We actually get to cover all we need to!”* (language teacher)



### TERM 3 ASSEMBLIES

We are looking forward to running whole school and year level assemblies again on Friday mornings.

#### Whole School Assemblies

The purpose of these is to connect as a whole school, show younger students some of the opportunities that will be available to them later in their school life (e.g. music ensembles), have students of all ages celebrate the achievements of their peers and impart important messages. It will generally not be possible to have parents at these assemblies because we cannot fit the whole school in the hall and socially distance large numbers of adults.

#### Year Level Assemblies

The purpose of these is to give students opportunities to speak and perform, showcase student work, celebrate achievement and share all of these with parents. Parents of relevant year levels are welcome – please sign in at the front office and use the Canberra Check-In app.

Week	Whole/year level	Focus	Parents
Week 1	Whole School Assembly	Hosted by Leadership Team and school captains	No
Week 3	Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 9.20am-10.00am	Year 2 host	Yes
Week 4	Years 5&6 9.20am-10.00am Years 3&4 10.10am- 10.45am	Year 6 host Year 4 host	Yes
Week 5	Athletics Carnival ribbons 9.30-10am	PE Team	Yes
Week 6	Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 9.20am-10.00am	Year 1 host	Yes
Week 7	Years 5&6 9.20am-10.00am Years 3&4 10.10am- 10.45am	Year 5 host Year 3 host	Yes
Week 9	Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 9.20am-10.00am	Year 1 host	Yes
Week 10	Whole School Assembly	Hosted by Leadership Team and school captains	No

## COVID 19 UPDATE



Whilst parts of New South Wales are Covid 'red zones' it is especially important that we all comply with the ACT Health guidelines for schools. These included social distancing, room capacity restrictions and good hygiene. The most recent change was advised by email last weekend, namely that all adults coming on school grounds must check in using the Canberra Check-In app, regardless of how long they will be on site. You can do this by scanning the QR code in the school Breezeway or at the front office. **Alternatively you can enter this code 933657 manually.** (Note: If you are quickly dropping off or collecting children you only need to check in through the app. However if you are on site for any other reason you must also sign in at the front office.)

We are very fortunate in Canberra at present because there are no local cases of Covid. However the Education Directorate is aware that this situation might change at any time and has planned multiple scenarios, from a 'snap lockdown' of 5 days to a longer term remote learning period.

- In the first scenario most students and school staff would stay home, and normal schooling would not occur.
- In the longer second scenario there would be a five day pupil free period to allow schools time to prepare for the transition to remote learning. Students who need to attend school sites during the scenario of remote learning (such as vulnerable children, or children of parents who cannot work from home) would be able to attend their usual school for supervision and supported remote learning activities.

### IMPORTANT

If your family has visited Sydney or the surrounding areas recently, please observe the ACT Health restrictions and do not bring your child to school until you have received advice from ACT Health.

ALSO do not send your child to school if unwell. This includes runny noses and sniffles!

Now a final reminder: School reports were emailed home at the end of last term, via the first listed email address. Please contact us if you have not received your child's report or if there is any aspect of the report that you would like to discuss with your child's teacher.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)

# Green Team News

Term 2, 2021

The Green Team, with the RHIPP gardening group, work alongside Madame Szeremet each week to plant, water, weed and harvest crops. Our fresh produce is available for the RHIPP cooking group to use.

Mr Hosking, our school BSO, has spent an incredible amount of time designing and building a compost, worm farm and garden beds. The combined efforts from those with a passion for sustainability at Red Hill School provide an opportunity for our students to see the benefits of gardening and composting.



During the term, the Green Team hosted an incursion with Oz Harvest, where years 5 and 6 students, along with 3S, were presented with information about food waste in our community and the action that Oz Harvest takes to reduce food waste by donating it to those in need.



Information from the Oz Harvest Fight Food Waste website can be found on the link below:

[https://www.ozharvest.org/fightfoodwaste/about-fight-food-waste/#sc\\_s1](https://www.ozharvest.org/fightfoodwaste/about-fight-food-waste/#sc_s1)

Waste free Wednesday is back! Look out for further information in the newsletters about this.



Our school chickens, Molly, Brownny and Teddy, have been happily laying in the chicken coop near the garden.

We would like to give a belated shout out and massive thank you to Lilah Channing and Felicity Maher for caring for our chooks so wonderfully over the summer holidays. Each morning our dedicated Green Team members from years 5 and 6 make sure the chickens are fed and given fresh water. The eggs are being collected and profits will continue to go towards chicken feed.

It takes a community to care for our pets. The Green Team would also like to thank Mme Szeremet, and Mr and Mrs French, for organising feed for the chickens. Thank you also to Mr Hosking for taking care of the chicken coop and installing the water and feeder system from Dine-a-chook, it is very fancy and will keep food off the ground. Well done to Abi in 6KN who checked in on the chickens over the holidays, as did the After School Care holiday program.

**Kind regards from Karen Spence on behalf of the Green Team.**

Dear Families,

Lola Galke, as one of the school's vice captains, has been working alongside the Green Team and taking action on her captain's promise to bring back Waste Free Wednesday in Semester 2.

This will take place across the school each Wednesday during Terms 3 and 4. Each student will be encouraged to bring a waste free lunch box and the number of lunchboxes can be recorded by the class teacher. At the end of each term there will be a winning class (for junior and senior) who will receive prizes to raffle within their class.

Lola introduced this initiative at the whole school assembly in week 10. The Green Team have been supporting Lola by making promotional posters to place around the school.

Thank you in advance for supporting Lola with her captain's promise and helping to reduce waste across the school.



The following article was published in *Her Canberra* a few years ago and gives some great ideas for how to pack a waste free lunch box:

[Kids: it's time to pack your own waste-free lunch](#)



## Oral Care Recycling Challenge

Dear Families

Red Hill will be participating in a Colgate oral care recycling challenge.

If you have any accepted oral care waste (please see the photo below) please drop it into our bin in the Breezeway during term 3.

**With thanks,  
The Green Team**



# Student Acknowledgement

During the school holidays Eamon Barratt-Brown (5G) was asked by the Hiroshima For Global Peace organisation to submit an entry for a video they were making to be shown at the Olympic training camps and the Olympic Village in Tokyo during the games later this month.

He made the cut!

Check out the video here: [https://youtu.be/ZvKC\\_c-MrBU](https://youtu.be/ZvKC_c-MrBU)

Well done Eamon.



## P&C News and Events



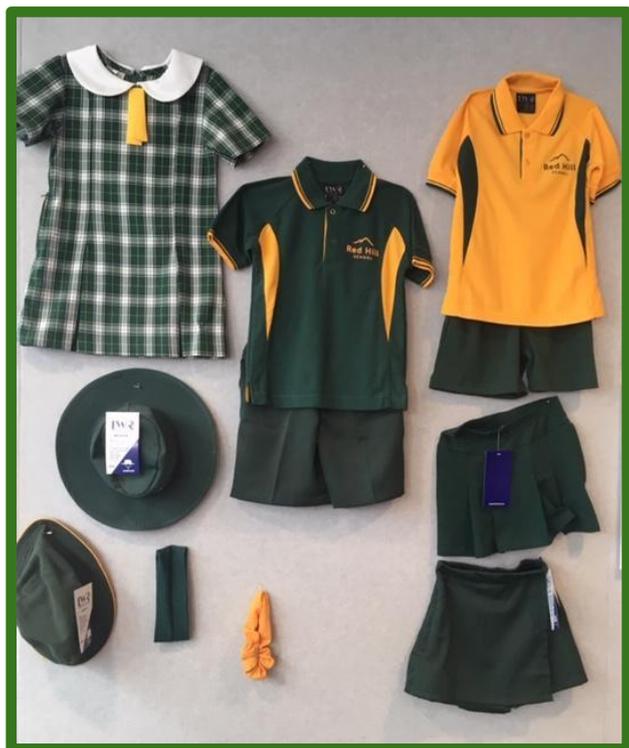
ARE YOU A PARENT WHO WANTS TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN WHAT HAPPENS BEHIND THE SCENES AT RHPS?

## Come & join our P&C!

We discuss important topics such as:

- School & P&C Special Events & funding
- Parent engagement Sub-Committees & their improvement projects
- Student & School Initiatives & Programs

## RED HILL UNIFORM SHOP



### HATS

Bucket	\$12.00
Micro Bucket	\$12.00
Surf	\$10.00
Slouch	\$10.00

### BODY

Summer Dress	\$47.00
Polo Shirts Green/Yellow Short sleeve	\$24.50
Polo Shirt Green Long sleeve	\$24.50
Waterproof Flying Jacket	\$30.00
Microfibre Jacket	\$43.00
Red Hill Hoodie	\$30.00
Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$25.00
Cotton Pleated Skort	\$23.50
Gabardine Skort	\$23.50
Gabardine Shorts	\$23.50
Knit Shorts	\$18.50
Gabardine Double Knee Pants	\$28.00
Bootleg Stretch Pant	\$38.50
Microfibre Track Pant	\$33.50
Fleece Straight Leg Pant	\$23.00
Ankle Socks	\$5.50
Tights	\$12.00

### BAGS

Medium	\$47.00
Large	\$50.00
Drink Bottles	\$6.00
Tea Towels	\$9.00

### Ordering in person

Opening hours Wednesday 8.30 to 9:30am and Friday 2.30 to 3.30pm.

### Payment options

Cash, EFTPOS, credit cards (no American Express)

### Ordering Online

The Red Hill School P&C Association uses Flexischools for uniform shop sales. 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. Some fees may apply.

School Uniform orders will be delivered to your child's classroom via their teacher or Uniform Shop Staff.

### Please note the following:

- Payment is by credit card or bank transfer
- Some fees may apply
- Online orders are delivered on a Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon of the same week, some deliveries may occur on a Monday depending on availability.
- Details on sizing, including height, chest and waist are noted with each garment listing
- You will need to include your child's name and class i.e. 3E, (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
- For further information and to register please visit: [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

### Lost Property:

Lost property is sorted on a weekly basis with each station being clearly marked. All lost property will, if uncollected by week 5 of each term, be donated to charity or if deemed suitable placed into the second-hand offering bins. Anything labelled will be sent to the front office for checking and returned to the student.

Only school logo items will appear in the second-hand bins. Uniform donations are accepted, please use the purple bin in the office reception area or bring to the shop during opening hours. The Red Hill Uniform Shop and Lost Property are staffed by volunteers from our parent community who kindly donate their time. If you have some time, please email [rhps.uniformshop@gamil.com](mailto:rhps.uniformshop@gamil.com)

# Red Hill School Calendar 2021 – Term 3

Mon 12 July – Fri 17 Sep

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Jul 12- 16	Senior Choir 1:05pm			Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am	Whole School Assembly
Week 2 Jul 19 – 23	Senior Choir 1:05pm	Year 1 Learning Journey	Year 1 Learning Journey	Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am Year 5 & 6 Sue Geh Cup Basketball	
Week 3 Jul 26 - 30	Senior Choir 1:05pm			Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am Year 6 Combined Bands at Garran Athletics Carnival	Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 Assembly
Week 4 Aug 2- 6	Senior Choir 1:05pm	Yurbay Bush Medicine Workshop – Year 2	Australian Maths Competition		
			Year 4 Learning Journey	Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am Year 4 Learning Journey	Years 5 & 6 Assembly Years 3 & 4 Assembly Year 5 Combined Band at Mawson
Week 5 Aug 9 - 13	ICAS Writing				
	Senior Choir 1:05pm	Year 1 National Zoo and Aquarium Excursion	Kindergarten Health Check		
			Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am Yurbay Bush Medicine Workshop – Year 2	Athletics Carnival Assembly	
Week 6 Aug 16 – 20	Senior Choir 1:05pm	Yurbay Bush Medicine Workshop – Year 1	South Weston Athletics Carnival	Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am Yurbay Bush Medicine Workshop – Year 1 Year 5 Market Day	Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 Assembly
Week 7 Aug 23 – 27	ICAS Science				
	Senior Choir 1:05pm	Yurbay Bush Medicine Workshop – Kindergarten		Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am Yurbay Bush Medicine Workshop – Kindergarten Deadly Dingoes Great Book Swap	Years 5 & 6 Assembly Years 3 & 4 Assembly
Week 8 Aug 30- Sep 3	Year 5 Future Skills Excursion Senior Choir 1:05pm	Year 5 Future Skills Excursion Year 5 & 6 Jamie Pearlman Cup Basketball		Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am	
Week 9 Sep 6 - 10	Senior Choir 1:05pm Year 5 Future Skills Excursion	Year 5 Future Skills Excursion		Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am	Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 Assembly
Week 10 Sep 13 - 17	Senior Choir 1:05pm			Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am	Whole School Assembly

**CODECAMP**

# Learn to code at Code Camp after-school!

Get creative and enjoy using logic and problem solving to build your own games!

Supported by

**Tuesday afternoons**  
20 Jul - 7 Sep  
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

**Red Hill Primary School**

**\$260 for 8 weeks**  
Computers Provided

**Years 2-6**

[codecamp.com.au/afterschool](https://codecamp.com.au/afterschool)