

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Brumbies ACT Rugby Union Team visits Red Hill Primary.



Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment



6th March 2026



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❖ Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is moving along rapidly, and we find ourselves already halfway through it, which is a pertinent time to stop and reflect on how students are learning through the Primary Years Program (PYP).

Learning through the Transdisciplinary Themes

There are many elements of the PYP framework that bring to life transdisciplinary learning and teaching and learning through the transdisciplinary themes is the starting point for all our inquiries. These themes are, *‘designed to have enduring value regardless of the geography or background of IB World Schools and learners, the six themes provide guidance for what learners will inquire into’* (From Principles into Practice, IBO, 2018)

This term, so far, students have been building their knowledge and understanding through units of inquiry under the transdisciplinary themes of *Who we are* (Preschool, Kindergarten, years 4 and 6), *How the world works* (year 5), *How we express ourselves* (years 1 and 2) and *How we organise ourselves* (year 3). These units are encouraging students to *‘develop transdisciplinary thinking, to explore authentic issues and to effect change’*. Make sure you ask your children to explain to you what their current units of inquiry are exploring.

Evaluation of the PYP by the IB

As mentioned, last year, in other newsletters, we have started our evaluation journey that will conclude in early August, with an onsite visit by the evaluation team. Currently, we are awaiting feedback on documents that we have submitted as part of our preliminary review and will be submitting our self-study documents in early May. This is an important time for us as a PYP school to evaluate how our implementation of the program is going and to make plans for where improvements could be made. We will be reaching out to the school community shortly to ask for parents and carers who would be willing to contribute their perspectives. We are invested in delivering the best PYP program that we can, and this process will ensure that we continue to do this effectively. Stay tuned for more updates as the year progresses.

Kind regards,

Deb Lawrence

PYP Coordinator

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the Canberra Day long weekend and the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

Congratulations to our Year 5 students on their camp experience at Cooba last week! Sincere thanks to all the dedicated staff and parent volunteers who attended and helped make this camp a success. If your child is missing any items from camp, we have quite a lot of unclaimed lost property on display in the breezeway. This includes at least four sleeping bags. Please encourage your child to check for anything they may have left behind.

The last four weeks of this term will be busy ones. Firstly, I would like to give an important reminder that NAPLAN assessment is taking place for years 3 and 5 this week and next. Most tests will be scheduled during the morning session, when students are at their most focused, especially those observing Ramadan. To support a smooth testing experience, we 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.

Other Important Events

This Friday our swimming carnival will be held at Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre. Parents and carers are very welcome, either as volunteers or spectators (please note that there is a spectator fee). If you are interested in helping out on the day please contact the front office.

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

World Down Syndrome Day – Saturday 21 March

Saturday 21 March marks World Down Syndrome Day, a global awareness day observed by the United Nations since 2012. *“This official day was created to celebrate the lives of people with Down syndrome and to make sure they have the same freedoms and opportunities as everybody else”* (Down Syndrome International, March 2026).

This year everyone around the world has been called to stand ***Together Against Loneliness***.

Most of us have a time in our lives when we feel lonely. For many people with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities (and sometimes their families), loneliness is more common. This loneliness can be very painful and includes not having a close friend to talk to and share feelings with, not having a friendship group and/or not feeling we have a community to belong to.

To show support on Friday 20th March our staff and students will be encouraged to wear their craziest, most colourful odd socks to school and to reach out to others with messages of friendship! Together in our crazy socks we can embrace differences, celebrate uniqueness and offer others kind words.

Harmony Week – Monday 16 March to Sunday 23 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.*

All members of our school community are warmly invited to share aspects of their culture with our students next week. This might be telling a traditional story, donating a book from your culture or sharing a special tradition or game- please contact your child's teacher if you would like to contribute to our Harmony Week activities.

On Monday 24 March, students and staff are encouraged to wear either their traditional cultural outfit or something orange, the official colour of Harmony Week. Everyone is also invited to bring foods from their cultures to share in classrooms (remember no nuts).

Given the great diversity of our school community this week will be especially important for us. Recent and ongoing global events will be having varied and complex impacts on each of us and our students. These might include a child or adult being impacted by a hurtful comment because of their occupation, or cultural or religious background. It might also include a young person being upset by media reports that were published for older audiences, or a family experiencing or fearing loss of another family member who is overseas. Please ask for help if you see or hear anything that worries you in our school community so that we can work together to support each other.

P&C Welcome BBQ Friday March 27th – Keep an eye out for more news further down!

Do you want to connect with your child's learning?

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 regularly 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.

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 for kindergarten to year 4 will be taking place during Weeks 8 and 9 of this term (March 23 to April 2). 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 this week. We encourage all families to participate, as these discussions play an essential role in supporting student growth and success.

Conferences for years 5 and 6 will be offered in the first three weeks of term two.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)

INTERGENERATIONAL GARDENING DAY

Friends and grandparents are welcome. **Sunday 15 March, 10 am to 1 pm.**

Come along for a visit or to lend a hand.



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO**

**Red Hill School
Intergenerational
Gardening Day**

**SUNDAY
15 MARCH**

10AM - 1PM

**Come along for a visit or lend a hand
Queries: Sheb 0466 904 478**

Special News

Celebrating Lunar New Year

As part of our Lunar New Year celebrations, years 4–6 students created beautiful 福 (fú) artworks symbolising happiness and good fortune. Through exploring this cultural tradition, students demonstrated creativity while embracing the PYP values of respect, international-mindedness, and global understanding.

We are proud of their thoughtful learning and cultural appreciation.



We would like to congratulate the following year 6 students from Red Hill Primary School who have auditioned and been selected into the IMP ACT Primary Concert Band Extension Ensembles for 2026.

Riya Ritesh Gosar on the Clarinet

Harrison Pennington on the Bass Clarinet

Beau Whitechurch on the Tenor Saxophone



On Friday March 6th the Brumbies came to our school. There were three ACT Brumbies players who came to our school: Harvey, Jarrah and Lachlan. We got to take a photo with them and ask lots of questions. We heard about some of their experiences. Maybe one day we will be like them. They signed lots of posters for our school, and we also got to hand out a present to the three players. We felt really happy after listening to and talking with the Brumbies players.

Salesi and Kofe

Illustrator and author Johnny Thom in 1LF. His teacher scribed his recount.



Important Reminders



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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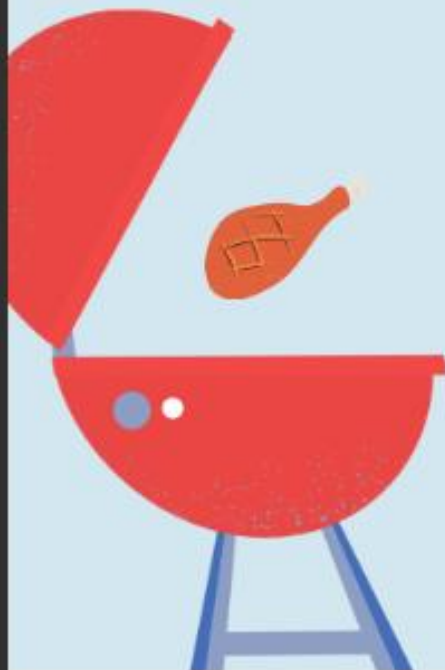
Digital Account

Grill, Chill, & Celebrate



BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Join us for bbq, drinks, and ice creams. Cash and card accepted. Catch up with old friends and make some new ones. All welcome!



Red Hill School quad
Enter via black gate near
bottom of car park
Friday, March 27th, 2026
5.30pm till 7.30pm

Volunteers needed! Sign up at
<https://volunteersignup.org/QAE9E>

Uniform Shop and Canteen



Red Hill Primary School Uniform Shop

Item	Price
Hat Surf	\$15.00
Hat bucket	\$15.00
Beanie	\$12.00
Dress Summer	\$46.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (green)	\$30.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve (gold)	\$30.00
Polo Shirt – Long Sleeve (green)	\$27.00
House T Shirt	\$20.00
Jacket Microfibre	\$50.00
Polar Fleece Jumper	\$40.00
Red Hill Hoodie	\$40.00
Skorts Pleated Cotton	\$26.00
Skorts Gabardine	\$26.00
Rugby Shorts Knit	\$18.00
Short Gabardine	\$22.00
Pants Long Gabardine Double Knee	\$30.00
Track Pants Microfibre	\$36.00
Track Pants Straight Leg Fleece	\$25.00
Socks Ankle Green	\$4.00
Tights Bootle Green	\$14.00
School Backpack (M)	\$50.00
School Backpack (L)	\$53.00
Anniversary Tea Towel	\$4.00
Second hand items	\$4.00
Second hand items unlimited amount	\$20.00



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

Payment Options: Cash, EFTPOS, Amex, 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](http://www.flexischools.com.au) 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

2026

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	\$6.30
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$6.80
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$6.30
Chicken & cheese H	\$6.30
Chicken, lettuce & mayo H	\$6.30
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.

Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.50
Cheese V	\$4.50
Cheese & tomato V	\$5.00
Ham & cheese	\$6.30
Chicken & cheese	\$6.30
Tuna & cheese	\$6.00
Ham	\$5.30
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 napoletana DF, H, V (GF available)	\$7.00
Sausage roll	\$6.80
Beef lasagna H	\$7.50
Satay Chicken & Rice H	\$7.50
Chicken tender sub H	\$7.00
Mac & cheese V	\$7.00

Daily Specials

Daily specials available online

Snacks

Fruit salad	\$3.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheesy garlic bread	\$3.00
Banana bread	\$2.70
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 2026 – Term 1					Thurs 29 th Jan – Thurs 2 nd April
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 0 Jan 29-30				29 th January Pupil Free Day	First Day of School for Kindergarten New Students School Tours
Week 1 Feb 2-6	First Day of School for Years 1 to 6 and Preschool Program 1			First Day of School for Preschool Program 2	6 th Feb Whole School Assembly
Week 2 Feb 9-13					Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 3 Feb 16-20			18 th Feb Information Evening Years K-3 5:30-6:15pm Years 4-6 6:45-7:30pm		20 th Feb Senior Assembly – Year 6 Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 4 Feb 23-27					27 th Feb Junior Assembly – Year 3 Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 5 Mar 2-6	4-6 th March - Year 5 Camp to Cooba 25 March				Brumbies Visit
					Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 6 Mar 9-13	9 th March Canberra Day	NAPLAN			
		11 th March Preschool Welcome BBQ			13 th Mar Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 7 Mar 16-20	NAPLAN				
	Harmony Week				20 th Mar Harmony Day Celebrations Junior Assembly – Year 2 Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 8 Mar 23-27	23 rd -27 th March Student-led conferences for kindergarten to year 4				
	NAPLAN	SHFPACT Year 5 Parent Presentation 5.30pm	25 th March Christian Education Year 6 Combined Band		27 th Mar Whole School Assembly Playgroup 9:30-10:45am P&C Welcome BBQ
Week 9 Mar 30- April 2	30 th March-2 nd April Student-led conferences for kindergarten to year 4				3 rd April Good Friday
	30 March South/Weston Swimming Carnival				

Community News



ACT SCHOOL FUTSAL 2026

U8's & u10's (Years 3 & 4)
 South - 24th March 2026
 North - 25th March 2026

U12's (Years 5&6)
 South - 26th March 2026
 North - 27th March 2026

U14's (Years 7&8)
 30th March 2026

U16's (Years 9&10)
 31st March 2026

U19's Colleges (Years 11&12)
 1st April 2026

Battle of the winners (Top 4 from each age group in the North and South comps)
 11th May 2026

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PHILOSOPHY

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SUNDAY 12TH APRIL	3PM
MONDAY 13TH APRIL	11AM & 3PM
TUESDAY 14TH APRIL	11AM & 3PM
WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL	7PM
THURSDAY 16TH APRIL	11AM & 7PM
FRIDAY 17TH APRIL	7PM

TICKETS

SINGLE — \$30 PER TICKET
 FAMILY (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN) — \$114
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