

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Year six boys adding a bit of fun to the end of the 2026 Athletics Carnival!



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



21st August 2026



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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we had the privilege of welcoming two groups of visitors into our school. Our first group were students and teachers from Taiwan, and our second group were Maddi Smith and Michael Bowman representing the IB.

Visiting students and teachers from Taiwan

This is the second year that Red Hill has taken part in this exciting program. The program involves the Taiwanese students becoming immersed in either a year 5 or year 6 classroom for a week. Each Taiwanese student has a student mentor in the form of a buddy. Both groups of students gain a lot from the experiences that are offered and it is an opportunity to learn about and from each other. It was wonderful to see students playing and learning together and navigating the language barrier with an open mind. I would like to thank all year 5 and 6 students and teachers for hosting our guests.

IB evaluation visitors

Michael and Maddi were here with us on Wednesday and Thursday of this week for our evaluation visit. Every five years all IB schools go through the self-evaluation and IB visit process to reflect on the implementation of the Primary Years Program (PYP). It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the areas of implementation that are strong and to think about areas of implementation that could be further development or strengthened. We have welcomed the opportunity for reflection that this visit has offered us. While Maddi and Michael were with us, their schedule was packed, visiting many classrooms across both of our campuses, talking to students, parents, the school board and of course our wonderful teaching and support staff.

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that they showed Michael and Maddi and for their collaborative spirit in coming together as a team to showcase how we implement the Primary Years Programme at Red Hill.

Assemblies

We hold both whole school and year level assemblies. Whole school assemblies are for our students 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 give important messages.

Year level assemblies give students opportunities to speak and perform, showcase their work, celebrate achievement and share all of these with parents. Principal's Awards are given out at these assemblies. Parents of relevant year levels are welcome – **please sign in at the front office.**

TERM 3 ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE				
Week	Host	MC	Principal's Awards	Parents invited
1	Whole school	Student leaders	No	No
4	Taiwan Graduation	Years 5 and 6	No	Yes
5	Year 3	Year 3 students	Yes (Junior K-3)	Yes
6	No assembly			
7	No assembly – Book Week Parade			
8	Year 2	Year 2 students	Yes (Junior K-3)	Yes
9	Sports Ribbon Assembly	Sports leaders	No	yes
10	Whole school	Student leaders	Yes (4-6 only)	By invitation e.g. Band

SunSmart reminder

Hats, Hats, Hats! A reminder that it is now **'hats back on at school'** when in the playground. We have noticed a distinct lack of hats over the last fortnight. Please remind your child that they need to have a hat on to play in the sun. If they do not have a hat they will be ask by the duty teacher to play only in the shaded areas of their allocated playground space each day. If your child is unable to locate their hat, you can purchase a new one at the uniform shop.

Squishies reminder

We have noticed an increase lately of students bringing "squishies" to school and into the classroom. These toys are becoming quite a distraction during class time. They are also causing some social tension as students have

been trading them. Some have been stolen, and many have been getting broken which leads to upset and large sticky messes which require cleaning.

Students have been asked to leave their squishy toys at home and to follow the school guidelines about toys at school. They have also been warned that any squishies brought into the classroom will be confiscated by their teacher. The exception to this rule would be where there is a pre-arranged agreement between the parents and the classroom teacher that the student may use a squishy object as a fidget tool.

We would like to remind parents and carers that we do not encourage students to bring toys to school as they can get lost, stolen or broken, causing distress for the owner. Trading of toys or cards is not permitted at all. Students are regularly reminded of these rules in class and at assemblies.

Kind regards,

Deb Lawrence

PYP Coordinator

Library News

Our book fair is running from Monday 18th to Friday 4th September 2026. We will have a face-to-face option where children can come in to view and purchase books, accompanied by a parent, either before or after school.

Parents and their children are encouraged to visit on their allocated day (see below). Siblings may come together, on the older sibling's rostered day. Students can also purchase books without a parent present, during their rostered weekly library session.

Book Fair Roster (Term 3 weeks 5, 6 and 7).

Please be aware that this roster is for face-to-face visits only. The online component is available 24/7.

	Before school accompanied by a parent (8.30am – 9.10am)	During the school day – order in the library	After school accompanied by a parent (3.15pm – 4.00pm)
Monday	Kindergarten	All Year levels	Kindergarten
Tuesday	Year 1 & Year 2	All Year levels	Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday	Preschool	All Year levels	Preschool
Thursday	Year 3 & Year 4	All Year levels	Year 3 & Year 4
Friday	Year 5 & Year 6	All Year levels	Year 5 & Year 6



Red Hill SCHOOL
Open hearts - Inspiring minds

BOOK FAIR

Great books from \$5
Explore new stories
Cool non-fiction!
Something for everyone

WHEN? - MON 17TH AUG - FRI 4TH SEPT
8.30 - 9.10 AM
& 3.30 - 4.30 PM

WHERE? LIBRARY!

 [Wanting to pay online? Please scan this QR code or **CLICK HERE!**](#)
Online sales - Always open!

 **Dive Into the World of Books!**

Proudly brought to you by **The Book Cow**

It's time to break out the craft supplies and hang onto your recycling - yes, Book Week is here again! The parade and much-loved Grandparents and Friends Morning Tea will take place from 9.20am on Friday 4 September.

The P&C will provide tea and coffee, but to feed the hungry hordes, we would be very grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, slices, scones or any other morning tea-type foods. Donations can be dropped off at the school library on Friday 4 September from 8.30am. We will also be looking for volunteers to help serve food and drinks on the day. If you're able to donate food or help out on the day it would be wonderful if you could email rhps.pandc@gmail.com to let us know.

There is no charge for morning tea (although a gold coin donation would be gratefully received) but if you plan to attend, please RSVP to rhps.pandc@gmail.com by Wednesday 2 September.

To encourage students to participate, we will again be asking students to seek out sponsors for the book week parade walkathon. Keep an eye out in your child's school bag for the yellow book week note and all important walkathon form. Donations can be submitted via Flexischools by selecting the 2026 Walkathon tab or as cash. All money raised will go towards P&C projects that benefit the school community, such as the Athletics subscription and cricket pitch and nets upgrade project. Donations and forms need to be submitted by Friday 11 September. And remember, even with no donations, returned forms still count towards number of forms returned for class pizza parties and sliming!

As always there are lots of prizes on offer for book week, including

- Most money raised - \$50 voucher (one senior student and one junior student)
- Most returned sponsorship forms - class pizza party (one senior class and one junior class)
- Prizes for book week costumes (one senior student and one junior student)

And as an added incentive to return sponsorship forms, this year's sliming targets are based on number of forms returned! So get those forms back to school by Friday 11 September so your kids can enjoy the spectacle of the school captains, vice captains, Ms Nixon, Ms Larnach AND Mr Byng getting slimed (if the target of 400 forms is reached)!

Lastly, a reminder to get your orders in for the Picture Products fundraiser. Orders and designs are due by August 31. Check out the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Dates for your diary

- 9.20am Friday 4 September: Book Week walkathon and morning tea
- 6pm Friday 18 September: Trivia night (with host comedian Tanya Losanno)
- 6pm Thursday 10 December: End of Year BBQ

As always, if you'd like to get in touch, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Year Level Representative or email us at rhps.pandc@gmail.com.

Red Hill P&C 2026 Picture Products Fundraiser

Dear Red Hill Parents and Carers,

We're excited to announce that the Red Hill P&C is running a Picture Products Fundraiser for 2026—and we'd love for you to take part!

Your child's unique artwork will be transformed into high-quality, long-lasting products—perfect as keepsakes or gifts for family and friends. Whether it's a plate, clock, tote bag or water bottle, these creations are a treasured reminder of your child's creativity and school years.

Why Get Involved?

These products are not only useful and beautiful but also deeply sentimental. Imagine your child one day enjoying a meal with their own child using the plate they once drew on in primary school! You can order as many copies as you'd like—ideal for gifts for grandparents and relatives.

Your child can use photos, paint, markers, handprints and more to create their masterpiece.

So....what will your child create?

A FAMILY TRADITION

Pictureplate
Tablemat
Calendar
Pencil case
Mousepad
Clocks
Water bottles
Tote bag
Ceramic & plastic mugs

"Love these keepsake plates. Look forward to doing another set next year." —*Heidi*

"The smiles and looks on the children's faces when they see what they have created is priceless!" —*Andrea*

"I still have my plates from 38 years ago and I love them and now my kids have a good collection already." —*Arnie*

Picture products

House Leaders Report



Fabulous Flinders

Hello everyone! Your absolutely fabulous Flinders Captains here. We hope you had an amazing time at the Athletics Carnival. We are so happy that everyone participated whether they liked the event or were trying it for the first time.

A reminder that hats are now required during play time, so we would like all parents to make sure their kid has a hat they can wear.

This term for house sports, we are doing Futsal on Tuesday lunch time and Basketball on Wednesday lunch time, we would love to see a few more girls playing. Please remember to follow the rules and behaviour expectations when participating in the games.

Thanks,
Flinders Captains.

Student Sharing

Student's reflection after attending the Year 6 excursion to SIEV X memorial on Tuesday 11th August

Tsion G from 6H - her creative response and powerful reflection of the excursion.



The sea is calm and true
Its endless waves are peaceful and blue
But if you're unlucky, the sea can be frightening
Like it was on that fateful night
On the SEIV X

For families big and small, life was tough
On the boat, there was never room enough
The refugees of war and disaster
Trying to find a better life
But the final night was full of strife
On the SEIV X

When morning came, so did help
But the ruins of the boat, all tied up in kelp
Held bodies of many, three five three
While the survivors only numbered forty
On the SIEV X

So ends my poem, of tragedy and strife,
sadness and death and life
On the SIEV X

By Bongo 6S

Seeing this tragedy, has created questions in me

I wonder how this could come to be,
this could have been avoided, this tragedy at sea

Envision, all these lives lost,
imagine, such a heavy cost, these families ripped apart, like the ship, a terrible loss, imagine what could of been, these sons and daughters making friends

Vengeance, was cast upon these refugees, just for trying to leave, making a better life, is not a crime, but these lives stolen, from these poor folk

X- unknown, why, because these people left at a heavy cost, but the cost that befell them was far too much, why this happened, I still don't know, but I do know that this tragedy must not be left alone, remembered, it must be, because this tragedy, must not happen again, to you or me, or your friends.

By Toby 6S

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 ~~phone/tablet~~ 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 3					Mon 20 July – 25 Sept
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 July 20-24	20 July Pupil Free Day		22 nd July Rugby Workshops Years 3 and 4		24 th July Whole School Assembly
Week 2 July 27-31					Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 3 Aug 3-7		4 th August Yrs 2-6 Athletics Carnival	5 th August Year 3 Incursion Year 5 Combined Band at Telopea School Yrs 3-6 AMC	6 th August Touch Football Gala Day Yrs 3-6 AMC	7 th August Year 2 Learning Journey Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 4 Aug 10-14	10-14 August - Taiwan Study Tour				
	10 th August YR 2-6 ICAS English	11 th August YR 2-6 ICAS English Year 6 Siev X Excursion	12 th August Y5 Gold Rush Day	13 th August Academy of Future Skills Incursion Year 4	14 th August Taiwan Assembly (Year 5/6) YR 2-6 ICAS English Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 5 Aug 17-21	17 th August YR 2-6 ICAS Science YR 2-6 ICAS English	18 th August YR 2-6 ICAS Science YR 2-6 ICAS English	19 th August YR 2-6 ICAS Science YR 2-6 ICAS English	20 th August Academy of Future Skills Incursion Year 4 South/Weston Athletics Carnival (Yrs 2-6) YR 2-6 ICAS Science YR 2-6 ICAS English	21 st August Junior Assembly - Year 3 YR 2-6 ICAS Science YR 2-6 ICAS English Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 6 Aug 24-28	24-28 August – Year 2 Royal Life Saving Water Safety				
	24 th August People, Culture and Country Incursion-Yr 5 YR 2 ICAS Mathematics	25 th August YR 2 ICAS Mathematics	26 th August YR 2 ICAS Mathematics Primary Arts in Progress	27 th August Academy of Future Skills Incursion Year 4 SRC Bricks and Smiles Lego Expo and Fundraiser YR 2 ICAS Mathematics	28 th August YR 2 ICAS Mathematics Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 7 Aug 31-Sept 4			2 nd September Year 1 Learning Journey	3 rd September Academy of Future Skills Incursion Year 4	4 th September Book Week Grandparents & Special Friends Morning Tea Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 8 Sept 7-11		8 th September Kindergarten Health Check	9 th September Kindergarten Health Check Year 3 Learning Journey	10 th September Year 4 Learning Journey IMP Celebrates Rehearsal IMP Celebrates (Year 6) ACT Athletics Carnival	11 th September Junior Assembly - Year 2 Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 9 Sept 14-18	14 th September Year 6 Band at Floriade Preschool Kenny Koala	15 th September Preschool Learning Journey	16 th September Kindergarten Learning Journey Christian Education		18 th September Ribbons Assembly Playgroup 9:30-10:45am AMT Enrichment Student work due Preschool Learning Journey Preschool Kenny Koala P&C Trivia Night 6pm
Week 10 Sept 21-25			23 rd September Year 5 Learning Journey		25 th September Whole School Assembly Jump Rope for Heart

