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Red Hill School Newsletter

Coming Events

Monday 16th August

Kindergarten: Jerrabomberra Wetlands Excursion POSTPONED

Tuesday 17th August

Yurbay Bush Medicine Workshop - Year 1 POSTPONED

Wednesday 18th August

South Weston Athletics Carnival **POSTPONED**

Thursday 19th August

Year 4 Learning Journey POSTPONED

Yurbay Bush Medicine Workshop POSTPONED



Red Hill School is a Nut Free Environment





2021 Athletics Carnival

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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

The announcement of the lockdown came very suddenly on Thursday and, as you may be aware, many community members received the information through Minister Berry's media release before we received instructions.

Consequently, whilst I would like to give you as much information as possible today, please understand that some decisions have yet to be made.

Schools are working on two scenarios at the moment:

- the 'snap lockdown' of seven days, and
- a potential move to remote learning after this week.

FOR THIS COMING WEEK: STUDENTS HOME FROM SCHOOL

Families should keep their children at home. The school will have a skeleton staff, remaining open for vulnerable children and for those children whose parents and carers cannot work from home. During this time we will provide supervision and some general learning activities. School staff will be spending this time preparing to move to remote learning, should the lockdown be extended, and will be expected to work from home to help keep the community and their own families safe.

If you wish for your children to undertake self-directed learning whilst at home this week there are two resources available to you.

- Home learning resources by year level on the Education Directorate's website.
- Home Learning tasks by year level on the school website.

If you cannot work from home and therefore need to send your child to school please take note of the following. Registration for student attendance this week is available at this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDq9Mx7N8i56LDWZyNHFAI66ebeFmHqTVma5S8KJfPN9fKMA/viewform?usp=sf_link.

- Students should be dropped off at the Breezeway each morning prior to 9.10am (no earlier please).
- Students should be collected from the Breezeway no later than 3.15pm.
- All adults on the school grounds must sign in at the front office, check in using the CBRA Check-In App and wear masks. However we ask that parents and visitors only enter the school building by staff invitation.
- Although all students aged 12 and older are required to wear masks outside of the home, including at school, we have been advised that primary school students are exempt from this rule.
- The Griffith Preschool campus will not be open Monday to Thursday this week.

- Out of school hours care will remain open for children who need to attend, i.e. vulnerable children and children of those parents and carers who can't work from home. Please book places for your child if they will be attending school and you are unable to drop them off or collect them on time.
- The Paid Tutor program (Taekwondo, French, Chess etc.) is suspended for this week. No hire of school spaces other than for After School Care is permitted.
- All school playground equipment is unavailable for community use. Families are welcome to use our bike track out of school hours though.
- All excursions and special events have been postponed until we know more about an extended lockdown. If you have already paid for an excursion/incursion that cannot go ahead later on, we will refund the amount paid or hold it in credit.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EXTENDED LOCKDOWN

I hope you can appreciate that I am not in a position to give you all of the details yet because firstly, the Ministers and Education Directorate may have to make decisions during the week, and secondly, because we were only able to start planning for this scenario on Friday. However I can give you some idea of what to expect if we are instructed to move to remote learning.

It is unlikely that the request for parents and carers to keep their children at home will change. All schools will most likely continue with a skeleton staff, remaining open for vulnerable children and for those children whose parents and carers cannot work from home. Students who attend school will continue their remote learning program under supervision, possibly in multi-age classrooms. A registration process will be set up for students who need to attend school, the details of which will be sent out prior to August 20th.

On Friday we spent time planning for remote learning. We will use many of the skills we learnt last year as well as reflections from staff, students and parents on what worked well and what we might do differently this time around. In the remote learning period you can expect the following approach that supports both synchronous (in real time) and asynchronous learning (in the students' own time).

- There will be at least one whole class and one small group synchronous session each day, using Google
 Meet/Hangout. (A school timetable will be developed for the whole class sessions and sent home to families prior to August 20th.)
- The individual check-ins that we used last year will be replaced by small group sessions in which students will receive instruction and support. At the end of each small group session parents of those children will be given a short period of time to ask questions related to their child's learning. Because the teachers will not be having 1:1 conversations with students without other students present, parents will not have to be present throughout (although you are very welcome).
- The online program will focus on the inquiry program, literacy and numeracy.
- In the daily whole class synchronous session the teachers will use the first 10-20 minutes to explain upcoming work, do a general well-being check, answer any burning questions and mark the roll. The second part will be a short lesson.

- The remote learning program will include:
 - a total of 45 minutes per day of both literacy and numeracy instruction (e.g. a face to face lesson or a five-minute instructional video on what is expected followed by set tasks).
 - 30 minutes of physical activities (e.g. a planned outdoor task, a 'go noodle' online dance video, or the practice of a fundamental motor skill) developed by the specialist teachers.
 - approximately 1.5 hours total over a week of asynchronous inquiry learning and other activities (the arts, languages), delivered by the classroom and/or specialist teachers
 - encouragement of reflective journal writing and drawing, play and discovery, and
 - learning intentions and clear success criteria.
- Students will be able to submit work online and will also be expected to record some of their learning in a dedicated book. Feedback will be provided as appropriate by teachers for work submitted online. At the end of the remote learning period we will also ask for all learning books to be returned to the school so that the teachers have evidence of learning that they can use for assessment and reporting purposes.
- Hard copy packs of learning will be available once a fortnight for families who prefer less online learning, especially for students in the junior years. These will be available online to print off at home but will also be available for collection from our front office for those of you who don't have access to a printer.
- Parents and carers will be able to collect learning packs from the school at designated times before and during remote learning. These will include items such as a blank 'learning book', handwriting book etc.
- Parents and carers will also be able to collect reading materials from our library upon request and loan
 Chromebooks. Priority for Chromebooks will be for students in years 3 to six.

What can families do in preparation for remote learning?

Thank you all for your support on Friday and this coming week.

- 1. Stock up on pencils, pens, scissors and glue.
- 2. Let the school know now if you will need to borrow library books or a Chromebook.
- 3. Explore the school's and Directorate's Home Learning Resources websites.
- 4. Make sure you have signed permission for your child to use SeeSaw (all year levels) and Google Classroom (years 2-6).
- 5. Make sure your child/you knows their log-in for Mathletics, Sora and the Digital Backpack. Email Nathan James (Nathan.james@ed.act.edu.au) if you need any help with this.

I know this is a difficult time for everyone. However we will get through it if we are thoughtful and kind to each other and work together as a community.

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Sincerely

Louise Owens

Principal.

Year 5 Market Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year our grade five students traditionally run a Market Day for the school. The students develop entrepreneurial and financial literacy skills and also raise money for student led action in the school. For example recent years' funds have gone toward artwork installations in the senior toilets and starting a worm farm, both projects chosen by previous year five students.

Our grade five students this year have been innovative entrepreneurs in response to community needs amidst a world living with COVID19. The students had intended holding Market Day on Tuesday the 24th of August (week 7). Given the current uncertainty around the possibility of further lockdowns we have decided to postpone Market Day until later in the school year. We will let you know the new date as soon as is possible.

Kind Regards

Year Five Teachers and Students





ACT Instrumental Music Program

Secondary Student Extension Ensembles - 2022

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 7 to Year 12 in ACT public schools in 2022 to audition for secondary extension ensembles.

Current Year 6 students continuing to a public secondary school in 2022 can apply for -

Percussion Ensemble: Years 7-12 students in ACT public schools in 2022

Junior Concert Band: Years 7 & 8 students in ACT public schools in 2022

Senior Concert Choir: Years 7-12 students in ACT public schools in 2022

Auditions will be held at the ACT Instrumental Music Program Rehearsal Room adjacent to UC High School Kaleen, Baldwin Drive, Kaleen.

Band auditions will be in Term 4, 25 October – 5 November.

Choir auditions will be held in Term 4, with audition times to be allocated in early Term 4.

All audition requirements and pieces will be available on the IMP website by the end of Term 3.

The ensembles are an excellent opportunity for hard-working, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The groups are active performance ensembles and the families of students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.

Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au The application form can be accessed at this website or by clicking on the links below.

Information cards and posters are available at your child's school.

Complete your online application at

https://forms.gle/8G52AgH56nvgVaAM9

or scan the QR code for a direct link.

SCAN ME

Applications are now open and close Monday 11 October.





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

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

Red I	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	Djira Learning Journey Yurbay Bush Medicine Workshop – Year 2	Year 4 Learning Journey	Australian Maths Competition Year 3/4 Choir 8:15am Junior Singing Group 8:30am Year 4 Learning Journey Gabbadang Learning Journey	Years 5 & 6 Assembly Years 3 & 4 Assembly Year 5 Combined Band at Mawson
			ICAS Writing		
Week 5 Aug 9 - 13	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	Kindergarten Jerrabomberra Wetlands Excursion 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	Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 Assembly
			ICAS Science Book Week		
Week 7 Aug23 – 27	Senior Choir 1:05pm	Year 5 Market Day 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 Jump Off Day

