

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Advik 3W, Jack 3H, Theo 3H and Sacha 3J supporting their house teams and enjoying their day at the Athletics Carnival at Woden Athletics Park in Phillip.

15th August 2025



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- ❖ Year 5 National Museum
- ❖ Year 3 Spelling Bee
- ❖ Year 1 National Arboretum
- ❖ Year 2 Qwestacon

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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting fortnight of learning with highlights encompassing a wonderful, scientific celebration of learning at the year 3 assembly last Friday; a provocation to stimulate curiosity and engagement by year 5 this week, recreating experiences from the 1800s; hosting a group of year 5 students from Taiwan and a further celebration of learning in year 6, at their science fair.

A reminder that we kicked off our *Book Week* celebrations this week and that they will continue into next week helping us to celebrate all things reading and books. Please see the flyer below for information on our whole school event next Friday.

BOOK WEEK AUGUST 18th – 22nd 2025

Children's Book Week is the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) key national event of the year. This year's celebration will run from Saturday 16th to Saturday 23rd August.

The 2025 theme is **Book an Adventure!**

2025 is also a milestone year for the CBCA as they celebrate **80 years of Children's Book Week!** Over eighty years the CBCA has been dedicated to "inspiring young minds to journey through the countless worlds that books offer".



On Friday 22nd August we have two special events: the parade/walkathon, followed by a grandparents' morning tea, which is hosted by our P&C and volunteers.

Grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles are welcome to congregate at the front of the school to watch the children come out from the Breezeway in their costumes before walking the Walkathon circuit. Everyone is then welcome to walk the actual circuit with the youngest child. In the family. For families with multiple children, the older sibling can walk with the younger sibling/s and grandparents if they wish.

The day will progress as follows.

Grade	Departure Time
Year 5 and Limelight Dancers	9.15am
Year 4	9.30am
Year 3	9.40am
Year 2	9.50am
Year 1	10.00am
Kindergarten and Year 6	10.10am
Grandparents Morning Tea	10.00am-11.30am on the grass outside library
Band and Wassa Wassa performances	10.40am-11.10am on the grass outside library

Kind regards,

Deb Lawrence (A/C Deputy)

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day



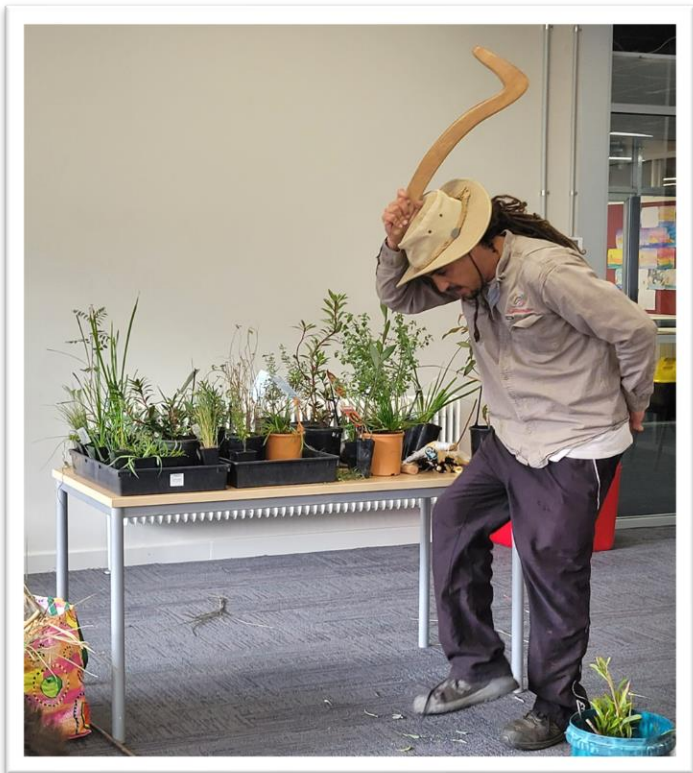
On 4 August, Australians celebrated National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. First held in 1988, this day was created to give a birthday to the many children of the Stolen Generations who did not know their own. Today "National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is celebrated annually on August 4, honouring the strength, culture, and journeys of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children" (Children's Day 2025 | 4 August | SNAICC).

The 2025 theme is "Little Footsteps, Big Future," "which emphasizes the journeys of children as they grow, guided by their culture, community, and connection to Country. This theme reflects the importance of nurturing children's identities and supporting their development within their cultural contexts" (Children's Day 2025 | 4 August | SNAICC).

Red Hill School's celebration of this special day took place on Friday 1st August. Our First Nations students and some of their class mates spent two wonderful hours learning about bush tucker and bush medicine, throwing boomerangs and planting new native shrubs in our indigenous garden spaces.

The "Deadly Dingo" interactive bush tucker plant workshop was facilitated by Aaron Chatfield from Dreamtime Connections and was made possible with the support of Icon Water. The workshop introduced participants to edible native plants and Aboriginal plant use and demonstrated Aboriginal hunting tools in a hands-on manner. Thanks to Icon Water's generous support and the help of Sebnem and volunteer parents, thirty native plants were also planted in our school garden.





2025 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The *2025 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from **15 August to 5 September**. The [survey results](#) will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- A letter about the **student survey** outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and
- An email about the **parent survey**, including a unique link to access the survey. Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2025 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys with a 'from' address EDUSurveys@act.gov.a
- [u](#).

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder first then contact your school. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please contact Kristy Aitchison Kristy.aitchison@ed.act.edu.au to make alternative arrangements to complete the survey.

The Parents and Carers Survey is available online in 13 languages including Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part. For more information, visit: <https://www.act.gov.au/open/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey-results>

Kind regards

Kristy Aitchison

Executive Teacher/ Survey Coordinator

Library News

Our book fair is running from Monday 11th to Friday 22nd August 2025. 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 4 and 5).

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

Sporting News



Futsal School Tournament at the Dome Stadium in Fadden on Friday 25th July 2025



Resilience Parent Workshop with Dr Justin Coulson



We are excited to welcome **Dr Justin Coulson** to Red Hill on **Wednesday, 3 September**.

During the day, Dr Coulson will work with students in **Years 4–6**, and in the afternoon, he will present a **parent workshop** from **3:15 pm to 4:30 pm**.

To secure your place, please RSVP to kristy.aitchison@ed.act.edu.au by **Tuesday, 2 September**.

Resilience Parent Workshop

Developing Strength, Calm, and Kindness in our Kids

Is your child struggling with setbacks? Do you worry they're not equipped to handle life's challenges? "How can I help my child be more resilient?" is a question Dr Justin Coulson, renowned parenting expert, often hears from worried mums and dads.

In **Resilience: Developing Strength, Calm & Kindness in Our Kids**, Dr Justin will be sharing his groundbreaking approach to building resilience in children. You'll learn the psychological secrets that build your child's sense of identity, strengths, and growth mindset in order to perform better, be happier, and build resilience. Discover practical strategies to help your child thrive in the face of adversity and reduce your own parenting stress.

Dr Justin will explain the factors that help and hinder resilience, why common advice such as "toughen up, Princess" just doesn't work, and how competition and praise may undermine resilience.

Using powerful stories and illustrations that every parent can relate to, this session will show you how to help your child cope positively with the challenges that life throws at them.

Red Hill P&C 2025 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 2025—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

Love these keepsake plates. Look forward to doing another set next year!" -Fred

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

"I still have my plates from 38 years ago and I love them and now my kids have a good collection already!" -Anna

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

Picture products

Uniform Shop and Canteen

Ordering Online

The Red Hill School P&C Association uses Flexischools for uniform shop sales.

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

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.

School uniform orders for existing students will be delivered to your child's classroom. Otherwise, orders can be collected from the front office.

Ordering in person

Opening hours Wednesday 8.30 to 10:00am and Friday 2.30 to 4.00pm. We prefer payment by credit card, but we can accept cash.

With COVID continuing to present a risk we prefer that orders are made online where possible.

Donations can be placed in the purple bin in the front office foyer.

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 labeled items to classrooms.





Canteens4Kids ACT Menu

2025

Sandwiches

Served on wholemeal bread unless white bread is requested.
Wraps and gluten-free 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	\$6.00
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$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.

Happy Little Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.50
Cheese V	\$4.50
Cheese & tomato V	\$5.00
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 Bolognaise (Gluten-free available)	\$7.50
Pasta Napolitana (Gluten-free available)	\$7.00
Sausage roll	\$6.50
Beef lasagna	\$7.00
Crispy Chicken Sub	\$7.00
Mac & Cheese	\$7.00
Baked Teriyaki Chicken & Rice	\$7.50

Daily Specials

Daily specials available online

Snacks

Fruit salad	\$3.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheesy garlic bread	\$3.00
Banana bread	\$2.50
Jelly cup	\$2.50
Homemade mini muffins	\$2.50
Corn on the cob	\$1.50
Chocolate mousse	\$2.50
Milo cookie	\$2.00
Custard	\$2.50
Jelly & custard	\$2.50

Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.50
Juice (orange/mango, apple, apple/blackcurrant)	\$3.00
Flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 300ml	\$4.00
Plain milk: 300ml	\$3.00
Chill J	\$4.00
Sipahh straws	\$0.80

Frozen

Frozen juice cup	\$2.50
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$3.00
Quech sticks	\$1.00
Pineapple ring	\$1.00

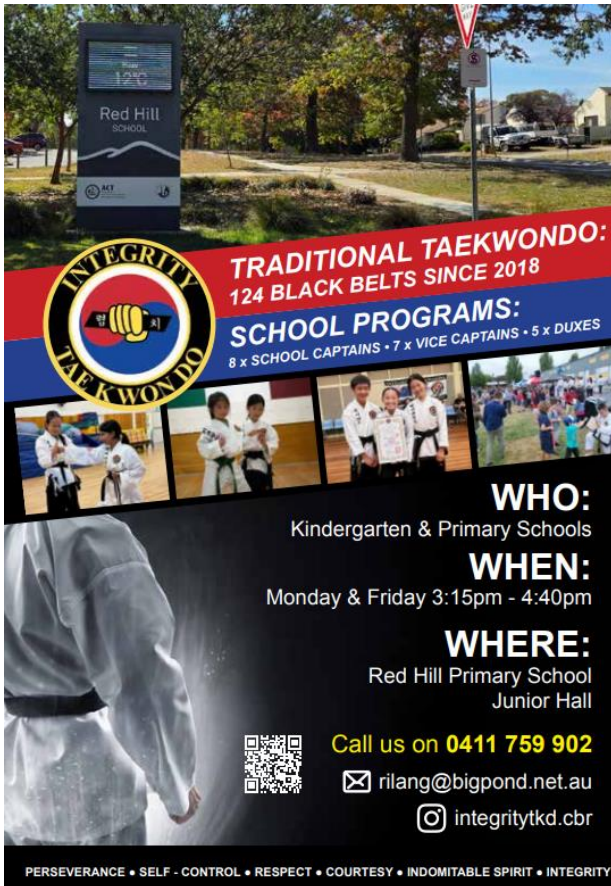
Prices inclusive of GST

Red Hill School Calendar 2025 – Term 3

Mon 21 July – Fri 26 Sept

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 July 21 - 25	21 st July Pupil Free Day		23 rd July ACT Futsal School Tournament (Girls)	24 th July Year 6 Group Photo	25 th July ACT Futsal School Tournament (Boys) Whole School Assembly
Week 2 July 28 – Aug 1			30 th July Preschool Winter Disco 5:30-7pm		WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 3 Aug 4 - 8	4 th August Athletics Carnival	5 th - 7 th August Years 3-6 AMT Competition			8 th August Junior Assembly – Year 3 WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 4 Aug 11 - 15	11 th – 15 th August Year 2-6 ICAS English				
	11 th – 15 th August Taiwan Study Tour				
		12 th August Year 6 Excursion to Siev X Siev X Memorial Year 5 - 1800s Experience Day		14 th August Year 6 Learning Journey - Science Fair	15 th August Senior Assembly -Farewell Taiwan Students WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 5 Aug 18 - 22	18 th – 22 nd August Year 2-6 ICAS Science and Spelling				
		19 th August Year 6 Combined Band		21 st August South/Weston Regional Athletics Carnival Year 5 Excursion to National Museum of Australia	22 nd August Limelight Combined Rehearsal Book Week Parade WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 6 Aug 25 - 29	25 th – 29 th August Year 2 ICAS Maths				
	Year 2 Excursion to Questacon				29 th August Senior Assembly – Year 4 WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 7 Sept 1 - 5			3 rd September Year 3 Learning Journey Dr Justin Coulson SRC and Parent Workshop	4 th September Year 4 Learning Journey	WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 8 Sept 8 - 12		9 th September Year 1 Excursion to Arboretum Limelight Tech Rehearsal	10 th September Limelight Tech Rehearsal	11 th September Limelight	12 th September Limelight Junior Assembly – Year 2 WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am
Week 9 Sept 15 - 19		16 th September ACT Athletics Carnival	17 th September Year 5 Learning Journey	18 th September SRC- Bricks and Smiles Fundraiser	19 th September Athletics Carnival Ribbon Assembly WCS Playgroup 10:15-11:30am Trivia Night – Cricket Theme 6-10pm
Week 10 Sept 22 - 26			24 th September Kindergarten Learning Journey Year 6 Band Floriade		26 th September Whole School Assembly

Community News



Red Hill School

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TRADITIONAL TAEKWONDO:
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8 x SCHOOL CAPTAINS • 7 x VICE CAPTAINS • 5 x DUXES

WHO:
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WHEN:
Monday & Friday 3:15pm - 4:40pm

WHERE:
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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Red Hill Primary School (ACT) is held on Mondays from 3:20pm to 4:20pm, starting on 28 July 2025.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



Turn your lake walk into a walk for change

A 4.5km/9km loop raising money for women navigating pregnancy or early motherhood alone.

When: Sunday 14 September, 8am
Start/end: Canberra Southern Cross Club, Yacht Club
Cost: \$30 pp (tax deductible donation)

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO, TO SIGN UP OR TO DONATE



GIRLS ONLY 'COME & TRY' WATER POLO SESSIONS!

WITH ALICE WILLIAMS – AUSSIE STINGER & PARIS 2024 SILVER MEDALLIST

We're excited to welcome Alice Williams to Canberra later this month for three special Girls Only Water Polo Come & Try sessions!

Alice has just returned from competing at the World Aquatics Water Polo Championships in Singapore, where the Aussie Stingers finished 6th in the world – and now she's ready to inspire the next generation right here in the ACT!

SESSION DATES & LOCATIONS
Sat 23 Aug, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Gungahlin Leisure Centre

Sun 24 Aug, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Stromlo Leisure Centre

Sun 24 Aug, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Lakeside Leisure Centre

HOW TO REGISTER?
Scan the QR code below or [Click Here](#) to sign up and secure your spot!

WHO CAN JOIN?
Girls of all skill levels, No experience needed!

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• Towel
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Water Polo ACT



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