

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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We love books!

BOOK WEEK 2021

Although we were unable to hold our usual Book Week Parade/Walkathon this year many students and teachers nevertheless entered the spirit of Book Week. The P&C are kindly donating prizes for the most creative costumes in each year level. Check out the winners on the next page.

BOOK WEEK WINNERS

PRESCHOOL
Beau Cornell-Shaw (PG2)



KINDERGARTEN
Emilia Schaeffer (KM)



KINDERGARTEN
Tomas O'Hare (KB)



YEAR 1
Koby Peterson (1J)



YEAR 2
Luke Burns (2LF)



Year 3
Izabela Trpeska (3C)



YEAR 4
Angelina Jose (4JP)



YEAR 5
Eden White (5G)



YEAR 6
Will Hall "Boy in the Dress" (6S)



RETURN TO SCHOOL

I am sure many of you were relieved to hear that normal schooling will resume soon. Students in the following years will return to school on Monday October 25th.

- Preschool
- Kindergarten
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 6

Students in the other years will return to school on Monday November 5th.

- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5

When students return to school it is very important that they bring their learning books back as well so teachers can read through them. These learning books contain a wealth of information that we will be able to use as evidence for assessment and reporting on students' progress during remote learning. (We will also use any work that was submitted online.)

It is also very important that students return any other school items that were taken home or borrowed for remote learning. **Devices, library books and internet dongles must be returned as soon as your child returns to school.**

Note: Year 6 students may continue to use loaned devices until after their Exhibition in week nine.

I am sure you will have many questions about what school will look like in terms of Covid safety. The announcement this week was slightly different to what we were expecting so there is still some finetuning to do. However, I assure you we will have a completed COVID-19 Safety Assurance Plan in place that caters specifically for the return of all students and staff. I will keep you updated as we work through different facets of the plan.

These measures will definitely be in place.

- All adults will be required to wear face masks. ACT Health is encouraging students in years three to six to also wear face masks (at the discretion of the student and their parents/carers). Masks may be taken off when eating or drinking, when communicating with a person who is hard of hearing, when exercising vigorously, when outside alone, or in an emergency.)
- Staff, students and visitors will be required to observe good hand and respiratory hygiene and socially distance wherever possible. The density quotient of 1 adult per four square metres will apply.

- All staff, students and visitors will be regularly reminded to not attend work/school if exhibiting any Covid like symptoms (including cough, fever, headaches, body aches, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath) and will be sent home if they present any of these symptoms.
- All eligible students and staff are being strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Staff vaccination rates will be monitored through de-identified staff surveys.
- Any person entering school grounds will need to check in using the Check-In CBR app.

The Learning Environment

- Students will be regularly prompted by staff to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer during the school day. They will also be encouraged to stay seated in the classroom.
- Outdoor learning will be encouraged, weather permitting.
- We will limit unnecessary physical interaction between students on school grounds and the mixing of student cohorts (those not routinely learning together) where possible. This may include staggering breaks and having dedicated entry and exit points for different year groups.
- Activities that bring multiple classes or year groups together will be minimised. Where mixing of cohorts is required, this will occur outdoors. Unfortunately, this means events like our RHIPP (Red Hill Interests, Pursuits and Purpose) Program will not be able to run this term. Assemblies, excursions and special events will not be able to take place either.
- Close contact activities such as indoor and contact sports will not be allowed.
- Singing and playing wind instruments will be able to take place in outdoor spaces however sadly audiences won't be allowed.

Important: No decision has been made yet by ACT Health about end of year celebrations, including graduations. This will be subject to the health conditions closer to the time. We will let you know more about Graduation and Exhibition later in the term.

The General Environment

- The number of adults on site will be kept to a minimum. Non-essential visitors will not be permitted to enter the school grounds.
- Parents and carers will only be able to enter the school grounds by appointment or in the case of an emergency. In these circumstances, they are asked to minimise the amount of time spent on site.
- Parent/teacher conversations will be held online or over the phone wherever possible.
- There will be no community hire of school facilities, except for the 'out of school hours care' program run by Woden Community Services Community and the school canteen. Sadly, this means students won't be able to attend the private tuition classes offered after school.
- The canteen will operate with COVID-19 safety measures in place. Lunches will be available through the Flexischools pre-ordering system and will be delivered to classrooms to minimise students gathering in lines.
- Staff mixing will be minimised in the common areas, such as the staff room and toilet facilities.

The Physical Environment

- The Directorate is providing additional services during the school day to ensure that high touch point areas (e.g., handrails, desks, toilets, play equipment) are cleaned regularly.
- We will have a plan in place to increase fresh air circulation and the use of outdoor areas for learning will be maximized (weather permitting).

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Please use this link if you need to register your child for school next week.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5nOII50-UnvXbNAJygr9yXH5fc1UuzAC06oGiGC8CqmoeSg/viewform?usp=sf_link

I hope that you have been able to enjoy some 'down time' with your family over the last two weeks. Thank you all for your support.

Regards, Louise Owens
(Principal)