

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Year 1 exploring an artefact museum as part of their
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**Red Hill School is a Nut Free
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5th June 2026



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Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers.

We are now more than halfway through the term, and winter has certainly arrived. Over the past fortnight, we have experienced a full range of weather—wind, rain, cold mornings, and even some sunshine. Students have been making the most of outdoor time whenever conditions allow. As a result, we have noticed an increase in jumpers, jackets, and umbrellas being left at school. If you are missing any items, please check the lost property. Clearly labelled items are usually returned promptly to classrooms.

National Reconciliation Week has now concluded, and we hope families enjoyed the Reconciliation Day long weekend and the opportunity to spend time together. It was wonderful to see so many students dressed in yellow last Wednesday in recognition of National Sorry Day. Thank you to the many families who contributed a gold coin donation. The money raised will support Children's Ground to fund education and wellbeing programs for First Nations children and families, on Country and in community.

Recognising National Sorry Day goes beyond wearing yellow. Throughout the week, students engaged in thoughtful discussions and meaningful learning experiences that honoured the histories, cultures, and contributions of First Nations peoples. At assembly, Mrs Owens reflected on the diverse experiences of children in schools across Australia, highlighting how access to resources can vary significantly depending on location and context.

Our Year 3 students also participated in a workshop facilitated by Dreamtime Connections. Aaron Chatfield shared his extensive knowledge about Indigenous plant use, including edible, medicinal, and practical applications of native plants. This experience complemented students' classroom inquiries into natural resources, and many are now keen to identify native plants in their local environment.

In line with ACT SunSmart guidelines, hats are now optional during June and July due to lower UV levels. This allows students to gain safe sun exposure to support vitamin D levels. For the colder months, Red Hill beanies are available through the uniform shop. Please ensure all winter clothing—including jackets, jumpers, gloves, and beanies—is clearly labelled.

A reminder that the school will be closed on Thursday 11 June 2026 to allow eligible staff to participate in protected industrial action. There will be no on-site supervision available for students on this day. The holiday

program will operate on-site at Red Hill for families requiring care; however, it will not be available at the Griffith Preschool site. Bookings are essential.

The current protected industrial action also means that Semester 1 school reports will contain a grade only and no individual written comments.

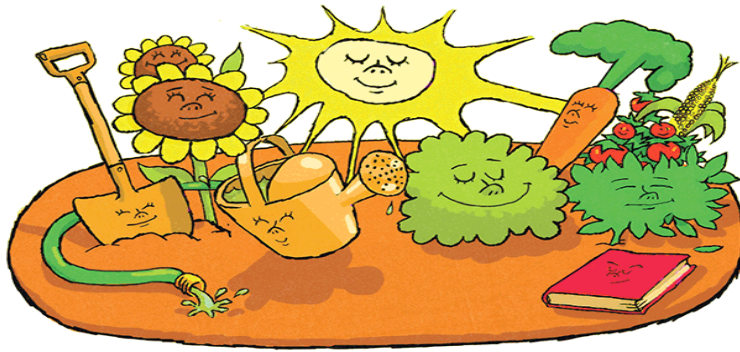
Thank you for your continued support as we move through the busy winter period. We look forward to the learning and opportunities still to come this term and appreciate your partnership in supporting our students.

Our next assembly will be on June 19th for the awarding of ribbons for place getters at the swimming and athletics carnivals. The following week Kindergarten will host assembly.

Kind regards

Antonia McGuire (Deputy Principal)

Important Garden News



With immense sadness we will be farewelling Sebnem Feriver from our school community. You may know Sebnem as a parent but many of us know her as the backbone of our Garden team. Sebnem and Susanna took over the management of our school vegetable garden, 'bush tucker' gardens and chickens in 2024. When Susanna returned to her home country in 2025 Sebnem managed this work alone - until the arrival of the wonderful Cath Hewson. I cannot fully describe how much Sebnem has done for the school: organising intergenerational working bees and market stalls, planting, harvesting and working with children in our garden, liaising with volunteers, accessing sustainability grants, scheduling 'bush tucker' workshops and producing a community recipe book.

We would like to formally farewell Sebnem on Wednesday 17th June. All members of the school community (parents, students and staff) are cordially invited to afternoon tea at 3.20pm at the school. Please call the front office on 614 20960 or email me at louise.owens@ed.act.edu.au if you or your family would like to attend the farewell.

STAFFING ADVERTISEMENT

Do you love gardening and community? We are looking for a keen gardener who would like to work in our school, helping Cath Hewson care for our vegie garden, check in on our chickens, work with small groups of students at lunchtime, help out with RHIPP and liaise with parent volunteers. The role involves six hours per week.

What do you need:

- A current Working with Vulnerable People card
- An application to the Education Directorate for casual employment
- A love of children and gardens
- An interest in community engagement.

Please contact Louise Owens if you are interested in taking on this role. (louise.owens@ed.act.edu.au)

P&C News

P&C Update 5th June 2026

We're pleased to announce that we have a P&C representative for each year level! Thanks to Ben Greig for volunteering to be our Kindy representative. Welcome to the team, Ben!

Our next event will be a family movie night. Thanks to all those that voted in our WhatsApp poll to help us choose a date. The resounding winner was 6.30pm Friday 26th June! Put the date in your diary and watch out for more details coming soon.

Did you know the P&C fund the school's Mathletics subscription? The subscription enables free access to this online resource for all students, both at home and school. As the yearly subscription comes at considerable cost, we're curious to understand how much value we are getting from it. We will be reaching out to families via the year level WhatsApp chats to gauge interest in continuing this resource. If you would like to provide direct feedback, please email us at rhps.pandc@gmail.com or send a message to your year level representative.

The P&C are also proud supporters of our school garden. We would like to sincerely thank Sebnem, who will be finishing up as our school gardener later in June, for the wonderful contribution she has made during her time with the school. With more than 2,000 visitors to the garden during her tenure, Sebnem has helped create a thriving and much-loved space for students and the wider community. We also warmly welcome Cath, who will be taking over the role. Our school gardeners do an amazing job working with students to care for our vegetable and indigenous gardens, and chickens, as well as organising gardening sessions. To keep this fantastic initiative going strong, the P&C have committed to a budget of \$1000 per year. If you would like to donate time, money or resources to our garden, please send us an email or donate via the Payments link on Flexischools. We'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you'd like to get in touch, please reach out to your year level representative or email us at rhps.pandc@gmail.com.

SRC News

The SRC is proud to be supporting local families in need through the Brighter Futures Goods Drive; supporting Roundabout Canberra. This is a wonderful opportunity to show kindness, compassion, and community spirit while helping others.

We invite students and families to help by donating good-quality, pre-loved items that are no longer needed at home. All donated items should be clean, safe and in good condition so they can be enjoyed by other children.

For more details about what items can be donated, where, and when they can be dropped off, please see the attached flyer.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

The SRC team.



The flyer features a circular image of a baby book titled 'THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR' and a 'Safe Sleeping' guide. The Roundabout Canberra logo is in the top right. The main title 'Brighter Futures GOODS DRIVE' is in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, the text 'Proudly supporting Roundabout Canberra' is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The central message 'Help us give children the safe start they deserve!' is in a teal, sans-serif font. A table lists items and goods being collected, divided into 'New items we always need...' and 'Some of the Pre-loved goods we accept...'. The table has two columns and two rows. The bottom section contains three boxes for 'COLLECTION LOCATION', 'START DATE', and 'END DATE'. The 'COLLECTION LOCATION' box lists: Senior - Ms Tan - Mandarin Classroom, Junior - Mrs Jenkins - 3J, and Front Office. The 'START DATE' box lists: 4th Jun 2026. The 'END DATE' box lists: 26 Jun 2026. At the bottom, there is a note: 'Please only drop-off on Monday, Wednesday and Friday' and 'Find out more at roundaboutcanberra.org'.

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Safe Sleeping
Baby Pack Guide
If you're a volunteer at

Brighter Futures GOODS DRIVE

Proudly supporting Roundabout Canberra

Help us give children the safe start they deserve!

ITEMS AND GOODS WE ARE COLLECTING	
New items we always need...	Some of the Pre-loved goods we accept...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Toiletries for babies and children* Nappies and wipes* New socks and underwears	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Quality linen (bassinet, cot, single bed size)* Quality clothing (0-16yrs)* Puzzles, Lego and educational toys* Baby toys and activity mats* Books (0-16yrs)* Loose nappies and nappy bags

COLLECTION LOCATION	START DATE	END DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Senior - Ms Tan - Mandarin Classroom* Junior - Mrs Jenkins - 3J* Front Office	4th Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026

Please only drop-off on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Find out more at roundaboutcanberra.org

House Leaders Report



Fabulous Flinders

Thank you to everyone who participated in Cross Country and has so far participated in house sports. All the houses did great, and we were happy to see heaps of people cheering on friends, classmates, and teachers!

We encourage everyone in year 5 and 6 to participate in House Soccer on Thursday lunch, and House Barry on Monday lunch, as not enough people have been participating to be able to have full teams.

We would like to have more 5/6 girls and boys playing house sports.

Remember to bring your hat so you can play in the sun!

Thank you all

- House captains 😊

6KN Poems

As a part of the Year Six inquiry, we learnt how to write SLAM poetry using the book *Common Wealth* by Gregg Dreise as inspiration. The students worked hard to create meaningful poems under the themes unity, equality, change the flag, anthem and date of Australia Day. We hope you enjoy these examples from 6KN.

My response to Common Wealth by Gregg Dreise By Finn Murphy 6KN

Across our beautiful land

Unity is very Australian

Sunsets are pink and yellow

Tradies galore who use diggers

Rabbits came from England on the First Fleet

Amazing produce that we all share

Land that goes forever

I love our kangaroos

ANZAC's we love on 25th April

We are all equal by Ella Wren-Ireland

Gas and oil filling are soil,

Making our blood boil,

It is a spoil that we do this to our soil.

With plans to share we must show it care.

We must be equal but the barrier of division

Is keeping people from seeing the vision.

So, join me in a mission to break down the wall of
division,

But only some are willing to listen.

So, we need to work together to make a better
forever,

For us, kids and overseas newcomers

Because we are all equal in one big

Commonwealth.

Unity by Deju Arulmani

Unity is where we come together
Work together and bring peace together
We are one in many different ways
No matter what gender or race
So go at your own pace
Because you are not running a race

See that light shining bright
That is where we unite
Unite, ignite and stay bright

Free by Jasmine Powell

Australia fair,
It's ours to share,
Black or white,
Dark or lite,
All as one,
Racisms done,
Australians all let's join together,
Whatever the weather we can do
better,
We will stand proud and loud,
Now free!

Change the Day by Theo Solomon

The date of a day we all know
For some it is joyous
For others less so
The date of a day that encompasses our past

The good and the bad
The dark and the light
The peace our country once had
The date of a day we must change

To include everyone
Australia Day can move a few hours
A day for the past, a day for the future
A day to learn all there is to know

We can change the date and create new meaning
To create the future we're sorely needing

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 Towell	\$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 [FlexSchools](http://www.flexschools.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.flexschools.com.au) or Android.

Please note the following: -

- For further information and to register please visit: www.flexschools.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 2					Mon 20 April – Fri 3 July
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 April 20-24	20 th April Pupil Free Day	22-24 April - Year 6 Camp Stanwell Tops			
			22 nd April Da Vinci Decathlon (Selected Student)		
Week 2 Apr 27-May 1	27 th April Anzac Day				27 th April ANZAC Assembly Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 3 May 4-8	4 th May Preschool Photo Day 1	5 th May School Photo Day ACT Swimming Carnival		7 th May Preschool Photo Day 2, Extra Groups & Catch-Up Portrait Session	8 th May Cross Country Carnival Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 4 May 11-15				14 th May Matt Giteau	15 th May Senior Assembly – Year 4 Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 5 May 18-22		19 th May ROSTRUM School Finals Year 5 Combined Band Practise at Yarralumla PS	20 th May Parent Open Info Night SHFPACT - Year 5 consent session		Planned Industrial Action – School Closed 8:30-10:30am Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 6 May 25-29		26 th May Preschool Excursion to Birrigai	27 th May Wear It Yellow Day		29 th May Junior Assembly – Year 1 Preschool Excursion to Birrigai Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 7 June 1-5	1 st June Reconciliation Day	2 nd June South/Weston Cross Country Carnival	3 rd June Year 3 Incursion		5 th June Whole School Assembly Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 8 June 8-12	8 th June King's Birthday	9 - 10 June - Year 4 Camp to Birrigai		11 th June Planned Industrial Action – School Closed Whole Day	12 th June ACT Cross Country Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 9 June 15-19		16 th June Year 6 Combined Band - Forrest	17 th June Christian Education Preschool Winter Disco		19 th June Ribbon Assembly Playgroup 9:30-10:45am
Week 10 June 22-26		23 rd June Preschool Incursion – Kenny Koala		25 th June Preschool Incursion – Kenny Koala	26 th June Junior Assembly – Kinder P&C Movie Night
Week 11 June 29-July 3		30 th June Year 6 Grad and House Captain Photos	1 st July Kindergarten Health Check Year 5 Experience Expo Day	2 nd July Kindergarten Health Check	3 rd July Whole School Assembly

Community News



2026 ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIMELIGHT COMMUNITY CHOIR

Dear ACT public school families, students and community members,

Expressions of interest are now open for the 2026 ACT Public Schools Limelight Community Choir!

We are thrilled to again offer this wonderful opportunity for ACT Public Schools staff, students, parents and community members to come together through music as part of the Step into the Limelight Arena Spectacular.

No prior singing experience or music reading skills are required - just a love of music, community spirit, and a willingness to have fun.

Rehearsals will be held on **Mondays from 6:00-7:00pm** at the Instrumental Music Program (IMP) - UC High School Kaleen, commencing Monday 27 August (week 2 term 3) through to Monday 2 November (excluding school holidays).

The choir will perform alongside students at the Step into the Limelight Arena Spectacular on **Thursday 5 and Friday 6 November**.

Places are limited to 50 participants, and successful applicants must be available for all rehearsals and performances. You can sign up to take part [HERE](#). There will be a \$30 participation levy charged to cover the cost of repertoire, printing, accompanist and other expenses relating to the Community Choir.

Sign-ups close Friday 26 June.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Joel.copeland@ed.act.edu.au

Come along, find your voice, and experience the joy of singing together!

Joel Copeland

Principal

ACT Instrumental Music Program

TERM 2

RED HILL PRIMARY

SOCCER AFTER SCHOOL CARE!

HOLLIER SPORTS

ABOUT OUR SOCCER SESSIONS

Our After-School sessions are designed to build confidence, develop the basics of football, promote sportsmanship, and most importantly - have fun! Coaches will collect players directly after school, with parent pick-up after our session at 4:30pm.

- ✔ Separate Junior & Senior Classes
- ✔ Fun & encouraging
- ✔ Caring and patient coaches
- ✔ Social skills & confidence
- ✔ Strategy, games & teamwork
- ✔ Skills development & ball techniques
- ✔ Wet weather plan- no cancelled sessions!

For More Information & Bookings

hello@holliersports.com or 0450 078 401
<https://www.holliersports.com/products/redhill-primary-after-school-program> or scan the QR code!



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RED HILL AFTER-SCHOOL MUSIC CLASSES

GUITAR • KEYBOARD • VOICE

Give your child the gift of music... without adding to your busy schedule!

Our after-school music classes are held right on school grounds at Red Hill Primary School, making it easy, safe, and convenient for families.

Children transition straight from school into their lesson, guided by our experienced, child-focused music educators. We offer carefully designed classes to build musical skills in a supportive group environment.

WHAT STUDENTS WILL LEARN

- ✔ Instrument technique and fundamentals
- ✔ Rhythm, timing, and coordination
- ✔ Confidence and performance skills
- ✔ Positive practice habits
- ✔ Fun learning with friends!

PLACES ARE LIMITED — ENROL NOW FOR TERM ONE 2026

Enrolments continue automatically. Cancel anytime.

ENQUIRIES & REGISTRATION

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Squash ACT Kids Come and Try Day



When: Saturday 4 July 2026

Where: Woden (4 Launceston St, Phillip) & Dickson (79 Dickson Pl, Dickson) & Yass (86 Meehan St, Yass) Squash Courts

- Primary School (Ages 6–12): 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- High School/College (Ages 13–18): 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Free Fun for Kids!
- Learn squash with qualified coaches
- Gift bag for every child (squash ball, wristband, more!)
- No need to register just show up
- Rain, hail or shine squash is always on!

Squash Hits the 2028 LA Olympics! It's the perfect time to take up squash and aim for the stars!



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 4 May 2026.

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.



MCDONALD SCHOOL OF TENNIS, A.C.T

"fulfilling potential"

2026 School Holidays Tennis Clinic

July 6-10 Monday -Friday 8-1 half day 8-6 full day, Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe St. Red Hill

- 🎤 Kindergarten-17yrs, All standards
- 🎤 Total Stroke development. Beginners will be serving Overarm by the end of the Clinic 🏆
- 🎤 🏆 Singles Tournament on Friday

🍔 McDonald's Happy Meal lunch Friday (full day pupils)

- 🎤 Prizes galore, heaps of fun!

•free tennis racquet hire

MORE INFO., ENROLMENT FORMS @

mcdonaldschooloftennis.com.au

or call Professionally Qualified Level 2 Tennis Coach Matt McDonald (m)0412565137

🏠 Term 3 after school Group Lesson Program enrolling now

🏠 Sale on Tennis racquets all sizes, 4 can tennis balls