

RED HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



Tomorrow (Thurs 29th March) – Early Dismissal @ 2.30pm.

Students return to school Tuesday April 17th.

(Monday April 16th is a pupil free day.)

Dear Red Hill Families,

This will be the final newsletter for the term and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community, a safe and happy holiday. Once again, it has been a busy and productive term, and I sincerely thank every member of our school community for their ongoing commitment to our terrific school. We have highly professional staff, positive, enthusiastic and respectful students, and can always rely on the ongoing support from our parents, on a daily basis.

Last week we farewelled Ms Molly Heath, who has commenced family leave. We wish Molly all the very best for the future and will now look forward to her exciting baby news in the near future!

Our 2018 Art Red Hill Exhibition, held early next term, will be the first major event and fundraiser for the school year. It is fantastic to have parents volunteering to head up the various categories and parents offering to assist in many other roles connected to the exhibit. RHCS School Council approved the allocation of the ARH fundraising profits on Tuesday evening. We aim to assign \$40,000 of ARH funds towards making improvements in the Lower Sandy playground and towards the purchase of new stage curtains, in the school hall. Congratulations to all families who have been selling the ARH raffle tickets. This will immediately put your family in the draw for some terrific prizes, which the children seem very excited about. Over the holidays, it could be a perfect opportunity to sell your tickets to extended family and friends and to encourage them to come to our ARH exhibit. Please remember any unsold books/tickets must be returned for redistribution. We have set a \$10,000 goal for raffle ticket sales this year. This equates to one book per family. We can do it!!

Yesterday we held our school Commonwealth Games celebration. We commenced with an extravagant opening ceremony. Every class and our local preschool students represented a Commonwealth Game's country. All teams marched to the beat of the year 6 drummers, followed by the arrival of the Queen and her handsome corgi Harry! A team of grade 6 students built the city of Surfers Paradise to the tune of 'I Still Call Australia Home'. Also featured were the iconic beach waves, skyscrapers, surfers and lifesavers on patrol. A rendition of Dami Im, performing Advance Australia Fair was played with all students and special guests singing respectfully along. Some year 6 girls performed a dance medley to some popular Australian tunes, choreographed by Miss Heath. All year 4 students did a marching formation, followed by a beautiful rendition of 'This is Me' performed by our school



choir, led by Miss Bures. To Mr Clapp's surprise, a year 5 Flash Mob danced and performed to 'Home Among the Gum Trees', choreographed by Emily Jarman from EMJ Fitness & Dance. The opening ceremony concluded with the running of the Queen's Baton relay and a speech from our Queen declaring the games officially open. A huge thankyou to Mr Ian Jarman for organising such a wonderful, fun event for our students and guests.

The students also then participated in Sport Rotations with Coach Milenkovic and a Run to Read Fun Run, to help raise valuable funds for our independent reading boxes. Once again, this year, we had many enthusiastic students challenging themselves to run a record number of laps!

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed our new 2018 School Council members to their first official meeting and presented the school's Annual Report. The school's Annual Report to the community will be posted on our website early in Term 2 and I encourage you to take the time to read this document. The Annual Report to the school community is an opportunity for the school to share the 2017 achievements, milestones and improvements. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the school's performance and understand where and how the improvement agenda has influenced student outcomes.

During the School Council meeting, all executive positions were declared open and an election process was held to appoint office bearers. All positions were filled and I congratulate the following Councillors on their appointments for 2018.

| Office Bearers | |
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| School Council President: | Michael Stephens |
| School Council Vice President: | Glen Sullivan |
| School Council Treasurer: | Glen Sullivan |
| School Council Secretary: | Benjamin Clapp |
| Sub Committee Convenors | |
| Finance | Glen Sullivan |
| Facilities | Andrew Sides |
| Fundraising and Events | Naomi Douglas |
| Education | Benjamin Clapp |

Please note we have a pupil free day on the first day back next term, Monday April 16th. Students will return to school on Tuesday April 17th.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Warm Regards,



Leanne Marshall