



25th July, 2019

Red Hill Consolidated School



SCHOOL VISION

Through the Contemporary Learning Experience framework we will provide a rich learning environment that is student centred, technology enriched, question driven, skills based and contextually relevant. We will promote creativity and provide every opportunity for students to develop the essential skills to be active participants in a global community.



Wednesday, 31 July

Year 4 Multicultural Incursion
With Lionel Lauch

Monday, 5 August

Lions Club Public Speaking Comp.

Wednesday, 7 August

Whole school Opera Incursion
Girls Regional AFL Final

Thursday, 15 August

Yr 1 African Drumming Incursion

Monday, 19 August

Yr 1 Bollywood Incursion

Wednesday, 21 August

Yr 6 CERES Park Excursion

Monday 26 –Thursday 29 August

Book Week/Book Fair

Thursday, 29 August

Yr 4 Multicultural Excursion

Friday, 30 August

Navy Band Visit

Wednesday, 4 September

District Athletics

Thursday, 5 September

Student Led Conferences

School Council Meeting

Tuesday, 20 August

Education—6.30pm

School Council 7pm in Staffroom

Tuesday, 17 September

Education—6.30pm

School Council—7pm in Staffroom

Term Dates

Term 3

July 16 to September 20

2.30pm finish—last day of term school

Dear families and friends,

As always, we've hit the ground running this term. Our students have settled back into the routine of school and the classroom and learning is full steam ahead. Our students are very excited about their Learning Explorations and the upcoming events of Term 3.

This term we shift our well-being focus from empathy and kindness to **Gratitude**. Studies show that gratitude is an important factor for developing resilience and overall happiness. By regularly acknowledging the things we are grateful for, we can train our brains to look at the world through a more positive lens as well as focus on positive emotions and not dwell on negative ones. There is also strong evidence that developing an "attitude of gratitude" can even improve self-esteem and mental strength. We strongly encourage you to make gratitude the focus at home throughout Term 3.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- ◇ Download and use the Resilience Project App.
- ◇ Ask the question "What went well today?" or "What were you grateful for today?" at the dinner table each evening.
- ◇ Start your own gratitude jar or gratitude wall at home, writing down the things you are all grateful for.
- ◇ Encourage your children to keep a gratitude journal, or better still keep one as a family.
- ◇ Help your child/ren write thankyou notes or letters for the special people in their lives
- ◇ Model gratitude to your children.



For more activities to develop gratitude, visit: <https://positivepsychology.com/gratitude-exercises/>

We will be launching this focus at assembly this Friday and students will be practicing gratitude in lots of different ways in their classrooms. I will be sure to keep you updated on this in future newsletters. I thought I'd take this opportunity to show our appreciation and gratitude for all of the wonderful helpers in our school community.

This week I wanted to thank our wonderful **bus drivers** who do an amazing job every day transporting many of our students to and from school and sometimes to camps and excursions.



We are very grateful to have such a great bus service and caring drivers at Red Hill Consolidated School.

Thank you Paul, Jenny, Howard, Peter and Lindsay!

More and more students are completing their 100 Acts of Kindness challenge, with Nate, Koby and Baas from Grade 1 and Billy from Prep joining our Kind Kids Club this week. Keep encouraging kindness at home as I've got plenty more wristbands to give out.



At assembly last week we heard our preps talk about "Heartfulness" which I'm told by our little students is keeping kindness in the front of your mind. I love this idea and I loved hearing all about kindness from the smallest people in our school. As well as being kind, our preps were very brave, talking confidently in front of the whole school. Thank you also to our Grade 5 buddies who helped out. Well done!



Online Parent Opinion Survey

Some families will receive an invitation to complete the 2019 Online Parent Opinion Survey later this week. This survey helps our school understand parent perception on a range of topics and assists us with future planning. Unfortunately, in past years we have had only a small number of families complete this survey. If you did receive this invite, we would be really grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey online. The survey should only take ten to fifteen minutes to complete.

Before and After School Supervision

I've noticed that an increasing number of children are being dropped off at school well before 8:45am and picked up after 3:45pm in the afternoons. Students are not supervised outside of these hours. Currently, our arrangements for students not collected by 3:45pm is that they are sent to the office, where parents are contacted. Our office can be quite busy with uncollected students some afternoons, making it very disruptive for our administration staff. I encourage all families to register for Camp Australia, our before and after school care provider, and use this service if you need to get off early in the mornings or if you are going to be late in the afternoon. Many families are eligible for subsidised rates to use Camp Australia. Please visit their website (www.campastralia.com.au) for information on fees and how to register. More information regarding the supervision of students can be found on the Red Hill Consolidated School Yard Duty and Supervision Policy, located on our school's website.

Finally this week, another shout out. This time to say thankyou and well done to Mrs Trewin and the Robogals team. Robogals, a team of engineering students from Melbourne University spent the day at RHCS, teaching some of our students about engineering and robotics. Our students loved the presentation and activities, which included programming robots. It's no surprise that many of the students I spoke to now want to become an engineer when they grow up. Thank you to Mrs Trewin for organising this opportunity.

Have a wonderful week.



Be kind, be grateful and be mindful! - Gus Wettenhall



Contemporary Learning Experience Update – July 25th, 2019.

It has been a fantastic start to Term 3, with students and staff quickly settling back into classroom routines and diving into learning. It promises to be a very busy term, as they all are, and we are looking forward to using this space to share about the fantastic learning happening across the school.

Learning Explorations

This term the Big Ideas being explored by our students are:

Prep *'Seasons are a cycle that affect living things.'*

Grade 1 *'People share culture through stories.'*

Grade 2 *'There are similarities and differences between cultures.'*

Grade 3 *'The way people communicate is constantly evolving.'*

Grade 4 *'Migration changed the course of Australian history.'*

Grade 5 *'A global community requires peace building and conflict resolution.'*

Grade 6 *'Advertising is a creative form of persuasion that influences people.'*



Student Led Conferences

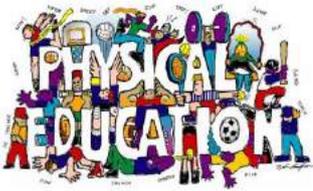
Student led conferences are scheduled for later this term, on Thursday 5th September. These conferences provide students with an opportunity to share their learning with their parents and they give parents a valuable insight into what happens in the classroom. Each child spends 30 minutes in their classroom with their parents, working together on some different learning activities and sharing and discussing their Learning Journal. Closer to the date parents will be invited to book a conference time using the Sentral portal. Make sure that you mark this date in your calendar as you don't want to miss out.

Curriculum Day Report

Whilst the students enjoyed an extra day of holidays our staff were very busy working. We spent the day exploring Visible Thinking in the Classroom. The central idea of **Visible Thinking** is very simple: **making thinking visible**. It is generally available to the senses, not just what you can see with your eyes. Throughout the day teachers explored extensive use of learning **routines** that are **thinking rich**. These **routines** are simple structures, for example a set of questions or a short sequence of steps, that can be used across various grade levels and content. The **routines** then become the ways in which students go about the process of learning. We look forward to sharing some of the work done in classrooms around this in future newsletters.

Jo Barnes & Nicky Heffernan





SPORTS REPORT – WEEK 2 – TERM 3

STATE CROSS COUNTRY

To be a participant of the State Cross Country Event students needed to come in either the top 10 or 12 runners depending on the level of the event. As each level goes through to the next, the magnitude of competitors fitness and technique also increases. Max and Noah have been through the following events throughout the last 2 terms:

House Cross Country, District Cross Country, Divisional Cross Country, Regional Cross Country and finally to end their campaign, the State Cross Country Championships.

Both boys competed in the 9/10 year old boys event and are amazing athletes. It's not fair to say that both boys are natural athletes as Max and Noah are involved in many sports and also trained hard to reach this level of running. They have been mentally and physically very strong to reach this event and do so well in it. Max came 12th and Noah 26th. I'm sure it will be a sporting campaign that both boys will remember for years to come. Well done and congratulations young men!



GIRLS FOOTBALL, BOYS NETBALL, BOYS FOOTBALL

After a very successful winter Lightning Premiership we had three teams head off to the Divisional round this week. As this report is being typed the girls AFL year 5/6 team won their Divisional carnival and are now heading off to the Regional finals on the 7th of August at Bentleigh East. A huge thanks to Jake Hanneman for coaching the girls, giving up his time to nurture the girls through to victory. The next round after the Regional finals is the State Championships. Well done girls on showing so much determination and endeavour and good luck at the Regionals.



Boys netball coached by Jacki Bissett and Boys football coached by Chris Smith is happening on Wednesday and Thursday and results will be posted later on.

Thanks to all year six teachers and all parents for supporting year 6 sport.

Thanks and Kindest Regards,
Dillon Milenkovic



Term 3 CANTEEN DUTY

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| Monday, 29th July & Friday, 2nd August | 5C |
| Monday, 5th August & Friday, 9th August | 5F |
| Monday, 12th August & Friday, 16th August | 5HM |
| Monday, 19th August & Friday, 23rd August | 6K |
| Monday, 26th August & Friday, 30th August | 6M |
| Monday, 2nd September & Friday, 6th September | 6W |
| Monday, 9th September & Friday, 13th September | PC |
| Monday, 16th September | PD |
| Friday, 20th September - CLOSED. End Of Term | |



Please contact Tamara on 0416 171 854 or tcleine@gmail.com

We'll be celebrating National Science Week
at your Outside School Hours Care



National Science Week 2019

with Camp Australia



12th – 16th August

National Science Week is Australia's annual
celebration of science and technology.
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Red Hill Fire Brigade

Protecting our community

The Red Hill Brigade responds to over 100 calls a year protecting our community. Our brigade is the first responder when assistance is needed. You can be part of this first response team, helping save lives and property in our local community.

Paying it Forward

We are looking for men & women who are ready to join the Red Hill Brigade and make a difference. Our members come from all walks of life. They have diverse backgrounds, interests and skills, but share a sense of commitment to us all safe.

Skills and Experience

You don't need to have experience to join the brigade. We will provide you with the skills you need depending on the role you choose. You will not only provide assistance in our community you will gain new skills, knowledge and experiences, in a team environment.

Time Commitment

Your level of commitment will depend on your personal availability. Commitment our brigade simply requires the time and skill that you can afford to give.

Find out more

Call in to the Red Hill station on any Sunday from 9.30 to midday or call David Breadmore on 0400899748 anytime to discuss how you could assist.

The community counts on us

Can we count on you ?

Information Night Wednesday 28th August At 7.30pm – Red Hill Fire Station



Life Skills
Creative Time
New Experiences
Construction & Manipulative Play
Outdoor Play Time
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:
www.campaustralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Welcome back!

Welcome back to Term 3, can you believe how quickly this year has flown by? We are ready to kick start an even bigger and better second half of the year working within your school community. We know how busy yet fulfilling being a parent can be, and we want you to know we are here to help make your life a little easier.

This Term, we will be celebrating **National Science Week from the 12th to the 16th of August**. This event is about generating curiosity around technology and science in the world we live in today. To ensure your child doesn't miss out on all the fun, we suggest making your bookings in advance. You can visit our friendly staff at your service to find out more information on what they will have planned for National Science Week.

Not yet Registered? Don't worry, it's never too late. Plus, it is FREE to register.

To attend our care, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Remember, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy, visit www.mygov.com.au to find out more.

Program Details

For more information about our [program and fees at your school](#), [visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators](#). Alternatively, you may visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au or contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

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