



Red Hill Consolidated School



22nd August, 2019

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.



Friday, 23 August

Year 2 Cultural Performance –
Assembly 9.00am

Monday 26 –Thursday 29 August

Book Week/Book Fair
School Hall 8.30– 9am
3.30pm–4.00pm

Monday, 26 August

Book Week Dress Up Day Special
Assembly 9am

Thursday, 29 August

Year 4 Multicultural Excursion

Friday, 30 August

Fathers' / Special Persons Day
Breakfast 8am–8.45am
Navy Band Visit—Assembly 9am

Wednesday, 4 September

District Athletics

Thursday, 5 September

Student Led Conferences
11am –7pm

Monday, 9 September

Prep Sage Garden Activity

Friday, 13 September

Prep Performance, Seasons—
Assembly 9am

Wednesday, 18 September

Prep Exhibition 2.30pm in the Hall

School Council Meeting

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

Term 4

October 7 to December 20

Dear families and friends,

Its been a busy few weeks since our last newsletter at Red Hill Consolidated School. Our Review is in full swing. I would like to recognise the work of our school staff who have been incredibly supportive throughout the Review process, whilst working hard providing our students with great learning opportunities. Although School Reviews are a wonderful opportunity to reflect, celebrate and set future direction, this process adds pressure and work to our already hard working staff. I would also like to thank our School Council President, Naomi Douglas, for her part in our Review. Our Validation Day took place last Wednesday, providing our panel with an insight into our practices and achievements. The panel spent this day looking at our many sets of data, including Attendance, NAPLAN, Teacher Judgement, Attitudes to School, Parent Opinion and School Staff Surveys as well as walking through many of our wonderful classrooms. Personally it was very pleasing to see our impressive results around resilience and attitudes toward bullying. Not so pleasing is our attendance data. In 2018, 39% of our students had at least 20 days off school, with 87 of these students taking at least 30 days off school. This has an enormous impact on learning and relationships. We have already implemented a number of strategies with hope to improve our attendance.

Last week we also officially opened our new buildings .The Minister for Education, James Merlino spoke to our students and officially opened our new learning spaces. This was a great celebration, involving local member of parliament, Chris Brayne, our architects, builders and of course staff and students. Our school captains prepared a great speech thanking everyone involved and articulated what they love about their new classrooms. We also took this opportunity to tour the school with the Minister, pointing out the buildings we see as a priority for the upcoming building project. I would like to thank Steve Marshall who joined our tour and opening, representing school council.

Thankyou to everyone who came to school last Thursday dressed with a splash of purple to raise awareness for



epilepsy. Red Hill Consolidated School is now recognised as an epilepsy school given our level of staff training. Our caring First Aid Officer, Lou Aston organised this day and all staff training to do with student medical needs. Thank you Lou.

If you've been reading our newsletters this term or visiting our assemblies, you'd know that our Well-being focus is centred around gratitude. As well as our students acknowledging the things in their life that they are thankful for, I've been recognising the important people in our school community who often go unnoticed. This week I would like to thank our hard working cleaners Alex and Anne-Marie. These two come in to our school every night to empty our bins, vacuum floors and clean our bathrooms, staffroom and wet areas. Our school is a challenging school to clean and Alex and Anne-Marie do a great job without ever a complaint. Thank-you we are really grateful for your work.

In our last newsletter I asked families who may be leaving Red Hill Consolidated School to let us know in writing as soon as possible. Even though it is only August, we are already making plans regarding our class structures and staffing for next year. Attached to this newsletter is a form for families to complete and return if you will not be returning to Red Hill in 2020.

Long time readers of my Well-Being News would know that my favourite school value is empathy and we have developed lots of opportunities to develop and celebrate kindness at Red Hill. Recently I came across a Harvard University study on how to raise kind kids. These are the five strategies they suggest to raise kind and caring children:

1. Make caring for others a priority. For example:

- * Say things to your children like "Being kind is the most important thing"
- * emphasise caring when talking to key adults in your child's life.

2. Provide opportunities for your children to practice caring and gratitude. For example:

- * Encourage and praise uncommon acts of kindness, not when children complete expected chores.
- * Talk about caring and uncaring acts you see on television, watching a movie or reading a book.
- * Make gratitude a daily ritual/routine.

3. Expand your child's circle of concern. For example:

- * Make sure your children are caring and grateful of all people in their lives (bus drivers, waiting staff, etc.)
- * Use newspaper or tv stories to encourage your children to think of hardships faced by others in another country.

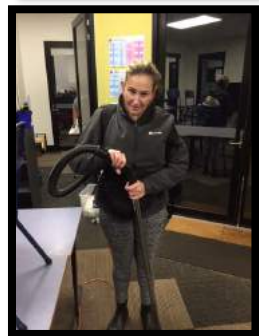
4. Be a strong moral role model and mentor. For example:

- * Model caring for others by volunteering. Better still, do this with your child.

5. Guide children in managing destructive thoughts. For example:

- * Encourage breathing routines when your child is upset/angry.
- * Once calm, discuss how to flip any destructive thoughts to helpful ones - flip "today's going to be terrible" to "today is going to be great, I can do it".

If you're interested in reading the whole article, visit: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2014/07/18/are-you-raising-nice-kids-a-harvard-psychologist-gives-5-ways-to-raise-them-to-be-kind/?fbclid=IwAR3Dk61RYbc9Povu4NCmZsHJxev8TKpHev4aBZN-56gs1IKBy2Vlnk7oBLs>





Finally this week, a huge thankyou to the Dromana VCAL students for building and delivering brand new picnic tables for our Grade 3 and 4 area. These tables are already being put to use by our students who are enjoying working outside and eating their snacks and lunch on them.

Don't forget that we've got some big events coming up, including our Book Week Assembly on Monday and the Fathers Day breakfast next Friday. We do ask that anyone wishing to attend our Fathers Day breakfast complete and return their RSVP by this Friday the 23rd of August.

Have a wonderful week.

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

BOOK WEEK

Next week is Book Week and each grade will be creating a piece of artwork based on the Theme and Short Listed Early Childhood and Picture Books. Samples of their work will be displayed in their classrooms and at the Book Fair.

Preps: Heads and Tails: Insects

Grade 1 Here comes Stinkbug!

Grade 2 Noni the Pony Rescues a Joey

Grade 3 Tricky's Bad Day

Grade 4 The Mediterranean

Grade 5 Rainbow Bear

Grade 6 Chalk Boy



Don't forget our special Book Week Dress Up Day Assembly will take place on the Monday, 26th of August.

A for Attitude

On Thursday 8th August, Grade 3 students had a special visit from Julie Davey - the author of A for Attitude.

Julie talked to the students about her story of becoming a writer and illustrator, sharing with us why she wrote her book. A for Attitude is a wonderful book with positive messages about being kind, having a positive attitude and having respectful relationships with others. Due to a generous anonymous donation, every student in Grade 3 received a copy of the book which will be used in class as part of our wellbeing program. We would like to thank Julie and her A for Attitude Foundation for being involved with Red Hill Consolidated school.

Kate Durling





Contemporary Learning Experience Update

As you would all be aware, Book Week is coming to Red Hill Consolidated School next week. We will launch Book Week on Monday with a whole school assembly. For those new to our school this year, students and staff all come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the assembly. During the assembly we celebrate Australian children's literature and explore the CBCA nominated books. During the week we will also have our 'Book Fair' open from Monday to Thursday. The Book Fair gives students opportunity to purchase great books. The fair will be open every morning from 8:30am-9:00am and each afternoon from 3:30pm - 4:00pm. Students will also be able to visit during recess and lunchtime. By purchasing books from Book Fair, not only are you helping to develop a love of reading in your child but RHCS receives points for every dollar spent at the Book Fair that we can use to purchase more books for our classroom and school libraries.

In previous years we have noticed an increase in Canteen window sales during Book Week. In order to ensure that students are buying books, not treats, Tamara will not be accepting payment with notes during Book Week.



This year's theme is "Reading is my Super Power", which lead me to ponder the power and importance of reading. At Red Hill we have a vision that our learners will be "Lifelong Readers'. We want to encourage a love of reading and have learners who read in the wild, not just in the captivity of the classroom.

In the coming week take the time to enjoy a book and enjoy reading with your children!

Nicky Heffernan & Jo Barnes



Future Newsletters

Reminder to parents our newsletter will be available online next term. Newsletters are easily accessible from our school website and via the Senral mobile phone app. We also plan to have a small number of newsletters available for collection from the front office. Most neighbouring schools have already gone paperless with their newsletters and this will further reduce our school's ecological footprint, as well as cost and time taken to print and distribute newsletters.



WHY IS READING IMPORTANT?

10 ways reading benefits us and why we should cultivate a reading habit today



SHARPENS YOUR MIND

By concentrating on the words and the story line, it stimulates your brain. This particular stimulation can help sharpen your mind, especially the part of the brain that is responsible for concentration and critical analysis.



INCREASES YOUR VOCABULARY

When reading, you might come across a few words you don't quite understand or even recognise. This confusion can lead you to look up the word and discover the definition.



LOWERS YOUR STRESS

The act of reading and focusing on the written word can help relieve your mind off the pressures of the day. By pulling your mind away from the stress at hand, you can relax and let the stress melt away.



DECREASES YOUR DEPRESSION

Reading, especially self-help books, can help ward off depressive occurrences. Just like with lowering your stress levels, reading stimulates the part of the brain that deals with depression as well.



IMPROVES YOUR MEMORY AND FOCUS

Reading at least a little each day can improve your focus and your memory function. In this instance as well, reading stimulates the brain, particularly the part of the brain that helps with memory and attention.



STRENGTHENS YOUR WRITING ABILITIES

Whether you write things for work or just for fun, heavy reading can improve your writing skills and abilities. There are several ways in which reading can help strengthen your writing skills, and each of these ways happens without you even realising it.



ENHANCES YOUR IMAGINATION

Consider the worlds that you are immersed into and the characters you come across while reading a novel. Because of these worlds and characters, the part of your brain which houses your imagination is stimulated, causing you to imagine what the places and people look like just by picturing the words.



BOOSTS YOUR SLEEP

Reading, since it helps you relax and de-stress, can help pull you into a deep and peaceful sleep. That sounds like it might be too good to be true, but reading can, in fact, help you sleep.



ENJOY YOUR ENTERTAINMENT AND PEACE

Any reader knows that reading can be peaceful and induce a relaxing state of mind. By immersing yourself in a good book, you can almost feel any stress or worry melt away.



READING CAN BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

Books can bring joy to your life on a daily basis. The act of reading is a great benefit both to mental and physical health, but it can also brighten your day.

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SCIENCE WEEK AT CAMP AUSTRALIA

Wow!! What a busy fun week, it was last week with celebrating Science week. The Children enjoyed taking the lead as little Scientists with hands on activities.

What was the science behind mixing vinegar and carb soda. Children were given the opportunity to explore the Popcorn Kernels dancing, and Fizz Fizz Bubble Bubble colours and Hopping Sultanas.

Children engaged and explored Space learning that the planets stay up by Gravity, and not magic as a few Children suggested.

A great display in the OSHC room of the Children's Solar System and the Stars with the Children adding Red Hill Consolidated to planet earth.

*Camp Australia Program
Red Hill Consolidated School*

Term 3 CANTEEN DUTY

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

2020 Student Planning



I wish to advise Red Hill Consolidated School that my child/ren will not be returning to school in 2020.

Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

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New school my child/ren will be attending in 2020.

Parents Name: _____

Signed: _____ dated: ____/____/2019



YOUR HELP WANTED

Bring your junior gardeners to assist with weeding of forget-me-not on Volunteers Day. Bring garden gloves, wear suitable clothes & strong footwear.

10am Sunday 29 September

Sausage sizzle at 12 noon - free for volunteers

For catering purposes, please leave message for Gillian on 0479 082 828 or email gilliantolley@gmail.com

Endeavour Fern Gully

195 Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill
(opposite Red Hill Recreation Reserve)



HAMPERS FOR HELP

Raising money for The Southern Peninsula
FOOD FOR ALL foundation located on the
Mornington Peninsula.

**Saturday the 14th
of September**

from 4pm-8pm

**at Remuce 2680 Frankston-Flinders
Road Bittern**



Remuce

Range of Market Stalls, a **Huge Raffle & Silent Auction** items an event not to miss.

Food & drinks available so make it an **afternoon of Celebration and Charitableness** with family and friends.

Come birdwatching with NEIL SHELLEY at Endeavour Fern Gully

(OPPOSITE RED HILL RECREATION RESERVE)



Sunday 15 September

Come and walk with Neil - an experienced birdwatcher. Enjoy the tranquility of this beautiful National Trust property and see the wonderful diversity of bird life.

Meet at the shed on the property at 10 am
Appropriate footwear is recommended.
Adults \$10; National Trust members \$8;
concession \$8; children \$2; family group \$25.
Bookings - phone Gillian 0479 082 828




www.endeavourferngully.org.au

OPEN CHURCH & COFFEE at RED HILL

St George's Church, Red Hill will be open every Wednesday 10am—3pm from 4th September
Please feel welcome to come and sit in the church, light a candle or meditate in the quiet space.

Coffee will be available during this time.





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Kids smile

Parent Feedback Survey

Red Hill Consolidated Primary School

Dear Red Hill Consolidated Primary School Parent/Guardian,

Camp Australia is committed to providing you and the local community with the highest quality Outside School Hours Care.

In order for us to continue to deliver a high quality program, we would greatly appreciate you taking the time to provide your feedback on **Red Hill Consolidated Primary School** Outside School Hours Care.

This short survey will take approximately 3 minutes to complete at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TXRNCDL>

To find out more information about our Outside School Hours Care Program, please visit our website at www.campaustralia.com.au

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

Regards,



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