



# Red Hill Consolidated School



5 December, 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, 6 December

Prep Scienceworks Excursion

### Tuesday, 10 December

Prep Transition Session 3

9.30—10.30am

Year 6 Transition Day

### Thursday, 12 December

Christmas Concert

### Friday, 13 December

Colour Run

### Monday, 16 December

Year 6 Graduation 6.30pm— 9pm

### Tuesday, 17 December

Year 6 Amazing Race Day

### Wednesday, 18 December

Year 6 Pool Day BBQ

### Thursday, 19 December

Year 6 Top Fun Excursion

### Friday, 20 December

Last Day 2.30pm Finish

### School Council Meeting

### Tuesday, 17 December

6.00pm in Staffroom

### Term Dates

#### Term 4 2019

7 October to 20 December

#### 2020

### Wednesday, 29 January

Years 1-6 return

### Monday, 3 February

Preps commence

#### Term 1 2020

29 January to 27 March

#### Term 2 2020

14 April to 26 June

#### Term 3

13 July to 18 September

#### Term 4

5 October to 18 December

Dear Families and Friends,

We're about to head into the final two weeks of the school year, with lots of great events to come. We've kicked summer off with some unseasonably cold and wet weather this week, so I hope you're all keeping warm and dry.

### Mobile Phone Policy

Our Mobile Phone Policy has now been completed and presented to school council and staff. It is available on our school website. By now, I'm sure you have all heard that all schools in Victoria are banning mobile phones during school hours and must provide safe storage for students to lock away their devices. This was a ministerial decision to reduce instances of cyberbullying, distraction in class and access to inappropriate content. It is hopeful that this ban will increase social interaction and student outcomes. This is obviously a ban geared primarily towards secondary schools, however a number of our students do have a mobile phone with them at school. Next year, these students will be required to turn off their phones and store them in a locked box within their year level.

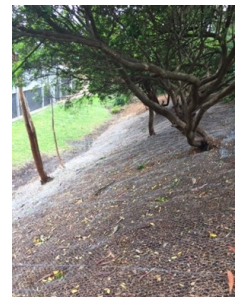
Our policy also includes bus travel to and from school, given this is where we have had issues involving mobile phones in the past. The policy states that phones must be kept in school bags unless there is an emergency when travelling on the bus. Our Mobile Phone Policy, along with a number of other important policies is available on our school website at <https://redhillcs.vic.edu.au/policies/>.

### Lost Property

As the end of the year is approaching it seems like we've had an explosion of lost property, which is piling up. At the end of every recess and lunch break I am always shocked at the number of jumpers, jackets and lunch boxes and drink bottles left behind. Can all families please ensure their belongings are named and please remind your children to be responsible for their belongings? If you are missing items, please visit our overflowing lost property area. This will be cleared out and taken to a local opportunity shop at the end of the year.

### Fire Ready

A big thank you to Parkins Landscapes who have completed works around our school to better prepare us for the fire season. The biggest job of which was the removal of thick vegetation (primarily blackberries and weeds) on the banks behind our gymnasium. The undergrowth in this area was a substantial risk and its removal was recommended by the CFA. Low lying and less flammable ground covers have been planted in this area as well as other gardens around our school. Schools across the state have been provided funding for specific projects such as this one.



Speaking of the fire season, congratulations to Julia, Isaiah and Samson from Grade 5 who applied and were appointed as the Red Hill Consolidated School Fire Safety Ambassadors. Their role for the rest this year and in 2020 will be to update our school's Fire Danger Rating Board and communicate this at our assemblies. This is a strategy developed by the CFA to raise

awareness and encourage conversation in school communities about fire safety. I'm sure you will hear more from this team at our assemblies and possibly in future newsletters.

Samson, one of our Ambassadors, would also like to thank all who donated items for the RSPCA. In previous newsletters and at assemblies, Samson asked our community to donate any unwanted blankets and toys which he has delivered to the RSPCA. Well done Samson! We are lucky to have so many students thinking about how they can help others and in this case how we can help our four legged friends.



### **Grounds**

You may have noticed that our bat tennis courts have been repainted and we are awaiting an outdoor chess board. As most of you know bat tennis is a very popular activity during our breaks and the students are very impressed with the newly lined courts. Chess is also gaining in popularity, especially with our senior students. This will hopefully be here ready for the start of the 2020 school year. These works have been completed using the funds raised from this year's election-day barbeque organised by Tamara.



### **Canteen 2020**

As announced in the last newsletter, Tamara Cleine will not be running our school canteen in 2020. I would like to thank Tamara for all of her hard work in this role over the past years and wish her the very best for her future endeavours. Anyone who has volunteered in the canteen would know how hard Tamara works. Next year, Stir Crazy Kids will be providing our students with lunches. We are currently working on a menu and will communicate this as well as the process for ordering food shortly. In the meantime, if you currently have funds in our existing online ordering system Quickcliq, you can request a refund following the instructions in this newsletter. Alternatively, families can spend all funds by the end of this year.

### **Christmas Carols**

At the start of this newsletter I mentioned some exciting upcoming events. We're all looking forward to our Christmas Carols on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December and all classes from Prep to Grade 5 have all been busy rehearsing their carols. All we need now is an improvement in weather so we can hold this event on the oval and make use of the soundshell. Fingers crossed! Christmas Carols will begin at 6:30pm and we encourage everyone to bring a rug or camping chairs and a picnic dinner.

### **Rainbow Run**

After lunch on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December we will be holding the first ever Red Hill Rainbow Run. This is going to be a lot of fun for everyone. Although the coloured dust is only corn flower with colouring, we do encourage all participants to wear swimming goggles or sunglasses. We will have a number of options for our students with asthma. These students may wear a dust mask and participate in the run. Alternatively, asthmatic students will have the option of using water pistols in a dust free section of the course. We are also asking our bus travellers to bring along a change of clothes to keep our bus seats clean. Parents are more than welcome to come along and watch the fun. A massive thank you to the committee of teachers and parents who helped organise this event.

### **Parent Helpers Morning Tea**

Our Parent Helpers Morning Tea invites will be making their way home today. Please pop in for a cuppa and something to eat from 10:30am on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December. We are so incredibly grateful for the support provided by our helpers and acknowledge that many of our programs can only run successfully due to this support. If you have been a helper this year and cannot make our morning tea, thank you for all of your assistance this year. Whether you help in the pool, in the canteen, in the classroom or have attended working bees, fundraisers, camps or excursions we are all very thankful and are hopeful that your support will continue next year.

### **Book Packs**

A few final reminders before I sign off. Firstly, book packs should be arriving at your homes this week. If you are not home when these are being delivered you will receive a collection notification and will be required to pick packs up at your nearest post office.

### **Building Works Preparation**

We do have asbestos removal scheduled for the coming holidays between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of January. We ask that you do not

access the school grounds during these dates. The company organising the works will inform our neighbouring houses.

### Healthy Minds/Healthy Bodies Challenge

Our Healthy Minds/Healthy Bodies Challenge is coming to an end. Children have until Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> to complete their challenges and submit their forms. All students who complete this challenge go in to the draw to win some great prizes.

### Day of Term Dismissal

Last day of Term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be dismissing children at **2:30pm**. Given that our surrounding road's speed limits don't reduce to a 40km per hour zone until this time, we felt that dismissing children any earlier than this would present too great a risk to the safety of our students. The first day of school in 2020 for Grades 1 to 6 is Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of December, with our fresh lot of wonderful preppies beginning on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February.

Have a wonderful week and as always.....

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

**Bus travel on last day of school—please be mindful that your child will arrive at their afternoon bus stop an hour earlier than usual and someone is there to meet them**



### Contemporary Learning Experience Update

This week we have had 'Planning Week' at Red Hill Consolidated School. Throughout the week our Year level teams and Specialist team for 2020 have met for a day to begin planning exciting and engaging learning experiences for our students. Planning Days provide staff with the opportunity to plan collaboratively as a team and are always exciting days as staff share ideas, expertise and a few laughs!

Next Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, we will be welcoming our new Prep students for 2020 as part of the state wide transition day. On this day our new Prep students will meet their 2020 teacher and have opportunity to work in their actual classroom with their group of classmates. On the same day, many of our Year 6 students head off to spend the day at their new Secondary School. This is always a very exciting day as students prepare to take the next step in their learning journey. On this transition day we will also be welcoming new students starting at Red Hill from other schools. They will have the opportunity to spend the morning working with peers that they will be learning alongside in 2020.

As we move towards the end of 2019, thoughts begin to switch to the coming year. Students begin to wonder who their teacher will be in 2020 and who their class mates will be. As a staff we put a lot of work into creating our teaching teams and creating grade structures for the coming year. Students find out who their teacher is on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December and will spend the morning session on this day in their new learning space with their class for 2020. That evening they will bring home a letter, introducing their new teacher and highlighting some of the friends they have in their class. For some children this transition time can be daunting and can cause anxiety. As parents you can support by highlighting all the positive experiences that your child can look forward to in the coming year. In our next newsletter we will publish our staffing structure for 2020.

*Nicky Heffernan & Jo Barnes*



## Canteen Refund Instructions

Families who wish to apply for a refund from their QuickCliq canteen account please follow the instructions below, alternatively you may wish to use up any credits before the last canteen day on Monday 16th December.

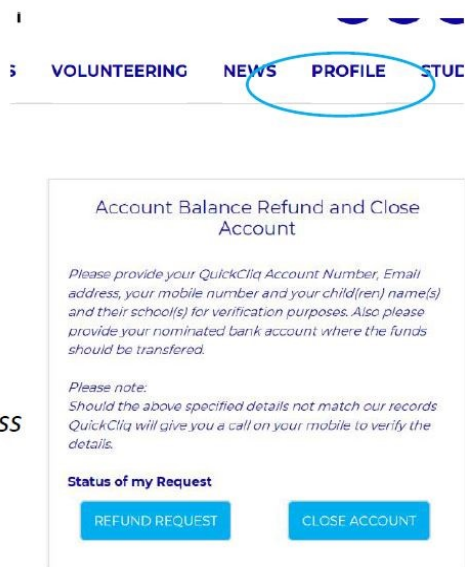
### Parents with QuickCliq Accounts:

Parents with QuickCliq accounts can close their account via their existing account and receive a refund for any outstanding balance.

### Instructions for Closing a Parent Account...

1. Login to your QuickCliq Account
2. Select PROFILE
3. Select REFUND REQUEST or CLOSE ACCOUNT
4. Complete the Refund form include bank details
5. PLEASE ENSURE CORRECT BANK DETAILS ARE PROVIDED
6. Submit your request.

QuickCliq will process all refunds – *please allow 5 Business Days for refunds to be processed.*



### CANTEEN DUTY

#### Term 4

Friday, 6th December 3G & 3H  
Monday, 9th & Friday, 13th December All grade 4's  
Monday, 16th December - no volunteers required **Final day for canteen orders**  
**Friday, 20th December - CLOSED**

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



**Please Note the canteen will be closed  
Friday 20th December  
No Lunch orders available**

## 2020 Booklist/Essential Items

A reminder to families that have payment plan arrangements that the next instalment for 2020 Booklists/Essential Items was due on 30th November.



# Crib Point Market

Saturday December 14th, 9am - 1pm.

Crib Point Community House, 7 Park Road, Crib Point



FREE: Take your kids'/fur babies' photo with **SANTA: 10-11am, 11.30-12.30am**

Christmas Hamper raffle

Food van, coffee, Devonshire teas, Cribby Koala treasure hunt.

Indoor/Outdoor stalls.: Art and craft, eco-friendly products, bric a brac, plants, eggs and lots more.

Enquiries and stall bookings ph:5983 9888 or email: [market@cpch.org.au](mailto:market@cpch.org.au)



Join the Summer Reading Club this summer —More information and how to join please visit the link below

[ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au](http://ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au)  
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# Take a Break Occasional Childcare

## *LEARN, PLAY & GROW*

A flexible Occasional Child Care service, providing family focussed education and care for young children (approx. 18 months old to pre-primary)

Located in the heart of Dromana at Fifteen Gibson street.

We offer five-hour sessions on Monday to Friday during the school term from 9am to 2pm.

School holiday programs will be dependant on numbers

We are licensed to care for up to 16 children per session and we operate 1:5 staff/child ratio.

Our Early Learning Program is aimed at specific developmental stages and during each session children will take part in age-appropriate craft activities, enjoy songs, stories, puzzles and games that enhance and develop enquiring minds and social skills. Play based outside activities include sand and water play in our mud kitchen, bike riding and ball games.

Fees: \$20 annual registration fee applies per child

\$58.85 per five hours - Childcare rebates apply

A completed enrolment form and up to date immunisation are required to enrol at the service. Telephone: (03) 59 87 2631

