



# Red Hill Consolidated School



19 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, 20 December**  
**Last Day 2.30pm**  
**Finish**

Dear Families and Friends,

What a year it has been and what an exciting final two weeks.

### Christmas Carols

Thank you to all families who attended our Christmas Carols last Thursday evening. The weather held out this year and it was nice to finally hold the Carols outside. Our student performances were wonderful and I would like to thank our team of Grade 5 students who ran the evening. I would also like to thank the one and only, Lou Kusel, for organising this event. I'm sure that you'd all agree that Lou has done such a brilliant job in her role this year.

### Rainbow Run

The next big event was the Red Hill Rainbow Run. This was such a fun day. Everyone involved had a blast, including our local member of parliament, Chris Brayne. Students, teachers and parents all had a great time, many commenting that this was the best thing of the year, and I tend to agree. We do apologise for any colour that may have made its way home and on to any furniture. I was still cleaning coloured powder out of my ears on Sunday. We don't have a final figure, but our Rainbow Run also raised funds for our school. A big thankyou to the Colour Committee of teachers and parents who planned and ran this day. The Rainbow Run will be back next year for sure!

### Term Dates 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



### Graduation

This week we farewell all of our terrific Year 6 students and wish them the very best for the coming years. On Monday evening our 2019 Year 6 students attended their official graduation ceremony. Students shared their hopes and aspirations for the future and I believe they are all well equipped to take on the exciting, new challenges within the secondary setting. I wish all of

our Year 6 graduating students great success and happiness for their secondary schooling and life beyond formal education. Thank you so much to our team of parent helpers who helped organise the ceremony as well as the meal and disco afterwards. I know our students had a memorable evening. I would also like to personally thank our Grade 6 School Leaders for all they have done for RHCS this year. I have been both proud and impressed with all of our leaders this year. Our 2020 School Captains will be announced at our final assembly.

### **Awards**

Congratulations to Tully Adams and Gracie Watson, who were presented with the Ewan McDonald Scholarship at last week's assembly. This is a very special award, presented to two student in Grade 4 each year who demonstrate all of our school values. An enormous thank you to the McDonald family for providing this scholarship.

Our Healthy Minds/Healthy Bodies Challenge is over for another year. I was really impressed with the number of entries this year, with about 50 students taking part. Not only did this challenge encourage students to develop habits to improve physical and mental health, but all involved went in to the draw to win some fantastic prizes. Congratulations to all students who took part, especially those who received prizes this year. A big thankyou to the Arthurs Seat Eagle, the Enchanted Maze, PARC and the Moonlit Sanctuary for donating wonderful prizes for this challenge.



### **Giving Tree**

Thank you to all who donated to the RHCS Giving Tree. Our tree is surrounded by gifts that will be distributed to families in need on the Mornington Peninsula. Food For All will be collecting these gifts straight after recess on Friday, therefore there may still be time to sneak in a last minute gift.

### **Attendance**

A quick update on our attendance rates for 2019. As you may remember from previous newsletters, Red Hill Consolidated School had one of the highest rates of absenteeism in the state last year, with 39% of our students having 20 or more days off during the year. I am very pleased to announce that we have seen significant improvement in this area throughout 2019. This year, this number fell to 27% of students recording 20 or more days of absence. Just as pleasing was the number of students with demonstrating good attendance habits this year. In 2019, 34% of our students had fewer than 10 days of absence, compared to just 17% in 2018. 9 Students this year have not had one day away from school. These students will be recognised and awarded a special certificate for this outstanding achievement at the final assembly on Friday. Although we are very pleased with this improvement, this will remain a focus in 2020.

### **Bus Travel 2020**

Thank you to all bus travelling families who have completed and returned their 2020 Bus Applications. If you are already using one of our bus services, you can assume that your application will be successful. If you are new to our bus service or have changed buses, you will be contacted prior to the start of school next year. If you are yet to return your application, please do so as soon as possible. It is a condition of travel for this paperwork to be updated annually.

### **Canteen**

Our canteen arrangements for 2020 have been finalised and will be in operation from day 1 next year. Stir Crazy Kids will be providing students with lunch orders and window sales. Our canteen will be open five days a week next year. We have worked in negation with Stir Crazy Kids to minimise packaging and ensure there are a range of healthy options to choose from. Please find attached the menu for Term 1 in this newsletter and details of how to order.

### **Student Medications**

If your child has medication stored at school, that you may need for the holiday period, can you please contact Louise Aston from sickbay to arrange for pick-up. In addition, if your child is leaving and has medication stored at the first aid room can you also arrange a pickup time with Louise.

Louise would also like to remind parents that all medical plans need to be reviewed by a doctor annually and be fully reviewed every two years.

## 2020 Classes

This week students spent time in their 2020 classes, meeting their new teacher and class mates. This was a very exciting occasion for our children as well as our teachers. Our year level teams, specialist teachers and leadership have spent many hours developing class lists taking many factors into consideration and to make sure that all children have at least one friend from their list. I managed to pop my head in to most classes during this transition session and everyone I spoke with was thrilled with their placement. We also welcomed a number of new and returning staff to Red Hill Consolidated School. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Jacob Mehrtens, Kathy McLaren and Darcie Carter as well as an equally warm welcome back to Lauren Smart, Stacey Dempster and Rhiannon Petris. In 2020, Red Hill Consolidated School will comprise of 26 classes and 5 specialist subjects operating - Art, PE, Music, LOTE Japanese and Science for students from Years Prep to Year six.

## 2020 Teaching Staff

Prep	PC	Kim Clarkson	PD	Deanne Holmes	PH	Meredith Hyams	PM	Jenna McBride
Year 1	1D	Stacey Dempster	1L	Brooke Loader	1R	Chloe Russell	1W	Alissa Worboys
Year 2	2C	Darcie Carter	2D	Maddy Darling	2ES	Caitlin Sullivan Vicki Evans	2H	Rebecca Holmes
Year 3	3G	Imogen Green	3P	Linda Pinchbeck	3W	Mel Whipp		
Year 4	4B	Pam Burcheri	4K	Jana King	4M	Jacob Mehrtens	4MS	Suzi McConaghy Lauren Smart
Year 5	5C	Molly Clark	5D	Kate Durling	5F	Prue Freeth	5M	Kathy McLaren
Year 6	6C	Danielle Cuttler	6G	James Graham	6HM	Nicky Heffernan Kellie Morton		

## Building Works

As previously communicated, we have significant asbestos removal taking place at Red Hill Consolidated School between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of January. We ask that no families access the site during these dates. We have also organised earthworks in our lower sandy car park and gymnasium access road. Please be aware of these planned works and be careful if you are on school grounds over the holidays. I would like to sincerely thank Hillview Quarries for donating the crushed rock for this much needed works.

## Farewells

We wish all our departing families the very best for the future and we thank you for your amazing support. Goodbye to the following terrific families that will be leaving RHCS at the end of the year. Farewell to the Ablett, Albress, Barrett, Bellinger, Brady, Clarkson, Cleine, Dahlenburg-Geeves, Donnelly, Dugdale, Farnsworth, Fatouros, Fitzgerald, Furness, Gillies, Gilligan, Gray, Griffiths, Hagley, Heathcote, Hudson, Jones, Kennedy, Lewis, Marsh, McKenzie, Mead, Merrifield, Morris, Miller, Murphy, Newman, Norman, Owen, Pullar, Rosche, Selth, Sheppard, Skene, Spedding, Thornton, Thornton-Grimes, Vine, Wright, and Young families.



Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the amazing work of our dedicated and caring staff. We are so lucky to have such a brilliant workforce. Our Office Staff, Education Support Staff, Classroom teachers, Specialist teachers and our Canteen Manager and Maintenance Man all do such an amazing job each and every day. I would like to express my gratitude to the support of my trusty side kick this year, Joanne Barnes, who has worked so hard to ensure our school has run so smoothly this year despite the challenges and hurdles of 2019. Nicky Heffernan, our Learning Specialist has also been such an

important piece of our leadership structure this year and was instrumental in maintaining such high standards in curriculum and learning and for our success in the school review this year.

I would also like to thank our departing staff, who are heading off to pursue other opportunities. Mr Andy Kotwas and Mrs Ferne Heffernan have both secured positions down the road at Dromana Secondary College next year. Both will be combining their skills and love of teaching with their passions. Mrs Heffernan will be teaching VCE Accounting, while Mr Kotwas will be teaching Food Technology and Mathematics. Mr Peter Dalton will also be finishing up with us this year, looking to explore other possibilities. I would like to thank and wish good luck to Tamara Cleine who has worked so hard in our school canteen. Tamara has also been heavily involved with our school operations as a member of school council and head of fundraising. For all of our departing staff, thank you so much for all you have done for our students and school community and I wish you all the best for the future.

### **Last Day**

Friday will be a 2:30pm finish and that students from Grade 1 to 6 start school on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January. By now, I'm sure that most families have accessed school reports from the Sentral Portal, but , if not, please log in to access your child's report. I hope all families have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing most of you back here in 2020 for another fantastic year at Red Hill Consolidated School.

And for the final time in 2019.....

**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**



## Performing Arts



Hi everyone!

Wishing you a very happy and safe Summer break from the Performing Arts Department.

I thought I would take this opportunity to include the contacts for our Instrumental music teachers in anticipation for the 2020 school year.

I have also included the phone number for a Violin Teacher, Jenni Moser. Jenni does not offer lessons at the school, however I have been approached by a number of families seeking a fantastic and well-regarded violin teacher.

GUITAR	Chris- 0432 649 359
SAXOPHONE & CLARINET	Sebastian- 0468 518 437
PIANO	Berni – 0415 963 509
PIANO	Natalie - 0419 110 371
FLUTE & SINGING	Christine – 0407 524 123
DRUMS & PERCUSSION	Hannes –0402 393 581
VIOLIN	Jenni – 0438 324 625

Kindest wishes,

Louise Kusel  
Performing Arts Teacher





# RED HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



EFTPOS available at the Canteen



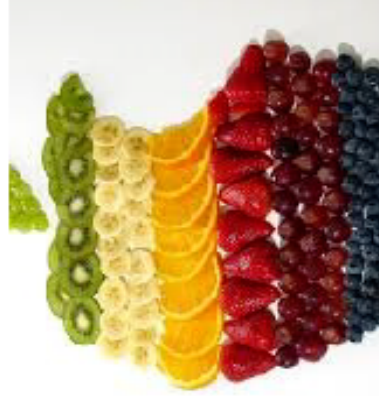
## TERM 1 2020

# CANTEEN MENU

## TUMMY TEASERS

Available for lunch orders and every Canteen day at Recess and Lunchtime

☺☺ Orange 1/4	.30c
☺☺ Slinky Apple	\$1.00c
☺☺ Slice of Fruit in Season	\$1.00c
☺ Mini Muffin	\$1.00c
☺ Anzac Biscuit	\$1.00c
☺ Corn Flake cookies (Gluten Free)	\$1.00c
☺☺ Garlic Finger	.50c
☺ Ginger Bread People	\$2.00
☺☺ Yoghurt Tubs—Topped with Fruit Coulis	
Sml-\$1.00 Med-\$1.50 Lge-\$2.00	
Available Frozen	
☺☺ Quelch—Frozen Fruit Icy Pole	\$1.00



### Nutritional Guide

All The Food in this Canteen Menu has been ranked by Nutrition experts using smiley faces. This allows you to make informed choices about your child's daily nutritional requirements.

☺☺—Green ☺—Amber

This Menu is in line with the DEECD School Canteen and other School food Policy \*

Whilst we offer Gluten Free choices they are prepared with care in a Gluten environment

## ON-LINE LUNCH ORDERS

You can now order your child's lunch online @

[www.mvschoolconnect.com.au/](http://www.mvschoolconnect.com.au/)

Down load the App at the App Store or Google play

We have everything ready to go to make Lunch orders easy. All you need to do is register, add your kids, don't forget their grades, choose their lunch and we will take care of the rest. You can order in advance or on the morning until 9am Too easy!!

## CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

For orders direct to Canteen Please write the following details for your child's lunch order on a Paper Bag:

Child's Name & Grade. Food order. Cash amount enclosed

Food Allergies in **Red Pen**  
Please provide one bag per order

\*If a bag is not supplied 20c for a bag will need to be included.  
\* To help us to comply with Food Safety Regulations all Paper Bags must be new



Grab a Coffee or Hot Choc on Canteen Days

Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
Coffee	\$3.50
Tea	\$2.00

Light Milk and Soy Available

## DRINKS

☺☺ Juice Box 250ml— Apple /Orange	
Apple & Blackcurrant	\$1.80
☺ Oak Milk 250ml	
Choc / Straw	\$2.50
☺☺ Plain Milk cup	\$2.50
☺☺ Lactose Free Choc Milk	\$2.50
☺ Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
☺☺ Bottled water	\$1.50



[WWW.STIRCRAZYKIDS.COM.AU](http://WWW.STIRCRAZYKIDS.COM.AU)

Facebook/stircrazykidscanteen

# Summer Holiday Programs

Southern Peninsula national parks and reserves are offering

**FREE** ranger hosted activities these holidays.

Get active, get curious and get outdoors in our parks with Junior Ranger fun for kids aged between 6 to 12 years old.

- \* Learn about coastal critters on rockpool rambles
- \* Super sleuth on a park or beach treasure hunt
- \* Uncover the secret to identifying plant and animal species
- \* Tread lightly and learn about the plight of the plover
- \* Discover colours, textures and patterns hidden in our parks on a family treasure hunt
- \* Learn about the nocturnal life of a bandicoot

All activities are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings essential.

[www.juniorrangers.com.au](http://www.juniorrangers.com.au)



***Mount Martha House Community Centre is offering a range of workshops in the summer season for children of all ages, from outdoor fun to making and creating puppets, art, craft and painting.***

***If your child loves photography then join the workshop where you will explore different ways to use a camera.***

***Join in the fun, bring a friend along.***

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

To book, visit:  
[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)  
or call 1300 105 343

## Outside School Hours Care

How fast has this year flown

Time flies when you're having fun and the OSHC children have certainly had fun throughout this year, they have enjoyed the themed activities provided by Camp Australia and various activities organised by their educators.

Looking forward to another year of fun in 2020 with meeting new children and their parents and the return of the current families.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, the service reopens on the 29th January 2020.

Regards

Jillian Boyde (Co-ordinator of OSHC)

To find out more about the Camp Australia OSHC program, please visit our website at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or call our friendly Customer Care on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except National Public Holidays).

Have a wonderful summer and don't forget to stay Sun Smart!

Safety • Meaningful • Innovative • Leadership • Education  
*we make kids smile*