



Red Hill Consolidated School



30th January, 2020

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.



Term 1, 2020

Thursday, January 30

Year 6 Circus Skills Program
Commences

Friday, February 14

House Swimming Carnival Year 4-6

Monday, February 17

Year 1 Mrs Sargood Incursion

Thursday, February 20

Year 1 Grandparents Morning

Wednesday, February 26

District Swimming Carnival

Wednesday, March 4

District Tennis

Friday, March 6

Curriculum Day—Student Free Day

Monday, March 9

Labour Day Holiday

Monday, March 16

Divisional Swimming

School Council Meetings

Tuesday, February 18 at 6.30 pm
In the Staffroom

Tuesday, March 17 AGM at 6.30pm
in the Staffroom

Term Dates

Term 1

January 29 to March 27

Term 2

April 13 to June 26

Term 3

July 13 to September 18

Term 4

October 5 to December 18

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to the 2020 School Year. I hope that you all managed some time off and enjoyed the summer break with your wonderful children.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Red Hill Consolidated School to all of our new families. We are all very excited about this year and I'm looking forward to talking to the students about their holidays. I also can't wait until Monday to meet our new little VIPs (Very Important Preps).

Firstly, I would like to welcome and introduce a number of new faces to the Red Hill Consolidated School Team. Darcie Carter in Grade 2C, Jacob Mehrtens in 4M and Kathy McLaren in 5M, as well as David Muzyk who will be overseeing Wellbeing who have all joined our teaching staff in 2020.



We also have three familiar faces returning to Red Hill. Stacey Dempster, Lauren Smart and Rhiannon Petris have all returned from Family Leave this year. And finally, Belinda Rankin and Elise Pentland have joined our amazing Education Support Staff Team, and will be working primarily in our Prep classrooms. If you see these new staff members in the playground please say hello.

Building & Ground Works

A number of substantial projects took place over the holidays. All remaining category 3 asbestos was removed from our buildings and some renovations took place in the Palace, including re-carpeting and removal of some internal walls. We are also awaiting brand new display boards in these classrooms. Our Lower Sandy car park and gymnasium access road was resurfaced last week. I would like to sincerely thank Hillview Quarries for the generous donation of crushed rock for this project. I would also like to acknowledge Andrew Sides for his work over the break. Andrew co-ordinated the car park project and also slashed our school nature strips.

Tree removal and pruning works will begin at Red Hill Consolidated School this week. All diseased and dangerous trees and limbs are scheduled for removal at no cost to the school. This is unfortunate timing, but every measure is being

taken to ensure children are safe and learning is not interrupted. Works will be put on hold during recess and lunch breaks as well as drop off and pick up times. Some works will be carried out on weekends, so please be aware if you are visiting our grounds outside of school hours.

Bushfires

The terrible news of the devastating bushfires over the holidays has shocked us all. If you and your family were affected by these fires, please get in contact with the school. The Department of Education and Training have a number of services and supports to assist impacted families. It is also important for our teachers to be aware in order to support your child. Some children may begin to develop some worries around bushfires. With this in mind, we will be very sensitive when conducting our mandatory evacuation drills and discussing the threat of bushfire at Red Hill.

With that in mind, Red Hill Consolidated School is a Code Red School, identified as being at a higher risk of bushfire. As a Code Red School, we are required to take a number of precautions, undertake training and drills, as well as close the school on Code Red days. An information sheet regarding Code Red days has been included in this newsletter.

Please also ensure we have up to date information regarding any medical conditions your child may suffer from. The smoke haze from bushfires as well as thunderstorms typical at this time of the year can be a trigger for asthma. If this is the case for your child, please let us know.

Student Information Update Pack

A student Information Update pack along with consent forms is being sent home this week. A number of forms will need to be completed and returned. This pack contains:

- ◆ Student Information to be updated, and signed
- ◆ Release of Contact Details for Class Contact Representatives
- ◆ Consent - Publish to Media (for the duration of time at Red Hill Consolidated School)
- ◆ Consent - Head Lice Inspections (for the duration of time at Red Hill Consolidated School)
- ◆ Digital Technologies Use Agreement (this is required to be completed each year)

Also being sent home is the Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds form (CSEF). We ask eligible families to return this as soon as possible. To make things a little easier at this end, we do ask you to return all forms at the same time, no later than Friday 7th of February.

Hats

It is shaping up to be a hot Term 1. As always, students must have a broad brimmed hat when outdoors in Term 1 and 4. With very hot weather forecasted this week, children must have a hat from day one. We also encourage children to apply sun screen before school and to have a water bottle on their desk at all times.

Privacy Policy

As we begin the new school year I must remind you of our school's privacy policy. Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. A copy of this may be found

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>.

Collection of Information Statement

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website at

<https://redhillcs.vic.edu.au/policies/> For more information about privacy please visit

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>

Mobile Phone Policy

While we're on the topic of policies, please ensure you and your children are aware of the state-wide policy for mobile phones at school. If your child must have a mobile phone at school, it will need to be switched off and stored securely during school hours. Our classes from 4 to 6 have been provided with lockable storage for mobile phones. If you have a child in a younger year level who requires a mobile phone at school, please contact the

office and we will arrange secure storage for your child's device. We ask that all children sign their devices in and out and for any bus travellers to keep mobile phones in their school bags whilst travelling on the bus. Our school's mobile phone policy can also be found on our website.

Student Banking

Student banking will no longer be available at Red Hill Consolidated School in 2020. This is due to an enormous decrease in deposits, which is most likely due to the use of electronic banking..

Assemblies

We will be trialling Friday afternoons from 2:30pm for assemblies this year. This may suit some families, but the decision to trial this new time was to increase prime learning time for our students. The other big change this year is in our canteen. Our canteen is now being run by Stir Crazy Kids five days a week. Lunches can be ordered online at www.myschoolconnect.com.au, by downloading the My School Connect App or directly at the canteen. The canteen menu will be available on our school's website. A copy is also being sent home today.

Thank you to the amazing team of parents, students and teachers who looked after our birds over the holidays. They all seemed very happy, fed and hydrated every time I popped in. It also seems we have some new birds in our aviary.

Finally this week, some very exciting news. I would like to congratulate Lucy Weston and her husband James, who welcomed Winter to the world over the holidays. I am very happy to report that both mum and little Winnie are in good health. Winne is very cute and already dishing out smiles.




Future Newsletters

This will be the only printed and distributed hard copy of the Red Hill Consolidated School newsletter. All future publications will be available on the Sentral Portal and the school website. Hard copies will be available from the office on request.

Have a wonderful week.


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



RED HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL BUSHFIRE COMMUNICATION PLAN

Red Hill Consolidated School is located in an area of high fire danger. The school takes every precaution to be as prepared as possible in the case of fire.

In the case of a "Code Red" day being declared for our region by the Bureau of Meteorology the school will be closed. You will be notified by SMS and school notice, if possible, of this occurrence. No students or staff can attend on these days.



- *In the case of any fire evacuation you will be notified by SMS.*
- *The school's bushfire evacuation point is the School Hall, adjacent to our Office.*
- *The CFA will advise if it is safe to collect your children from school and you will be notified of this via SMS.*

Make sure you keep your details up to date with our office
email: red.hill.cs@edumail.vic.gov.au
Or ph: 5989 2321 to do so.

Bushfire Survival Plan
PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund Application

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or

non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two.

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;

c) Submit an application to the school by **Friday 13th February**.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (28 January 2020) or term two (14 April 2020).

HOW TO APPLY

Today your child will receive an application form. If you applied for the CSEF at Red Hill Consolidated School in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure 5989 2321.

ART RED HILL

We will be holding our first Art Red Hill meeting this coming Tuesday 4th February in the Staffroom at 9.15am.

If you would like to volunteer for Art Red Hill 2020 or just find out more we would love you to come along and join us.

Marlo and Chelsea— Art Red Hill Coordinators



UNIFORM SHOP DETAILS:

For all your child's uniform needs please
Visit PSW located at Unit 1/22 Watt Road,
Mornington.

Student Banking

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