



Red Hill Consolidated School



27 February, 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

Tuesday, March 3

Year 3 Mock Orchard Excursion

Wednesday, March 4

District Tennis

Thursday, March 5

Family & Friends Picnic 5pm

Friday, March 6

Curriculum Day—Student Free Day

Monday, March 9

Labour Day Holiday

Wednesday, March 11

Building Learning Partnerships

Monday, March 16

Divisional Swimming

Friday, March 20

School Photo Day

Wednesday, March 25

Yr 6 Summer Lightning Premierships

Thursday, March 26

Regional Swimming

Year 6 Performance 6pm

Term 2, 2020

Wednesday, April 29 to Friday, May 1

Year 4 Camp Manyung

Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3

Art Red Hill

School Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 17 AGM

6.30pm in Staffroom

Term Dates

Term 1

January 29 to March 27

Term 2

April 14 to June 26

Term 3

July 13 to September 18

Term 4

October 5 to December 18

Dear Families and Friends,

It's been a busy fortnight up at Red Hill Consolidated School with more exciting events coming up. Firstly I would like to thank Coach Milenkovic and all of the teachers involved for organising and running such a successful School Swimming Carnival on the 14th of February. The weather held out and I was so proud of our students for their perfect behaviour and attitude. It was so nice to pop down and see all of our children having a go and supporting one another. I would also like to thank all of the parent helpers who assisted on the day. As well as being lots of fun, the purpose of this day is to select our school's swimming team who will be competing at the District Swimming Trials this week. Good luck to all students involved.



Mr Jarman has been busy with students from our senior school working on a number of art projects. If you get a chance, pop in and check out Mr Muzyk's beautiful mural in the wellbeing room. This was a collaborative project with students. Our very talented students have also been hard at it, creating artwork for the upcoming Red Hill Show. You can see this work in person at the Red Hill Show on Saturday the 7th of March.



Year 6 Leadership

Last Friday our Grade 6 Leaders were presented with their 2020 Leadership badges at assembly. Our local member of parliament, Christopher Brayne assisted with this presentation. This year our leadership roles have been extended to all specialist subjects, providing more students with leadership opportunities. This week all classes from grades 3 to 6 have been electing their 2020 Student Voice Team representative. Those students selected to this role will be presented with their badges at an upcoming assembly.



School Council Elections

Speaking of elections, our school council elections are coming to a close. By now all parents eligible to vote should have received their ballot papers. If you are yet to vote, you have until 4:00pm on Monday the 2nd of March. If you are using a postal vote, please ensure your ballot papers are posted in time to reach the school by the close of ballot. Please also ensure you follow all instructions on the ballot paper to ensure your vote counts.

Family and Friends Picnic

I hope you have all received an invitation to our Family and Friends Picnic event on Thursday the 5th of March. Local Celtic band, Sugatree will be performing. Sausages and drinks will be available for sale on the evening. The CFA will also be bringing their truck and will be available to talk to families about their fire plans. We encourage you to bring along a picnic blanket or camping chairs to sit on and a picnic dinner. I hope to see you all there.



Working Bee

We have also planned a short working bee on Friday the 28th of February from 4:00 until 6:00pm. We have identified a number of small jobs around the school, including a tidy up of the Garden Centre and we are after as many helpers as possible. If you are available, we would love your help. Any volunteers must sign in and we do require you to wear appropriate footwear.



Helping At School & Working with Children Checks

Just a few quick reminders for this fortnight. Can all helpers and volunteers please make sure they sign in at the office. This is an important procedure in the case of an emergency and also to ensure that all of our helpers have current Working With Children Cards. This is a mandatory procedure in all Department schools. It is a requirement that RHCS is listed with the Department of Justice as an organisation that you volunteer with. Please go to the Department of Justice website and list RHCS as one of the organisations that you volunteer with. The Department of Justice will keep RHCS updated with any changes to your WWCC status.



Car Parking

If you are using our lower sandy car parks for pick up and drop off, please follow the signs. This car park has a clearly marked entrance and exit to maintain order and improve safety. Again, I am pleading with drivers to be patient and drive safely during these times. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, no parents should be using the gymnasium access road or car park between 8:30am and 3:45pm. Cars on school property creates an increased risk to student safety.



Bus Travel

A reminder for all families using our bus services. I was recently contacted by Driver Coastal to discuss our policy on pick-ups from bus stops for the afternoon services. It is expected that all primary aged students are met at the bus stop by a parent or guardian. If there is not an adult at the bus stop upon arrival, the bus will wait and the school will be contacted. We will attempt to contact you. In some circumstances, the bus will continue its service and arrangements for pick up will need to be made. If you are running late, we would encourage you to call the school before 3:30pm and we will remove your child from the bus. This policy is in place to ensure our bus services run to schedule and that all students are kept safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

Daily Timetable

Finally this week, I have had a few queries regarding the times of our timetable trial. As previously communicated we needed to change to a seven period timetable due to our class numbers and specialist program in 2020. This has meant a slight change to our recess and lunch time breaks. Students now break for recess between 10:30 and 11:00am and go outside for lunch between 1:15 and 2:00pm. Teachers provide time between recess and lunch for students to eat their lunch. This is currently working well, however we will review this trial as a staff in the coming months.

See you all at the Family and Friends Picnic.

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



Contemporary Learning Experience Update

Children learn best when the significant adults in their lives -- parents, teachers, and other family and community members -- work together to encourage and support them. This basic fact should be a guiding principle as we think about how schools should be organised and how children should be taught. Schools alone cannot address all of a child's developmental needs: The meaningful involvement of parents and support from the community are essential.

The need for a strong partnership between schools and families to educate children may seem like common sense. In simpler times, this relationship was natural and easy to maintain. Teachers and parents were often neighbours and found many occasions to discuss a child's progress. Children heard the same messages from teachers and parents and understood that they were expected to uphold the same standards at home and at school. However, as life gets busier the opportunities for teachers, parents and the broader community to come together get fewer and fewer and are more difficult to organise.

At Red Hill Consolidated School we believe that our students learn best when we foster strong relationships with parents, caregivers and the broader community. In the next couple of weeks, we have two events that we hope will help to continue to develop and strengthen our school-home bonds. The first is our "Family and Friends Picnic", that will take place on Thursday, 5th March. This will be a great evening that provides our school community with the chance to come together and have some fun. It will give our new families a chance to meet existing Red Hill families and begin to establish new connections.

The second event is our "Building Learning Partnership" evening that will be happening on Wednesday, 11th March. During this evening parents attend a 10-minute interview with their child's classroom teacher. The aim of these sessions is for parents to share about their child with the classroom teacher, giving the teacher a more detailed picture of each child. You might like to talk about your child's strengths, areas for growth, passions and interests, achievements outside of school and learning goals that you would like to see your child achieve. The teacher will be able to offer suggestions for how you might support your child with their learning at home. Bookings for these interviews will open on Sentral at 5:00pm this Friday, 28th February, and information will be sent home, via email, about how to access the online booking system.

Our staff understand that parents often have a need to communicate with them about things happening in their children's lives. We actively encourage parents to email or call staff to make appointments to do this. Please be aware that when staff are teaching they will not be able to chat to you as their focus is on the students in their care.

I look forward to seeing lots of you next Thursday at our picnic and the following Wednesday for our "Building Learning Partnerships" evening.

Jo Barnes



Health and Wellbeing:

G'day RHCS Community,

How are we all already at the halfway mark for term 1? Lunch clubs have been running daily and we ask that you encourage the students to participate as much as possible, we'll have a new list of activities up at the end of term 1 for students to choose from in term 2.

Our 'Student Voice Team' representatives are currently being elected and will be presented with their badges this Friday in assembly. This year students will act as 'Health Ambassadors' and will partake in the achievement program, supported by Peninsula Health. We look forward to having the students feedback on how their first meetings have gone in the next newsletter.

For anyone wanting to know more, feel free to watch the quick 2 minute video that demonstrates how RHCS is working towards being recognised as a 'Healthy School' in Victoria: <https://www.achievementprogram.health.vic.gov.au/healthy-places/schools>

Wellbeing Mural:



A big thank you to Gavin, Mr Jarman and some of our year 5/6 students who painted this beautiful mural in the wellbeing space. It's been a welcoming space for our students to enter and is a beautiful piece that highlights the true purpose of the room. This year we hope to complete some more artworks around the school, so we'll be reaching out to our students about brightening up some of our older parts of the school.

The Anniversary Of The Apology:

On Thursday 13th Feb it was the 12th anniversary of the National Apology.

On 13 February 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made a formal apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples, particularly to the Stolen Generations whose lives had been impacted by past governments. All classes took some time to do some work with teachers to reflect on the day and complete some activities focused on Australia's first nation people. This was a good time for students to continually explore our history as a country as well as begin to bridge the gap. Evie, Alice, Isabel, and Daniel from 5D spent some time getting nice and creative during their learning time.



Respectful Relationships:

As we enter into our last few weeks of topic 1: Emotional Literacy, we are starting to see our students having a stronger vocabulary around emotions, what they look like, sound like and how they feel. In week seven, students will build on their new vocabulary and begin to focus on their 'Personal Strengths':

"Children and young people need a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand strengths and positive

qualities in themselves and others. This topic provides learning activities to build this vocabulary and to use it when discussing personal, social and ethical challenges. Research in the field of positive psychology emphasises the importance of identifying and using individual strengths. Social and emotional learning programs which use strength based approaches promote student wellbeing, positive behaviour and academic achievement.”

– Melbourne University

We encourage you to check-in with students to see how the lessons are going.

Attendance:

I recently attended one of the Department of Education’s Health and Wellbeing sessions that focused on attendance. This was not only a good chance for me to have a look at the updated evidence base around the benefits of attendance but also look at how we as a school sit compared to the state average. Unfortunately based on last year, we have seen students missing school and our students miss more than the average student across the state. RHCS students on average miss 16.4 days a year. Students who miss 16.6 days a year across P-12 will lose one whole year of learning, it does really worry me that we as a school are trending this way before heading into secondary school. The habits we instil in students now are vital for their years here at RHCS, their future education and beyond. Here are just a few of the latest data trends around attendance in Australia:

- ◆ Attendance and engagement are preconditions for maximising learning and wellbeing outcomes for students.
- ◆ Absence is a lead indicator for achievement and engagement outcomes.
- ◆ There is a strong correlation between student attendance and learning outcomes.
- ◆ Even small amounts of unauthorised absences are associated with substantial falls in average NAPLAN test scores.

What we will be doing is giving students attendance goals as of term 2, so that they can monitor their attendance and learn to take responsibility for their attendance. This will not include medical appointments that have been supported with certificates or students who we know have regular appointments. We look forward to the students sharing their attendance success with you through their diaries.

Upcoming Key Dates:

- International Women’s Day (10th March)
- National Day of Action Against Bullying (20th March)
- Harmony Day (21st March)

That’s all from me folks,

First Aid—News



A reminder to Parents & Carers,

ALL medications for students require a written letter/plan from your Health Professional in order for staff to administer to your child.

We are unable to accept verbal or written requests for the administration of medications from parents without the accompanying written request from a Health Professional.

Thank you

Louise Aston

First Aid



Celebrating **40** Years

Are you a graphic design wizz?



Either with professional experience or simply a talented and willing enthusiast?

Art Red Hill is looking for volunteers to assist with designing our printed collateral including signage, local print media advertisements and a catalogue/magazine.

One volunteer would be great, a number of volunteers who can share the workload would be brilliant. If you, or someone you know, could volunteer some time could you please make contact with Marlo (0411 416 852) or Chelsea (0402 216 865) ASAP.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS AND RAISE MONEY FOR RHCS!

We are seeking school families to advertise their business in the Art Red Hill 40th Year Catalogue

3 sizes available - \$85, \$160 and \$300



Sponsorship

We are also looking for any businesses that would LOVE to become a sponsor of the Art Show

The sponsorship packages range from \$600 - \$7500

Please contact Suzie Whyte

0425 732 223



CAMP AUSTRALIA

A very warm welcome to everyone, and a special welcome to our families who are new to the OSHC program.

At Camp Australia we provide an engaging and supportive outside of school hours space for children to play, connect, learn and grow.

In our sessions children will be provided with a healthy snack while given time to relax, socialise with friends and learn some life skills along the way.

Every Tuesday afternoon during the afterschool care program, Children will have the opportunity to join in and participate in a fun Sports program. This program is run by an experienced Sports Educator, from Camp Australia between 4.15pm- 4.45pm.

During the month of February/March, we will help each child to complete a fun profile map. Children will be asked to provide feedback to their likes and dislikes. Questions are based around, Construction/Puzzles, Music, Art & Craft, Group Games, Favourite Animal, Pets, Environment etc.

These profile maps help the Educators to provide fun activities to suit your Child/ren's interests.

Could I please remind all families to ensure their child/ren bring a hat, which can be kept at afterschool care. If children do not have a hat they are restricted as to where they can play, shaded areas only.

We do supply sunscreen, but if you prefer your child/ren to have their own, please provide to the service with child's name clearly marked on the item.

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at www.campastralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, its easy to make bookings and manage your booking options online via our parent portal. If eligible, to help you with the cost of childcare, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy. Visit my.gov.au to find out more.

We look forward to a fun-filled Term 1.

From the friendly team at OSHC Red Hill Consolidated School

Jillian Boyde Co-ordinator of the Before and After school Care

Performing Arts

We have some wonderful instrumental music teachers here at the school to help develop your child's interest in a particular instrument. If your child would like to learn to play one of the instruments on offer, please contact the instrumental teacher directly and they will be able to provide you with more information. As the term progresses, I am hoping to provide more information for drumming lessons!

- * **Guitar:** Chris 0432 649 359
- * **Saxophone & Clarinet:** Sebastian 0468 518 437
- * **Piano:** Bernie 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 (Does not conduct lessons at RHCS)

Kindest regards,

Louise Kusel, Performing Arts Teacher.





RED HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL WORKING BEE

All parents and friends of Red Hill Consolidated School are invited to attend a short, after school working bee to help tidy up the school. Jobs identified by the RHCS Facilities Committee include:

Clearing of drains

Removal of vegetation

Weeding and clearing

FRIDAY THE 28th OF FEBRUARY

4:00PM – 6:00PM

Drinks provided.



PLEASE BRING
YOUR OWN:

—
GARDENING GLOVES

—
SHOVELS AND
RAKES

—
HAND SAWS AND
PRUNING TOOLS

—
SUN PROTECTION
AND SAFE
FOOTWEAR

Please RSVP by email to
red.hill.cs@edumail.vic.gov.au

All participants must sign in at
the office.

Look forward to seeing you
there.



THURSDAY THE 5TH OF MARCH RHCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS PICNIC

All families and friends of Red Hill Consolidated School are invited to our Family and Friends Picnic from **5:30 until 7:30** on Thursday the 5th of March on our school oval. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents in our school community and to enjoy some beautiful Celtic tunes from local band, Sugatree, winners of the 2018 Celtic song of the year award.

The local Country Fire Authority will be in attendance to talk to about your fire plans and to display their fire trucks.

Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic blanket or camping chairs and dinner. Barbeque food and drinks will be available to purchase on the night. **This is strictly an alcohol free event.**



**Live music provided
by local band
Sugatree**

**Main Ridge and Red
Hill CFA Truck on
display**

**Barbeque food and
soft drinks available
for purchase**

**Bring along a picnic
blanket or camping
chairs**

**Strictly an alcohol
free event.**

**Great opportunity for all
of our new families to
meet other parents and
children in our school
community.**

BUNDJIL'S NEST
PRESENTS

THIS IS AN
ALCOHOL
& DOG
FREE
EVENT

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SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 10AM - 8PM

**COMMUNITY FESTIVAL • FAMILY FRIENDLY • ENTRY BY DONATION
HONOURING AND CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS CULTURES
BALNARRING BEACH, ROBERTSONS PARK AND CAMPING RESERVE**

**ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD STALLS • CRAFT STALLS
CULTURAL WORKSHOPS • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

FEATURING THE TALENTS OF

**BENNY WALKER • KEY HOO
NOLA LAUCH BAND • CARISSA NYALU
MARTY WILLIAMS • INDIGENOUS HIP HOP PROJECTS • MAYLENE
CULTURE EVOLVES • PIRritu (BRETT LEE) • ROBBIE BUNDLE**

CAMPING AVAILABLE // OFF STREET PARKING AVAILABLE

**SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 8am - 11am
Wayapa Session & Community Breakfast**

We acknowledge the festival is held on the land of the Boon Wurrung language group of the Kulin Nations. We acknowledge all First Peoples across Australia. We pay our respects to all Elders: past and present, and thank them for sharing their stories and Knowledge.



FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:

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■ [instagram.com/womindjekabalnarring](https://www.instagram.com/womindjekabalnarring)



Belonging. Being. Becoming

TOUR DATES

THURSDAY 26th MARCH 4:15-5PM

THURSDAY 30th APRIL 4:15-5PM

THURSDAY 21st MAY 4:15-5PM



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