



# Red Hill Consolidated School



8 October, 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 4, 2020

Monday, 12 October  
Years Prep - 6 students  
Return to onsite learning

#### **RHCS Drop off Times**

8.45 Grade 2 and 5  
9.00 Grade 1 and 4  
9.15 Preps, Grade 3 & 6

#### **Pickup Times**

3.00 Grade 2 and 5  
3.15 Grade 1 & 4  
3.30 Preps, Grade 3 and 6

### Next School Council Meeting

#### **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,

A great deal has changed since our last newsletter and we are now very excited to be welcoming all students back to on-site learning next Monday. By now you should have received an information guide and a one page key points document on the return to face to face teaching arrangements and processes. We need your continued support to keep our community safe and ensure a smooth transition back to school, so please familiarise yourselves with this information. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email the school account.

#### **Swimming Program Term 4**

One of the big decisions for our school was to cancel our swimming program until further notice. Although outdoor pools may operate, this program relies heavily on parent volunteers, who are currently not permitted on site. There are also a number of restrictions and requirements involving changing rooms that would make it impractical to run our swimming program. Swimming will be replaced by weekly physical education lessons. The voluntary contribution for swimming in 2021 has been reduced to compensate for this cancellation.

#### **2021 Book Packs, Essential Items and Voluntary Contributions**

Information about 2021 book packs, essential items and voluntary contributions will be sent out this week via email from our administration team. Firstly, we would like to apologise for the amount of information in these documents. All provided information is a requirement of the Department of Education's Parent Payment Policy which can be found at <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>. We have made a number of changes for 2021. When constructing year level book packs and essential items, our teachers were mindful that many students will have unused stationary and other items from this year. With that in mind, book packs have been cut back. Head phones have also been made optional for 2021. Book packs will again be delivered to your nominated address this year.

#### **Book Week**

One of the events that was postponed earlier this year was Book Week. This event is always a highlight at RHCS and I am pleased to announce that Book Week has been rescheduled for Week 3 this term with our dress up day on the calendar for Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. Please see the attached flyer for more information and details. Start thinking about and organising costumes now. I can't wait.

## Upcoming Fire Season

If you have driven past our school lately, you may have noticed that there has been some significant vegetation removed to ready our school for the upcoming fire danger period. The majority of these works has included the removal of large limbs overhanging buildings and vegetation under our tree canopies. A small number of trees have been removed that were within two meters of a window or flammable material. Further works have been scheduled to comply with the Victorian School Buildings Authority's requirements for schools on the Bushfire At Risk Register. We also have plans to replant with these requirements in mind to maintain our school's leafy appearance.



## Up to Date Asthma Plans



As well as the bushfire season just around the corner, we are also approaching the time of year when some children (and adults) experience thunderstorm asthma. With a higher risk of storms on the long range forecast and moderate pollen counts, those in a high risk category, including people who have experienced thunderstorm asthma previously are encouraged to speak with their doctor. It is important that we have up to date asthma action plans and medication for all children with this condition.

On days of high risk, identified students will remain indoors during breaks.

## 2021 Class Planning

We are beginning to make initial plans and preparations for 2021. We are now taking formal requests to assist us develop class lists for next year. Given the disruption to 2020, we plan on making very few changes to classes. However, if you have a friendship request or if there is something specific you believe we should know, please submit your request in writing to the school email account by Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. No requests will be accepted after this date. We ask that parents do not request certain teachers, as in many cases teachers move year levels from year to year. Instead, please describe the attributes in a teacher that would benefit your child.

As we begin to consider our class structures for next year if there are any families that will not be returning to Red Hill Consolidated School next year would you please either contact the office or email the school to let us know.



## Virtual Art Red Hill 2020

I hope you have all been following the progress of our upcoming virtual Art Red Hill on social media and in the local paper. If you are yet to do so, please share ARH on Facebook and Instagram. Speaking with our wonderful ARH team, it sounds like we're receiving plenty of submissions. More news about Art Red Hill to come.

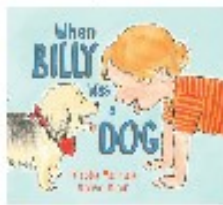
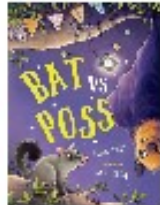
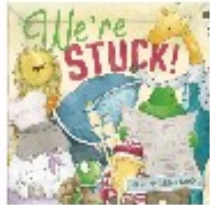
Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all in person next week. I cannot wait for our classrooms and playgrounds to be full of kids.

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

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# BOOK WEEK 2020

## Monday 17th - Friday 23rd October



To celebrate Book Week,

We are inviting all students and staff to dress up as their favourite character from a book on Thursday 22nd October. There will be no Book Parade this year, instead we will be showcasing the wonderful costumes virtually, during our Webex Assembly on Thursday 22nd October.

During Book Week, each class will be reading the books nominated for the 'CBCA Book of the Year' awards.

Students will have an opportunity to vote for their favourite book from the 'Early Childhood' - Book of the Year category with their classroom teacher.

Unfortunately, there will be no Book Fair this year.

For any enquiries, please send an email to:

[Stacey.Dempster@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Stacey.Dempster@education.vic.gov.au)

I can't wait to see your costumes!

Mrs Dempster



## Come'n try gardening''

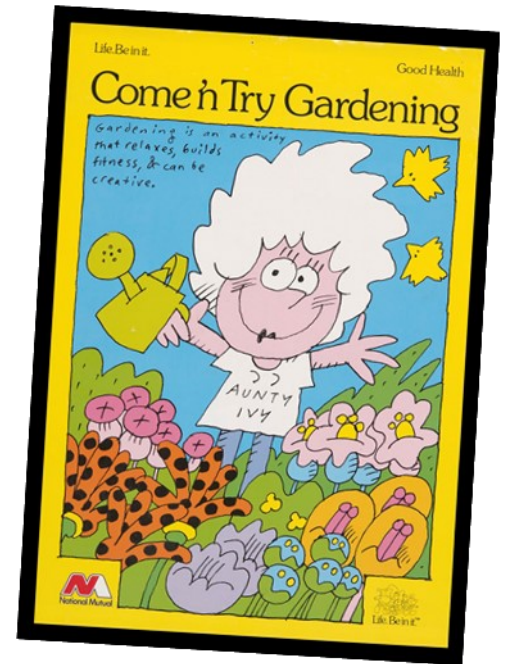
We are hoping to set up a Garden Centre Committee at RHCS. We are looking for any interested parents who would like to join and help support Mrs Green with her wonderful work at the garden centre!

You don't have to have a green thumb and it will be a great way to meet other parents and be part of the school community, as well as developing the fabulous garden centre for our kids to enjoy.

We were hoping to get the wheels in motion this term and start planning, so that when COVID restrictions are eased we are able to hit the ground running.

If you are keen to be part of the committee or would like a bit more information please contact Kathryn Eagle (Community & Fundraising Coordinator RHCS school council):

email: [kdedda@hometown.com](mailto:kdedda@hometown.com) or mobile: 0413 884 822



**RYE LIONS  
CHRISTMAS  
KAYAK RAFFLE**

**1st Prize a Titan Propel 10.5 Kayak  
valued @\$3,000**

**2nd Prize 2 x Heritage Redfish  
12's Kayaks valued @ \$1,800**

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/ryelionskayakraffle>



**Drawn 5th December**  
**Tickets \$2.00 each**

- 3 @ \$5.00**
- 10 @ \$15.00**
- 20 @ \$25.00**
- 40 @ \$50.00**

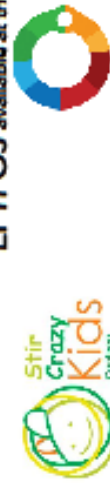




# RED HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

EFTPOS available at the Canteen

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## TUMMY TEASERS

# CANTEEN MENU

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 be 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



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

## DRINKS

## ON-LINE LUNCH ORDERS

You can now order your child's lunch online @ [www.myschoolconnect.com.au/](http://www.myschoolconnect.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

WWW.STIRCRAZYKIDS.COM.AU

Facebook/stircrazykidscanteen

## **CSEF (Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund) - ELIGIBILITY DATE EXTENDED**

The final eligibility date for CSEF in 2020 has been extended from **14<sup>th</sup> April until 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

If you applied for CSEF at Red Hill Consolidated school in 2019/2020, you **do not** need to complete another application form, as your application has already been processed. You only need to complete an application form if your child has changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019/2020.

If you require an application form, please call the school office on 5989 2321. Application forms must be returned by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**.

### **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND ELIGIBILITY**

Below are 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 the due date.

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

[www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx](http://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 schooling, 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 **28 January 2021, 14 April 2020 or 5 October 2020**.

### **PAYMENT AMOUNTS**

#### **CSEF payment amount**

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$62.50 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$112.50 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.