



Red Hill Consolidated School



17 December, 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

**RHCS Drop off & Pickup Times
Back to Normal**

**Friday, 18 December
Last Day - 2.30pm Finish**

Term Dates 2020

Term 4

October 5 to December 18

Term Dates 2021

Term 1

January 28 to April 1

Preps

Thursday 28th January 9.30 -12.00

Friday 29th January 9.30 - 12.00

Commencing

Monday, 1st February

9.00am till 3.15pm

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fridays

**No school on Wednesdays for
Preps until Week beginning 9th
March 2021**

Monday, 9 March

Labour Day Holiday

Week Beginning Tuesday, 10
March Preps attend school full
time 9.00am till 3.30pm every
day

Term 2

April 19 to June 25

Term 3

July 12 to September 17

Term 4

October 4 to December 17

Dear Families and Friends,

We're almost at the very end of 2020, and what a year it was! I would like to start this week's newsletter with a heartfelt thankyou to our entire school community. I couldn't be more proud of our students. From Prep to Grade 6, our students showed amazing resilience, adaptability and independence throughout remote and flexible learning and transitioned back to school this term with enthusiasm. Despite the challenges of 2020, our students have developed skills and attributes that will serve them well in future years. It was so wonderful to welcome all students back to school this term and see them reunited with their friends. I am also so grateful for the support of our entire parent community. Thank you for your understanding and patience and for following all of the Department of Education's guidelines throughout the year. I know this year has challenged us all, but I do believe that we are more connected for this experience. Let's all cross our fingers for a "normal" and event free 2021.



This week we farewell all of our terrific Year 6 students and wish them the very best for the coming years. Last Wednesday evening we celebrated our Year 6 students graduation for the first time at the Dromana Drive In. This was a fitting end to such a different year for our Grade 6 students. I would like to thank all parents and staff who helped organise and set up for this occasion. I wish all of our Year 6 graduating students great success and happiness for their secondary schooling and life beyond formal education. I know our

students had a memorable evening. I would also like to personally thank our Grade 6 School Leaders for their leadership this year, which even continued while we were learning from home. This year's graduating class is such a beautiful and caring cohort and it will be sad to say goodbye this Friday. Congratulations and best of luck to all of our Grade 6 students.

Congratulations also to Isla O and Lacey G who were presented with the Ewan McDonald Scholarship at last week's assembly. This is a very special award, presented to two students in Grade 4 each year who demonstrate all of our school values and citizenship. Both Lacey and Isla are very deserving recipients of this award. An enormous thank you to the McDonald family for providing this scholarship.



Thank you to all bus travelling families who have completed and returned their 2021 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.

Stir Crazy Kids will continue to operate our canteen next year. The service will be available from the 28th of January for online orders and window sales. The new menu will be shared with our families early next year.

This Wednesday students spent time in their 2021 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. Mrs Barnes and I visited all classes during this transition session and everyone I spoke with was thrilled with their placement and looking forward to next year. We welcomed a number of new students and their families and we look forward to getting to know these new faces next year.

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 Shayna de Geus (Prep), Georgina Walker (Performing Arts/Music), Bethany Leach (Grade 2), Merrilee Christoforou (Grade 3), Christie Urquhart (Grade 4) and Tim Drummond (Grade 5) who will all be joining our team in 2021. Maddy Darling, Cassie Ellis and Lucy Weston will also be returning from family leave next year. Lucy and Maddy will be teaching one day per week, while Cassie will join Vicki Evans and Caitlin Sullivan as our Tutor Learning Program Team. In 2021, 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, with Music and LOTE on a fortnightly rotation.

We farewell Louise Aston, Kathy McLaren and Imogen Green who will all be leaving Red Hill at the end of this year. I would like to thank each of these staff members for their contributions and wish them the very best for their future. Molly Clarke and Suzi McConaghy will both be taking leave next year. Molly has been appointed as the Acting Learning Specialist at Hastings Primary School and Suzi will be one of the learning tutors at Dromana Secondary College in 2021. This is exciting news for both of these amazing teachers. I know they will both be fantastic additions to their new schools.

As well as farewelling staff, I would also like to wish our departing families the very best for the future. Goodbye to the following terrific families that will be leaving RHCS at the end of the year. Farewell to the Ambrose, Aylward, Banks, Baxter, Bienias, Bilney, Boxall, Burlow, Burston, Clarke, Clue, Comer, Cook, Davison, Dentry, De Cinque, Diener, Dijkstra, Donnelly, Doye, Eastwood, Easy, Gay, Gove, Gladding, Greenan, Hough, Healey, Iles, Jensen, King, Lee, Mannock, Marr, Marshall, McIntyre, Mitchell, Murfett, Newman, Noxon, Peterson, Pickersgill, Popplewell, Prabowo, Reyneke, Siddons, Snow, Sowden, Stephenson, Sullivan, Taylor, Telford, Turner, Wallace, Watkins, White and Wilkinson families.

I would also like to bid a special farewell and thank you to Brian Sowden, who has been a very active member of our school council and facilities team. Brian has been involved in every working bee and has been involved in many school improvement projects over the past few years. I would like to wish Brian and his family good luck on their next adventure. We also say farewell to the Reyneke family. Most of you would know that Marlo has been one of our hard working Art Red Hill curators in recent years and Byron clocks up hundreds of hours every year setting up and packing up this wonderful event. Thank you to both Marlo and Byron for everything they have done for our school.

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 Teacher and our Maintenance Man all do such an amazing job each and every day. I would like to acknowledge the terrific work of Ms Kusel who has taken on the Wellbeing role this year and will continue in 2021, supporting our students and families so well. And finally an enormous shout out to the incredible Mrs Barnes who has kept our teaching and learning running so smoothly while on-site and during remote learning. This year threw a different set of challenges at our all of our staff, who all responded with such positivity and showed such great support for our students and each other.

Don't forget that Friday will be a 2:30pm finish and that all students will return to school on Thursday 28th 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.

Please have a very well-deserved break over the summer with plenty of rest and relaxation. I look forward to seeing most of you back here for a trouble free year 2021.

Thank you.

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



Contemporary Learning Experience Update

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the year already. 2020 has been a crazy year, full of twists and turns that no one could have predicted. Despite it being such an unsettled and unpredictable year, there have been many positives that have arisen. Families have gotten to spend lots of time together, parents have been able to actively engage in their child's learning and staff have had rapid professional development in the use of technology. We have had time to reflect on the things that are important to us. As a school leader I am so thankful to all of our staff and parents for their adaptability and resilience during 2020.

Now our thoughts turn to 2021 and the year ahead. Below you will find our staffing list for the new year. Yesterday your child had the opportunity to meet their teacher for 2021. We are really excited for the year ahead and for the fantastic teaching and learning that we know will continue to happen at Red Hill Consolidated School. We are also excited to be welcoming some new staff into our team for 2021.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PREP</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deanne Holmes Jenna McBride Kim Clarkson Shayna de Geus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GRADE 1</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brooke Loader Stacey Dempster Alissa Worboys Meredith Hyams</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GRADE 2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kris Hickson Darcie Carter Kate Durling & Vicki Evans Bethany Leach</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GRADE 3</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Linda Pinchbeck & Lucy Weston Mel Whipp & Clare Morfett Rebecca Holmes Merrilee Christoforou</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GRADE 4</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pam Burcheri Jacob Mehrtens</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GRADE 5</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pru Freeth Tim Drummond</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GRADE 6</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kellie Morton Nicky Heffernan & Maddy Darling James Graham Danielle Cuttler</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SPECIALISTS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kristy Trewin – Science Ian Jarman – Art Dillon Milenkovic – PE Bronwyn Harder – Japanese</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LEARNING SUPPORT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clare Morfett Caitlin Sullivan Vicki Evans Cassie Ellis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WELLBEING</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lou Kusel</p>

Over the holidays we strongly encourage our students to stay off screens as much as possible. Hopefully the list below will provide some inspiration for alternative activities.

50 Kid's Screen-Free SUMMER ACTIVITIES

SCREEN-FREE OUTDOORS

- MAKE AN ANT FARM
- BUILD A FORT
- HAVE A BACKYARD CAMP OUT
- GO FOR A HIKE
- CULTIVATE A GARDEN
- COLLECT TADPOLES & WATCH THEM GROW INTO FROGS
- HAVE A WATER BALLOON FIGHT
- RUN THROUGH THE SPRINKLERS
- GO FOR A SWIM
- GO BERRY OR APPLE PICKING
- SET UP A SLIP AND SLIDE
- HAVE AN ICE CREAM OR LEMONADE STAND
- TRY OUT CANOEING OR KAYAKING
- GO FISHING
- NATURE THEMED SCAVENGER HUNT
- VISIT A NEW PARK IN YOUR TOWN
- CLIMB A TREE
- HUNT FOR CRAWDADS
- HAVE A PICNIC OUTSIDE
- DRAW WITH CHALK
- HAVE A SQUIRT GUN FIGHT
- CREATE AN OBSTACLE COURSE

SCREEN-FREE LEARNING

- VISIT A MUSEUM OR NATURE CENTER
- JOIN A SUMMER READING PROGRAM

- LEARN THE HISTORY OF YOUR TOWN
- VISIT A HISTORICAL SITE
- TAKE A COOKING CLASS
- FRY AN EGG ON CEMENT
- CREATE A SUN DIAL
- MAKE AN OUTDOOR OVEN TO ROAST MARSHMALLOWS
- TAKE A CLASS TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW
- WHIP UP YOUR OWN POPSICLES OR ICE CREAM

SCREEN-FREE ARTS & CRAFTS

- MAKE A BIRD FEEDER
- CREATE JEWELRY WITH BEADS
- UPCYCLED ARTWORK
- MAKE SUNCATCHERS
- WEAVE DREAM CATCHERS
- BUILD WITH CARDBOARD BOXES
- PAINT KINDNESS ROCKS & LEAVE THEM AT THE PARK & AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
- PLAY DRESS-UP
- PUT ON A PLAY
- PAINT WOODEN STICKS & DECORATE THEM
- BUILD FAIRY HOUSES OUTSIDE
- MAKE YOUR OWN TREE STUMP TIC-TAC-TOE
- LEARN HOW TO SEW
- MAKE YOUR OWN SLIME OR PLAY DOUGH
- MAKE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
- PAINT OUTSIDE
- MAKE ARTWORK ONLY USING NATURE
- LEARN ORIGAMI

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I hope all of our families have a restful break and look forward to seeing our learners back at the start of 2021. To those leaving Red Hill Consolidated at the end of 2020, may you continue to love learning, to question and to wonder!

Jo Barnes





Wellbeing at RHCS



Hello everyone,

What an incredible, challenging and uncertain year 2020 has been. But, we made it through!

I would like to acknowledge the amazing effort our entire school community has made this year. Including school staff, parents, students and our wider community. It has definitely been a year where everyone has had to adapt to unpredictabilities and life change.

This adaptive response can definitely prove draining, on both your mental and physical health. So please ensure you take the time for self-care and recovery these Summer holidays. Have fun!!! Take time out!!

For some holiday fun - you may want to have a look at the programs on offer at

Junior Rangers

<https://juniorrangers.com.au/about/>

MP Library

<https://ourlibrary.mompen.vic.gov.au/Whats-On>

Oakhill Gallery

<https://oakhillgallery.com.au/category/classes/children-school-holiday>

There are some great organisations out there with lots of information and support if you are feeling you or someone close to you needs some extra care.

BEYOND BLUE

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au>

Beyond Blue offers information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health. They have a dedicated area to COVID-19, programs to assist children, adults and older people.

Kids Helpline

<https://kidshelpline.com.au>

Kids Helpline offers support and info on a range of topics, including body image, school stress and tricky emotions. They have links for children from 5 years through to 25 years and also information for parents and carers.

The Brave Program

<https://www.brave-online.com/>


BRAVE is an online, psychological program for the treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety.

In 2021, there will be an opportunity for some students to participate in this program at school. It can also be completed at home as a family. If you are concerned that your child may be suffering from anxiety, I recommend having a look at this program and considering if it may be beneficial over the school holidays in preparation for 2021 or if it may be something you would like your child to be involved with next year.

Smiling Minds

<https://www.smilingmind.com.au/>

Smiling mind has some fantastic mindfulness resources to help coach children (and adults) through fear and anxiety.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to The Giving Tree, your gifts are greatly appreciated. 

Thank you to all the students who took part in our 100 Acts of Kindness, I do hope you enjoyed all the wonderful things you have done for others.

Lastly a great big *thank you* to the amazing Student Voice Team! They have worked so hard this year, during both remote and now we are back at school. We have been meeting once a week, working on how to make our school the best it can be for our students!

Wishing everyone a very happy and safe Summer break and looking forward to a fantastic 2021.

Warmest wishes, Louise Kusel (Acting Wellbeing Coordinator)

End of Year Student Medication Collection:

Reminder as the end of the year is approaching can we please ask parents to collect any student medications held at school that students may need over the school holidays on the last day of term.

Particularly students in Year 6 and any students leaving RHCS and not returning must collect their medications held at school. Any uncollected medications for these students will be disposed if not collected by the end of the last day of school.

Thank you

Lou Aston

First Aid



Farewell

Although it is hard to say goodbye, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and guardians for giving me the opportunity & trust, with caring for your children.

I will be taking so many great memories, not only of my time with the children but also the larger community involving teachers and staff of Red Hill Consolidated.

My last day at Red Hill will be Friday the 18th of December 2020.

Over my time I have formed wonderful friendships with many families, which I look forward to continuing.

Thanking you all again, for the most wonderful 5 year journey.

I will miss you all.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

from Jillian Boyde

Coordinator (Camp Australia OSHC)



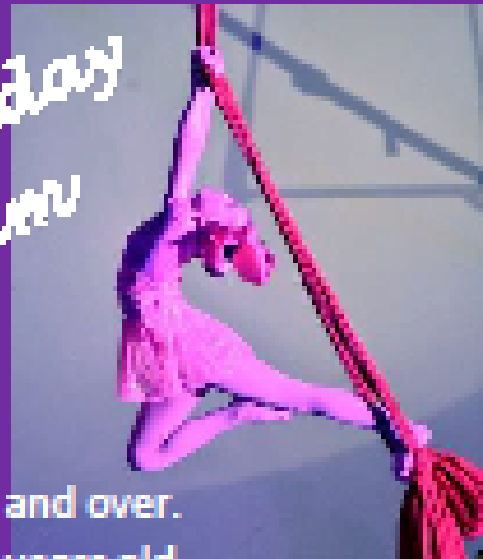
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

4th – 22nd

of January



Circus Holiday
Program



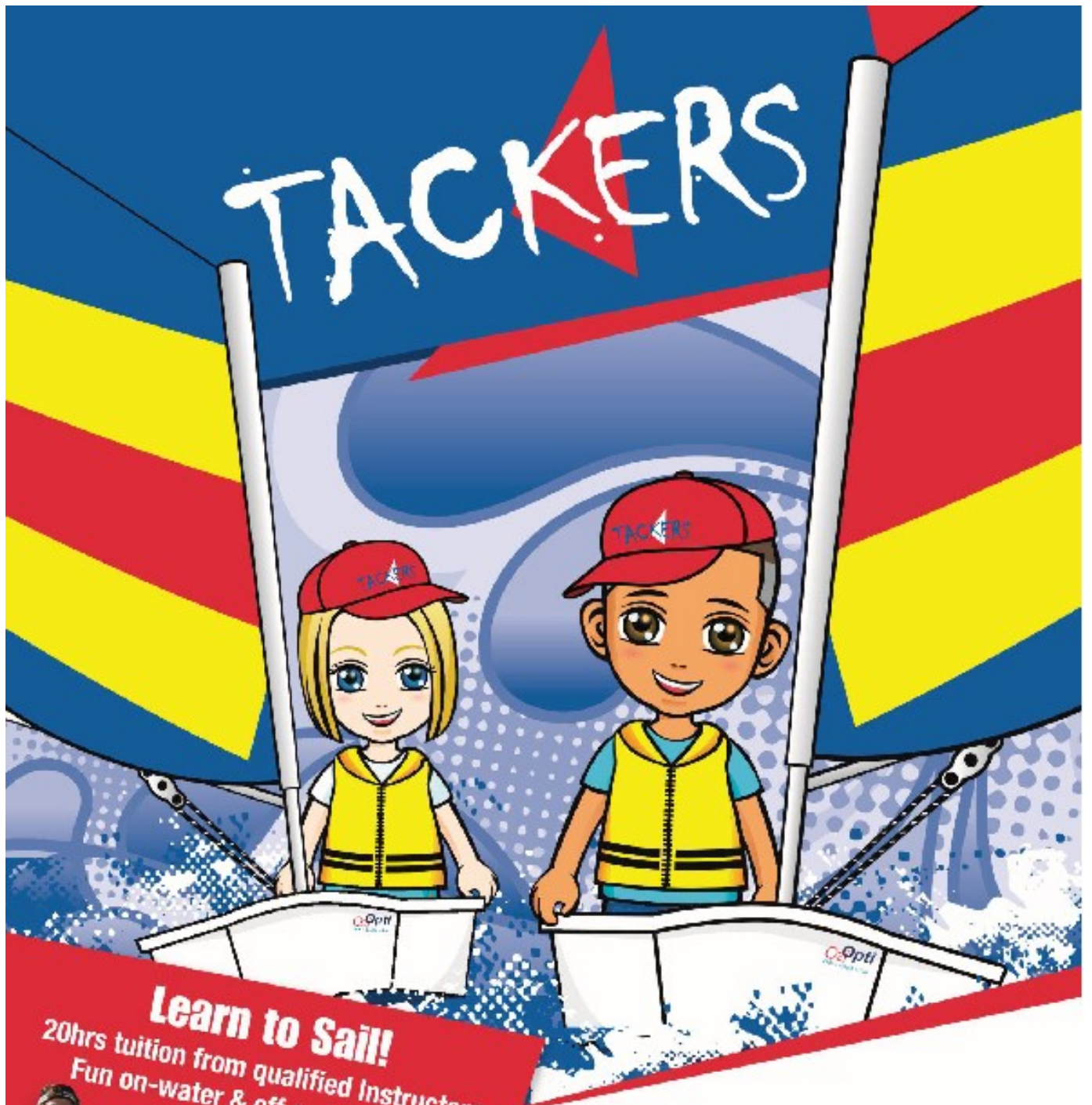
- Monday's and Friday's for 12 years and over.
- Tuesday and Thursday's for 5 to 11 years old.
- Sessions are from 9:30-12:00 or 10:00-12:30 depending on age.
- Cost is \$35 per class
- Classes will be a mix of Aerial ring, Trapeze, Aerial silks, Mini Trampoline, tumbling, Tightwire walking, Stilts, hula hooping, and other hand held apparatus.

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Week 1: January 11th to 15th 8:30am to 12:00noon

Week 2: January 18th to 22nd 8:30am to 12:00noon

All courses are run by qualified, experienced sailing instructors

Participants receive a 'Tackers Pack' which includes a hat, shirt and drink bottle

Bookings can be made via the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/XJW>

For more information see:

<https://mccraeyc.com.au/learn-to-sail/learning-and-development-program/#tackers>

