



WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

Friday, 7th May

Mother/Special Person Stall
Grade 6 Dromana SC Transition
Visit 9:30-11:30

Wednesday, 12th May

Prep Emotional Intelligence
Incursion
Prep Tour 9:30am

Tue, 11th – Thu 13th May

Grades 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Tuesday 18th May

Grade 1 Mini Beast Incursion
Prep 2022 Parent Info Evening
6pm

Wednesday, 19th May

District Cross Country Gr 4-6

Wed, 19th – Fri 21st May

Grade 4 Camp Manyung

Friday, 28th May

Free dress day gold coin
donation

School Council Dates

Tuesday, 25th May
Tuesday, 15th June

Term Dates

Term 2

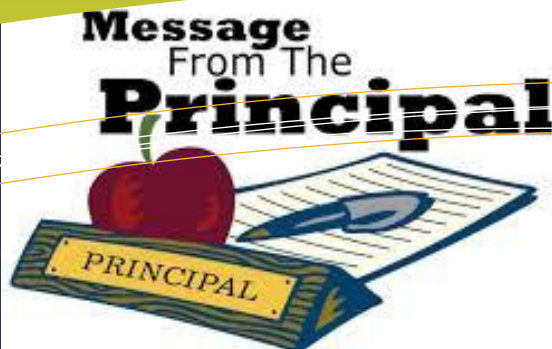
19th April – 25th June

Term 3

12th July – 17th September

Term 4

4th October – 17th December



From the Principal

Dear families and friends,

It was so nice to see many of you at our whole school cross country event last Wednesday. This was our first whole school community event since Term 1 last year and it was fantastic to be able to come together as a whole school. The weather was perfect and the event ran like clockwork. A big thank you to all parents, grandparents and other family members who came along to cheer on our runners and to help out. I'd also like to congratulate the amazing Mr. Milenkovic for organising and running our cross country event. Congratulations to all of our runners who competed and to those students in Grades 3 to 6 who qualified for the District Cross Country on Wednesday the 19th of May.



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Thank you also to our community for embracing and supporting the decision for our junior school to run in classes rather than gender this year. The focus for these younger grades is to have fun, promote fitness, experience a "house sports" event and to bring our community together. And I can confidently say that we can give all of these the big tick. As a school we are always looking at how we can be more inclusive of all of our learners.



This Friday, our Events and Fundraising Committee is holding a Mothers/Special Persons Day Stall. This will provide our students with an opportunity to buy a gift for mum or any other special person in their life. All proceeds from this stall will go towards purchasing classroom recycling bins so we can do a better job of sorting our waste at Red Hill Consolidated School. Thank you to Kathryn Eagle and her team of volunteers and also to our local businesses who donated gifts for our stall. A dress up day has also been scheduled for later this term, more information to come.

Thank you to all families who completed our survey about traffic and parking conditions during pick up and drop off times at RHCS. This provided us with some valuable information that we can use to seek further support. Interestingly, over 30% of those who completed this survey indicated that they would happily park at the Endeavour Fern Gully Car Park and allow their children to walk to and from school. Although this is not going to solve all of our parking problems, this strategy has the potential to improve our current conditions by directing traffic away from our school. We are encouraging families to consider using this car park, which we have been provided permission to use from the National Trust. Children would use the established path along Arthurs Seat Road to travel to and from school, which is approximately a ten minute walk. The only crossing required is the staff car park exit and entrances. This may be an appealing alternative and may suit some families, especially those of you with older children. Many children are already using this pathway to walk to after school sports at the Red Hill Recreation reserve. Walking to and from school obviously comes with other advantages other than improving our traffic and parking conditions. Walking to school can improve fitness and attitudes towards a healthy lifestyle, build independence and ready your child for learning at the start of the day. To get started, we suggest that you arrange a meeting point and time (8:40 in the morning and 3:40 in the afternoon) down at Endeavour Fern Gully. You may wish to arrange a small group with other families and even walk with your children while they build confidence. We understand that this option will not suit all families and many of you will not feel comfortable with this option. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any queries regarding this initiative.

Our building project is in full swing, with footings being poured over the weekend. It is going up fast, with the completion date in January 2022 looking very likely..... touch wood. Next step is services and then we will see our building rise out of the ground. You may have seen on ClassDojo that we were visited by our local member of parliament, Chris Brayne and the Parliamentary Secretary for Schools, Tim Richardson last week to turn the sod. We were joined by our team of architects from MSM and our builders from Orion as well as our amazing school captains. Although the demolition and earthworks has already been completed, this visit officially began our building project. Keep an eye on ClassDojo for regular updates and pictures as we progress through this project.

Please be aware that our playgrounds are supervised from 8:45am until 3:45pm. This is even more important to remember during our building project. We have asked our builders to organise deliveries and access to the site outside school hours. It is unsafe for children to be in our playground while it is unsupervised. If you do need to drop off or pick up your children outside these times we suggest you utilise our outside school hours care service. Bookings and registration can be made using the TheirCare Website, <https://theircare.com.au/>.

We conducted our first Prep Tour for 2022 last week and enrolments are arriving daily. If you have a younger child beginning school in 2022 we recommend that you submit your enrolment papers along with their birth certificate and immunisation record as soon as possible to secure your child's position at RHCS. This is even more crucial if you are out of our school zone. School zoning information can be found on the Find My School website, <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>. We are asking for all enrolments to be completed and submitted before the end of Term 2. Enrolment packs can be picked up at the office or downloaded from our school's website.

We've got lots of great events coming up over the next few weeks, including our Grade 4 Camp to Camp Manyung, Our Grade 5 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion and our Prep Information Night to list just a few. NAPLAN is also just around the corner for our Grade 3 and 5 students. NAPLAN will take place this year from the 11th until the 13th of May. If you have a child in those year levels, please make sure they get plenty of sleep and start the day with a healthy breakfast on those days. As Mrs. Barnes has mentioned in her last newsletter, although we prepare our students and want them to do their best, we try very hard not to add any additional pressure on them. For many of our children, this can be a challenging experience.

And finally this week, our school's 2020 Annual Report to the Community has been finalised and approved. This report will be presented at our next School Council meeting from 6:00pm on Tuesday the 25th of May. All parents and carers are invited to attend this presentation. Please email the school at red.hill.cs@education.vic.gov.au if you wish to attend. This report will be made available at a later date on our school's website.

Thank you everyone for a wonderful start to Term 2. Have a wonderful week.

Gus Wettenhall



CONTEMPORARY LEARNING EXPERIENCE UPDATE

Education subcommittee

The work of School Council is undertaken by the subcommittee meetings which occur regularly in the calendar life of the school. Parent volunteers work within the subcommittee structure to support the school and the learning experience of all children. The subcommittees produce minutes about the work they are engaged with in their particular area of school operations. These are reported to School Council.

The RHCS Education Subcommittee is a committee that aims to be pro-active in the matters relating to education, particularly those that involve parents and carers at RHCS. The aims of this committee are to improve the flow of information between the school and the parent body, in particular to increase parental understanding of the school program and curriculum and what is being taught in the classroom to enable parents to better support their children at home. The Education Sub-committee is the main point of contact between school and parents on issues of broad educational policy and parental support for education.

The Education Sub-Committee will meet twice per term on a Thursday at 3:00pm and will be meeting next Thursday, 13th May. The committee's membership consists of the Assistant Principal, Learning Specialists, School Council representatives and any interested parents and caregivers. The committee is chaired by the Assistant Principal who sets the agenda. Minutes of the meeting are taken and emailed to the Principal and to School Council members.

We would love to have the involvement of many parents. If you are interested in the following areas of improvement we strongly encourage you to come along:

- Improving school-to-parent communication and vice-versa.
- Drafting, supporting, and publicising school education policies.
- Improving involvement in education at the school.
- Designing and distributing parent information related to teaching and learning.
- Investigating sound educational practice and research.

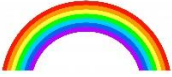
In our first meeting we will be exploring the Gradual Release of Responsibility Model that our staff have been developing over the past year. We will also be discussing the changes that we are making to our report format in 2021.



If you are interested in attending please click on the link below to register your interest. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2yY1c0OGZmmXpme0Mon8tLkT397SO30zsHmepFINAZE0vmg/viewform?usp=sf_link

An agenda will be emailed out to interested parents prior to the meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you next Thursday!

Joanne Barnes



STUDENT VOICE TEAM NEWS: 100 ACTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL KINDNESS



This May we are focusing on improving our school environment, with every class taking part in the 100 Acts of Environmental Kindness. We are lucky enough to have a stunning environment up here on the hill, and we must ensure we all pitch in to take care of it. The Student Voice Team will be organising an environmentally themed free dress day on May 28th and students will be asked to contribute a gold coin donation.

It is our hope that these funds will purchase new rubbish bins for all classrooms that can help us to properly sort our waste.

Grace from Gr 6, our intrepid Red Hill reporter asked the question....

What can you do to help the environment at school or at home?

Plant more trees in the school ground - Zoe, Gr 6

Cut back on waste from the canteen- Isla & Audrey, Gr 6

Go nude on the food- Ms. Kusel

I put my lunch order rubbish in the bin- Iris, Prep

I enjoy helping everyone recycle - Nikki ESS

Not wasting toilet paper in the toilets- Grace, Gr 6

Picking up rubbish from the playground- Ripley, Gr 6

Pick up any rubbish you see- just make sure you wash your hands. It's just one small step to making Red Hill a greater, cleaner school. Miles, Gr 6

PENINSULA HEALTH AMBASSADORS:

I had the opportunity to work with our Peninsula Health Ambassadors and our focus was what our school does to promote mental health and wellbeing. Here is a snapshot of what our learners said,

reading, cloud gazing, breaks like recess and lunch, fresh air, mindfulness, sport, art, specialists' classes, listening to music, creativity, music before the bell, 5 finger breathing, writing stories, our environment, watching the sky, lunchtime clubs, dancing, moving yoga, watching fish swim.

What are your top 5 activities that make you feel good?

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Our amazing teachers have established regular lunchtime clubs- please see the attached timetable. Lunchtime clubs offer a wide range of fun activities and provide a great alternative if your child would like to try something different during our main break.

Respectful Relationships

Respectful Relationships is a social and emotional learning program that is embedded within our school. It supports schools and early childhood settings to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence. The Royal Commission heard a range of evidence from experts in the field that made clear that for there to be a reduction in rates of violence in the long-term, attitudes and behaviours must change, and school-based programs and culture can drive this change for young people. As a Respectful Relationship school, we are committed to:

- *promoting equal and respectful relations between all people*
- *promoting non-violent social norms and reduce the effects of exposure to violence*
- *promoting access to resources and systems of support*

Mayor's Short Story Writing Awards

For interested writers out there! The Mornington Peninsula Shire is promoting a short story writing competition in conjunction with the Peninsula Writer's Club. The competition is open for children of 8 and above to participate in creating a short story. I can't wait to read some of the great works. For more information, please visit

<https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/mayors-short-story-writing-awards>

As always, should you or your family be experiencing any concerns or hardships and you wish to discuss how the school can help to support your children, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at louise.kusel@education.vic.gov.au

Have a wonderful week, and I will leave you with this great expression- be mindful not.... mind full!

Louise Kusel – Acting Wellbeing Coordinator.



Science Report

You may have seen on ClassDojo that we have a new juvenile blue tongue lizard in the science room. Exciting, yes! He is a couple of months old, and pretty feisty!!



Many kids are asking about naming the lizard. The science captains have decided to run a mini competition to name the new lizard, this will be discussed at assembly this week, and has been briefly discussed with classes in science.

Kristy Trewin

Art News!

The grade 4's and 6's will be having an incursion on the 25th, 26th and the 27th of May, with guest artist and curator Kate Gorringer-Smith visiting to talk about her latest art project which aims to raise public awareness about Australia's migratory birds. Kate will also be providing students with an art workshop.

To learn more about this incursion and Australia's migratory birds, there is currently an exhibition being held at the Mornington Regional Gallery, called 'The Overwintering Project.' Our guest artist Kate organised this wonderful exhibition and one of her magnificent art works is on display. The exhibition runs until the 23rd of May.

To celebrate World Migration Day this Saturday the 8th of May, the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery will also be running a free family event from 11:00am to 1:00pm. There will be fun art activities, and guest speakers. Come along and bring a picnic! For more info, please check on the MPRG website below, as due to Covid restrictions, bookings will need to be made.

<https://mprg.mornpen.vic.gov.au/EVENTS/Free-family-day-at-MPRG-World-Migratory-Bird-Day>

Donations:

I'd appreciate any donations in the form of the following items: **(Please deliver to the Art Room)**

- Small and medium cereal boxes which will be used for the grade 1's fish dioramas.
- Single white cotton sheets for textile art.
- Drop sheets for painting, (could be canvas or other material), used to place on the tables.
- Cardboard storage barrels or similar for storing long paper rolls etc.
- Extra large cooking pot with lid - enamel or stainless steel.
- Newspapers.

Finally, with some exciting news, the whole school's collaborative 'Self-Portraits' that were created for Harmony Week are currently on display on the wall beside the entrance to the library and they look fabulous. Well done kids!

Thank you!

Kate Butler





TheiCare
where Kids love to be!

Hello Everyone, Welcome back

Wow the holidays went quick, Thanks to everyone who attended the holiday program either at Rye or Dromana it was great seeing all the children having such a fun time.

We are back in full swing of things. Our first week back was Anzac week where we remembered our fallen soldiers and had discussions on the poppy and what it represents. Our 2nd week was Antarctica, and we had some great activities from shaving foam prints to making a polar bear out of wishing stones. This week we are getting ready for Mothers/Special Persons Day and celebrate the special people in our lives. I won't say what we are doing as that will ruin the surprise 😊

It has been great that even though the weather has been terrible most afternoons we can still play in the gym and get all our energy out, we are enjoying basketball, soccer and skipping.

Our new FAVOURITE activity is iron beads and boy have they been popular, we have many templates so the children can make their favourite characters or even food. Seeing the excitement and elation when its finished and iron is such a joy. Most popular is Among us, Mario, SpongeBob, and the heart templates.

Below I have added what is coming up in OSHC as each week is themed and the activities are based on that theme.

We also have a pupil free day coming up RHCS in June, please know we will be open on this day from 6:30am to 6:30pm. I'll let you know when the bookings have opened.

We are also going to be helping out a local charity this term as I want to teach the children the importance of giving back and also to those less fortunate and our charity is MSFIN - Mothers Supporting Families In Need.

I have a list of items they are needing and will add it to the bottom of newsletter as everyone can help out not just those who use Before and After school care

If you're thinking about before or after school but are unsure, please come on down and see us I'll answer your questions give you a tour and you can see our space and how much fun we really have.

Courtney - Program Coordinator.

Details & Calendar Info

Pupil Free Days:

6:30am to 6:30pm

Before School Care:

6:30 - 8:45am

Price before CCS: \$23.89

After School Care:

3:30 - 6:30pm

Price before CCS: \$26.52

Children's Voice

You listened to my suggestion you actually listened, and we are having pizza muffins like I asked.

THANK YOU!

**Archer. G
Grade 3**

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What's coming up

Week 3: Mother's Day.

Week 7: Claymation.

Week 4: Science Week.

Week 8: Ocean/Sea.

Week 5: Family Week.

Week 9: Dinosaurs.

Week 6: Creepy Crawlies.

Week 10: Winter Solstice

PHOTOS



Shaving Foam Art



Roberta the polar bear.
Drawn by Fergus



Yummy fried rice
for snack.



Making Anzac Biscuits



Creating our polar bear



Our new FAVOURITE activity



Our poppy wreath Collaboration art piece

MISFIN

Mums supporting families in need

“MSFIN is a fully NFP volunteer run charity assisting Victoria's most disadvantaged families with their material aid needs. We believe no child should go without essentials”.

Over the next 6 weeks we will be collecting items to donate to this local charity that helps families out in the most difficult of times. Below will be items they are currently needing. Please know that most clothing items can be used but things like underwear must be new. We truly appreciate any items you can donate everything helps.

Food Items:

- Long life full cream milk
- School snacks E.g: Popcorn, muesli bars, small chips, and rollups
- Tinned peas
- Tinned carrots
- 2 minutes noodles
- Coffee
- Milo
- Rice
- Drinking chocolate
- Oats
- Sweet dry biscuits

Adult Toiletries:

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Soap & Bodywash
- Shaving cream
- Razors
- After shave
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush
- Dental Floss
- Sanitary items (Pads, Tampons, Liners)
- Hand Cream
- Moisturiser

Very Low Items:

Kids -

- Winter Clothing 2 - 16 years.
- Winter Sleepwear/Dressing Gowns
- Waterproof Jackets/Coats
- Gumboots
- Girls & Boys Socks & Undies All Sizes (New Only)

Babies Toiletries:

- Nappy rash cream
- Moisturiser
- Baby Lotions
- Eye wipes
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Bath wash
- Brush/ Comb
- Toothbrush/ toothpaste 0-3 years

Children's Toiletries:

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Bath wash
- Bubble Bath
- Brush/ Comb
- Toothbrush/ toothpaste 2-5 years and 6+ years

All these items can be dropped off to the Before and After School care room which is in the bottom BER building near the Gym. Please only drop off in-service hours 6:30-9am or 2:30-6:30pm

LUNCHTIME CLUBS TERM 2 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I N D O O R	<p>Teacher: Ms Pinchbeck Activity: Drawing Location: Year 3PW Room Year level/s: 2, 3 and 4</p>	<p>Teacher: Ms Freeth & Mr Graham Activity: Chess Club Location: 5F Year level/s: 4-6</p>	<p>Teacher: Miss de Geus Activity: Art Hub for kids Location: Prep D (yellow room) Year level/s: Everyone</p>	<p>Teacher: Mrs Hyams Activity: Drawing/Colouring Club Location: 1H Classroom Year level/s: Prep, 1 & 2</p>	<p>Teacher: Mrs Trewin Activity: Nature documentaries Location: Science Year level/s: Grades 3-6</p>
L I B R A R Y	<p>Teacher: Nikki & Belinda Activity: Library Club Location: Library Year level/s: Everyone</p>	<p>Teacher: Michelle & Tricia Activity: Library Club Location: Library Year level/s: Everyone</p>	<p>Teacher: Nikki & Rach Activity: Library Club Location: Library Year level/s: Everyone</p>	<p>Teacher: Ms Durling Activity: Library Club Location: Library Year level/s: Everyone</p>	<p>Teacher: Michelle & Elise Activity: Library Club Location: Library Year level/s: Everyone</p>
I N D O O R	<p>Teacher: Ms Kusel Activity: Newsletter Club Location: Library Year levels: Grades 3-6</p>	<p>Teacher: Activity: Location: Year level/s:</p>	<p>Teacher: Harder Sensei Activity: Extension Hiragana Location: Library Year level/s: Grades 5 & 6</p>	<p>Teacher: Mr Gillick Activity: Juggling Location: 4G Year level/s: 3-6</p>	<p>Teacher: Harder Sensei Activity: Origami Club Location: Library Year level/s: Grade 4 - 6</p>
O U T D O O R	<p>Teacher: Dillon Milenkovic Activity: X Country Training Location: Oval Year level/s: 4 -6</p>	<p>Teacher: Ms Morfett, Ms Whipp and Ms Clarkson Activity: Netball Location: Basketball Courts Year level/s: All welcome</p>	<p>Teacher: Dillon Milenkovic Activity: X Country Training Location: Oval Year level/s: 4-6</p>	<p>Teacher: Mrs Dempster Activity: Construction Location: 1D Classroom Year level/s: Prep, 1 & 2</p>	<p>Teacher: Miss Walker Activity: Music Club Location: Hall Year level/s: Junior P-2</p>
O U	<p>Teacher:</p>	<p>Teacher: Ms Burcheri</p>	<p>Teacher: Miss Holmes</p>	<p>Students:</p>	<p>Teacher:</p>

To celebrate our appreciation for our
**MOTHERS, CARERS AND SPECIAL
PEOPLE**

we will be holding a gift stall on
FRIDAY 7TH MAY at school

Students can choose from a range of locally sourced gifts for Mum, Grandma or any other Special Person in their life they are

thankful for

There will be a range of gifts available that will be priced at \$5, \$10, \$15 & \$20

If you could send exact money where possible that would be wonderful

There will be opportunities for everyone to visit the stall in class groups & purchase something special to bring home

Please note that money raised will go to improving sustainability practices at the school by contributing to the purchase of a recycling system for each classroom

Thank you! You are welcome to contact Kathryn Eagle (on behalf of the Community and Fundraising committee) if you have any questions: email kdedda@hotmail.com or mobile 0413 884 822

