



WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

Tuesday, 3rd August

Prep Wildlife Exposure Activity

Friday, 6th August

Tabloid Sports Day

Mon Aug 16th – 19th

Book Fair

Mon Aug 16th – 20th

National Science Week

Tuesday August 17th

African Drumming Gr 1

School Council Dates

Tuesday, 17th August

Tuesday, 14th
September

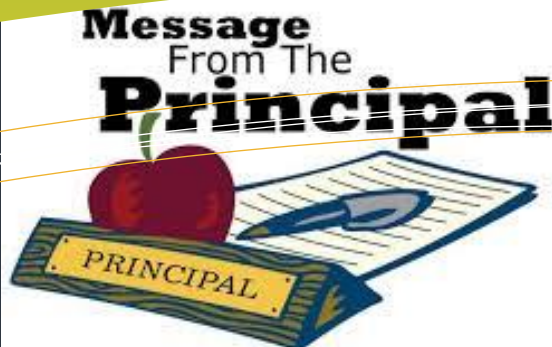
Term Dates

Term 3

!2th July – 17th
September

Term 4

4th October – 17th
December



From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now over half way through our school year. Term 3 had gotten off to a smooth start at Red Hill Consolidated with students and teachers jumping straight back into learning. Unfortunately just as we got settled into the routine of the new school term, we were thrown back into a lockdown.

However, our staff, students and parents flipped into remote learning overnight. I would like to thank our teachers for the work behind the scenes to ensure that the transition to remote learning was so seamless. Many thanks also to our parents and our amazing learners who showed great resilience and positivity during the period of lockdown.

Current Restrictions

Despite being allowed to return to school there are a number of restrictions in place under the current Operations Guide issued by the Department of Education. At present only school staff and 'essential visitors' are allowed to be on school grounds. 'Essential visitors' include preservice teachers on placement from university, health professionals or tradespeople completing necessary works.

We are asking for our parent community to support us in abiding by the guidelines by not coming onto school grounds unless necessary. Parents must wear their masks when on school grounds and should not be congregating. If parents are dropping children off late or picking children up early, we ask that they come to the administration office. Please

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check in using the QR code on the door before you enter. The administration staff will then organise for your child to be escorted to or from the classroom.

Unfortunately the present guidelines do not allow us to have any incursions and also prevent our instrumental teachers from providing lessons onsite. However excursions and camps are allowed to go ahead.

Capital Works Project Update

At present the new build is progressing well. The builders are currently working on preparing the formwork for the suspended slab, which will hopefully be poured at the beginning of August. In the next edition of our newsletter I will include some pictures of the project's progress. It is exciting to watch the building develop and we can't wait to get students into this new learning space in 2022.

Parent Opinion Survey

Each Red Hill family is encouraged to participate in the Parent Opinion Survey which is now open. The opinions of our parents and carers are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and all families will have received information on accessing the survey via email.

Recycling at RHCS

Our Eco bins are now in operation and we have started educating our students on how to reduce and sort their waste. You can help us out at home by sending rubbish free lunches, or lunches with limited packaging. To get us started, we will have the capacity to recycle paper and cardboard as well as type 1 and 6 plastics and milk and juice cartons. We would appreciate if you could avoid using soft plastics such as chip packages, muesli bar wrappers and cling wrap when packing lunches. Hopefully your children will be able to help with alternatives to using these plastics in lunchboxes. We are hoping to drastically reduce the amount of waste we are sending to landfill by reducing and sorting our waste more efficiently. To do this, we will need your assistance.

Thanks everyone!

Joanne Barnes

Acting Principal



Red Hill Consolidated School Book Week 2021

Book Week is fast approaching!
The theme this year, is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.'

We are so excited to share with our school community the wonderful events RHCS will have on offer to celebrate Book Week.

This year we will be celebrating
Book Week over two weeks.

Starting in Week 6, we have Lamont Books visiting our school from Monday 16th August — Thursday 19th August for our Book Fair. The following week, on Monday 23rd August, the whole school will participate in an Inourston with the author of 'Jetty Jumping' Andrea Rowe.

To finish the celebrations, we will be having our traditional 'Book Week Dress Up Day' on Friday 27th August — please start thinking about your costume!



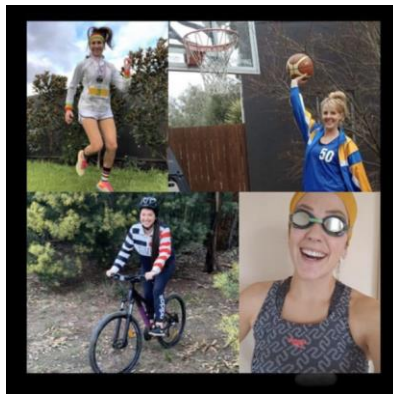
Some of the books nominated for the Book of the Year awards. Classroom teachers look forward to sharing some of these books with their learners.

CONTEMPORARY LEARNING EXPERIENCE UPDATE

Welcome back **AGAIN** to Term 3 after a short lockdown and a little Remote Learning to boot! It's been wonderful to see all of our excited students back at school as we breathe life back into our old buildings again.

Remote Learning 5.0

Thankfully another successful round of Remote Learning is behind us which has seen our students AND parents model amazing resilience in the face of combining working, teaching, learning and wellbeing within a 5km radius of home! Luckily our teachers created some fantastic learning opportunities for our students to engage in and still feel connected to our Red Hill community. The response from parents and students alike has been overwhelmingly positive, with a wonderful mix of humour, challenging tasks and Webex malfunctions!



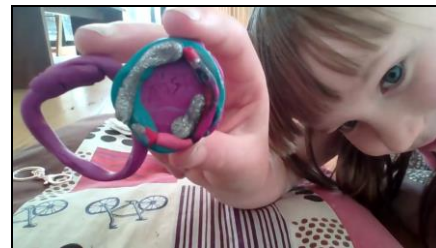
And let's not forget our learners! Our children have once again proven that they can survive and thrive when in Lockdown with some incredible work samples (sometimes a little difficult to read when submitted online! Hahaha) and fantastic attendance at our morning Webex meetings and Live lessons. I think our students now have a good understanding of the 'mute' button and the chat feature!



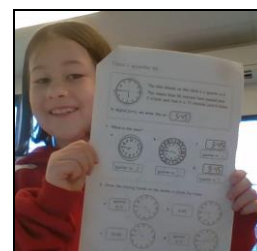
We have definitely seen students manage their own learning with reduced reliance on adults in the house, a wonderful growth point for our learners as a result of Remote Learning. And let's not forget the advances many students have made in their ability to apply technology to their learning!



Our Contemporary Learning Experience is centred around student engagement. And whilst we comfortably rise to this challenge daily in our classrooms, our teachers had to work hard to generate learning opportunities online that would not only engage learners but also extend them where possible. Our Dojo portfolio pieces submitted by students are packed full of exciting work samples and our live lessons and help desks are testament to how hard our teachers worked toward providing curriculum-driven lessons that transitioned from the classroom to our online space.



At Red Hill, we try to promote our Learner Assets which are the key skills we are trying to develop and subsequently apply to our learning tasks to complete them successfully. A key Asset we noticed throughout Remote Learning was that of Self Manager where our students were tasked with taking accountability for their learning with amazing results!



Learning Partnerships Conferences

On Tuesday we held our newly rebranded Learning Partnership Conferences where our teachers, parents and students spent ten minutes reflecting on some outstanding achievements from Semester 1 and set goals to strive for as we enter Semester 2. These were very well received with an incredible uptake from parents. Thank you for taking time out from your day to share the learning of your child and contribute passionately to their development for the remainder of the year. The discussions were rich and the feedback from parents and teachers alike was incredibly positive. It was great to see our students contributing to the conversations showing confidence and a clear understanding of their successes and targets.

Looking at Learning at RHCS

This week, the Grade 1 Learners used their passports to explore 4 different cultures – Africa, Indonesia, Italy and Indigenous Australia. During the provocation stations, the learners participated in a range of hands-on activities which allowed them to gain an insight into another culture.



Looks as though the Grade 1 Learners had lots of fun as they started to explore their new Big Idea of “People share culture through stories”. I look forward to sharing some more great learning in our next newsletter.

Kris Hickson

Acting Assistant Principal



Hello and thank you to our truly amazing Red Hill Community....

It is definitely soup weather and although not the start to Term 3 we were all hoping for, we are definitely making it as positive as we can. A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE FOR MANAGING THIS LAST LOCKDOWN.

There is something a bit special about Term 3, teachers really know their learners and learners are in a fantastic place to grow and challenge themselves. There are many opportunities coming our learners way and we are optimistic that we will have a great Term 3 2021.

Arriving on Time for Learning

Regular attendance and arriving on time is incredibly important at school - doing our very best to establish and maintain our routine is so incredibly important, and even more so in these uncertain times. It has been shown that beginning the day on time, with peers and time to transition to a new environment lowers anxiety levels for our children. Students are able to spend time quietly inside the class or outside being active, whichever helps them best prepare for a great day at school.

We have noticed that there are some learners arriving at school late on most days, which is disruptive for both the late-comer and the rest of the class. Of course, there are times when children will be late with appointments and unforeseen circumstances, but if all learners and families can please try their best to have their children at school by 8:55am for a 9am start to learning, this offers everyone the very best start to the day.

If you are struggling with getting your children to school on time due to school transition anxiety or refusal and would like to discuss how the school could help ease this apprehension, please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

It seems a good time to remind everyone that we do have great bus services, that arrive to school for 8:45 and avoid the congestion that our car park has. If you would like to be provided with a bus route map and explanation of times etc, please do not hesitate to contact the lovely administration staff at school on 59892321.

Alternatively, the beautiful Endeavour Fern Gully carpark and boardwalk to school also provide a wonderful way to start the day.

Wanting to help others in our community but not sure how?

Southern Peninsula Community Support is a welcoming local organisation that services the Red Hill area by providing financial support and other services for families who are experiencing difficult times.

They can provide assistance with basic groceries, food vouchers, PBS scripts and educational assistance.

Currently, there is a great need for the support and services they provide.

If you are able to donate and would like to help others who are vulnerable especially at this time, please follow the link attached.

<https://support-your-community-appeal.raisely.com/>

If you are experiencing hardship during this time, please know there are some very supporting and helpful organisations there to assist. The lovely workers at SPCS can be contacted between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday on **5986 1285** or, for more information, follow them on Facebook or have a look at their website.

<https://www.spcsic.org/>

Thank you everyone! We are (still) all in this together.

This is no doubt a very hard time for a lot of people and there are incredible organisations out there to support you and your loved ones. These organisations are discrete, professional and non-judgemental and here to help.

The following are a list of organisations that can support you and your child in times of need:



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



<https://kidshelpline.com.au>

1800 015 188



The Orange Door

www.orangedoor.vic.gov

1800 319 353

bpa@orangedoor.vic.gov.au



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

Should your child be experiencing any difficulties at school, please reach out to your classroom teacher as they know your child well.

If you or your family are experiencing difficult circumstances or hardship and you would like to discuss how the school can help to support your children, please do not hesitate to contact me on

louise.kusel@education.vic.gov.au

Until next time, take great care of yourself and your loved ones and in a world where you can anything, be kind!



Louise Kusel – Acting Wellbeing Coordinator.



ADMIN UPDATE

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

The eligibility date for CSEF in 2021 has been extended from **19th April until 12th July 2021**.

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 2020/2021, 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 2021 or you did not apply in 2020/2021.

If you require an application form, please call the school office on 5989 2321. Application forms must be returned by **Friday 13th August, 2021**.

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, or
- on the first day of Term three

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

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 **27 January 2021, 19 April 2021, or 12 July 2021**.

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 - half yearly rate
- Secondary school student rate: \$112.50 - half yearly rate

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.



Hello Everyone,

Here is just a quick update on all that we have been up to at TheirCare. Even though our numbers are low we are still making the most of every morning and afternoon, planning fun and exciting activities for the children.

Our Under the Sea wall display is coming along well. This week we will be focusing on exploring the different zones of the ocean and identifying the different characteristics of the animals that live in them.

Over the past two weeks we have had big focus on incorporating the children's voice into the planning of the menu and program. This is helping to foster a sense of belonging and develop a sense responsibility for the children.

As the Olympics have now kicked off we will be incorporating some Olympic style sports and creative activities into the program. We will also be collecting the stickers from Woolworths to create a Red Hill TheirCare album. If you have any double ups of the athletes feel free to bring them in to help create the album

Mariah - 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

Reminder

Just a quick reminder to make sure to scan the QR code and check in prior to entering the building.

Contact Details

Service phone:

0419 205 469

Service Email:

redhill@theircare.com.au

Theircare:

1300072410.

Theircare email:

info@theircare.com.au





Please note the new date

**SATURDAY 7TH
AUGUST AT
BUNNINGS
ROSEBUD**

**COME JOIN
THE FUN!**

Volunteers needed
please to help out at
the Red Hill
Consolidated School
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE
SIZZLE

**Help raise some
money for our school**

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS OUR LAST SAUSAGE SIZZLE WASN'T ABLE TO RUN. WE NOW HAVE A **NEW DATE** AND ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS (PLEASE NOTE WE NEED 4 VOLUNTEERS PER SHIFT):

- 8am - 10am
- 10am - 12pm
- 12pm - 2pm
- 2pm - 4pm
- 4pm - 5pm (clean up shift)



Please contact Kathryn Eagle to advise which time slot works best for you.
Get in quick to reserve your preferred time!
Kdedda@hotmail.com or 0413 884 822

THANK YOU!