



## WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

Last day of Term 3  
2:30 finish  
17<sup>th</sup> September

First day of Term 4  
4<sup>th</sup> October

## School Council Dates

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September

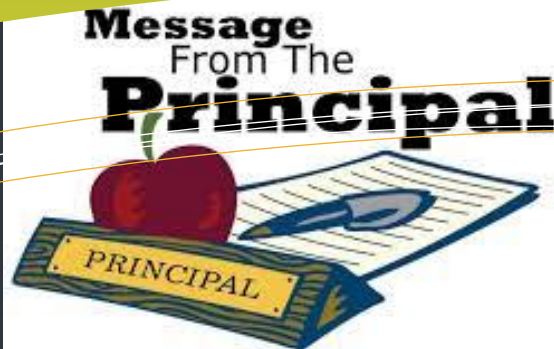
## Term Dates

### Term 3

12<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> September

### Term 4

4<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> December



## From the Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Firstly, I hope all of the Red Hill dads and special people had a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. I was spoilt by my three daughters and was even treated to a Father's Day manicure and pedicure. I'm not sure if any other dads have painted nails this week?

I'm sure you all received my email recently regarding our school's NAPLAN results for Grade 3 and 5 students. Just in case you missed it, our amazing Grade 3 and 5 students outperformed State, Network and Similar School Averages in almost every measure for Literacy and Numeracy. This included the number of students who scored in the top two bands as well as our Grade 5 growth data when compared to their 2019 results.



These results would be impressive in any year, but even more so considering the number and length of lockdowns in 2020 and 2021. This is a testament to our school's approaches to teaching and learning when on-site and during lockdowns as well as the commitment and hard work of our students,

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staff and parents. NAPLAN report cards were posted to all families last week. Please contact the school if your child's report is yet to arrive.



The other big news out of last week is that Red Hill Consolidated School has made the decision to move from Sentral to Compass. This big move was based upon changes to the Department of Education's Parent Payment Policy and Compass' ability to manage payments. This was not a decision made lightly and we understand that it may take time to get used to a new system. Having said that, many parents may be pleased to hear that the Compass app and portal is very straight forward and parent friendly. We do plan to continue using Sentral alongside Compass for Term 4 this year.

Sentral will still be used to record any absences and for school reporting, while Compass will be used solely for parent payments. We will begin using all elements of Compass to start 2022. This will provide us with enough time to set up this new system to meet our school's needs and transfer historical data across to Compass. Staff will also be taking part in training throughout next term and early next year. In the coming weeks you will be sent information on how to access Compass and set up your account. We ask that all families download the Compass app and set up their accounts, ready to make payments next term.

The new Parent Payment Policy has also impacted the way we can provide book packs for our families for 2022. Book packs are now referred to as "educational items to own" and families will be invited to order directly through a provider. This does mean that we can no longer pass on the savings of buying GST free and buying in bulk. Therefore, there will be a slight increase in the price of these items across all year levels. Information will be sent to all families about how to order educational items to own as well as make curriculum and other contributions to help our school continue to offer a diverse and varied curriculum and maintain our buildings, swimming pool and extensive grounds.

Thank you to all families that took part in our Remote and Flexible Learning Family Survey. Overwhelmingly, families are pleased with our approach and don't want to see an increase to workload or screen time. However, there are a number of great suggestions and trends in the data that we will consider and potentially make some modifications to our approach to Remote and Flexible Learning moving forward. Any changes to our approach and/or our expectations will be communicated to all families this week.

Our new building is really beginning to take shape after the suspended slab was poured less than two weeks ago. The steel frame is now up, providing us with a clear idea of the size and layout of this building and internal spaces. Mrs. Barnes and myself were also able to check out the amazing view from the buildings south facing deck over our school's pool, across farmland and towards the ocean..... stunning! Roofing sheets will go up next, followed by formwork for our decking balustrade and earth works for our courtyard. Here's a few photographs I took during this week's site visit.



In other facilities news, the works on our gymnasium to upgrade it to become our Shelter in Place have started. This project will improve the gymnasium's resistance to fire and ember attack in the case of an emergency. Our Garden Centre received its new roof last week, thanks to one of our very helpful dads, Andy. And finally, the steps and hand rails leading to our administration received a new coat of paint, freshening up the office entrance. Great painting Gav!

I hope you all enjoyed our special Book Week Assembly two weeks ago. It was so nice to see our students all dressed up as their favourite book character in our virtual Book Week parade. Last week, we celebrated Footy Day at our assembly. Once again, we asked our kids and families to dress in their team colours and send in a picture for our virtual parade. This was shown at our assembly and we were lucky enough to have some messages from AFL and AFLW players. Mrs. Butler did an outstanding job of putting our virtual parade together! Footy day activities, a footy trivia and some instructional videos from our Grade 6 students were also available for all students on Friday.

Two of our wonderful students are encouraging all families to take part in the Mornington Peninsula CareCrow Club. Felix and Hugo have been using their spare time during lockdown to create scarecrows out of things they have found around the house. Their scarecrows are now on display in their front yard to lift the spirits of anyone passing by. For more information and scarecrow inspiration, visit the Carecrow Club Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/carecrowclub>.



Finally, this week we say *“Tomodachi ni aimashou. Mata o ai dekiru no o tanoshiminishiteimasu. Anata wa aisare, oshima rerudeshou”* (which means “See you our friend, we look forward to meeting with you again. You are loved and will be missed”) to Harder Sensei. Bronwyn Harder, our much loved Japanese teacher, is taking leave in Term 4 and making the move to the warmth of Port Macquarie. Unfortunately she will not be returning to Red Hill Consolidated School. As a school we would like to take this opportunity to thank Bronwyn Harder for the work she has done to deliver our students with a vibrant, engaging Japanese curriculum. From organising Japanese lunchtime clubs, skyping with our sister school in Japan or embarking on a study tour to Japan with 8 students from Red Hill, Bronwyn has worked tirelessly to develop the profile of Japanese at RHCS and to ignite a passion for learning a language in our students. Bronwyn has also been an active member of school council and a strong supporter of all that we do at Red Hill Consolidated School. We will have a special assembly this Friday, beginning at 1:00pm, to farewell Harder Sensei and hope that lots of our learners will attend to send her off in style!



Next term we will not be running Japanese but this program will recommence in 2022. In Term 4 students will instead have weekly Performing Arts sessions, instead of this program being fortnightly.

We are hopeful that we are provided some clarity on what Term 4 will look like for schools in the coming days. I hope that you and your children enjoy Curiosity Week this week and have a restful break from learning over the school holidays.

Kind regards,

Gus Wettenhall  
Principal

# WELLBEING NEWS

I am really pleased that last Thursday 9th September was R U OK? Day and this year, very appropriately was R U really OK? Day.



**Are they *really* OK? Ask them today. Your conversation could change a life.**

Life's ups and downs happen to all of us. So, chances are someone you know might be struggling. Your genuine support can make a difference whatever they are facing, big or small.

So, don't wait until someone's visibly distressed or in crisis. Make a moment meaningful and ask them how they're really going. You probably won't be able to fix it, most of us are not the experts! But begin the conversation and show how much you care and they are not alone.

For more information, please check out the website- <https://www.ruok.org.au>

If you need to encourage others to seek help or if you need support from an organisation, I encourage you to all seek help or assistance if you need- and we all need help sometime.

**Useful contacts for someone who's not OK**

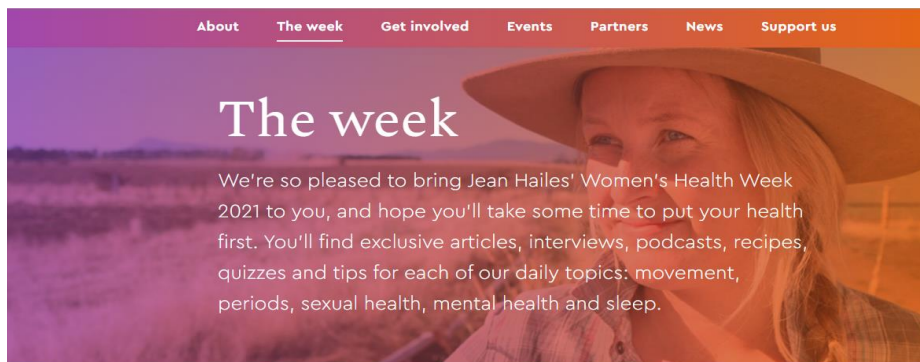
<b>Kids Helpline (24/7)</b> 1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au	<b>Beyond Blue (24/7)</b> 1300 224 636 beyondblue.org.au
<b>ReachOut</b> www.reachout.com	<b>RUOK?</b> ruok.org.au/findhelp
<b>Headspace</b> headspace.org.au	

really Are they OK? Ask them today **RUOK?**

## Women's Health Week.

This week is Women's Health Week! The following link:

<https://www.womenshealthweek.com.au/the-week/>



A fantastic week to celebrate. Enjoy some time looking after yourselves everyday everyone.

## ALL THE BEST TAKE 2

Lastly- and hopefully something that brings some joy your way- I announce ALL THE BEST TAKE 2.

I'm really excited about this community event that I am hoping families will enjoy being a part of.

Many (many) years ago, RHCS produced a cookbook that was a collection of recipes from our then school community. It was a wonderful celebration of food and memories and still remains a well-loved favourite in our kitchen.

Today, we launch submissions for ALL THE BEST TAKE 2

We invite all families of our school community to submit a recipe for the cookbook.

I have included a very basic outline of what you might like to include in your recipe submission- category, allergy advice, food preference type and you may- as is the way now, want to include a history or intro for your recipe.

Feel free to include photos or drawings of the method, and please remember these will be available to our entire school community so consider your privacy requirements.

The template can be found at- please download this! (There is also a copy of this at the end of the newsletter)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B42zUqK-Pp\\_FphwR1mcUiPmO4XNCRQ00twhnCBBaDb8/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B42zUqK-Pp_FphwR1mcUiPmO4XNCRQ00twhnCBBaDb8/edit)

The completed recipes can then be placed in the following folder:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14dkv4sbpkThX3C\\_HqDa2JBK1BXe\\_zsX4?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14dkv4sbpkThX3C_HqDa2JBK1BXe_zsX4?usp=sharing)

Any questions, please don't hesitate to email me or contact me via Class Dojo.

### 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. They lovely workers at SPCS can be contacted between 10am and 3pm, Monday to

Friday on **5986 1285** or, for more information, have a look at their website.

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

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

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 your classroom teacher or me on

[louise.kusel@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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.



# Weekly newsletter



**TheirCare**  
where kids love to be!

Hello everyone, ☺

As the final week of term approaches, we have been reflecting on the crazy term we have had.

A huge focus throughout the term was to make sure the children felt supported both within the program and out. I made sure to ask the children everyday how they were and what their favourite thing about the day or the weekend was. We worked together to create a list of ideas for what to do over the weekend to keep busy.

We explored a large range of themes throughout the term, some of our favorites included Let's Get Creative, the Olympics and Under the sea. Throughout the weeks we played many games in the gym, our favorites of the term have been dodgeball and octopus. The kids have been great playing with smaller numbers and figuring out the ways to alter the game to suit smaller numbers.

Over the past two weeks we explored Space and book week activities. We had a fun dress up day on Friday, it was great to see the characters the kids dressed up as.

We had Willy Wonka, Dorothy from the wizard of OZ, Footy Player and a Pirate. I also got into the dress up and came as Minnie Mouse. We have also been enjoying the afternoon sun, getting outside to play activities and having picnics for our afternoon snacks

For the final week of term our theme is Team challenges, we will be playing a whole range of different games and activities in teams. This will increase the children's sense of belonging to the program and help establish the important friendships they need.

Program Coordinator – Mariah



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

## Reminder

With the school holidays only two of weeks away be sure to check out our monster sized holiday program, **Monster Mayhem!**

You will find the link to book on the TheirCare website.

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