



## WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April  
Grade 6 Camp

## School Council Dates

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June

## Term Dates

### Term 1

1<sup>st</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> April

### Term 2

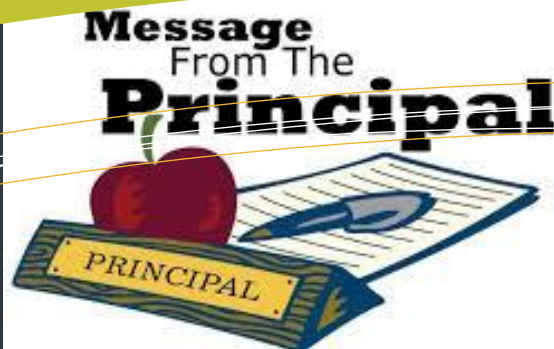
26<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> June

### Term 3

11<sup>th</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> September

### Term 4

3<sup>rd</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> December



## From the Principal

Dear families and friends,

I hope you are all well and wonderful. Apologies in advance, this is a longer than usual newsletter this week, but there is just so much amazing news to share. On that note, please be aware that all official and important announcements are sent home in the newsletter and/or using Compass notifications and email. These items are generally must reads. From time to time, text messages are sent out. This means of communication is reserved for urgent or extremely important notifications. We use ClassDojo to share learning, experiences and successes, and also to post reminders and other community news. Therefore, it is not an expectation that you are glued to ClassDojo. Notifications can easily be turned off in your phone's settings.

Last Friday we celebrated the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence at Red Hill Consolidated School, with staff and students wearing orange to symbolise our stance against bullying behaviour. Every year we take this opportunity to discuss what bullying is and how we can all take a stand against bullying behaviour. It was so wonderful to see that all students wore something orange on Friday. Our Grade 5 students presented at Friday's assembly with some great tips on being an upstander, not a bystander in a bullying situation. This can be as simple as standing next to the victim to show support or changing the

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subject and whisking the victim away. Many of these strategies avoid putting the upstander in the firing line, but we do always suggest that students report this type of behaviour to an adult. If you would like to know more about these strategies or would like further information on this topic, you may like to visit the Bullying No Way website at

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/support-and-advice/for-families>



I would like to share two beautiful photographs taken by Archie and Emma. These pictures were entered in the Courage to care UPSTANDER photography competition. Not only are these amazing photographs, but both send a clear message about taking a stand against bullying behaviours. Well done Archie and Emma.



You may have noticed that your child/ren are exhausted at the moment, I know mine are at home. It is important to recognise that this is now the longest period our students have been at school for almost 2 years. For our younger students, this is the longest they've ever been at school. In addition to being tired, many of our students are out of practice when it comes to getting along and problem solving. This combination is leading to a substantial increase in playground issues. Our teachers are prioritising social and emotional learning in their classrooms and are supporting students to deal with and solve problems appropriately. This phenomenon is impacting all students and all schools in some way as we near the end of Term 1. It is important to work together through this re-adjustment period and reinforce the same messages at school and home. We encourage all families to refer to our school values and use the Zones of Regulation toolkit at home. Free Zones handouts can be downloaded from <https://www.zonesofregulation.com/free-downloadable-handouts.html> Please also ensure your child/ren have a regular routine before and after school, including an early bed time. The road to recovery after two very disrupted years will take some time, but we will get there together. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Congratulations to Kathryn Eagles and Glen Sullivan, who were both re-elected to the Red Hill Consolidated School Council. I would like to thank all parents who nominated and voted in these elections. I would like to thank Molly Clark, who joins school council as a DET employee member. Glen Sullivan was appointed as our school council president at the Annual General Meeting this week. Our other office bearers for 2022 are as follows:

**Vice President:** Steve Marshall

**Secretary:** Joanne Barnes

**Treasurer:** Steve Marshall

**Education Sub Committee Convenor:** Joanne Barnes

**Facilities Sub Committee Convenor:** Andrew Sides

**Events and Fundraising Sub Committee Convenor:** Kathryn Eagles

I would also like to extend an invitation to all parents and carers to join our sub committees. We are always on the lookout for non-school council members to join our Facilities, Education or Fundraising sub committees. If you are interested, please email the school and I will pass your details on to our convenors.



I was thrilled to welcome back and see parent helpers return to our classrooms this week. It's hard to believe that we have survived this long without the incredible support of parent/carer volunteers. I do need to inform our parent helpers that all school visitors, including volunteers, must be triple vaccinated by the 25<sup>th</sup> of March (unless an exemption applies) in order to help out. Evidence of this and a valid Working with Children's card must be shown when you sign in. Please understand that this is a Department of Education requirement.

Last week we held our first evacuation drill for 2022, running through the procedures for a lockdown. A lockdown is required if we need all students and staff to return to classrooms and lock all internal and external doors to keep them safe. I'm very pleased to announce that we had every student locked down and accounted for in just under 6 minutes. This is an excellent result given the size and geography of our school. We have our bushfire evacuation drill scheduled for Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March.



Our Art Red Hill planning is flying ahead with an exciting venue and date secured for our opening night on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. More information will be heading your way soon, but please save this date and follow and share Art Red Hill on social media. Raffle tickets are currently being printed and will be sent home with all families shortly. There are some outstanding prizes up for grabs, including a surfboard package from BASS surfboards. We would love all families to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. In fact, we even have some exciting prizes for the families that sell the most tickets. We are also after volunteers to help our organising committee plan and organise the opening night. If you are interested in joining this team or can support in any way, please contact Simon via email on [Simon.Butterworth@acer.com](mailto:Simon.Butterworth@acer.com) We are so excited that Art Red Hill will be returning in 2022, even if the event this year will be a hybrid show. Not only is this our school's major fund raiser, but it is one of the longest running and most prestigious art shows on the Peninsula. And it will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and celebrate as a community.

Our Grade 3 and 5 students and teachers are doing a brilliant job getting all set for NAPLAN. As many of you would know, NAPLAN will take place online at Red Hill this year. Students are being exposed to the online system and NAPLAN style questions. We are also checking and testing that our systems and infrastructure is ready for the official test period. NAPLAN this year will take place between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May this year.

If you got through all of that in one sitting, well done. Please have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

*Gus Wettenhall*

# FREE DRESS DAY

WHEN: **Wednesday 30 March 2022**

Please bring a gold coin donation

Money raised will support RHCS Reconciliation Action Plan group to provide our community the opportunity to be a part of a Welcome to Country and Smoking ceremony at the opening of our new building!



Artwork in this resource was created by Zachary Bennett-Rickett in partnership with Twinkl.



**RED HILL DISTRICT LIONS**

# The Hunt is on

*Monday, April 18, 2022  
10.30 am  
Red Hill Recreation Reserve  
Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill*



**Don't forget  
your basket!**

