



WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

27th-29th April

Grade 6 Camp

5th May

RHCS house cross country

20th May

Art Red Hill Opening Night

1st-3rd June

Grade 4 Camp

School Council Dates

Tuesday, 17th May

Tuesday, 21st June

Term Dates

Term 1

1st February – 8th April

Term 2

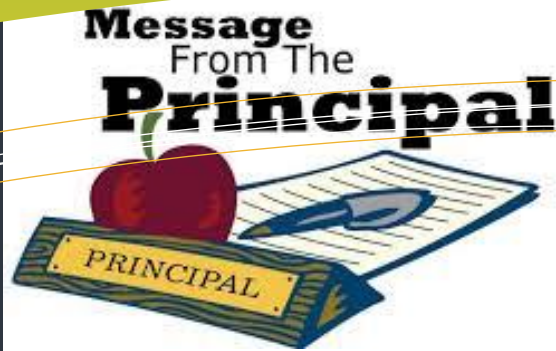
26th April – 24th June

Term 3

11th July – 16th September

Term 4

3rd October – 20th December



From the Principal

Dear families and friends,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the school holidays with your young ones at home. It's hard to believe that Term 1 is coming to an end. Front page news in this week's newsletter is a massive congratulations and good luck to Tom McGough, who qualified for the State Finals last week at MSAC. Tom finished first in backstroke and third in freestyle at the Regional competition.



Reconciliation Action Plan

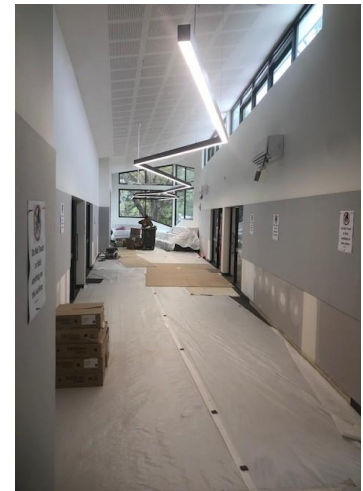
Thank you to all of our students who came along to school last week in free dress. I am very pleased to announce that we raised just under \$800, which will go to our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) budget to fund a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony for the opening of our new building. I would also like to thank the Red Hill Kindergarten and the Monterosso Early Learning Centre who also held a free dress fundraiser for our RAP budget.

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Building Project

Speaking of our building project, everything is going to plan, with the finishing touches taking place this week and next week. As mentioned on ClassDojo, we have even taken delivery of our furniture for these new spaces. If you've walked passed this week, the concreters have been developing curbs, with services, additional drainage and asphaltting to come. We will have increased heavy vehicle traffic within our school grounds over the holiday, as temporary fencing and site offices are removed. We ask that you stay out of our grounds over this holiday period. Our Grade 2 team will be ready to move in to these classrooms throughout the first week of Term 2.



The other exciting news up here on the hill is our fast approaching Art Red Hill and our plans are really coming together. This year we are organising an opening night to launch a virtual show. As well as being a celebration of art and Art Red Hill, opening night will be the perfect occasion to reconnect as a community. Opening night will be held in “The Fancy Shed” at the Dairy in Main Ridge on Friday the 20th of May. Information on how to purchase tickets will be sent home this week and also available by visiting the Art Red Hill Website (<https://artredhill.redhillcs.vic.edu.au/>) and social media pages. I would like to sincerely thank Beth Phillips for allowing us to use this venue and also our major sponsors:

Premium Sponsor: RT Edgar Mornington Peninsula

Gold Sponsors: Whyte Gardens, Mornington Peninsula Shire

Silver Sponsor: Mornington Mazda

Bronze Sponsor: Merricks House Art Gallery, Leading Image School Photo's, Vin Bins and Onstone

Also sent home this week will be our ARH raffle tickets. We are asking all families to sell at least one book of raffle tickets. There are some great prizes up for grabs, generously donated by local businesses. We also have some great prizes for those families who sell the most tickets, including a family pass to the Moonlit Sanctuary and the Enchanted Maze. Art Red Hill is our major fundraiser and we appreciate your support in advance. We are still after volunteers to help with our opening night. If you are happy to lend a hand to help set up and/or pack up or willing to help out on the night, please email Simon Simon.Butterworth@acer.com.

Proactive Policing Unit Presentation

The Proactive Policing Unit will be coming to Red Hill Consolidated School this week, presenting to our Grade 5 and 6 students. This presentation will cover being safe, responsible and respectful online. After two years of increased access to technology for most students, this will be a very relevant and important presentation. I would like to thank the Proactive Policing Unit for their support.

School Council Community Meeting

We will be sharing our school's Annual Report to the Community at our next school council meeting, which will take place on Tuesday the 17th of May. If you are interested in attending our Community Meeting, please email the school account at red.hill.cs@education.vic.gov.au.

Prep and Year One Picnics

As well as welcoming parent helpers this term, it was so nice to catch up with many of our families at this week's Prep and Year One Picnics. Thank you to all families that came along. This was a great opportunity for families to meet and catch up. As well as Art Red Hill next term, we are looking forward to our Strengthening Learning Partnership evening and our whole school cross country event to reconnect.

School Bus Service

Just a quick reminder that we have lots of seats available on our Point Leo Bus Service. In fact, our numbers are so low on this bus that we may lose this service. If your child/ren are eligible to use this bus, we encourage you to register. Information regarding bus travel can be found at: <https://redhillcs.vic.edu.au/school-bus/>

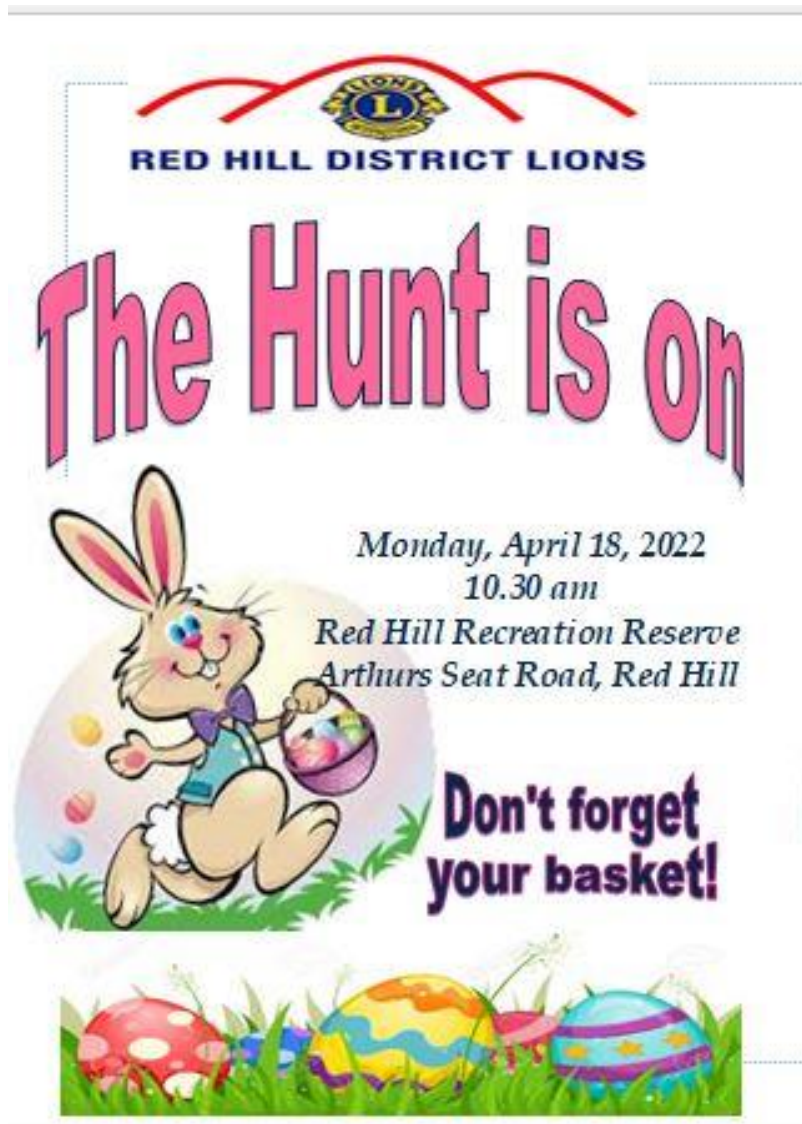


Thank you

I wanted to finish this week's newsletter with a heartfelt thankyou to all of our staff, students and parents and carers. In many ways, this term has been more disruptive and challenging than any of the terms over the past two years. Our amazing team of teachers and support staff have done an amazing job under difficult circumstances to nurture the wellbeing of our students as well as maintain high quality teaching and learning. Our early indicators suggest that our students are tracking really well in their learning. I would also like to congratulate our students on their first full term of on-site learning since 2019. I know that for many, this has been a challenge and most students are ready for a very well-deserved break. And finally, I would also like to thank our parents and carers for your ongoing understanding, support and for following all Department of Education advice. Please have a safe and wonderful break over Easter.

Kindest regards,

Gus Wettenhall





CLE 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 Tuesday at 2:45pm. Our first meeting for 2022 will be held on the first Tuesday of Term 2, 26th April. 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 and attendees of the Education Sub-Committee.

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 gathering feedback about our Term 1 parent information sessions as well as generating ideas for future parent sessions.

Strengthening Learning Partnerships

On Wednesday, May 11th, we will be holding our 'Strengthening Learning Partnership' conferences. These conferences were previously known as Three-way Conferences and provide an authentic opportunity for students to share their growth as a learner. This opportunity involves a 10-minute conversation in which teachers, parents and students discuss student strengths and areas for future learning growth. They are a collaborative discussion that involves age appropriate shared leadership of the conversation, however it remains the responsibility of the teacher to ensure significant and meaningful content is shared. Conferences involving the student, parents and teacher are used in schools all around the world and are recognised as highly beneficial to the learning process. They are also extremely beneficial as they allow for a shared celebration of student learning growth and provide a student voice to discussions about progress and targets.

A central goal of our Contemporary Learning Experience is for the learning to be Student Centred and for students to take ownership of their learning and develop independence. The 'Strengthening Learning Partnership' Conferences are a significant and critical part of this process. We understand that at times there are critical pieces of confidential information that parents need to share with the classroom teacher and they would like to ensure this is done so without the child involved. If you require further time with the teacher, we ask that you arrange a follow up phone conversation with the teacher. At Red Hill we have placed the conferences early in Term 2 to ensure that you receive regular feedback about student progress and don't have to wait until the end of June for an update.

Bookings for the Strengthening Learning Partnership Conferences will be made using Compass. At the start of Term 2 information on how to book conferences will be sent out.

Wellbeing April Term 1 2022

What an incredible and busy term it has been! We have all made so many adjustments as we return to school in a more regular way. It has been so lovely to see the smiling faces and hear the laughter and the playing during playtimes. I also know we have some very tired learners who are ready for a break. I hope that everyone has a wonderful relax and recharge over the Autumn holidays, please make sure you take the time to remember to breathe and have fun.

PlayLeaders Our amazing PlayLeaders in Grade 5 and 6 have used their new skills in this last week of term to work with the younger year levels and run afternoon sessions. Well done PlayLeaders, the whole school are benefiting from your outstanding work!



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 myself at louise.kusel@education.vic.gov.au

Take great care of yourself and your loved ones and in a world where you can anything, be kind!

Louise Kusel – Student Wellbeing.



Private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 - 25. Free call 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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

