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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

# Red Hill C.S.



# WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

20<sup>th</sup> May Art Red Hill Opening Night

23<sup>rd</sup> May

Respectful Relationships Parent Info Session

25<sup>th</sup> May District Cross Country

27<sup>th</sup> May Reconciliation Week Ceremony

> 1st-3rd June Grade 4 Camp

7<sup>th</sup> June Prep Information Night

> 10<sup>th</sup> June Student Free Day

24<sup>th</sup> June Student Free Day

# School Council Dates

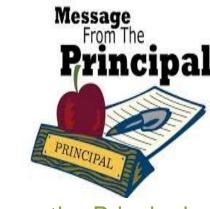
Tuesday, 21st June

### Term Dates

Term 2 26<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3

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



## From the Principal

Dear families and friends,

I hope you are all staying warm, well and healthy as the temperature needle dropped again this week at RHCS, reminding us all that winter is coming. We did manage to score some beautiful weather for both cross country events last week. Despite having to reschedule cross country due to a forecast of severe weather that didn't really eventuate, these events ran perfectly here at school. It was so great to see so many parents, carers, grand parents and siblings come along to help out and cheer on our runners. As always all of our students tried their hardest, but more importantly supported and encouraged their friends and team mates. A big well done to Mr Milenkovic and his team of helpers for organising and running this event. From the feedback I've received, we will seriously consider running the event at school in 2023. Good luck to all of those students who qualified for the District Competition on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May at Truemans Rd Reserve.

The other big event last week was our Strengthening Learning Partnerships Conferences, which took place last Wednesday after school. this issue

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As you would know, this was the first time we've been able to meet for any sort of conferences in person for quite some time. And we all know that virtual meetings are just not the same as meeting in person. Looking at our bookings, it seems like most families attended these valuable meetings. These conferences provided a great opportunity for children, parents and teachers to celebrate success and progress as well as discuss next steps in learning and set goals. A big thankyou to everyone involved.



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By the time you read this newsletter our Grade 3 and 5 students would have completed all of their NAPLAN tests for 2022. I would like to congratulate every child that took part in these assessments for their positive attitude and effort. To add another layer to NAPLAN this year, our students took part in most tests online. This meant our Grade 3 and 5 students had to navigate the online portal and make use of the available online tools. And they all did so well. We will receive NAPLAN results later in the year. These results are used by the school to reflect



upon current whole approaches as well as identify school goals and targets.

You may have heard that we have returned to assemblies in real life! Our Prep and Grade 1 students have never attended a real life assembly and our Grade 2 children only a handful. Therefore, we are keeping them short and sweet at the moment, while we all get used to being together again. We look forward to welcoming back parents to our assemblies in the near future.

Art Red Hill is here, with opening night this Friday at the Fancy Shed in Main Ridge. I'd like to once again thank Beth Phillips,





for so generously allowing us to use this amazing venue. I would also like to thank our dedicated team of parent helpers, who have put this amazing event and online show together. And of course, this event wouldn't be possible without the support of our sponsors and local businesses and artists who have donated prize, raffle and auction items. Thank you! Opening night promises to be a wonderful celebration of art and of equal importance, an opportunity to celebrate getting together as a community after such a long period of disconnect. Art sales go live on Friday night If you are interested in purchasing a piece or two, please visit <a href="https://artredhill.g247.com.au/gallery/%20%20">https://artredhill.g247.com.au/gallery/%20%20</a> Thank you to everyone for your support of this event, whether that be selling and purchasing raffle tickets, attending the night, purchasing art or volunteering to help out. If you'd still like to help out, we will be after volunteers to assist with the pack up on Monday. If you can help, please call the office or email the school account.

We have two more community events next week. Firstly, all parents and carers are welcome and encourage to attend an information session on Gender, Identity and Positive Gender Relations. This will be a virtual session presented by Paul Zappa from Respectful Relationships. Please check your email inbox or ClassDojo for event details and the Webex link to this presentation.

Also next week will be our special Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony to launch Reconciliation Week and to open and celebrate our new building as a school community, which will take place from 9:30am on Friday morning 27<sup>th</sup> May on our outdoor basketball courts. This has been planned and organised by our amazing Reconciliation Action Plan Committee. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Communication was one of the topics discussed at our most recent Education Sub Committee meeting. This is and has been an ongoing topic of discussion at RHCS.

What I know for sure is that we all have different expectations when it comes to how much is enough when it comes to this subject. As outlined in previous newsletter, Classdojo is primarily used to share learning, school events and achievements with parents and carers. From time to time, we also use it to send out reminders. Anything that is a "must read" will be sent out as an email through Compass or in the fortnightly newsletter. If the ClassDojo notifications are driving you crazy, please turn them off in your phones settings.

And finally this week, if you have a 2023 Prep child and are planning on enrolling them at RHCS, please submit your enrolment papers, along with birth certificates and immunisation records to the office as soon as you can. This is especially important if you are not living within our school zone. Knowing how many siblings we will have joining us next year helps us to determine how many places we can offer our out of zone applicants. Enrolment packs can be collected from the office or downloaded

from our website.

Have a great week.

Kind regards,

Gus Wettenhall

# Wellbeing Newsletter May Term 2



### The Resilience Project Conference

Last week I had the absolute pleasure of attending The Resilience Project Conference for Teachers in Melbourne. It was a fantastic day and I came away with a wonderful collection in my toolkit to share with my colleagues and also our learners and their families. If you know anything of Hugh Van Cuylenburg, you will know he is incredibly passionate and serious about his search of happiness and how to share this with others.

The main takeaway that I wanted to share with our families, was the G.E.M. acronym. Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. Incorporating these into our daily lives can improve our outlook, and positively impact on our ability to cope and manageeven in stressful and difficult times. The questions and prompts that I know I will be implementing around my dinner table or just before bed time are:

Tell me three things that went well today and one thing that you are looking forward to tomorrow

What did you do or see someone else do that was an act of kindness or what is an act of kindness you would like to do tomorrow?

These are my challenge questions for myself and my family for the next 21 days. I would love to know if you would like to join me...maybe it could be a whole school challenge, I will ask our SVT at the next meeting!

### Respectful Relationships- Jana King

As part of our commitment to the Respectful Relationships program, we will soon be educating our students about Gender & Identity, and Positive Gender Relations.

On Monday the 23rd of May at 7pm, we invite our school community to attend our parent information night, via webex, with guest speaker Paul Zappa.

Paul supports schools in the Bayside Peninsula area as a Respectful Relationships liaison. He is a knowledgeable speaker whose experience includes working with The Men's Project, through the Jesuit Social Services, where he used 'The Man Box' research as a foundation for prevention initiatives. The Modelling of Respect and Equality (MoRE) program and the Unpacking The Man Box training sessions have had significant success and are now expanding reach across Australia.

Paul is also the Co-founder of Club Respect, an initiative to support local clubs to develop sporting communities that reject all forms of violence, the developer of The Respect Ambassador Program that was listed in the 2018 hundrED project in Finland as a world leading violence prevention initiative for primary aged students, and the developer of the GameChangers program delivered by the Son's of The West program in Victoria.

Paul is an exceptional speaker and it is a privilege to have access to such a dedicated and passionate expert.

On Monday night, Paul will talk through the content of the Respectful Relationships program as well as answer any questions.

A webex link and reminder will be sent out closer to the date.

### **Second Hand Uniforms**

If families are interested in second hand uniforms, please contact our office staff to let them know what you are seeking or what you may have in excess uniforms. We have a wonderful and dedicated parent, Jemma, who is our uniform contact person. Jemma will then try and help find the size and type of uniform you are seeking and also distribute any unwanted uniforms.

Please also ensure your children have labeled warm clothes (so many jumpers in lost property!!!!) and maybe a spare pair of socks for Winter. There are also WARM new beanies that are part of our uniform available through PWS. Mine is at the ready!

If you or your family are experiencing difficult circumstances or hardship, please do not hesitate your classroom teacher or myself at <a href="mailto:louise.kusel@education.vic.gov.au">louise.kusel@education.vic.gov.au</a>

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

 $\label{lower-loss} \mbox{Louise Kusel} - \mbox{Wellbeing Coordinator}.$ 













2022 Mogul Ski World Victorian Interschools **Snowsport Championships** 

Mt Buller August 22-28, 2022

Want to represent Red Hill Consolidated School in either ski or snowboard at this years Victorian Snowsports Intershools?

Please contact: Matthew MERIFIELD 0417 821 087 / merifield@hotmail.com

Registration commences June 2022



Why Avoid Gender Stereotypes?

# What Can Families Do?

#### Are Girls and Boys In Your Family:

- Offered toys & books based on their interests and skills?
- Provided with play equipment that includes cooking utensils, action figures, dolls, trucks and lego?
- Encouraged to explore a range of situations and role play?
- Provided with books & activities that depict women and men in diverse roles?

#### Other Considerations:

- When talking to girls & boys, does language and tone of voice vary according to gender?
- Are boys sometimes excused for aggressive behaviour because "boys will be boys"?
- Are a variety of roles modelled by parents and other family members e.g. cooking, cleaning, caring for children, paid employment, mowing lawns?



#### Ideas for books

Provide books ( stories that depict men 4 women, boys 4 girls in a variety of roles, Contact your childcare centre/kinder for a soggested reading list.

Women's Health East Any questions? For further information, context Women's Health East - 9851 3700



# Weekly newsletter



### Hello everyone 😂

As the term is now back in full swing, we have been very busy down in TheirCare. Our first week back was Anzac week, throughout this week we remembered our fallen soldiers and had many discussions over the meaning of the Anzacs. Weeks 2 and 3 were spent exploring construction challenges and movie themed activities. This week we have been exploring the theme of science. Each day the children have been given the opportunity to get involved in an experiment, these range from oobleck and slime to sherbet or lava lamps.

As the weather is beginning to get colder and wetter, we haven't been able to spend as much time outside on the oval or playground. It has been great that we have been able to go in the gym to play basketball or our current favourite game dodgeball. Some of our current favourite activities the children have been enjoying in service include our new mindfulness stacking blocks, the code breaker game and our giant pick up sticks game.

Below I have added a list of the themes for the upcoming weeks in OSHC, these themes are what the activities will based on each week.

Week 5 – Science Week continued...

Week 6 - Ocean/Sea

Week 7 - New and Old

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.

Mariah – Program Coordinator







Details & Calendar Info <u>Pupil Free Days:</u> 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

If you know anyone who has chickens or animals that need food scraps, please contact TheirCare! We would love to donate some of our leftover food scraps

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Theircare: 1300072410.

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