



WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

Prep Wildlife Incursion
11th August

Grade 1 African Drumming
Incursion
16th August

Grade 2 Coal Creek Excursion
18th August

Book Week
22nd – 26th August

School Council Dates

Tuesday, 16th August

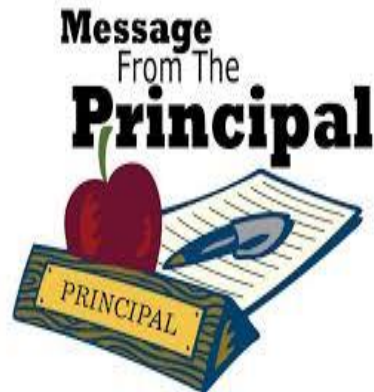
Term Dates

Term 3

11th July – 16th September

Term 4

3rd October – 20th December



From the Principal

Dear families and friends,

It's great to be back after taking an extra week long service leave with my family. And what a beautiful week of weather to come back to last week. This week has been a slightly different story. I would like to thank Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Durling for doing an excellent job of running our school while I was away. As I'm sure you would know, a number of viruses and illnesses are running through our school community, including an increase in COVID19 cases. Last week, you should have received a letter from the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education, David Howes, with the latest advice on mask wearing and isolation requirements. If you missed this communication, please check your Compass notifications or emails. Please also note that all bus travellers aged 8 and over **MUST** wear a mask when using the buses (unless an exemption applies). Further advice on mask wearing can be found at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>.

After a very successful Art Red Hill event earlier this year, we are looking forward to hosting a physical art show at school once again in 2023. However, this event relies heavily on parent and community volunteers. We have scheduled an Art Red Hill Meeting at 9:15am on Monday the 8th of August in our staff room to establish interest and support from our parent community. As well as a great opportunity to get to know others, we will also discuss the various roles and many ways parents can

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get involved. We encourage all parents to get involved in this amazing event. If you would like to know more or would like to assist in some way, please come along. Please be aware that without the support of our parent community, this event will not be possible.



This week I attended the Start Up Meeting for our Lower Sandy Playground Upgrade. To refresh your memory, we secured funding last year to address the drainage and replace the old and tired playground in the Lower Sandy Playground. In addition, most of the mulch will be replaced with soft fall matting. We also hope to re-purpose some of the playground modules in other areas of the school. I am pleased to announce that the majority of these works will take place over the December/ January holiday period. This will reduce the impact this project has on our parking and school operations. Initial preparation is planned to start on the 12th of December, with a completion date of the 28th of February. I hope to have plans and concept drawings to share with you very soon. So exciting!

Looking at my calendar, we have a busy and eventful Term 3 ahead, with some really exciting events coming up. I'm sure you've heard by now that we will be celebrating the Commonwealth Games this Friday and of course AFL superstar, Max Gawn will be presenting on Tuesday the 9th of August. Please ensure you have the following dates in your diary:

- RHCS Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony – 29th of July
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day – 4th of August
- Art Red Hill Meeting – 8th of August (9:15am in the staffroom)
- A night with Max Gawn – 9th of August (limited tickets still available)
- Book Week dress up and Parade – 26th of August
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – 28th of August (please email red.hill.cs@education.vic.gov.au if you can assist)
- Father's Day Stall – 2nd of September
- Celebrating Learning Partnerships – 6th of September
- Footy Day dress up and parade – 9th September



As well as these dates, Project Rockit will be visiting very soon, and we have started to make plans for our 2022 Colour Run that will be back in Term 4! Keep your eyes peeled for more information about all of these events in future newsletters and on ClassDojo.



Our Grade 6 students have been out and about, representing our school in a number of District, Division and State sporting events. A special well done to our Boys Netball and Boys Soccer teams who both advanced and competed at the Division level. And as you read in our last newsletter, Tom McGough in Grade 6 is in training and preparing for the State Cross Country Championship on the 26th of August!



I'd also like to recognise one of our superstar Grade 5 students in this edition of the newsletter. Coey from 5K and his scout group have been volunteering their time to support the Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation Group. Over the course of a few weekends, Coey assisted in planting over 900 trees to provide a habitat for injured or displaced koalas. What great citizenship Coey, well done.

It is that time of the year again when we begin initial planning for next year. For us to make these plans, we need to know if any families are leaving Red Hill either this year or next. If you are moving away or changing schools, please let us know as soon as possible by completing the form sent home through Compass. As you might know, our student numbers determine our funding and impact things like the number of grades, specialist subjects and other school programs



A quick reminder that our playground is supervised from 8:45am each morning and up until 3:45pm in the afternoon. Students should NOT be at school outside these times unless enrolled at OHSC or if supervised by a parent. I have noticed a small number of students being dropped off before 8:30am (some as early as 8:00am!), even on very cold and wet mornings. As well as getting cold, these students are not supervised. Teachers need this time in the morning to prepare and get organised for the day. If you need to get away early, please book your children into TheirCare.

And finally, this week, I would like to show off our creative and talented staff who all took part in an art PD this week,

organised and led by the incredible Pru Blanche. And yes, my piece will be available for auction at next year's Art Red Hill.

Please stay well and keep warm.

Gus Wettenhall

Would you like to help the school run its major fundraising event in 2023

ART RED HILL

..... while also having fun and making great friends?

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat to learn more about how you could get involved

No fundraising experience (or knowledge of art) necessary



All welcome!!!

(babies, grandparents, aunts, uncles.....)

Looking forward to seeing you all

Please feel free to contact Kathryn Eagle on 0413 884 822 if you have any questions



Red Hill Consolidated School would like to invite you to join us for our first National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

PICNIC AND FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

We will be celebrating the strengths and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Thursday 4th August 12:45-1:15PM
In front of the flags

Our students will be eating their lunch on the Bat tennis courts (weather permitting) so please join us!

For a gold coin donation to raise funds for an Indigenous garden, students are welcome to wear the colours of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander flags. Students may choose to wear one colour or a combination!



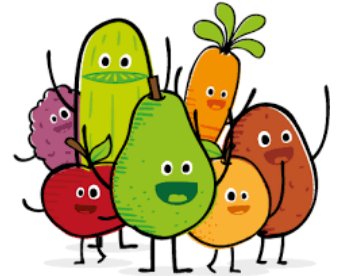
[July Wellbeing News](#)

Hello everyone!



We are off to a great start for Term 3. The wonderful Student Voice Team (SVT) have begun this term by announcing the 100 Acts of Kindness is to begin. We encourage all students to get on board and write down their kindness acts, listing them from 1 right through to 100..with a check in with Ms K at 50 for an encouragement certificate. This event has been lovely in the past years, and I look forward to reading all the creative ways that children in our school are spreading their kindness around.

Our SVT are also working to reduce the amount of rubbish in our school yard and are encouraging everyone to try their best to bring Nude Food or if their peers have rubbish, place it in the correct bins provided in the classroom and by the canteen. We thank you for all your support around this and trying to decrease the amount of waste we produce at school.



Kids Helpline

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

I encourage all families to have a look at the resources on Kids Helpline, even if all is well with your family. It is an incredible resource and has some really insightful information from feeling lonely, making mistakes, how to be happy being yourself, welcoming a new member into your family, right through to tips for helping children identify and express their emotions. Although this is aimed at children and easy to work through, there are some sensitive topics that you may wish to address as a family. There is also a kids helpline number if your child is ever wanting to speak to someone-1800551800.

The BRAVE Program.

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/brave/>

The BRAVE Program is an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. The programs are free and provide ways for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are also programs for parents. At times, we run this program for small groups of children at school, and I hope to continue to do this. However, if you think this program may benefit your child, please be assured that you can work through this at home at your own pace if that suits you and your family. The conversations that can come out of this shared time is often incredibly helpful and working through the problems and moving towards a solution.

Project Rokit is coming!

<https://projectrokit.com.au/>

Our workshops are designed to allow students to learn about bullying and connections by problem working through injecting fun, participatory activities, and honest discussion facilitated by young presenters. We strive to build empathy, self-awareness and resilience by creating spaces where students can safely reflect on past behaviour, explore shared experience and find new ways to foster belonging. More information will be provided for students from Grades 3 - 6 via Compass.

Wear it Purple Day

The last Friday of August each year is Wear It Purple Day. And like other wonderfully purple things (Cadbury's chocolate-bar wrappers, grape-flavoured Hubba Bubba and Prince circa 1984, to name a few), it's pretty special. Wear It Purple Day is all about celebrating and supporting young LGBTQIA+ people, and challenging societal attitudes to help shape a better world for us all to live in. This year we will celebrate on the 26th of August, and we will be requesting the students to wear a splash of purple with their school uniform.



If you or your family are experiencing difficult circumstances or hardship, 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! And always remember to ask yourself and your loved ones...what went well today?

Louise Kusel – Wellbeing Coordinator.



Private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 - 25.



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

