



WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

Grade 3 Camp
24th -26th October

Red Hill Golf
25th November

RHCS Colour Run
2nd December

Christmas Carols
13th December

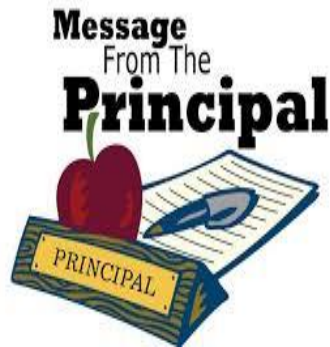
School Council Dates

Tuesday, 22nd November

Term Dates

Term 4, 2022
3rd October – 20th December

Term 1, 2022
30th January – 6th April



From the Principal

Dear families and friends,

I hope you are all well and were not impacted by the recent severe weather. I am sure all of our thoughts are with those families that have been affected by the flooding in many areas throughout Victoria. We escaped the rain and weather lightly up here at school, although with more such weather events on the long range forecast, it is a timely reminder that some of our students may experience thunderstorm asthma over the next few weeks. Thunderstorm asthma is caused by the combination of ryegrass pollen allergy during springtime thunderstorms and children who suffer from hay fever or asthma are at a higher risk. If your child is susceptible to thunderstorm asthma, please let the school know and ensure we have up to date medications and management plans. In accordance with Department of Education advice, on days where thunderstorm asthma is forecast as high, students at risk will be kept indoors during recess and lunch breaks.

For more information on thunderstorm asthma, please visit:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/thunderstorm-asthma>



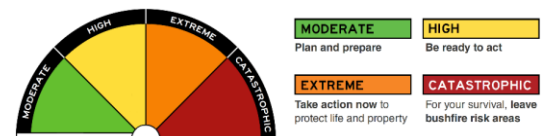
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We are also fast approaching the Fire Danger Period. Although the risk of bushfires is low this year, we are already starting to prepare for this period by removing vegetation around our buildings and evacuation routes and keeping our grasses cut short. Our students and staff recently rehearsed our evacuation procedures with another drill scheduled for later this term. As you may be aware, the Victorian Fire Ratings have changed this year to a four point scale. With Red Hill Consolidated School being on the Bushfire At Risk Register, our school will be closed on days categorised as Catastrophic.

Again, the risk of a school closure is very unlikely and in fact has not occurred since the introduction of Code Red Days. If the school is closed or we are required to evacuate, parents will be contacted via SMS and updated via emails.



This week our tickets went live for Golf Red Hill. All families should have received an email with information on how to purchase tickets. If you are interested, please get in early as tickets are limited. We are still looking for local businesses interested in a hole sponsorship. If you are interested, please get in touch with the school. We would also appreciate it if everyone could please follow and share Golf_Red_Hill on Instagram.

This is sure to be another excellent community event. A big thank you to the Golf Red Hill organisers; Simon Butterworth, James Date and Kathryn Eagle.

This week our Grade 5 students, teachers and parents travelled back in time to the 1850s Goldrush, spending 3 days as the Sovereign Hill Camp. This is a new camp for our students, which more closely aligns to our Learning Explorations. The highlight for most of our campers was dressing up in costume and attending school just as it was in the 1850s. What a great experience. As always, our students represented our school beautifully, showcasing our school's values at all times. A BIG thankyou to our teachers and parent helpers.



Also this week, 11 lucky Grade 6 students attended Somers Camp for 10 days full of adventure and outdoor activities with students from other schools on the Mornington Peninsula. I'll ask one of these students to provide a camp report for our next newsletter. Next week it is our Grade 3 team's turn. Our Grade 3s will be heading to the Briars Camp next week. I'm certain they will have an amazing time on their first ever camp no matter what the weather brings.

And finally this week, just a reminder on recording absences if your child is away. It makes it so much easier for all staff if absences can be logged directly on Compass. If you phone, email or use ClassDojo messaging, your child's teacher still needs to log the absence on Compass and print and archive any communications. This takes time away from our core business. If you need any help with Compass, please don't hesitate to call the office.

That's it for this fortnight.

Kind regards,

Gus Wettenhall

Principal

October 2022 Wellbeing Newsletter











Hello RHCS community!



100 Acts of Kindness! Let's keep it going! It has been wonderful to speak with so many students about their acts of kindness and to also see their completed lists and I would still love to receive more of these lists.

Congratulations to Jasper, Alfie, Georgia, Scarlett, Sienna, Charlie and Scarlett who have received kindness bands for all their hard work! We know there are so many children who are kind every day that may never write out their 100 Acts of Kindness- and we also thank you all too! Let's keep building our Kindness Culture and keep spreading the kind words and actions throughout our beautiful school community!

Lunchtime Clubs: This term Lunchtime clubs resume. These clubs are a great alternative to playing in the yard and offer quieter areas, board games, anti-pollution club, time in the stadium with ball games or time in the computer lab. We are hoping to add a few more clubs this term, supported by our incredible Grade 5 & 6 Playleaders. Stay tuned for more info!!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library Club- quiet activities including board games 	Library Club- quiet activities including board games 	Library Club- quiet activities including board games 	Library Club- quiet activities including board games 	Library Club- quiet activities including board games 
Stadium Open for indoor Games (Gr 5 & 6) 			Stadium Open for indoor Games (Gr 3 & 4) 	Stadium Open for indoor Games (Gr Prep 1 & 2) 
	Palace Computer Club (Gr Prep 1 & 2) 		Palace Computer Club (Gr 5 & 6) 	Palace Computer Club (Gr 3 & 4) 
	Art Club 			Outdoor Disco 
	Anti-pollution Club - Meet at the Gr 5 & 6 playground, all year levels welcome. 			Anti-pollution Club - Meet at the Gr 5 & 6 playground, all year levels welcome. 
	Grade 2 Paper Plane Club			

If you or your family are experiencing difficult circumstances or hardship, please do not hesitate to contact 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.





[1800 55 1800](tel:1800551800)

[1300 22 4636](tel:1300224636)

Free, confidential counselling service available any time of the day or night by phone or webchat.

Online forums

Beyond Blue

The Beyond Blue forums are a supportive place to connect with people who are going through similar experiences to you. You can read other people's stories, ask for advice or share your own experience.

Reach Out

ReachOut Forums is a supportive, safe and anonymous space where people care about what's happening for you, because they've been there too.

Online programs and apps

Brave Program

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.

MoodGYM

This free, fun, interactive program helps you identify and overcome problem emotions and shows you how to develop good coping skills for the future.

Blogs

Personal best

Find information, stories, tips and strategies to inspire you to achieve your all-round personal best.

High Ability Program @ RHCS



At Red Hill Consolidated School we pride ourselves on catering for and celebrating all learners within our teaching and learning programs. This includes providing students with particular talents and interests the opportunity to extend themselves across the curriculum's intellectual, creative, physical and social domains.

Some of the programs and initiatives the school currently offers to cater for these students include:

- The Victorian High Ability Program is an online extension program run each term by Virtual Schools Victoria that provides expert teaching and learning in English and Mathematics.
- The Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series offer a wide range of interactive workshops across multiple learning domains for high-ability students.
- Each specialist teacher at RHCS runs a high-ability program separate from regular classes to extend skills and prepare students for various events and competitions such as District Athletics.
- The Lions Club public speaking competition.

Liam Gillick

RHCS High Ability Practice Leader



Interschool Equestrian

Over the school holidays Harriet represented our school, and the state of Victoria, at the Australian Interschool Championships held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. We would like to congratulate Harriet in placing 4th in the Show Hunter class on her pony Yartala Park Mistletoe. Harriet also competed at the Melbourne Show, winning the Pony Turnout class on her pony Kora-lyn Marley! A fantastic achievement, Harriet!



Garden Centre Working Bee



Come along and help spruce up our beloved Garden Centre!

When: Thursday 17th November

Time: 3.45pm – 5.45pm

In order to focus our energy, we are asking our community to come and help in the tidy up and maintenance of our Garden Centre.

Jobs which are needed to give our space a spruce up include:

- Weeding
- Moving and turning soil
- Trimming
- General Rubbish Removal
- Pruning
- Leaf Litter Removal
- General Clean Up of Garden Centre and Sheds
- Cleaning of tank murals, and
- Plenty more!



Please RSVP your attendance by **Friday 11th November** to rebecca.holmes3@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your help in keeping our Garden Centre beautiful!

Kind regards Miss Holmes and Ms.Pinchbeck



1800 FUN RUN (386 786)
INFO@SCHOOLFUNDRAISING.COM.AU
SCHOOLFUNDRAISING.COM.AU

The Fundraising Group (Australia) Pty Ltd
ABN 44 090 756 488

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be holding the *School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day* as a major fundraising event this year on **2/12/2022**. We're doing it to raise much needed money to improve the facilities and environment at Red Hill Consolidated School. We plan to purchase Indigenous plants for our gardens, new furniture for existing buildings, ongoing maintenance of existing buildings, and more learning equipment for our classrooms.

About the Day

The *Crazy Colour Day* is all about Fun! It will be a huge colourful mess and is undoubtedly one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, with everyone's participation the aim, so please make sure they attend on the day and cheer the other kids on!

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Firstly, go to schoolfunrun.com.au and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward – don't forget to check these out in the sponsorship form! We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without supervision, and we encourage you to reiterate this at home. The great thing about online fundraising is that you can share the link to your child's profile with friends and family via email, SMS and Social Media.

Online Fundraising

The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising, where students raise an average of \$120. On top of raising more money, it's also safer and easier than doorknocking and you don't have to worry about handling money! To start fundraising online, go to your student profile page at schoolfunrun.com.au and [share your online fundraising link](#).

Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE

Please contact your school's coordinator if this isn't possible.

Prizes MUST be ordered between the **31/10/22** and **14/11/2022**. Simply visit schoolfunrun.com.au to create / log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist!

Kind Regards,

Jacob Mehrtens

Grade 1 Teacher

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Delsinki & Band, Sean Thomas, Carissa Nyalu, giant bubbles, giant jenga, gnome hunt



Coolart Community Picnic

Bring your picnic to a family day
filled with live music, kids games,
face painting, coffee & more

FREE ENTRY

Sunday 30th October

12pm - 5pm

**Coolart Wetlands & Homestead
Lord Somers Road. Somers**

www.coolart.org.au

