



## WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Alpha Productions

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Last Day Term 1 –  
3.30pm Finish

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
First Day Term 2

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> -Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Art Red Hill

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Whole School Cross Country

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
Cyber Safety Presentation –  
7PM

29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May  
Yr. 4 Camp

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC  
HOLIDAY

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Student Free Day

## School Council Dates

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

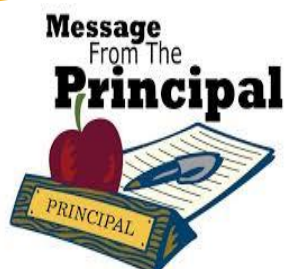
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

## Term Dates

Term 2, 2023  
24<sup>th</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Term 3, 2023  
10<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

Term 4, 2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> December



## From the Principal

Dear families and friends,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to a break over Easter. It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1. As always, it's been a busy and exciting term, full to the brim with fabulous learning and opportunities. I am so proud of how our children have started the year and I'm looking forward to more great things as we head into Term 2.

### 2024 Prep Enrolments

With Term 2 just around the corner, we are busy preparing for our 2024 Prep Information Night and Prep tours. In accordance with the revised Department of Education Enrolment Policy, we can accept 2024 Prep enrolments from the beginning of Term 2. **To help us with this process, we are asking for all sibling enrolments to be submitted as early as possible next term.** This will assist us with planning and establishing how many out of zone positions we can offer. Please share the information on our Prep flyer with any friends or family considering Red Hill Consolidated School for their prep child/ren next year.

### Art Red Hill News

The big news on the hill is Art Red Hill. Firstly, an enormous thank you to all of our parents who have assisted with

the organising of this event and the working bees throughout this term. Our Gym is almost ready to hang artworks, which will be delivered over the holidays. Early next term we will be asking for parents to volunteer for a shift over the Art Red Hill Weekend. We need a huge workforce to assist on opening night, and over the weekend in the kid's activity tent, pop up shop and with art sales. In particular, we will need a team of parents with their RSA certification to run our bar on opening night. If you can help out with this role, please email or call the school as soon as possible.

Raffle tickets went home this week. A big thank you to all of our supporting businesses for supplying some incredible prizes. Please help us out by selling your raffle book. Any unsold raffle books must be returned to school, so don't lose them over the holidays. Opening night ticket sales also went live this week. This year, opening night will be on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May and will be a great opportunity to get together and celebrate art, music and food. The team at Red Gum BBQ will be catering for our guests. Tickets to this event sell out fast, so get in quick.

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### Summer Lightning Premierships

Last week our Grade 5 and 6 students travelled all over the Peninsula to compete in a variety of sports in the Summer Lightning Premierships. Most importantly, our students all enjoyed themselves and made the most of this opportunity. And as expected, all of our students and teams showed their RHCS Values on and off the field. Hearing this always makes me very proud. In addition, our teams did their very best, with many finishing first in their event and a number making it through to the next level, which will take place later this year. A huge congratulations to our Boys Tennis, Basketball and Softball teams who will be advancing. Thank you to all of our staff, parent coaches, helpers and of course Mr Milenkovic. The next big event in sports is our Whole School Cross Country, which will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Start running kids!

### Parents and Friends Morning Tea

Thank you to the parents who attended our first Parents and Friends morning tea. Although it was only a small turn out, this was a valuable opportunity to meet new people and chat all things school in an informal setting (with Tim Tams). Keep your eyes peeled for another morning tea later next term.

### Courage to Care

This week Our Grade 5 and 6 students and teachers welcomed back to RHCS the team from Courage to Care. This team of dedicated volunteers deliver Upstander Education programs to schools across Australia, tackling the dangers of racism, prejudice and discrimination. I was fortunate enough to sit in on these sessions, which included some very thought provoking and challenging discussions. Many of the presenters are relatives of Holocaust survivors, which was used as a case study to unpack some very important themes and lessons, lessons that will no doubt stay with these students for a very long time. If you'd like to know more about Courage To Care, visit:

<https://couragetocare.org.au/>



## Alpha Productions

Alpha Productions is coming to Red Hill, performing their stage show “Hercules” for all of our students on Thursday afternoon. I’m sure our students will enjoy this production. What a great way to end Term 1. A big thank you to Mrs Sullivan for organising this free event.

## Holiday works

Some exciting projects are scheduled to take place over the holidays, with two of them helping our school reduce electricity bills and our carbon footprint. All things going well, a 40kw Solar panel system will be installed on our brand new building. This project is the result of our 2022 Colour Run fundraiser and a Mornington Peninsula Shire Sustainability Grant. In addition to the solar panels, most of our lighting will be replaced by LED lights over the break. And our new playground is sure to be ready for the start of Term 2.

## Farewell

Sadly, we farewell Billee Ruckwood at the end of this term. All of the students know Billee from our swimming program and many have seen her helping out in classrooms and the first aid room. I would like to thank Billee for everything she has done for the students at RHCS and wish her all the best for whatever the future holds.

## Term 2

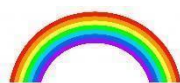
Please be aware that Term 2 begins on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. However, Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April is the ANZAC Day public holiday. This will make the beginning of Term 2 a little different this year. We have another busy term ahead, with many important dates. Please make sure all of the big events go in to your calendars and diaries.

Finally, please have an enjoyable break and make the most of this special time with your children at home. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Gus Wettenhall

Red Hill Consolidated School

Principal

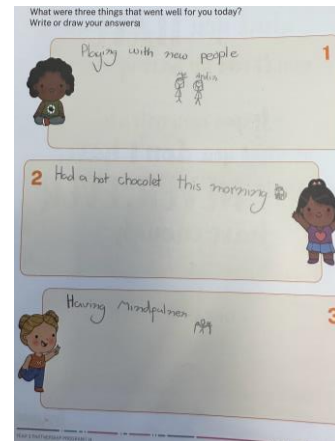
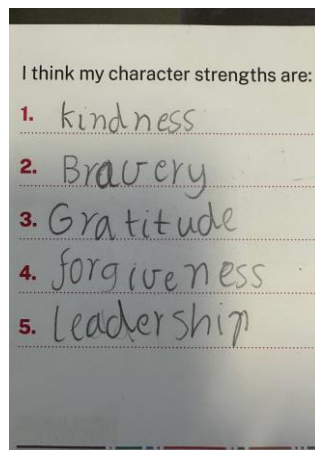
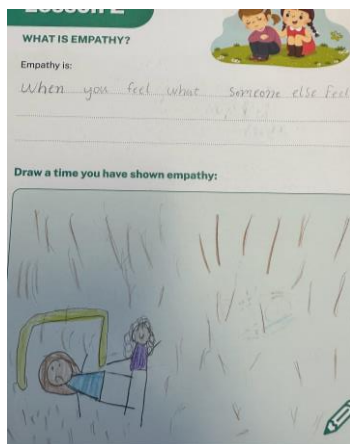


# Wellbeing Newsletter April 2023

And just like that...first term is over! I hope you and your family enjoy a wonderful holiday together.



[Some great activities and ideas are coming out of our Yr 3 area with both their big idea and The Resilience Project](#)



### Courage to Care Incursion: Upstander Program

On the 4th of April, Year 5 and 6 had a visit from Courage to Care, we were bubbling with excitement when the presenters walked through our door! Some of us have donated a gold coin to say thank you. We started our first activity, based on stereotypes, prejudice discrimination and racism. We needed to match the description card with the meaning card. Following this, we had to choose a side of the room where there was a sign, with either discrimination, prejudice, racism or stereotype, we had to choose which meaning best represented the image that was shown. We also spoke about a picture of a classroom scenario where there were two girls whispering about their peers and two boys were observing. We talked about how they could have been upstanders and we all came up with amazing ideas. A presenter put up a photo of a community from World War II- we identified the victims, a man with a weapon was described as a perpetrator and people in the background as bystanders - some were probably upstanders too- it was hard to tell. A presentation was then given on an Aunt who survived the Holocaust due to the act of upstanders. She was also the oldest person to survive Covid. As Courage to Care were leaving, they kindly gave us a band saying "Upstander" to remind us that we can always be upstanders and to act in a safe way. This can be done in small ways to help others including telling a trusted adult to help. All our students have identified adults in the school they trust to speak with and ask for help with difficult situations. We were also grateful for the organisation coming in to RHCS, go check them out at ie [www.couragetocare.org.au](http://www.couragetocare.org.au)

By Zahlia, Bronte and Mill, Grade 5.

**Autism Awareness Month** Autism Month is about raising awareness, acceptance and inclusion surrounding autism. More than 205,000 Australians are autistic and 1 in 4 Australians have a family member on the autism spectrum. For more information, support and resources, please refer to the following links and recommended podcasts

<https://www.autismawareness.com.au/>

<https://www.autismspectrum.org.au/waud>

<https://thespectrum.org.au/resources/>

<https://www.yellowladybugs.com.au/>

PODCAST: Maggie Dent- Parental as Anything

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

For a great range of Shire-run activities happening across the Shire these school holidays, check out the listing below, including Briars Geocaching, mini-ecologist activities, basket weaving and the opportunity to build a bat box. [School Holiday Programs and Events - Mornington Peninsula Shire](#)

For 10 - 17 year old, MP Youth Centres offer some drop in activities, for more information: [Youth Services - School Holiday Program - Mornington Peninsula Shire](#)

Our Local Libraries also offer some free activities over the holidays, have a look at your closest library online to see what is available.

Parks Victoria offers a great Junior Rangers Program every school holidays, please find more information at - [Junior Rangers](#)

Have a wonderful holiday break with your family, friends and loved ones!

Kindest regards,

Louise Kusel – Wellbeing Coordinator.



Safe steps <https://www.safesteps.org.au>

The Orange Door [www.orangedoor.vic.gov](http://www.orangedoor.vic.gov)

Beyond Blue <https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org>

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

Southern Peninsula Community Support <https://www.spcsic.org>

ParentLine <https://www.parentline.org.au> 132289



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# 2024

## PREP

# INFORMATION NIGHT

Red Hill Consolidated School is committed to providing the very best education for all students in our care. We are inspired by the moments when students recognise new learning and we are motivated by the challenge to ensure that every student is always progressing in their learning.



## PREP 2024 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

- Wednesday 10th May @ 5:30



## TOUR DATES FOR PREP 2024

- Wednesday 3rd May @ 9:30am
- Friday 19th May @ 9:30am
- Tuesday 30th May @ 9:30am
- Thursday 15th June @ 9:30am



**PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE TO REGISTER FOR  
BOTH PREP INFO NIGHT AND PREP TOURS**

For everything else our school has to offer, visit our website, <https://redhillcs.vic.edu.au/>

For any questions please email the school on [red.hill.cs@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:red.hill.cs@education.vic.gov.au)

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## Interschool Equestrian State Championships


On April 15-19 the Interschool Equestrian State Championships are being held at Werribee Park Equestrian Centre. Riders can compete in a variety of different disciplines; Dressage, Show Jumping, Combined Training, Showing and Sport Horse. We would like to wish all those representing Red Hill Consolidated School the best of luck for each of their entered events, and most of all have fun!



Victorian Interschools Championships  
Mt Buller 21/08/23 - 27/08/23

Please contact Matt MERIFIELD on  
[merifield@hotmail.com](mailto:merifield@hotmail.com) for further information





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**FREE Autumn School Holiday Program**  
 All Branches  
**11 April - 21 April**  
 Details and Bookings:  
[mornpen.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram)

**WELCOME TO KANOPY KIDS**  

 Unlimited FREE streaming of Kanopy Kids with your Library card!  
[mornpen.kanopy.com](http://mornpen.kanopy.com)

**HARMONY WEEK**  
 HARMONY.GOV.AU  

**Calling all Artists aged 4-17 years.**  
 Design a Harmony Week Bookmark.  
 Collect an Entry form in branch.  
 Winning Designs will be Printed and Distributed across our Library.  
 Entries Close April 8th

**TERM 2 AFTER SCHOOL STEM**  
 Mornington: Sphero Heroes  
 Rosebud: Mini STEM Challenges  
 Hastings: LEGO Stop Motion  
 Somerville: Mini STEM Challenges  

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 ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au  
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**THURSDAY'S 4PM ALL BRANCHES**



## NetSetGo!

Netball starter program for 5-8 year olds

Thursdays 4pm - 4.45pm  
 Red Hill Recreation Reserve Netball Courts  
 Starts 27 April 2023

**RED HILL JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB**


**REGISTER TODAY!**  
[redhilljunior.netball.org](http://redhilljunior.netball.org)

  
**RED HILL DISTRICT LIONS**

# The Hunt is on

Monday, April 10, 2023



Red Hill Recreation Reserve  
Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill

11am 5 years & under  
 11.30 am 6-10 years old  
 12 noon 10 years & over

Entry \$5 per child

**Don't forget your basket!**

  
**MORNINGTON PENINSULA Shire**

### Dish out some help

Did you know more than 120 dedicated local volunteers deliver around 75,000 meals across the Mornington Peninsula every year?

The Meals on Wheels Service delivers nutritious meals to residents who are unable to provide for their personal dietary needs.

Meals may consist of soup, a main meal and dessert. A vitamin C supplement is also provided in the form of fruit juice or a piece of fruit.

The wonderful team at the Shire's Food Services Kitchen in Rosebud prepare all meals and they are delivered by a volunteer workforce across the peninsula to clients each weekday morning.

A delivery from Meals on Wheels is much more than just a meal, for many clients it is the highlight of their day and, in some cases, may be one of very few interactions during the week.

The team urgently needs more volunteers to help deliver this essential service in the Rosebud area. If you are interested in becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer and are free one weekday morning between 9.30 - 11.30am call Terri Cadman, Volunteer Coordinator on 0448 895 760, or 03 5950 1600, email [vso.meals@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:vso.meals@mornpen.vic.gov.au) or visit [mornpen.vic.gov.au/mealsonwheels](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/mealsonwheels) for more details.