



## WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

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

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Building Learning Partnerships

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

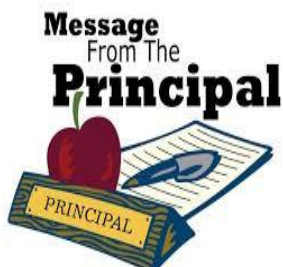
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

## 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,

Welcome back to another exciting Term at Red Hill Consolidated School. I hope you all enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the Easter break and relished this time with your children at home. The start of a term is always exciting. Our students have returned recharged and in good spirits and I have enjoyed hearing about their adventures over the holidays. Term 2 is only 9 weeks, but looking at the calendar there is a great deal on and to look forward to.



Firstly this week, I would like to warmly welcome and introduce our newest members of staff.

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This term Anna Goss, Mariah Mold and Bethea Fregon join our amazing team here at RHCS. Anna joins the ES and Administration team and will be assisting in the pool in Term 4. She has almost 20 years experience in schools and aquatic centres. Mariah needs no introduction at Red Hill after co-ordinating our before and after school care program for the past few years. Mariah is now a fully qualified teacher and is replacing Mrs Bucheri's long service leave in Grade 2 this term. And last but not least, Bethea will be working with all students, running our visual arts program. Bethea taught art previously at Bon Beach Primary School.



I am also very excited to announce that we have two more staff members who are expecting in the very near future. Mrs Alissa Morrison, who is running our sustainability program is expecting her second child and Ms. Molly Clark, one of our amazing Grade 4 teachers is expecting her first child. Both staff members will be with us until early Term 3. Congratulations to both Alissa and Molly, as well as their partners.



### **ANZAC Day**

I'm sure many families attended ANZAC Day services across the Peninsula earlier this week in recognition of the sacrifice and lives lost in wars and conflict. I would like to congratulate our school choir who performed at the Red Hill Service on Tuesday. Our School Captains also spoke and laid a wreath on behalf of our school. A big thank you to Mrs Sullivan, who



works with our choir every week and organised this very special performance.

### **Art Red Hill News**



The big news in Red Hill is that Art Red Hill is back and it all kicks off at the Art Red Hill Opening Night this Friday, with the show running all weekend. Our gymnasium has been transformed into a beautiful art gallery and Opening Night is sure to be a huge success. It has been a massive job, with many hurdles to return to a physical show this year. I would like to thank everyone who has pitched in to help and those of you who are volunteering over the weekend. I do want to single out Tracy Bardis, Archie and Emma's mum, who has been working around the clock for the

past few weeks getting everything organised and ready for this weekend. Thanks so much Tracy. Thank you also to all families who have purchased tickets to Opening Night or supported this event by selling raffle tickets. Please remember, that any unsold raffle tickets must be returned. Art Red Hill is open from 10am to 4pm this Saturday and Sunday. Please come along and support this major fundraiser.

### **Facilities and Grounds update**

You may have noticed that our shiny new solar panels and system were installed on our new building over the holidays. This 40kw system is now operational, reducing our carbon footprint and cutting down our electricity bills. This project was made possible due to the funds raised at last year's colour run and a sustainability grant from the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

I know the anticipation (and a little frustration) is building for the opening of our Lower Sandy Playground. After speaking with the contractor today, I am optimistic that we can open up next week. Given the excitement, we plan to open the playground for different year levels to start off.





### Susan McLean Cyber Safety Parent Session

Susan McLean, one of Australia's leading experts in cybersafety is booked and coming to RHCS. She will be working with students in Grades 3 to 6 on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of May, then presenting to parents in our school hall between 7:00 and 8:30pm. This is a not to be missed presentation for any parent, no matter your child's age. To book a seat at this invaluable presentation, please visit:

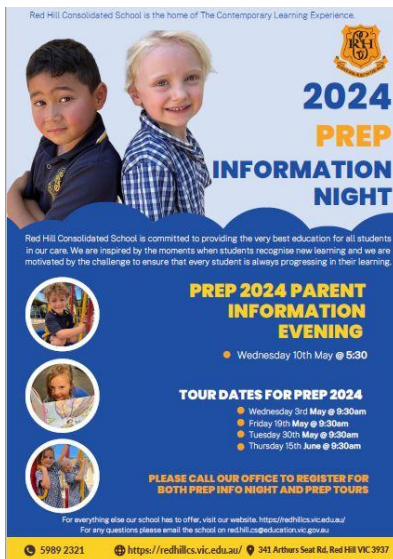
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1044854&>

Please also visit Susan's website for more information and guidance:

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

### Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is fast approaching and our Fundraising Committee is again running a Mother's and Special Person's Day Stall, this year on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. Please carefully follow the instructions sent to all families on Compass and refer to the attached flyer for more details. All payments must be made by 12 midnight on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May to provide us with enough time to source gifts. Please note that there will be no cash sales on the day. All funds raised will go towards recarpeting our library. A big thank you to Kathryn Eagle for organising and coordinating this event.



### 2024 Prep Enrolments

In accordance with the revised Department of Education Enrolment Policy, we can now accept Prep enrolments for next year. Our Prep tours began this week and our Prep Information Night will be held on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. If you have any friends or family with 2024 Prep children, please pass this information on to them. If you have a child beginning school next year, **we are asking for all sibling enrolments to be submitted as early as possible.** This will assist us with our planning and in establishing how many out of zone positions we can offer. The 2024 enrolment form is available for download from our website (<https://redhillcs.vic.edu.au/enrolments/>), or you can pick up a pack from the office.

### Head Lice

We have had a number of reports of head lice in different year levels recently. Please ensure you are regularly checking your children at home and treating if necessary. Given that our students work so closely during class time, it is so important that we work together as a community to keep this issue under control. For more information and guidance on treating head lice, please visit: [Head lice \(nits\) - Better Health Channel](#)

### Car Parking

Finally this week, I am asking for everyone's cooperation during drop off and pick up times. I know that parking is very difficult during these peak times, but I've noticed more and more parents using the staff car park. Not only is this car park reserved for staff, but our buses use this space before and



after school. This car park is getting very congested and it is unsafe for children. If you are using the visitors car park during the day, please make sure you enter at the eastern entrance and exit from our main driveway and always travel at a safe speed. This car park should only be used for short visits during school hours. We also encourage all children and parents to avoid using these entrances when entering our school on foot. Thanks in advance.

Stay warm and I'll hopefully see you all at Art Red Hill over the weekend.

Kind regards,

Gus Wettenhall

Red Hill Consolidated School

Principal



### CLE UPDATE

On Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 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 or meeting with the teacher.

At Red Hill we have placed the conferences in the middle of 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. Information on how to book conferences will be sent out, via email, this Friday.

## Wellbeing Newsletter May 2023

RHCS warmly invites Susan McLean to present on Cyber Safety



How to keep our young children safe online- an invaluable information session for all parents of all young people

Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. Widely known as the 'cyber cop' she was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people. In 2003 she was the Victoria Police Region Four Youth Officer of the Year.

Susan is unique in her vast knowledge and expertise in this area and is the only person in Australia with her specific background, experience and qualifications. She is a sought-after presenter and advisor and has delivered keynote presentations, written papers and regularly provides professional development for those working in education and other key youth stakeholders on a global level. She works with students in the classroom and provides engaging parent education sessions. Susan provides consultancy services to a range of organisations including government and non-government bodies, adolescent psychologists, magistrates, sporting bodies, corporate entities, law firms, mental health bodies and Medical Practitioners.

**"Kids need to appreciate and accept that just as in the real world, there are dangers in cyberspace. Parents need to teach kids that cyberspace is permanent. Everything that they write, post and send can be traced and will remain there forever. Do they want that comment, or pic from Saturday night's party on the desk of the person conducting a job interview in 10 years time? Are you happy for that naked pic, sent trustingly to their boyfriend who loves**

them dearly and will not share it with anyone (until he has it or you break up or both) on the computer of a paedophile? Kids need to think before they click and parents and teachers need to educate them to ensure that where possible, the correct decisions are made in the first instance, not after a moment of madness.”

The information evening will be held on May 11th in the Red Hill Consolidated School hall from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 and bookings can be made through the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1044854&>

[EXTRA MINUTES | TOP TIPS for online parenting](#)

## **FAMILY LIFE**

Family Life is a specialist family services provider working with vulnerable children, families and communities since 1970. At the core of our organisation is our vision to build capable communities, strong families and thriving children. Family Life are offering some incredible group work for families, parents and children and some of their upcoming programs are listed below. To find out more please have a look at <https://www.familylife.com.au/> or if you have any questions, please contact Louise Kusel. [louise.kusel@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:louise.kusel@education.vic.gov.au) or 59892321

Have a wonderful week!

Kindest regards,

Louise Kusel – Wellbeing Coordinator.



[Safe steps](https://www.safesteps.org.au) <https://www.safesteps.org.au>

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

[Beyond Blue](https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org) <https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org>

[Kids Helpline](https://kidshelpline.com.au) <https://kidshelpline.com.au>

[Southern Peninsula Community Support](https://www.spcsic.org) <https://www.spcsic.org>

[ParentLine](#) 132289



## Interschool Equestrian State Championships

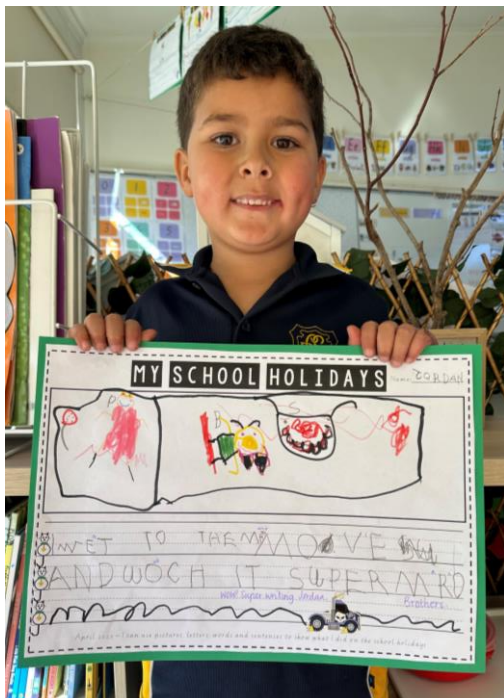
On April 15-18 Macey and Bella represented the school at the Victorian Interschool State Championships over at Werribee Park National Equestrian Center. Bella placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in her two Dressage tests taking out 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Championship for her class! Bella also placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Primary Combined Training, 10<sup>th</sup> in Bending and 9<sup>th</sup> in Barrel Racing.

Macey, riding a horse she had only been riding for 2 weeks, placed 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in each of her Show Jumping competitions which placed her 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the Show Jumping Championship, just missing out on advancing though to the National Championship! Macey also finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the Primary 80cm Combined Training and 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in each of her Dressage tests.

Out of over 150 Primary competitors Bella's individual results combined to place her 14<sup>th</sup> and Macey placed 29<sup>th</sup> overall. Bella and Macey's results placed the school in 73<sup>rd</sup> position out of over 180 schools across Victoria. An amazing placing! We are so proud of you both and your amazing horses.

## Prep News!

The Prep students participated in a School Holiday Recount on the first day of term. They used their prior knowledge of letter sound relationships, golden words, and sentence structure to write a sentence. This was the very first time for some students. We are extremely proud of our little learners and their dedication to always trying their best.







To celebrate our appreciation for our

***MOTHERS, CARERS  
AND SPECIAL PEOPLE***

We will be holding a gift stall on *Friday 12th May*  
at school

The stall is organized and run by volunteer parents. Gifts are largely locally sourced, and most are handmade, or hand decorated.

Students will visit the stall with their teacher in class group to pick a gift. They will each be provided with a bag they can decorate to transport their gift home.

*Gift amounts will be \$5, \$10 and \$20*

In line with Department of Education guidelines the stall will be cashless. You will need to make payment via Compass prior to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Children will then be handed vouchers on the day to purchase their gifts. \$5, \$10 and \$20 gifts will be available and you can select amounts accordingly in 'Course Confirmation and Payments' on Compass.

Please note that if you would like to purchase more than one gift, or an extra gift, you are most welcome to do so. Please ensure, however, you purchase these as separate amounts. This will ensure enough gifts are sourced for every child (i.e. if you want two \$10 gifts, please purchase 2x \$10 rather than 1x \$20). More details can be found on Compass.

All money raised goes into improving our beautiful school. This year the proceeds will go towards *recarpeting the school library*. If have any questions you are welcome to contact Kathryn Eagle on 0413 884 822 on behalf of the fundraising committee Thank you





## TOUR DATES

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – 4:15pm – 4:45pm  
 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 4:15pm – 4:45pm  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 4:45pm – 5:15pm

redhillpreschool.com.au  
 Address: 210 Arthurs Seat Rd, Red Hill, Vic 3937. Phone: 03 5989 2225

## Growing up Online

An educational & empowering session for Parents and carers, Susan's unparalleled knowledge leaves audiences shocked at the reality of the online world. It is a wake up call to even the most switched on parent and is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach. The session will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:

- ❖ **Reality & Risk.** The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if – rather than when.
- ❖ **What are kids doing online.** Learn the latests apps and platforms your kids are either on, want to be on or are being told about at school. TikTok, Omegle, Discord & more.
- ❖ **Online Grooming.** What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- ❖ **Cyberbullying.** What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- ❖ **Sharing Nudes.** The taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law.
- ❖ **Problematic Gaming.** How to manage digital devices in your home to avoid problems and what to do if/when they arise.
- ❖ **Exposure to damaging content.** Including online pornography & site that encourage suicide, self harm & eating disorders.
- ❖ **Top Tips** – how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes.
- ❖ **The session will conclude with time for questions.**

What Susan doesn't know about Cybersafety is not worth knowing! She is absolutely brilliant and her presentations are dynamic and entertaining. She has the unique ability to connect with each audience from young people to adults.  
 (Dr Michael Carr-Gregg Adolescent Psychologist)

The best cybersafety talk I have ever seen! This is why I only choose to have Susan present. Our community deserves the best.  
 (Principal)



*Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. Susan took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training & tertiary studies in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments. She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools & national & international companies. A sought after media commentator for television, print and radio, she recently co-authored the NSW Govt. review into mobile phones in schools. She is the most highly qualified & experienced presenter in Australia & is internationally renowned. Susan is a member of the National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB), a Trusted Education Provider (Office of the eSafety Commissioner) & an ambassador for Collective Shout. A published author, her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive guide for parents, teachers and carers to help children stay safe online.*

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 21/08/23 – 27/08/23 @ Mt Buller. Contact: Matt:  
 merfield@hotmail.com / 0417821087 prior to the 01/06/2023

**EVENTS & DATES**  
 Mogul Ski World VIC Cross Country Championships: 6 August | Mt Buller  
 Mogul Ski World VIC State Championships: 21 to 27 August | Mt Buller  
 Mogul Ski World AUSTRALIAN Championships: 5 to 10 September | Mt Buller



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