



## WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

**Thursdays from 12<sup>th</sup> October-  
30<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 6 Circus

**16<sup>th</sup> October- 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
Yr 5 Sovereign Hill Camp  
(18-20 Oct)  
Div Boys Softball (20th)

**Thursday 26th October**  
Prep Seawinds Excursion

**Friday 3rd November**  
Floral Friday

**Monday 6th November**  
CURRICULUM DAY

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
MELBOURNE CUP DAY

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
Rugby Gala Day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
Golf Red Hill

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December-  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 3 Golden Valley Camp

**Tuesday 19th December**  
Lat day of school for students,  
early dismissal: 2:30pm

**Wednesday 20th December**  
Student Free Day

### School Council

Tuesday 21st November

### Term Dates

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



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Dear Families,

I hope you have all survived the wet and wild conditions over the past two weeks. It looks like the weather is gradually improving, just in time for our Grade 5 Campers. Wet day timetables have been commonplace to start the term, which is a little unusual for this time of year. I have been very impressed with the number of students wearing their broad brimmed hats now that the sun has finally appeared this week. Well done.

#### Reminder: Book Pack Orders

**Please be aware that the 30<sup>th</sup> of October will be the final day parents will be able to order book packs through our third party provider. Please refer to the Compass notification or page 4 for instructions on how to order book packs.**

#### School Review

As you may have read in our last newsletter, we have started the term with our school review process. This 4 yearly process has included classroom observations, staff, parent and student forums as well as some lengthy panel discussions looking at our achievement and progress towards our whole school goals over the previous four years. This is a very valuable experience for our school to not only review our progress, but set our future direction. I have heard that our students spoke beautifully about their learning and all spoke very highly of their wonderful teachers. To date, the feedback has been all positive and the panel is very impressed with all of the amazing things happening in our school. I would like to thank all parents, staff and students who have contributed to our school review. Our Review Panel day will take place on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, where the findings and recommendations will be presented.

#### Power Outages

Unfortunately, we have experienced a number of unplanned power outages since returning this term. Talking with many of our parents, it seems as though this is occurring more and more frequently in our community and impacting many households. When the power goes at RHCS, we are left without water. Our toilets will flush for a short period of time, but we lose water to all of our taps. We also lose our servers and phones, making communication more difficult. I would like our families to understand that we are prepared for these situations and, although power outages create a major disruption to our school operations and programs, our students and staff are safe. In these instances, we will always communicate with our families and provide advice on how to get in touch with us. I am working with the Department to hopefully develop a better response to power outages in the future.

#### Bus Travel Reminders

A reminder to all families who use our bus services about the importance of safe courteous behaviours at the bus stops. It is a condition of travel for primary school aged children that they are met at the bus stop by an adult each afternoon. In order to ensure our buses run to schedule it is essential that the parents are at the bus stop on time. It is also an expectation that students are demonstrating our school value of responsibility when at the bus stop. Many of the roads in our community are hazardous and, in order to ensure the safety of our students, we recommend that bus stops not be used as play spaces. We also ask our parent community to be mindful of property owners and not to block driveways or obstruct traffic when parking at the bus stop.

## Walk to school

With the improvement in weather and less rain predicted for the coming weeks, I would like to ask families to consider parking at the Red Hill Reserve and walking to and from school each day. This is a short, safe and picturesque walk and a great way for everyone to start and end their day. As well as the health benefits, the more families that choose to walk to school, the less congestion there will be around our school during drop off and pick up times. Although I haven't timed it, I would think the walk may even be a quicker option on some days?

## Swimming

Swimming is always a highlight during Term 1 and 4 and the swimming pool has looked particularly inviting this week with the sun out. As a registered aquatic facility, we have developed and adhere to a strict testing regime. To assist us in maintaining the pool to the regulated standard could you please refer to and adhere to the following guidelines.

**FOLLOW THE 5 HEALTHY SWIMMING STEPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR POOL CLEAN**

- Shower and wash with soap before you swim
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy
- Change nappies in nappy areas only
- Don't swim if you have diarrhoea
- Avoid swallowing pool water

Find out more at [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

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## Bushfire At Risk Register

As we approach the bushfire season it is important that our families are aware of our school's response to threat of bushfire. Please find within this newsletter our Bushfire Preparedness Communication and be familiar with our processes. It is imperative that we have up to date contact details for all families. Please also be aware of our requirement to close on a day of Catastrophic conditions.

This communication will also be available on our school's website.

## Art Red Hill

I hope that you all saw the flyer on Classdojo this week calling for four parents to organise and curate Art Red Hill. Ideally, we are after a team of committed parents with experience in event management. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with myself or Kathryn Eagle at [kdedda@hotmail.com](mailto:kdedda@hotmail.com).

## Statement of Values and School Philosophy

Finally this week, I would like to draw your attention to the RHCS Statement of School Values and School Philosophy Policy, which is available in full on our school website:

<https://redhillcs.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/RHCS-Statement-of-Values-and-School-Philosophy-Policy-2023-2.pdf>

This important document outlines the expected behaviours of our staff, parents and students, including how we are expected to treat and communicate with each other. As we draw closer to the end of the school year and we all get busier and begin to tire, it is a timely reminder of the importance of treating one another with respect. This is instrumental in creating a safe and welcoming environment and workplace, but it is also important to model this important value to our children. I would appreciate it if all parents would familiarise themselves with this policy and the expectations for communicating with all members of our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

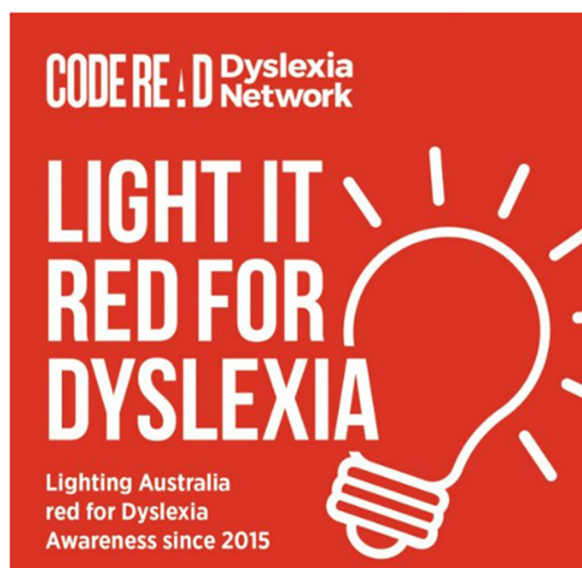
Gus Wettenhall

# Wellbeing

## Inclusive Education at Red Hill

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month, with this year's theme, 'Stronger Together' as when we work together, we can achieve anything. Dyslexia is one of the most common forms of specific learning disability. Central features of dyslexia include difficulties with accurate or fluent word decoding, reading and spelling, together with a delayed response to intervention. Dyslexia is a lifelong condition. However, students with dyslexia can learn to read with fluency and accuracy given intensive, evidence-based intervention over extended periods. At Red Hill our dyslexic learners are supported through small group and individual intervention using evidence-based programs and resources such as The Little Learners Love Literacy Program and Decodable Readers and in the classroom through inclusive education practices. In 2022 the whole staff undertook Professional Development in Dyslexia and literacy difficulties and continue to build capacity in this area.

Look out for the "Light it Red for Dyslexia Campaign" as various significant monuments, buildings and landmarks across Australia will be lit up in RED for Dyslexia Awareness Month.



For further information:

<https://codereadnetwork.org/>

<https://dyslexiaida.org/october-is-dyslexia-awareness-month-2/>

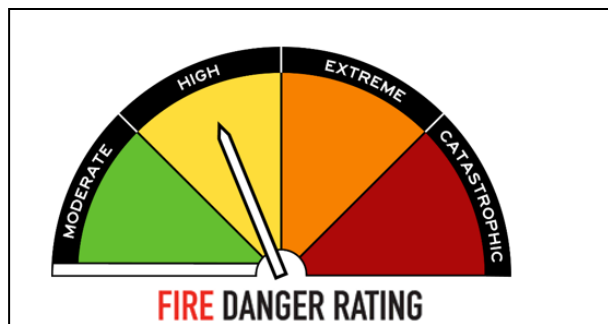
<https://www.speldvic.org.au/>

Kind Regards,

Clare Morfett (Inclusive Education Coordinator)



## School preparations for the bushfire



season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).

All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the Central fire district.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and completed a range of maintenance works that assist in preparing our school for the threat of fire including clearing our school grounds, removing vegetation around school buildings and clearing the gutters.

### ***What does this mean for our school?***

**Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.**

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **Central fire district**.

### ***What is the department's policy?***

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled. School preparations for the bushfire season

### ***When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?***

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **Central fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire dan-

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

### ***What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?***

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.

Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, regularly checking Class DoJo and checking our website <https://redhillcs.vic.edu.au/>

Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school undertaking learning from home and/or closed due to elevated fire danger or closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.

If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



# Red Hill Consolidated School Booklist

## Order your booklist with Rosebud Office Choice by following the simple steps below

- Ordering Portal opens on Monday 18th September 2023
- Portal strictly closes Monday 30th October 2023 – orders cannot be placed after this date.
- We recommend use a PC or laptop for full functionality (not tablet or phone)
- Go to [rosebud.officechoice.com.au](http://rosebud.officechoice.com.au)
- Click on the booklists tab (white writing above grey bar)
- Enter School Code **RHCS2024**
- At the Welcome Page, choose the first Students Level from the Drop Down arrow
- The Year Level Backpack price will be displayed with a list of the contents (Bookpacks sold as a unit – contents not sold separately)
- Complete all fields marked with an Asterix (\*)
- If you have multiple students attending at this point press "Add another Booklist" and add additional Student(s), or, "Proceed to Payment" when all Students orders placed.
- Secure online payment by card will complete your order – do not complete order if you have not included all students or additional delivery charge will be applied (non-refundable).
- Orders can be modified before payment, but once placed cannot be altered.

**Delivery of all backpack orders will commence first week in December and be completed before School Closes in 2023.**

**If you experience any problems or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us on 5981 2733 during business hours.**



Consider it sorted.

### Rosebud Office Choice

- 🌐 [rosebudstationery.com.au](http://rosebudstationery.com.au)
- ✉ [sales@rosebudstationery.com.au](mailto:sales@rosebudstationery.com.au)
- ☎ 5981 2733
- 📍 32 Wannaeue Pl, Rosebud VIC 3939

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## FLINDERS PRE-SCHOOL ONLINE AUCTION

It's here... the largest fundraising event that we run to keep our kinder thriving.

Flinders Preschool is a community run preschool and not for profit organisation which relies heavily on fundraising to support our children's learning experiences. This is our major fundraiser for the year.

The money raised will purchase extra items like books, play equipment, art supplies- adding such value to our kids learning environment.

We would not be successful without the support of our wonderful community - a huge THANK YOU to everyone that has donated, helped organise the fundraiser and to everyone that places a bid!

ONLINE AUCTION 

Thursday 12th Oct - 9pm Sunday 22nd Oct

We have over 70 incredible items to bid on. There really is something for everyone!



<https://www.32auctions.com/flinderspreschool>



# McCrae Yacht Club

## Learning and Development Program

### **Try Sailing free three week program (8-12 year old)**

Experience the wonder and amazement of being with your child as they unlock the puzzles of sailing in a complex craft. An ever changing environment of wind and water where rules, strategy and tactics are applied, friendships last a lifetime.

#### **Step 1. New Starter Try Sailing For Fun**

- \*Complimentary sailing lessons for three weeks
- \*Families get an insight into sailing life to decide whether sailing is suitable
- \*Australian Sailing insurance, life jacket and access to a club Optimist



#### **Step 2. Start Sailing Learn to sail course**

- \*For NEW STARTER sailors who want to continue to learn to sail properly
- \*Fees apply for Starter Squad which will include annual membership, access to the McCrae YC Learning and Development program, Australian Sailing insurance cover, continued use of life jacket and club Optimists.



#### **Step 3. Transition to Minnow Class dinghy**

- \*For the developing sailors close to graduation
- \*Sail the club Optimist and try the Minnow
- \*Graduates will require their own Minnow to continue



#### **Step 4. Youth Classes (teenagers)**

Once children have transitioned to the Minnow class, they will continue training in our Learning and Development pathway. As they grow they will need to move into suitable boats for their body size. There are single handed and double handed options. Pictured is the Laser 4.7.



**Fun, competitive sailing in a family friendly environment**

**[mccraeyc.com.au](http://mccraeyc.com.au)**

**Please turn over for booking information**



## ***Try sailing free three week course for 8 to 12 year olds***

Three intakes for the coming season:

- 1. November: 11th and 18th only**
- 2. December: 2nd, 9th and 16th**
- 3. February 3rd, 10th and 17th**

Places are limited so bookings are essential!

Book via: <https://mccraeyc.com.au/learn-to-sail/>

Phone enquiries can be made on 0400 552 642

Please note children must be able to swim and have confidence in water

***A lifetime of discovery and adventure awaits!***



Make great friends!



Matt Belcher and Will Ryan win Olympic Gold in Tokyo



Matt Wearn Olympic Laser Champion Tokyo 2020



Casey Imeneo of McCrae Yacht Club on the Olympic journey