



WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

Friday 6th October
Floral Friday

Tuesday 10th October
Year 6 Graduation Photo

**Thursdays from the 12th Oc-
tober- 30th November**
Year 6 Circus

16th October- 20th October
Yr 5 Sovereign Hill Camp
(18-20 Oct)
Divisional Boys B'ball (17th)
Regional Athletic Carniva(18th)
Div Hot Shots Tennis (19th)
Div Boys Softball (20th)

Thursday 26th October
Prep Seawinds Excursion

Friday 3rd November
Floral Friday

Monday 6th November
CURRICULUM DAY

Tuesday 7th November
MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Wednesday 8th November
Rugby Gala Day

Friday 17th November
Golf Red Hill

**Monday 11th December-
Tuesday 12th December**
Year 3 Golden Valley Camp

School Council

Tuesday 17th October
Tuesday 21st November

Term Dates

Term 4, 2023
2nd October – 20th December



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Dear families and friends,

I hope you all had an enjoyable break with your children at home over the holidays. During my classroom visits this week I heard all about our students' holiday highlights and they all seem rested and excited for Term 4. With so much on the calendar and some incredibly interesting Learning Explorations to explore, who wouldn't be excited?

As you know, I was away on long service leave for the duration of Term 3. My family and I had an amazing adventure, travelling through much of Northern Territory and Western Australia. We sure do live in a spectacular country. I would like to sincerely thank Joanne Barnes, who acted as principal in my absence and was nothing short of brilliant, keeping the school running smoothly and preparing for our upcoming school review. I made sure I kept up to date with all of the exciting RHCS news on Class Dojo and in our newsletters while away and it seems like Term 3 was another successful term, action packed and full of incredible learning.

School Review

As mentioned previously, we begin our school review next week with our Validation Day taking place on Monday. This is valuable opportunity to reflect upon our school's progress toward our school goals as well as set the future direction for the school. We are extremely proud of our school's progress over the previous four years despite the challenges presented by COVID19 and we are excited to take part in this important process. I would like to thank all of the wonderful parents and carers who took part in our parent forums last term. I'll be sure to provide further updates as we work through our review over the coming weeks.

Welcome to our new staff

We have a number of new staffing additions to our school to start Term 4. Some of you may have already met Nicole Santos or spoken with her on the phone this week. Nicole is working in our office as part of our administration team from Monday to Friday. Jessica Anson joins our teaching staff and will be working in the Grade 1 team every Friday this Term. We also welcome back Mariah Mold who is replacing Kate Durling's long service leave in Grade 5 this term. I would also like to warmly welcome Finley, Pauline and Bianca who all joined our Education Support Staff team last term.



Hats

With this week's weather, it's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner. With that in mind, please remember that school hats are compulsory in Term 4. Please ensure your child has a **navy blue school broad brimmed hat** at school every day. In accordance with our Sun Smart Policy, students without hats cannot take part in outdoor activities.



Waratah Bay Beach Camp

To start off our final term for 2023 our Grade 6 team have spent three days at Waratah Bay Beach Camp. Although the weather was everything from sunshine to storms, I know that everyone attending had a great time and benefited enormously from this experience. Waratah Camp is a great opportunity for our Grade 6s to enjoy the beach and take part in a range of beach activities, including surfing, as well as it being a beautiful setting for these students to spend important time together before heading off to secondary college next year. I would like to thank all staff and parents who helped plan and who attended this camp. I'm sure our Grade 5 students are counting down the days for their camp in a few weeks' time. They will be heading to Sovereign Hill in Week 3, where they will be transported back in time to the Australian Gold Rush era. Our final camp for the year will be our Grade 3 Camp to Golden Valley in Flinders, which will take place in Week 11. If you've got students in these year levels please make sure the camp dates are on your calendar.



Bushfire At Risk Register

As we approach summer it is also time to prepare for the threat of bushfire. As many of you would know, RHCS is on the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR). Being on this register means that we take additional precautions and establish measures to reduce this risk that bushfires present. In addition, all schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR will close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. Families will be contacted by text and email if a day of Catastrophic fire danger is declared. In this instance, no one can be on the school grounds, all excursions and camps will be cancelled and our bus services will be suspended. This is another reason why it is essential that we have accurate contact details for our families. With predictions of a long and dangerous bushfire season ahead, it is a good time to review your own bushfire plan. For information on planning and preparing for bushfires please visit <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>.



Bus Changes

A quick reminder for all parents of children using our bus services. As children return to their after school activities this term, please inform us of any changes to your child's bus travel schedule as soon as possible. Most nights our services are held up while we are awaiting students or checking if students should be on the bus. This can be easily avoided if we have accurate bus rolls. Please call the office if you need to make any changes and reserve day to day changes for emergencies only.

2024 Class Placement

In the coming weeks we will be finalising our 2024 class structure and staffing. Once completed, teachers will begin work on developing class lists. Our staff put an enormous amount of effort and thought in to this process, considering many factors. Although teachers know their pupils very well, students will be given an opportunity to identify friendships and learning partners they would like to be placed with. We are also inviting parents and carers to have input in this process if there are specific needs you would like us to be aware of. Please note, that we do not accept requests for specific teachers, but will consider the sort of environment and teacher qualities that will suit your child best. If you would like to make a request for 2024 class placement, please complete the Google Form at the link below for each child you would like to make a request before 4:00pm on Friday the 3rd of November. **Requests after this date will not be accepted.**

<https://forms.gle/LYDx12XiUd69CNth8>

I hope your children have enjoyed the first week of Term 4. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Gus Wettenhall

Principal



CLE UPDATE

School holidays are over and here we are again at the beginning of the last term of 2023. Term 4 has started with fantastic energy and outstanding focus in our classrooms. The students have settled quickly back into classrooms, and I would like to congratulate our entire staff team on the work they put into ensuring this happens. Their efforts are above those expected in schools and truly contribute to making Red Hill a great learning community.

This term we have some very exciting Learning Explorations happening across the school. Students are looking carefully at their Big Idea's and expanding their understanding of themselves and the world around them through these. This term's Big Ideas are:

Prep – “People Explore Because they are Curious.”

Grade 1 – “Living things rely on each other and their environment to survive.”

Grade 2 – “We are part of a community. Communities make decisions that affect ourselves and others.”

Grade 3 – “Australia is made up of diverse communities.”

Grade 4 – “People have a responsibility to protect human rights.”

Grade 5 – “How does critical and creative thinking assist innovation?”

Grade 6 – “Advertising is a creative form of persuasion that influences people.”

If any parents in our community have knowledge or expertise that would enhance our Learning Explorations, we encourage you to contact us. We love to get parents involved in the fantastic learning that is happening at Red Hill Consolidated.

Wellbeing October 2023

I hope you have all enjoyed your holidays! Welcome back for Term 4. The year has flown by, and we look forward to another fantastic term.

Playleaders- Grade 5

Once again, our incredible Playleaders will run activities for our littlest learners at lunchtime. There are skipping, supported soccer, and throwing games that keep our Prep and Grade 1 students engaged throughout lunchtime.

Lunchtime Clubs

This term, Lunchtime clubs resume. These clubs allow our students to 'take a break' from the playground or to try something new. They also support socialising with different groups and learning and enjoying other skills. Term 4 lunchtime clubs can be seen below.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Quiet Games Library	Quiet Games Library	Quiet Games Library	Quiet Games Library	Quiet Games Library
Lego Club TLI room	Lego Club TLI room	Lego Club TLI room	Lego Club TLI room	Lego Club TLI room
Cubby Club Orchard	Drawing and Colouring Art Room	ICT clubs Coding Club	Cubby Club Orchard	ICT clubs Minecraft for Education
Bat tennis comp	Garden Centre	Disco Club Leadership	Bat tennis comp	
Dungeons & Dragons 3M classroom			Drawing and Colouring Art Room	Disco Club Leadership

Camps

Our Grade 6 students are on camp enjoying the first big event of their final term of Primary school, developing their social skills, teamwork, and independence at Waratah Beach.

Our Grade 5 and 3 students will also head off to camp this term.

Camps can be a time of fun and friendship-building. Getting away from the classroom for a few days and trying your hand at new activities can be so enjoyable. But not for everyone. For many, the fun of camp is overshadowed by concerns. While some students may bound off to camp with barely a backward glance, many children will need extra help to see past their worries to the fun beyond.

Common concerns about camp

- Sleeping away from home in an unfamiliar place
- Responsibility for self-care, in the absence of parents
- Who they will share a room with at camp.
- If they will like the food at camp

Feeling homesick or lonely

These are all very natural concerns for a child, whether it is their first or tenth time at camp. The good news is that there are many things that we can do as parents in the lead-up to camp time that can help our child enjoy the camp experience.

Firstly, knowing why camps are such a great experience for your child is good. Besides all the fun things that will happen at camp, there are also many opportunities for growth and development of skills, such as:

- Social and teamwork skills, as children connect across the entire year level.
- Skills of independence, as children take more responsibility for their self-care.
- Practical life skills as they engage in a range of activities.

Building resilience and self-confidence as they overcome challenges.

So, what practical steps can you take to prepare your child for camp so they can benefit from all that camp has to offer?

Practice sleepovers

Your child is much more likely to feel positively about sleeping away from home if they have had success doing so in the past. Arrange sleepovers at a friend or relative's house in the lead-up to camp time and continue until your child is confident in their ability to sleep well when away from home and Mum and Dad.

Make packing fun.

Let your child be responsible for planning, gathering and checking off items needed for camp. If things need to be purchased, turn it into a fun shopping trip. Having your child pack their bag also ensures they know what is in it and where to find things.

Pack something special

It may comfort your child to take a special little something, a soft toy, a photo of family or a little note you wrote. Whatever may help ease the separation is perfectly fine. If needed, mention this to your child's teacher so they know what is being taken along.

Talk to the teacher.

Talk to their teacher if there is anything of particular concern for your child or you. It may even pay to write a note about specific problems or things your child would like their teacher to remember while at camp. Remember, teachers are likely to have taken many children to camp in the past and are best placed to help alleviate concerns.

Be positive.

Positively talk about camp. Tell your child that you think they are ready for camp – point out practical things they can do for themselves. Keep talking about the fun experiences of camp and let them know how much you look forward to hearing about camp when they return.

Your child will go on many school camps throughout their years of school. Hopefully, these tips will help make camp a happy, enjoyable time for your child.

Warmest wishes, Kim Clarkson – Wellbeing Coordinator.





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
- 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.



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

[Online Resources and Support Agencies](#)

Head to Health: <https://headtohealth.gov.au> Head to Health is a great starting point to find help, either for yourself or for a loved one. You will find online resources, lists of phone and email contacts for immediate support and a tool called Sam the Chatbot if you don't know where to begin.

Youth Mental Health & Support

LIFELINE – lifeline.org.au or 13 11 14

KIDS HELPLINE – kidshelpline.com.au or 1800 55 1800

Youth beyondblue: www.youthbeyondblue.com

ReachOut: www.au.reachout.com

Headspace: headspace.org.au or (03) 9027 0100

Orygen Youth Health: www.oyh.org.au

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Bullying

Bullying No Way!: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Alannah & Madeline Foundation: www.esmart.org.au

Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

Bravehearts: www.bravehearts.org.au

Body Image & Eating Disorders

The Butterfly Foundation: www.thebutterflyfoundation.org.au

Depression & Anxiety

Beyond blue: www.beyondblue.org.au

Black Dog Institute: www.blackdoginstitute.org.au

Headspace: headspace.org.au or (03) 9027 0100

Brave online program: www.brave-online.com



Club Championships and Social Day

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Senior Members, Junior Members,

Tuesday Ladies and Non-Members

Sunday October 8th, 2023

10am-1pm

Prizes for all club champions

Men, Ladies and Junior Singles

Social: Doubles playing Round Robin

Choose a partner or we will find one for you.