



## WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

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

Year 6 Circus

**Wednesday 29th November**

Piano Concert

**Thursday 30th November**

Year 6 Circus Production

**Thursday 7th December**

Christmas Carols (Prep—yr 5)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December-**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 3 Golden Valley Camp

**Wednesday 13th December**

Meet the 2024 teacher day

**Thursday 14th December**

Grade 6 Graduation

**Friday 15th December**

Final Assembly—2.30pm

**Tuesday 19th December**

Lat day of school for students,

early dismissal: 2:30pm

**Wednesday 20th December**

Student Free Day

### School Council

Tuesday 21st November

### 2023 Term Dates

2<sup>nd</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> December

### 2024 Return to School

Tuesday 30th January

(Grade 1—6)

Thursday 1st February (Preps)



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Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the extra long weekend and shorter working week last week. As you know, the Monday before Melbourne Cup Day was a curriculum day and from the sounds of it, many of our families took this opportunity to sneak away for a few days. The curriculum day was used by our staff to update their CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis management qualifications, and some staff updated their Level 2 First Aid. This day was also used by teachers to make progress on their Semester 2 Reports.

#### Thankyou

To start off this week I would like to thank all of those parents and carers who have already paid their voluntary contributions for 2024. As you know, these contributions fund our swimming program and pool, as well as provide other fantastic programs for our learners. This includes our online subscriptions such as Mathletics, Reading Eggs/Eggpress and Essential Assessment. Making these payments early really helps us with our planning for 2024.

I don't know where the time has gone, but we really have started the home straight. After this week, we only have four full weeks remaining in 2023. This is always a busy and exciting time of the year. Please be sure that all of the important dates are in your calendars and diaries.

#### Prep Transition

This week we welcomed back our 2024 Prep students for their second transition visit. These visits are invaluable for our transition children, but they also provide our teachers with a chance to get to know these little ones and help with generating class lists. The future prep students are already making friends and becoming more comfortable in their new setting. We also take this opportunity to meet with our new parents and provide as much information about our school in a short amount of time. I would like to thank our Grade 4 students and Ms. Hyams for providing tasty nibbles for our guests, grown in our very own garden. For those of you with a new preppy starting next year, the final transition visit is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of December. The 12<sup>th</sup> of December is also the Statewide Transition Day, when most of our Grade 6 students will spend the day attending their secondary college.



**The Red Hill Consolidated School Council Building Fund contributions are tax deductible. If you have made a voluntary contribution recently, you will receive a receipt via email. Please keep an eye out for your receipt and retain this for 2023/2024 tax purposes.**

## Working Bee

With the prediction of a dangerous bushfire season fast approaching, we have scheduled a working bee for Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November. The primary purpose of this working bee will be to reduce leaf litter and other combustible material from our school grounds. Induction will begin at 3:45pm and it will be tools down at 5:45pm. We'd love to see as many helpers as possible. If helping to keep our students and school buildings safe isn't enticing enough, Mrs. Barnes and myself will be cooking up a sausage sizzle for all who attend. If you will be attending, please RSVP by emailing Jo ([joanne.barnes@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:joanne.barnes@education.vic.gov.au)).



Speaking of fire readiness, please be aware that the Main Ridge CFA are conducting a Fire Readiness Workshop this Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November from 9:00am.

## Grade 6 Circus

Roll up, roll up, the circus is coming to town. Ruccis Circus and our Grade 6 team are hard at work, learning circus arts and skills. This is always such a highlight and an amazing experience for these students. As well as developing new skills, this program develops confidence, resilience and team building. I can't wait to see the show. Our Grade 6s will be performing to their parents on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

## Final Assembly

And finally this week I want to advise our community to a slight change to our end of year traditions. This year, the final official day for Students at Red Hill Consolidated School is Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, with a 2:30pm dismissal time. We anticipate lower than normal attendance on the final two days of school, therefore we have decided to move our final assembly to 2:30pm on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. This will be a very special assembly where we officially farewell our wonderful Grade 6 students as a school community.

Don't forget to send in your old batteries as well as gifts and food donations to support local families in need this Christmas. Please refer to ClassDojo and the following pages for more information about these two initiatives.

Kind regards,

Gus Wettenhall

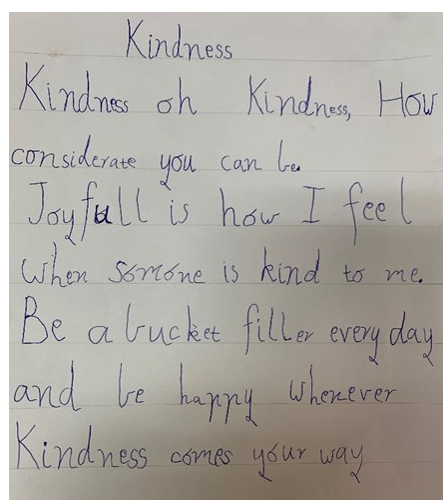
Principal

## RHCS Celebrates World Kindness Day.

The spirit of compassion was in full bloom at Red Hill Consolidated as we came together to acknowledge World Kindness Day. This day, observed on November 13<sup>th</sup> each year, serves as a reminder of the power of kindness and empathy to create a better world for all.

On this special day, students, teachers and staff demonstrated that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a profound impact, reminding us all, that it is the little things that often matter the most.

Throughout the day, classrooms were abuzz with activities aimed at promoting kindness and empathy. Students crafted kind-hearted messages, created artwork expressing their thoughts of kindness, and engaged in group discussions about what it means to be a kind friend. Emphasising the importance of empathy, understanding and tolerance.



Collection of activities from 2B and 3L

### Poem By Matilda 1E

Let us remember that a kind word, a friendly gesture, or a helping hand can brighten someone's day and create a more compassionate world. As we move forward, lets carry the torch of kindness and look for ways to make sure kindness is the norm in our daily lives.

## CHRISTMAS GIVING

It has been lovely to see our donation boxes starting to fill. For those of us who haven't even thought about Christmas, there are still a few weeks to lend your support!

Local charities need our help to provide toys for **children aged 8 and above** and non-perishable food items, such as baked beans, tins of vegetables and fruit, soup, canned fish, rice, pasta, Vegemite, packets of biscuits, and long-life milk.

Donations can be dropped off at your child's/children's classrooms until the 15th of December. Please ensure that all toys are new and unwrapped, while food items are within their expiration date.

For any inquiries or further information, please contact Kim Clarkson at [Kim.mcpherson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kim.mcpherson@education.vic.gov.au). All your generous donations will be going to a local charity at **Southern Peninsula Food for All** [www.foodforall.com.au](http://www.foodforall.com.au)

This organisation works closely with many other community services on the peninsula.

Together, let's make this holiday season one of love, giving, and hope.

Warmest wishes, Kim Clarkson – Wellbeing Coordinator.





# Sustainability Program

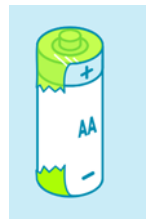


## Collection of Household Batteries at School

Red Hill Consolidated School has joined Gregory's Recycling (a Registered battery collection agency for the Battery Stewardship Council) to collect batteries for recycling. This collection program is an important part of managing our waste and helping to reduce the negative impacts of our waste on the environment.

To participate, **collect single-use batteries from your home when they have stopped working.**

**Tape the terminals with sticky-tape, place them in a zip lock bag.** The batteries can then be deposited into the **battery recycling bucket at Reception** before school and the bag returned home for reuse.



Older students will be around first thing in the morning to assist younger students empty their batteries into the bucket.

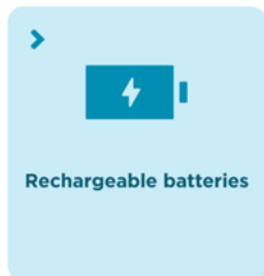
Parents are welcome to bring the batteries up to the battery recycling bucket.

**Please note: We do not accept button batteries, or batteries that are damaged or leaking.**

Batteries collected in this program are **recycled into new batteries diverting them from landfill.**



Rescue these used batteries from the bottom drawer. It's time to give them new life with B-cycle.



Thank you for your support!



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

## **HEAD OFFICE**

*CLOSING: 20 DECEMBER 2023  
REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024*

## **RETAIL**

*CLOSING: 21 DECEMBER 2023  
REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024*

TO AVOID THE JANUARY  
BACK TO SCHOOL QUEUES  
**SHOP NOW**

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**PSW RETAIL OUTLET**

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[03] 9768 0346

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## BIG Summer Read is back!

Pre-registration opens November 6th - [plv.beanstack.org](http://plv.beanstack.org)

Read and log at least 10 books over Summer for your chance to win some great bookish prizes!  
For ages 0-18

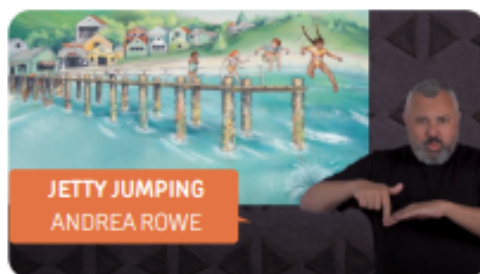


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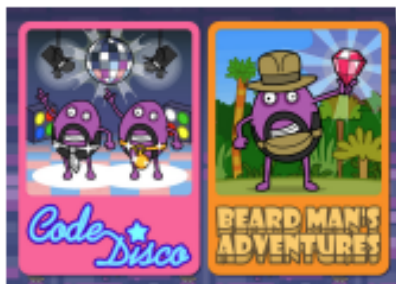
## ♥ AUSLAN ONLINE STORIES ♥

Did you know Our Library offers online storytimes with accessible Auslan translations?

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## BusyCode by Busy Things



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