



WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

**Thursdays from 12th October-
30th November**

Year 6 Circus

Friday 3rd November

Floral Friday

Monday 6th November

CURRICULUM DAY.

Tuesday 7th November

MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Wednesday 8th November

Rugby Gala Day

Thursday 9th November

Regional Softball (Southern Metro)

Friday 17th November

Golf Red Hill

Wednesday 29th November

Piano Concert

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Carols (Prep—yr 5)

Monday 11th December-

Tuesday 12th December

Year 3 Golden Valley Camp

Thursday 14th December

Grade 6 graduation

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

2nd October – 20th December



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Dear families and friends,

What a crazy fortnight of weather! We've had everything from hail to hot sun and all the weather in between over the past few weeks, however it hasn't put a stop to a number of exciting events at Red Hill. A few important reminders before we fill you in on all of the happenings up here on the hill. Firstly, please remember that **Monday the 6th of November is a Curriculum Day**. This is a student free day. Staff will be spending the day working on reports and updating their CPR and First Aid Qualifications. And secondly an important message for bus travellers. This week an email was sent to all families with information on how to register for a **bus service in 2024**. If you wish your child/ren to access a bus service next year, this process must be completed before Friday the 1st of December. Please make sure you understand the terms and conditions of travel.



Grade 5 Camp

To begin this action packed fortnight, our entire Grade 5 Team and keen parent helpers spent three days and two nights at Sovereign Hill Camp. This is an incredible camp, providing our campers with an opportunity to live life as it was during the Australian Gold Rush. Students, staff and parents took part in the school program, where they dressed up and attended school just as they would during this time period. This is always loads of fun, but also a great way for our children to gain a first hand perspective of what life was like in the 1850s. As well as the school program, our lucky campers experienced all of the other attractions of Sovereign Hill, including the Aura Night Show. Our Grade 5 team returned on Friday afternoon exhausted and full of great memories. I would like to thank all of the teachers who planned, organised and attended this camp as well as our wonderful parent helpers.

2024 Play Leaders



A number of Grade 4 students recently applied for and took part in the Play Leaders training this fortnight. This valuable program, which is fully funded by the Red Hill Lions Club, develops leadership in our students, but also teaches them how to support younger students in the play ground. This year our Play Leaders have been timetabled every recess and lunch to encourage our junior students to take part in fun games and activities. This student led approach compliments our successful clubs program perfectly. I know these Grade 4 students will do an incredible job next year.

2024 Prep Transition

Last week our 2024 preppies and their parents visited their new school for the first of three transition events. It was amazing to see these little people in their new environment and a great opportunity to meet with parents. These visits are crucial for a smooth transition to "big school" and help our staff get to know our newest learners. These students seemed very settled and from all reports enjoyed the time in the prep rooms. As expected there were a few nerves, but lots of big smiles. Our next transition date is Tuesday 14th of November, which will include an information session for new parents.

Prep Seawinds Excursion

Last week was a busy week for our Prep team, who also organised an amazing excursion for all of this year's prep students to Seawinds. This term, our students in Prep are investigating the Big Idea "People explore because they are curious" and it was so great to see them out and about exploring the Seawinds gardens. They looked everywhere for evidence of living creatures, including scats, tracks and traces, explored micro-environments with magnifying glasses, built mandalas and searched the skies for birds of prey. This experience provided provocations for further learning back in the classroom. A big thank you to our Prep team for organising this excursion for our students!



World Teachers' Day

We ended last week celebrating our amazing teachers on World Teachers' Day. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated, caring and highly skilled team of educators at RHCS and this is an important day to show our gratitude and appreciation. Thank you to all of our students and parents who acknowledged our teachers in their own way on Friday. Up here at school, we celebrated the day with a special morning tea and we all showed our appreciation at Friday's assembly.



Ringwood Secondary College Band



And finally, to kick start this week, the Ringwood Secondary College Band came to town. Over 100 students performed to our school. This was an incredible display of talent, but I was as equally impressed with how quickly and orderly they set up/ packed up, as I was in their musical ability. I would like to thank the students and teachers from Ringwood Secondary College for providing this experience for our school. A big thank you also to Mrs Sullivan for organising this visit.

Golf Red Hill

As you may have seen on ClassDojo, our Golf Red Hill fundraiser is fast approaching. This year Golf Red Hill will be taking place on Friday the 17th of November. Tickets are available for purchase using the link below. If you're available, we'd love to see you there. This will be a great chance to play golf while meeting other parents from school, as well as raise funds.

Golf and lunch – <https://www.trybooking.com/CMQDG>

Lunch only - <http://www.trybooking.com/CMQFL>

RHCS Dog Policy

With the weather very slowly improving, more dogs are joining parents and carers at drop off and pick up times. **Although most of us love our four legged friends, it is important to be mindful that many of our students can get quite worried and nervous around dogs.** For this reason, we do ask you to consider the need to bring your dog to school and ask you to follow our dog policy on all occasions. According to our dog policy, all dogs on school site must:

- **Be well behaved and friendly.**
- **Remain on a lead and under the control of an adult at all times.**
- **Not be left tied up or unsupervised.**

We also insist on dog owners picking up and disposing of any doggy business that may take place on school grounds or surroundings.

Thank you for your understanding.

That's it for me this fortnight. Have a wonderful long weekend.

Kind regards,

Gus Wettenhall

CLE UPDATE



It has been a very busy time at Red Hill Consolidated School. As you would all know, we have been undergoing a School Review which concluded last week. During this process, we work with a panel made up of a DET appointed reviewer, our network's Senior Education Improvement Leader and two challenge partners from other schools. The panel, together with representatives from our school, spent time in classrooms, observing the teaching and learning practices in place at RHCS. They also conducted forums with staff, students and parents and spent time investigating different data sets as well as looking through all our curriculum documentation. Thank you to the different members of our school community that participated in the review process. Your contributions and opinions were valued by the panel.

After their investigation, the panel collaborated to develop two goals that will form our school's Strategic Plan. These goals will be the focus of our work as staff for the next four years and will be actioned through our yearly Annual Implementation Plans.

The first goal is focused on improving student performance across all curriculum areas. This involves us working to consistently embed our instructional model in all classrooms. We will also continue to refine our whole-school approach to assessment, allowing teachers to accurately determine each student's point of need, and will further develop the capacity of our teachers to differentiate the learning to cater for a range of abilities.

The second goal looks to increase the engagement of students in their learning. To achieve this goal, we will be working to reinvigorate and strengthen our inquiry approach. We will also be empowering students to have greater agency in their learning by providing opportunities for them to co-design learning experiences.

Whilst there was a lot of work in preparing for and undergoing review, it was a reaffirming experience for staff. The panel highlighted the positive culture that we have at Red Hill, commenting on our amazing learners and dedicated staff.

Writer's Notebooks

Over the next few newsletters, I look forward to sharing with our school community about Writer's Notebooks and how this tool enhances the writing experience for our students. You might have noticed that we did not include a notebook on the 'Educational Items to Own' list for 2024. That is because we want to encourage our learners to find a notebook that suits them. Some might choose blank pages, whilst others prefer lines. Some will like a large book, but others will prefer a small notebook they can take with them. Some learners will choose to decorate the front covers of their notebooks while others leave them plain. The most important thing is that all our writers, including teachers, have a notebook ready to start 2024.

I have just started a new notebook myself. My notebook has lined and plain pages which I think is great. It bought it in Malaysia when travelling earlier this year and it has a beautiful wooden 'Wau' on the front. A wau is a traditional Malaysian kite that farmers used to fly over their rice paddies. As a writer, I'm already thinking about what I might add to its currently empty pages. I'm excited to see the notebooks our learners choose and even more excited to think of the great writing that the pages of these notebooks will contain!



Wellbeing Newsletter

We have appointed our Play Leaders for 2024.

Our Year 4 students were given the opportunity to apply for a Play Leader role for 2024. We had excellent applications, all highlighting their desire to work with younger children at playtime keeping them happy and safe. On Tuesday the 24th, thirty lucky year 4's spent the day learning how to facilitate safe and fun games for our younger students. I want to thank Sally and Scott from Resilient Youth for running our training day. All involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to their new roles.



Play Leader Training

Sally and Scott were lovely. At first, I wasn't sure what it would be like, but I soon realised that it was fine. Mainly we just played games; the point of which was to teach us the rules for next year when we'd be out in the yard with the Junior School.

I'm glad I became a Play Leader as I now feel like I could make a difference in the Junior School, by teaching them at a young age how to compromise and problem solve. The fact that we introduced play leading into the school excited me, so when we got to apply for the job, so to speak, I grasped the opportunity willingly.

Max Markele, 4O

I wanted to be a 2024 Play Leader because I think it is an important role to help younger children learn to play well and help them socialise in games. Being a Play Leader meant that on Tuesday 24th October, the elected Play Leaders had a training session with Sally and Scott, who taught us games that in the future we will play with Preps, 1 and 2's. In the afternoon we practised with Grade 1's. I am grateful to be a RHCS Play Leader.

Maja Ganser-Dobie, 4G

Being a Play Leader is amazing. All I want is for Preps, 1 and 2's to be happy. I don't mind giving my lunch time away. I'll even do it for the whole week. And I love to play. I can teach them all new games. Lastly, a big thank you to Scott and Sally for teaching me to be a Play Leader.

Eli Dempster, 4G

Warmest wishes, Kim Clarkson – Wellbeing Coordinator.



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 HELP LINE – 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

Beyondblue: 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

Attention all our RHCS families!



This holiday season, let's come together and make a difference in the lives of children and families who are less fortunate. We kindly request your support in donating toys for children aged 8 and above, as well as non-perishable food goods that will bring joy and support to those in need.

To make a child's Christmas extra special, we are collecting toys suitable for older kids who are often overlooked during holiday toy drives. By providing toys for children aged 8 and above, you can help them experience the holiday magic and know that they are not forgotten.

Additionally, we are seeking non-perishable food items that will go a long way in supporting those who are struggling to put food on the table. Your generous donations of baked beans, tins of vegetables, fruit, soup, canned fish, rice, pasta, vegemite, packets of biscuits, and long-life milk etc will make a tremendous impact on the lives of families facing food insecurity.

All children deserve love, care, and laughter during the holiday season. Your support can brighten their spirits and provide them with the essentials they need, while showing them that their community cares.

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

Let's unite and bring joy to the lives of these children and families. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, truly makes a difference. Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

For any inquiries or further information, please contact Kim Clarkson at 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. 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.



News from Sustainability



National Recycling Week – Monday 13th to Sunday 19th November

National Recycling Week, established by Planet Ark is held every year with the aim to reduce waste. Thinking about reducing our waste not only keeps valuable materials out of landfill but benefits the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

A small act can make a big difference!

Drink Container Recycling

From November 1st, Victorians can return eligible drink containers and get a 10-cent refund for each container. Did you know you can nominate to donate this money to Red Hill Consolidated School? That's good for the school and great for the environment!

Our closest refund point:

Red Hill Cellar and Pantry Red Hill South
141 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South

Mornington Peninsula Recycling Trailer

The Recycling Trailer accepts e-waste (electrical items) as well as old clothing and shoes.

It will be located at:

Dromana – 17th October – 8th November, Dromana Senior Citizens Centre, 43 Pier Street, Dromana.



Stay tuned for more ways to reduce your waste in future newsletters!



GO Girls Program

**GO Girls is a fun, social football program for girls.
Specifically designed for any and every girl, no matter their skill level.
GO Girls is non-competitive and you will learn skills whilst having a lot of fun.
Come along or bring a friend and get a taste for the game at
Civic Reserve, Mornington**

Location: Civic Reserve, 350 Dunns Road, Mornington

Girls Age: Girls Age: 8-12 years & 13-16 years

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Date: Thursday OCT 26 - DEC 7 2023

Cost: FREE

#FootballHerWay

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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

Please turn over for booking information

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

Three intakes for the coming season:

November: 11th and 18th only

December: 2nd, 9th and 16th

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!***



MATILDAS WANTED



GIRL'S SUMMER SOCCER



- ⤴ *Girls Aged 11-13yrs*
- ⤴ *Weekly Game*
- ⤴ *Midweek Training*
- ⤴ *No Experience Needed*
- ⤴ *Register Online...*



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