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Thursday 30th November

Year 6 Circus Production

<u>Thursday 7th December</u> Christmas Carols (Prep—yr 5)

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

Wednesday 13th December

Meet the 2024 teacher day

Thursday 14th December
Grade 6 Graduation

<u>Friday 15th December</u> Final Assembly—2.30pm

<u>Tuesday 19th December</u> Lat day of school for students, early dismissal: 2:30pm

Wednesday 20th December

Student Free Day

School Council

Tuesday 21st November

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2nd October – 20th December

2024 Return to School
Tuesday 30th January
(Grade 1—6)

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Dear families and friends,

I hope you are all keeping warm and well through this unseasonal cold lead up to summer. As always, it's been a busy fortnight at Red Hill Consolidated School, with so much more to squeeze in to the final 2 full weeks of school.

Nepean Shield Award

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Remi from Grade 2 who became the first ever recipient of the Nepean Shield Award. This award was presented by our Local Member, Sam Groth at Friday's assembly in recognition of Remi's demonstration of our school's Learner Assets. Well done Remi!

Working Bee



I would like to thank all parents, carers, students and staff who attended our working bee last Friday night. Despite a bit of rain and the threat of a storm, this event was very well attended and very productive. The purpose of this working bee was to remove leaf litter and other fuels from our school grounds to help us prepare for the upcoming bush fire season. Everyone worked hard and we filled a large skip in no time. Our school is looking very neat and tidy

2024 Fundraising and Events

Thank you also to the team of enthusiastic parents and carers who attended our Fundraising and Events meeting earlier this month. It was reassuring to see so many faces eager to support our community events. As a collective, we were able to set our major events for 2024. Next year we plan to hold a Colour Run in Term 1 and a Student Art Show in Term 3. We have also scheduled a Student Disco in Term 2 and movie night in Term 3. Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls will be back and Christmas Carols, with the possibility of an associated market that will take place in Term 4. We will also give Golf Red Hill one last attempt in early 2024 and RHCS has been given a date in March for the Bunnings BBQ. We are very grateful for the parents who have volunteered to assist us with the coordination of each of these events. As we approach each event, we will be asking for volunteers to help. Please keep an eye out for these communications.

In addition to these events, we are also working on other opportunities to welcome families into our school and classrooms throughout the year. We are always on the lookout for parent helpers in the classroom, in our swimming pool and on camps and excursions. If you are happy to help, please make sure your Working With Children's Check Card is valid. We also encourage all helpers to attend our Parent Helpers Induction that will be organised for early next year. In these sessions, we discuss the Child Safe Standards and confidentiality, OH&S and provide practical strategies to help our students in a range of learning situations.



Helpers Thankyou Morning Tea

Speaking of parent helpers, we will be celebrating and thanking all of our 2023 helpers next Wednesday the 6th of December at 10:30am in our school hall with a special morning tea. If you've helped out in any way this year, we would love to see you there. So we can cater for the event, all attending must RSVP by 5pm on Monday the 4th of December using the following link: https://forms.gle/Pex8LwV1g6GrbZMF7

Bushfire Evacuation Drill

As you may have read on ClassDojo, we held our Term 4 bushfire evacuation drill on Monday this week. This evacuation rehearsal took place at lunch time to give us an opportunity to test and observe our processes and ensure our students know what to do if there is an emergency during one of our breaks. I am pleased to report that our students responded perfectly to this drill. They were calm, responsible and orderly, carefully following the direction of our staff throughout the drill. It is impressive that all students and staff were sitting in our shelter in place in under 4 minutes, and it took just over 7 minutes to carry out student and visitor rolls, establishing that everyone was accounted for and safe.

Annual Tree Inspection

This week our annual tree inspection also took place. This is scheduled for late term 4 each year, which provides us with a safe opportunity to remove or trim any identified dangerous trees over the school holidays. This is an important safety activity given the large number of beautiful trees in our grounds.

Grade 6 Circus

I cannot wait for our Grade 6 Circus performance, which will be taking place tonight. This is always a highlight and a showcase of the incredible dedication and talents of our Grade 6 students. I would like to thank Ruccis Circus for working with us this term, helping our students develop these skills and the confidence to perform in front of an audience. Our whole school will be watching the full dress rehearsal this afternoon. I am sure they will come home very excited.



Important Reminders

I'll finish off this fortnight's newsletter with just two reminders. First of all, don't forget that our Christmas Carols is next Thursday. The weather forecast is looking good at this stage, but please keep all fingers and toes crossed for a warm, clear night. Secondly, all bus applications for 2024 are due this Friday the 1st of December by 4pm. I will be processing all received applications so that these students may access a bus service to start the year. Late applications will not be processed this year and those students will not have permission to travel to start 2024. Instructions on how to apply have been emailed to all families. We ask that families wishing to use a bus service next year fill out the online form.

See you all at Christmas Carols next week.

Warm regards,

Gus Wettenhall

CLE UPDATE



Over the course of this term, our teachers have been working with Alan Wright, a published author and expert in the teaching of writing. During four learning sessions after school, we have explored a range of topics to help develop our skills in the teaching of writing. Some of the things we have learnt about include:

- How to use mentor texts, which are rich examples of great writing, to identify what amazing writers do.
- How to conduct effective writing conferences with students.
- How we can use the Writer's Notebook as a tool to encourage our students to be adventurous writers.

Staff have really enjoyed working with Alan and hearing about the different strategies that he utilises when working with young writers. In 2024 we are excited to be welcoming Alan back to Red Hill Consolidated

School to work with both our students and teachers.





During our time working with Alan, he shared many of his own Writer's Notebooks with us and read different entries from them. Yesterday, as we were enjoying our last session with him for the year, Alan challenged our teachers to find a notebook that suits them and to spend some time over the holidays adding some writing to it.

This is a challenge that I extend to all our students too. As I wrote in an earlier article this term, 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'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! In fact, I'd love it if people could send me photos of their new notebooks. Perhaps there might be some brave writers who are happy to share a photo of some of their writing with me as well!



"A writer's notebook works just like an incubator; a protective place to keep your infant idea safe and warm, a place for it to grow while it is too young, too new, to survive on its own." - Ralph Fletcher

Wellbeing Newsletter Nov 2023

Hello RHCS community,

Our students have embraced the spirit of kindness in a truly remarkable way. Daily, we are witnessing acts of compassion that go above and beyond, creating a positive and supportive atmosphere within our school community. From simple gestures like helping a fellow student, to more elaborate initiatives like organising fundraising for charity. Our students are demonstrating a commitment to making a difference. It has been heartening to see our students actively contributing to the creation of a nurturing and inclusive environment.

As we enter the final few weeks of the school year, it is not uncommon to see changes in behaviour and a spike in anxiety, in our children.

As parents, we must keep our own concerns and responses in check. Young people will always learn more from what we do than what we say. When we, as the trusted adults in our children's lives, show them that we accept the ebbs and flows that come with life's journey, we give them the power to do the same. Remain calm, focus on the positives and reassure them that you too feel this way at times, and it is normal to be nervous about new experiences. Talk about all the things that will be the same and the amazing friends they are yet to meet and experiences they are yet to have. Celebrate their growth and keep them feeling excited about moving forward.

Meet the Teacher- 13th December.

Our Meet-the-Teacher morning is on Wednesday, December 13th. This will be an excellent opportunity for our students to meet their new teacher and the students within their grade. The student's current class teachers work tirelessly to ensure the best possible placement for all our students, with many considerations taken into place. This change is overwhelming for some students, but please be assured that we will support your child and their transition into next year. We look forward to a fantastic 2024 for all.

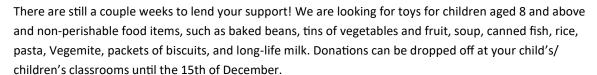


Red Hill Consolidated Wellbeing team are delighted to introduce SchoolTV, a comprehensive parenting wellbeing resource designed to support and guide our school community through the various challenges and joys of parenthood. SchoolTV provides a wealth of expert led content, including articles, videos, and apps, covering a wide range of topics relevant to raising healthy, resilient, and well-balanced children. This invaluable resource addresses current issues and offers practical advice on navigating the complexities of parenting in today's fast-paced world. From fostering positive mental health to navigating the digital landscape, SchoolTV equips parents with the tools they need to make informed decisions and nurture the overall wellbeing of their children. We encourage all parents to explore this resource, as it promises to be a source of guidance, support, and inspiration on the rewarding journey of parenthood. Welcome to a wealth of knowledge and insights with SchoolTV!

Explore SchoolTV today https://redhillcs.vic.schooltv.me

CHRISTMAS GIVING

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations of gifts and food to our Christmas charity. Your kindness will bring joy to those in need during this festive season.





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.

Warmest wishes, Kim Clarkson – Wellbeing Coordinator.







Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800 Parentline: 1300 30 1300

News from the Garden

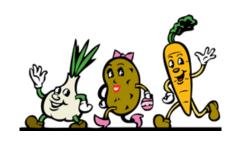
A big thank you Julianne Cameron for the very kind donation of some seedlings for our Garden Centre. We will look forward to watching the melons, zucchinis and local tomatoes grow.

The Garden Centre is thriving at the moment, with cauliflowers and snow peas in abundance. The beans are taking off and our potatoes are almost ready to harvest. There are even a couple of raspberries on the raspberry canes.

You are very welcome to visit the Garden Centre with your child but please note the following:

Children can only attend the Garden Centre with the <u>supervision</u> of an adult (this includes during and after school). Enjoy looking at the produce but please don't pick it to eat. We are growing the vegetables to use in the Sustainability classes.

Please help us to treat all our learning spaces with respect.



RED HILL INCLUSION EDUCATION



The International Day of People with Disability will be celebrated on the 3rd of December

"An inclusive environment means understanding that everyone's brain and bodies are different, and we have different needs. Society needs to be inclusive to all."

- Elise, student

DISABILITY IS DIVERSE

There are many, varied types of disabilities. These can be:

*Physical

*Sensory

*Developmental

*and more!

It is important to recognise that there can be significant variation in the individual needs of people with disability. Different people with the same disability can also have different needs to one another. Some people have multiple disabilities.

There are small steps each of us can take to make schools more welcoming and inclusive. What might be a small change for you can make the world of difference to your school community, especially for families and students with a disability. Members of the school community can help by:

- Getting to know the families and children who have disabilities some families and individuals may wish to keep details about their disability private, and that is to be respected. But that shouldn't stop you get to know the person, not the disability.
- Talking to your children openly about disabilities, answering their questions and filling in the gaps in your own knowledge–remembering everyone has something to learn.
- Learning from disability advocates, people in your community, or disability organisations (the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations is a good place to start!).

For further information:

https://www.idpwd.com.au/

https://www.ndis.gov.au/stories/8527-international-day-people-disability-idpwd-2022

https://education.paralympic.org.au/

Kind Regards,

Clare Morfett (Inclusive Education Coordinator)



RHCS Traffic / Parking Update

Hi Families.

School council have been engaged with MPSC regarding the recent fines and asked for more information around when and how our community will be fined picking up / dropping off our kids from School. We have also advocated that it seems unfair considering the acknowledged lack of opportunity to park and potential funding for upgrades currently in consideration. The following detail was received by school council which we hope can support families in avoiding situations that can result in fines.

Correspondence from MPSC

Mornington Peninsula Shire (MPS) Parking Officers patrol local roads within school precincts at a minimum, once per school term however where safety concerns have been raised, additional patrols are conducted. Patrols are done with a view to ensuring child safety during school pick up and drop off times, and often undertaken in response to concerns or complaints received from the community.

During terms 3 and 4 MPS Parking Officers patrolled the local street and road network around Red Hill Consolidated School on the following occasions;

- 09/08/2023
- 17/08/2023
- 02/10/2023

Moving forward, the Shire's Community Safety Coordinator will direct Parking Officers to avoid issuing infringements to drivers that are queued off the roadway and entering the pick-up zone provided;

- a. these vehicles are not arriving well before school finishing time
- b. are clear of the intersection and

a passenger must not enter or exit the vehicle

To assist you with providing traffic flow and parking advice to parents, the questions submitted in your email have been reviewed with the following responses provided by the Traffic and Transport and Community Safety teams.

Stopping/Parking along Arthurs Seat Road

Vehicles may stop or park along either side of Arthurs Seat Road provided those areas are not controlled by No Stopping signage. Where no stopping signs exist, vehicles must not stop or park for any period of time. Where an area is not signed, vehicles must also be a minimum 10 metres from the intersection. As the roads you have identified are not considered a built up area, parking on a nature strip is allowed provided there is no signage that prohibits parking or stopping. Further back from the school there is ample parking both sides of the road.

Stopping/Parking on Mornington Flinders Road

As above – cannot be double parked

Stopping/Parking on Eatons Cutting

As above – provided the parking of the car does not obstruct and vehicles can freely pass. Note: Brett Whitwam from our Traffic and Transport Team can arrange for a traffic engineer to reassess the placement of the signage should you feel that the areas controlled by no stopping signs are too large and that by shortening these would create additional parking.

Cars queuing while waiting to enter the school pick up zone

If a car that is waiting to enter the school pick up zone chooses to stay on the road and causes an obstruction to other motorists, this vehicle owner could still be fined. The issuing Officer would need to take into account numerous factors before issuing a penalty notice such as the amount of time stopped, the likelihood of another car leaving a parking bay etc.

To clarify the above, it is not reasonable for a vehicle owner to begin queuing at 3:20pm in a no stopping area or stay on the roadway when it is extremely unlikely that any other vehicles would be likely to be leaving that car park area until after 3:30pm. In this scenario, Council deems the vehicle to have parked given that it is unlikely that the car is going to move within the following 10 minutes and, likely to cause a visual obstruction at a major intersection. If there are no legal parking bays available, drivers are expected to park elsewhere or move on until a bay does become available – which is likely after 3:30pm

Regards

RHCS Council Traffic & Parking Sub Committee





KEEPER CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out Moonlit Sanctuary's Keeper Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, kids get up close to many animals including dingoes, cockatoos and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

For ages 8-14 Cost \$99m 9am-2pm See our website for more info.



moonlitsanctuary.com.au | t. 5978 7935 | e. bookings@moonlit-sanctuary.com 550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale



GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT MOONLIT SANCTUARY KEEPER CLUB

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

The day includes interactions with dingoes, pythons, feeding animals and food prep, and animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment.

For ages 8-14 years



Summer 2024 School Holiday Program Dates:

8:45am sign in - 9:00am start, 2:00pm finish

JANUARY DATES

Week 1: Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th

Week 2: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th

Week 3: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th

Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 | 9:00 am start - 2:00pm finish

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited to 16 per day

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale | Phone 5978 7935 | www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au





Entry Form 2023

Name	
Email	
Phone	
Organisation	

Please place a tick or an X in the appropriate box:

Christmas Tree	Wreath	Table Decoration
Decorated Christmas Cake	Decorated Biscuits or Christmas Cup-Cakes	Other (please specify)

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per entry - under 15 FREE (please submit form)

Payable to: Red Hill District Lions Activity Acc BSB: 633-000 Account: 137 451 753 Identifier: initial, surname / CTF

Signed Parental consent to enter if under 15

give perillission for	
to enter the Christmas Tree Festival	
Signed:	(Parent/ Guardian
I would like my entry to be submitted for	r a silent auction on the

(proceeds to youth and community support projects)

I would like to assist on the day. Time available: hours

Please email form to redhillviclions@gmail.com

Entries may be delivered to the Craft Pavilion, Red Hill Rec Reserve, 184 Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill between 11 am and 4 pm on Fri 8 Dec.

All entries MUST be in place by 12:00 noon on Saturday 9 Dec.

WORKSHOPS

Join in the following workshops for ideas to create your Christmas Tree Festival entry.

Wreath Making Workshop

Saturday 18 November 10:00 am Red Hill Mecahnics Hall, 19 Mechanics Road, Red Hill Cost \$20:00 per person

Limited places, so book early redhillviclions@gmail.com

Salt Dough Decorations

Saturday November 25 – 10:00 am Scott House, 180 Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill. Cost \$5:00 Bookings @ redhillviclions@gmail.com Bring cookie cutters, ribbon and decorations.

Workshops On The Deck - Red Hill Café

Decorations for your tree entry.
Free – come along an join in the fun on the deck
Friday 24 November – 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday 1 December – 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Red Hill Café and Wine Bar, 137 Shoreham Road, Red Hill

More information: redhillviclions@gmail.com

Make sure you check out our Instagram and facebook pages where you will find many more ideas to create your entry.

Instagram and Facebook - @redhilllions

Get involved

If you'd like to find out more about what we do or how you could be involved, please contact us. We'd love to hear from you.

Email: redhillviclions@gmail.com

Pnone: 0427 551 890



Red Hill District Lions RED HILL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Including...



and Community Picnic
Plus Festive Sing-Along Program

Saturday 9 December

Plus:
Red Hill Lions
Community Christmas Tree
and Christmas Giving



Red Hill District Lions

RED HILL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

We really know how to celebrate Christmas! Join us in activities involving Christmas trees, gifts for families in need, our much-loved Christmas Tree Festival, community picnic, festive sing-along and more.

Community Christmas Tree Sunday December 3

The community Christmas Tree will be erected at Red Hill South on Sunday 3 December 10:30 am - 12:30 pm and locals are invited to join with the Lions Club in erecting the tree. If you would like to join in this activity, come along at mid-day help with the tree and enjoy a BBQ lunch.



Christmas Giving From mid-November - 9 December

The tree is a collection point for donations of gifts for families experiencing hard times. Lions request that the gifts are not wrapped so they can be distributed to the most appropriate recipients, through



Westernport and Southern Peninsula Community Support organisations. There will be other collection points around Red Hill from mid-November at Red Hill General Store and Red Hill Pharmacy. Donations may also be made by contacting Lions on 0427 551 890.

The collections will be finalised on 9 December to allow for distribution.



Lions' Christmas Tree Festival takes place at the Red Hill Recreation Reserve Craft Pavilion on Saturday 9 December 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm.

Entries of Christmas items decorated with home-made décor are invited from all sections of the community – clubs, groups, schools and preschools, aged care centres, care facilities families, individuals and friends.

You can use your display to represent your club, activity, local area or hobby, your favourite movie, book or anything at all really! Included



is a host of activities for all ages, children's Christmas dress-up parade, craft activities, pinatas, face painting, lucky dips, and of course a visit from Santa. Lions BBQ and a coffee van will prove refreshments.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be followed by a barbecue, and a community picnic before an evening of festive music and sing-alongs from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

SEE BACK PAGE FOR WORKSHOPS WITH IDEAS FOR YOUR ENTRIES.





Crib Point Community Market

Saturday December 9th 9am to 1pm

Santa's visit at 11a.m Great Christmas gifts

Handmade products: Pens, candles, cards, jewellery, clothing, mosaics, decoupage pots.

Recycled goods. Plants. Xmas decorations. Xmas jewellery.

Coffee Van and Devonshire Teas. Cribby Koala Treasure Hunt

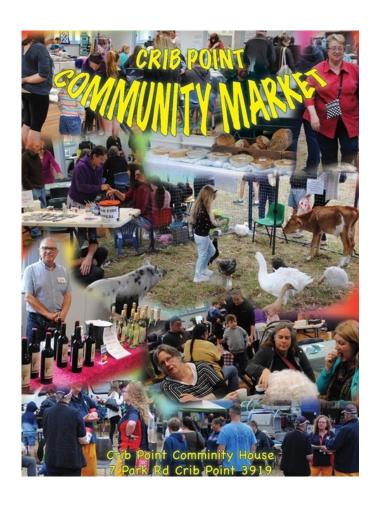
Proceeds go to the Crib Point Community House and community programs.

Location: Crib Point Community House, 7 Park Rd, Crib Point, Mornington Peninsula Proceeds go to the Crib Point Community House and community programs.

Location: Crib Point Community House, 7 Park Rd, Crib Point

Email: market@cpch.org.au
Ph: 59839888

Thank you,
On behalf of the Crib Point Community House Market Committee







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