



WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

Friday 28th June

Last day of Term 2—3:30pm
finish time
Assembly @9:15am
Official Mural Opening @3pm

Monday 15th July

First day of Term 3

Tuesday 16th July

Final Prep School Tour
@9:30am

Thursday 25th July

Year 1 –Twisted Science
Excursion
Boys Divisional Football

Friday 26th July

Olympics Day

Monday 5th August

Curriculum Day

Monday 19th August

Book Week

Monday 9th-11th September

Year 6 Camp—Warratah Beach
Camp

Monday 16th-17th September

Year 3 Camp—Golden Valleys
Adventure Camp

School Council

Tuesday 20th August
Tuesday 17th September

Term 3 Dates

July 15th— September 20th



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Dear families and friends,

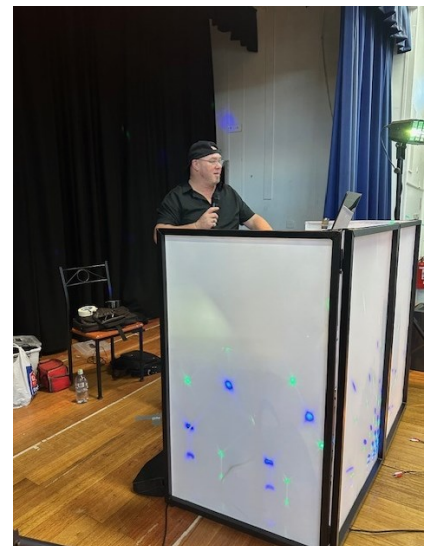
I hope you are all keeping well and steering clear of the illnesses that are often typical at this time of year. This is the final edition of our school newsletter for Term 2. The end of Semester 1 is always a reminder of how fast the year is flying by. Having said that, I think it is safe to say that we couldn't squeeze another thing in to this term.

Grade 4 Learning Showcase

Our Grade 4 learners showcased their outstanding inquiry into ocean biodiversity last week in our new look hall. Students have been investigating the big idea "Ocean biodiversity requires conservation and community action." Students were provided a choice in what marine animals they researched and prepared a diorama and an information report, answering three essential questions; What is ocean biodiversity and why is it important? How do people effect biodiversity? How do people and organisations conserve ocean biodiversity? Our Grade 4s wowed students, teachers and parents, presenting their findings. A huge well-done Grade 4 students!

Funky Fluro Disco

Our Funky Fluro Disco, held last Friday night, proved to be the biggest event on the Red Hill social calendar, with almost 500 students attending this exciting night out. Our kids had such a great time, showing off some incredible costumes and impressive dance moves. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this such a successful event, especially our disco organisers Cate, Claire and Mrs Wardlaw. I'd also like to thank our other staff and parent helpers who pitched in, as well as the team from TheirCare who fed all our hungry dancers at the end of the night. What a great team effort. The disco will be back for sure in 2025.



NAIDOC Week Celebrations

This week we celebrated NAIDOC Week at Red Hill Consolidated School. Students have been involved in a range of activities and events celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and achievements. As well as taking part in classroom activities, students collaborated with one another, creating a beautiful and colourful Bundjil's nest, which is on display between our hall and the Japanese/Sustainability rooms. Students took part in a traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander games on Tuesday. And of course, world famous singer and songwriter, Mitch Tambo dazzled us all with his amazing performance today. Our kids and teachers were blown away! To end a wonderful week of NAIDOC celebrations and an awesome term, we have invited back local artist Holly Ryan and creator of our beautiful new mural to the official opening this Friday afternoon, to thank her for her wonderful artwork.



AFLW Visit

I'd like to thank our AFLW superstars who dropped in earlier this week to speak with our older students about their pathway and achievements, as well as the challenges they've overcome in their careers. Our students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. Thank you Mrs Barnes for organising this.

School Reports

It is that time of year again. Our Semester One school reports are almost ready to publish. All parents will receive a Compass notification when reports are available for viewing on Compass. I'm sure it is not lost on our parent community, the work, thought and effort that goes into each semester's reports. Teachers use a range of ongoing assessment tasks as well as observations and conferences to guide their teacher judgement and comments. Please spend some time with your children over the holidays discussing these reports, celebrating their achievements and progress, but also their future learning goals. I would like to thank all of our teaching staff for their time spent on this important task.

Holiday works

School holidays are always an opportune time to tick off major projects in schools. This term break we have several trades and contractors improving our grounds and facilities. As you may have read in previous newsletters, our gymnasium floor will be resurfaced. In addition, our staff bathroom will undergo a much-needed refurbishment, our gutters will be cleaned and some tree and weed removal will take place.

Compass Event/Course Confirmation deadlines

Thank you to everyone who is providing approval and making payment for events before the due date. As a school community we are getting much better at this. It is so important for our event planning to have a deadline, which in most cases is several days before the event. This provides staff and event organisers time to develop attendance lists, ensure supervision ratios are met, specific First Aid requirements are packed, parent helpers are organised and any materials or catering can be confirmed with final numbers. In most cases, it can take up to two working days for payments to be transferred from Compass Pay to our accounts. Providing consent and making payments is a simple process with the Compass App, but if you are ever experiencing difficulty, please call the office. We always do our best to provide regular reminders, so please keep an eye on ClassDojo and in our newsletters for any upcoming due dates.

As you know, it has been a particularly long Term 2 and our students absolutely deserve the upcoming school holidays. Please enjoy this time with your little people at home. What ever your plans are, please stay safe, be kind and keep reading!

Kind regards,

Gus Wettenhall

Principal



The poster features a photograph of two young boys on the left. The boy on the left has dark hair and is wearing a dark blue polo shirt with a crest. The boy on the right has blonde hair and is wearing a blue and white checkered shirt. On the right side of the poster, there is a crest with the letters 'RHS' and a banner below it that says 'STRIVE FORWARD TO THE BEST'. Below the crest, the text '2025' is written in large blue letters, and 'PREP' is written in large orange letters. A yellow-bordered box contains the following text: 'FINAL PREP TOUR', 'TUESDAY JULY 16TH @9:30am', 'Please call the office to book 5989 2321', and 'Prep Enrolments close Friday July 26th'. At the bottom of the poster, a blue banner contains the text 'Red Hill Consolidated School is the home of The Contemporary Learning Experience.'

Hello Parents / Carers,

I have felt so welcomed at RHCS this semester. I have been so impressed by the way the students respect and look out for and help each other. The support from parents and carers is also so obvious and makes such a difference to your child's life. I have gotten to know so many children through seeing them working in their classrooms, playing in the yard, visiting the Wellbeing room, at lunchtime clubs, seeing them at the gates or school events. It is such a busy place with so many great experiences happening all the time. I am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful school community. Thank you all for making me feel at home. I hope you all have a safe and relaxing time over the school holidays.

School Holidays Are Just Around the Corner!

It's that time of year again - the kids are getting antsy, the weather is cool and unpredictable, and the school holidays are just on the horizon! Whether your family has big travel plans or you're looking forward to a relaxing staycation, the school holidays are the perfect opportunity to spend quality time together. Here are some ideas to make the most of the upcoming school break:

Take a Day Trip:

Explore the local area and discover new parks, museums, or other attractions you haven't visited before. Pack a picnic lunch and make a day of it!



Get Creative at Home:

Encourage your kids to tap into their artistic side. Set up a craft station with painting supplies, clay, or recycled materials and let their imaginations run wild.

Enjoy the Great Outdoors:

Even in cooler weather, it is a great time to get outside, and see places from a different perspective. Go for hikes, have a backyard campfire, or try your hand at gardening.

Catch Up on Rest:

Don't forget to schedule in some downtime. Spend a day in your pyjamas reading books, playing board games, or simply relaxing.



The Surprising Educational Benefits of Board Games:

While video games and digital entertainment often capture the attention of today's youth, classic board games shouldn't be overlooked as valuable learning tools. In fact, playing board games can provide a wealth of educational benefits for children of all ages.

Develop Critical Thinking Skills:

Many board games require players to think strategically, analyse potential outcomes, and make informed decisions. As children navigate the game's rules and challenges, they exercise their problem-solving abilities and critical thinking skills.

Improve Math and Literacy:

Board games often involve counting, adding, subtracting, and other mathematical concepts. Additionally, games that feature reading, spelling, or vocabulary components can boost literacy skills. These fun, interactive formats make learning feel less like a chore.



Practice Communication and Social Skills:

Board games encourage collaboration, negotiation, and social interaction as players work together or compete against one another. Children learn how to express their thoughts, listen to others, and resolve conflicts - all essential life skills.

Enhance Memory and Concentration:

Remembering game rules, pieces, and strategies requires focus and concentration. As children play board games repeatedly, they build their memory and attention span.

Spark Creativity and Imagination:

Open-ended, creative board games allow children to explore their imaginative side. As they invent new game scenarios or come up with innovative solutions, they nurture their creativity.

The next time you're looking for a family activity, consider pulling out a classic board game. In addition to providing entertainment, these time-honoured pastimes offer a wealth of learning opportunities for growing young minds. The biggest bonus it's so much fun, the children don't even know they are learning! Shh, please don't tell them the secret!

We hope you and your family have a wonderful and rejuvenating school holiday break!
In a world where you can be anything, be kind.



Sascha Wardlaw - Assistant Principal

RHCS

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT UPDATE

Dear fellow RHCS parents,

As the recently appointed RHCS Council President, this is my first foray into the school's newsletter. The School Council forms a vital role in overseeing the running of the School and ensuring that Department of Education requirements in respect of governance, are met. I am thrilled to be joined on our School Council by a very capable group of parents - some new to the council and some old hands, community volunteers and staff members. I plan to use my time as President to continue advocating to the State Government on behalf of our students and staff, for increased funding and facilities at Red Hill - which we all know, feels pretty overlooked compared with our neighbouring schools.

Our current agenda includes bathroom upgrades across the School, better parking, pool upgrades, playgrounds, to name just a few. The School remains financially sound but our bottom-line has been challenged by Covid, decreasing enrolments, lower parent contributions and increases in costs across the board. Our fund-raising efforts have been spectacular and I sincerely thank all those who have given their time so generously and continue to do so. We will start to see the benefits of this soon but I will not steal our Principal's thunder!

I would also like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to 'Class Chat Guidelines' that have been written for the use of WhatsApp, within our school community. These Guidelines are included in this newsletter will soon be circulated to the parent and guardian cohort via compass. WhatsApp is not a chosen communication platform by the School, however, due to some recent incidents and considering government directives, we ask you to read the Guidelines and ensure that you consider these before you hit "send".

I look forward to keeping you updated on the happenings at School Council over the course of the year. Please feel free to contact me at: steven.marshall@education.vic.gov.au

Enjoy the Winter break!



Class Chat Guidelines

-  We are respectful towards teachers, staff, students and community **1**
-  **2** We only share things that are accurate and relevant to the class
-  We aim for an inclusive, positive and supportive tone **3**
-  **4** We keep up to date with school communications via the newsletter and Compass
-  We know this isn't the place to air grievances about matters such as teaching **5**
-  **6** We respect the privacy of others, especially students

RED HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Respectful Relationships in the Classroom

These past weeks the grade fives have been working on respectful relationships. It is a program used all over Victoria to teach kids about gender equality, zero discrimination, stereotypes, identities and most importantly “anyone can.”

So during our respectful relationship lessons we are working on how to notice and avoid different stereotypes. A stereotype is having a fixed idea of something or someone that may not actually be true. There are multiple different ideas of stereotypes and we are learning about not putting people into boxes which means acknowledging that we are all unique, that everyone is capable and we shouldn't put people aside because of gender, love, religion or race. And believe it or not that's pretty hard because we actually do it in our everyday lives. Our main example is if it's somebody's birthday, it's a boy, okay let's get them a hot wheels track, a girl lets get them a barbie doll house. See what I mean we do it repetitively without noticing, that's the hard part.

Our aim is to be a put down free school and we are talking about figurative terms like, “you run like a girl” from which still now for some reason is an insult, but even though some people discriminate, girls are champions. Speaking of which leads me to my next point **ANYONE CAN!** Our new school motto. It says that no matter your identity you are you and you **ARE perfect.**

By Olivia 5K



THEIRCARE NEWSLETTER



Coordinator Update

TheirCare have been finishing off the term with a new aspect on our programming. We have been asking students what themes, meals & activities they would like to see at the service so that each child feels a sense of belonging. This has been working well! Term 3 Week 1 will be a Safari Week!!

A lot of students have been enjoying doing lots of jobs and showing kindness at the service in order to raise money for TheirCare's fundraiser for Starlight Foundation. We raised a total of \$25 for the charity. Well Done!!

Please note there has been a change in fees to the service from next term so please check your accounts. Have a lovely break and we will see you next term !!

IMPORTANT

Due to the high volume of cars at basketball training inside the gym the gate to the service will be locked until around 5pm.

Please keep this in mind when you are collecting your children

IT'S PLAY TIME!

THERE IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEAR YOU



PLAY

STK Academy School Holiday Clinics

Moorabbin & Seaford



4-8 year olds



8-12 year olds

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