

# RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*'Students enjoying chess club at lunch'*



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# Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have to apologise for the late publication of this newsletter. We have had a lot of illness in the teaching and leadership teams, coupled with a very busy start to the term, that impacted our ability to get this communication out as per the usual schedule.

The term started out with dance lessons for all students in years four to six, facilitated by Mitzi from Melbourne Djembe. Year six students then had two excursions: firstly they visited the SIEV X Memorial on the lakeshore of Weston Park, as a powerful provocation for their next unit of inquiry, and then they attended a musical performance as guests of St. Claire's School. The week culminated with a P&C "Olympic" Trivia Night which was great fun to attend.

The following week we held our athletics carnival at the Woden athletics field. The initial morning iciness was short lived and we had a wonderful day outdoors. Students gave all the events their best efforts, encouraged on by many parents, staff and eighteen Telopea Park High School volunteers. We have fifty five students going on to the next stage of ACT Athletics at the Southside carnival on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Last week most of our year four students spent two nights and three days at Birrigai, participating in outdoor education activities and a bush walk. Camp was a new experience which the students approached positively, despite some having a degree of trepidation at the outset. Deb Lawrence and I shared supporting the teachers at camp and witnessed the highlights first hand. We were proud of the students' 'can do' attitudes, their encouragement of peers and their respectful manner towards Birrigai and school staff, even at the end when everyone was incredibly tired. The Birrigai staff were exceptionally well organised, were flexible in meeting individual student needs and delivered great learning experiences.

On behalf of the school I have many thanks to give:

- Jenny Haling for organising the P&C Trivia Night
- Telopea Park School for providing a teacher and eighteen students to help at our athletics carnival
- Heidi Norton and Leigh Kanara for the many, many hours of work they put in to organising the athletics carnival and year four camp
- Heidi Norton and Dan Graetz for running the athletics carnival on the day, including setting up in the early hours of the morning

- The year four teaching team and assistant educators who were on call twenty four hours a day at camp
- The wonderful parent volunteers who drove out to Birrigai and helped us each day (including two parents who stayed overnight). Their presence made student support at camp so much easier and was greatly appreciated by the teachers.

Things haven't quietened down at all. This coming week is Photo Week – don't forget to send your payment and order forms to school with your children on their scheduled photo day/s and make sure they are in full school uniform.

If accessing school uniform is difficult for financial or other reasons please contact the front office so that we can assist. No child should go without what they need for school, whether this be uniform, stationary, participation in excursions or even lunch. We have student support funds to help families in difficult times so please reach out if you need help.

### **Book Week Events (17-23 August - Week 5)**

To celebrate all things reading and books, we have special events organised for the next two weeks. Book Fair kicks off today in the library and runs for Weeks 4 and 5. Ms. Naidoo has developed a schedule for classes to visit Book Fair and students can write a wish list during this visit. Families are also invited to browse Book Fair before and after school. More detailed information about this can be found later in the newsletter.

We will celebrate with our annual Book Week Parade, Walkathon and Grandparent Morning Tea on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. All families should have already received correspondence from our P&C about the day. Please contact the Front Office if you require another copy of this note. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to participate in the Walkathon and Book Week Parade.

### **STAFFING**

We have had a lot of unexpected staff changes this term.

- Mr James fractured his neck during the school holidays and is currently confined to rest at home wearing a cervical brace. Kristy Aitchison is acting as Deputy Principal(4-6),and Kristy and I are sharing Nathan's duties.
- Mrs Harris won a 12 month promotion at Gordon Primary. Mr Angus Middleton is now teaching 4H.
- Mrs McCumiskey has stepped into the executive teacher role for kindergarten and Mrs Deacon will be taking over the executive teacher role for preschool from today. They will both continue teaching KMC.
- Ms Griffin has had to take unexpected person leave until the end of the year. Mrs Smith has taken over 6G.
- Mrs Moore has had to return to Canada. We are very fortunate that Mrs Karen Spence is able to return to Red Hill. Karen stepped into the 1M teacher role today.

With enormous sadness I have to also announce that Mrs Norton will be leaving us at the end of this week. Mrs Norton very recently won a permanent promotion as an executive teacher at Kingsford Smith school. Whilst Heidi will be sorely missed by all of us I am delighted that she has won this promotion. We will be saying farewell to her as a staff on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30pm. If you would like to join us please let the front office know. You would be very welcome!

## WELLBEING

As I am sure you are already aware we experienced a very contagious gastroenteritis outbreak recently. By paying attention to good hand hygiene and keeping students and staff at home whilst unwell, the spread of the infection has slowed down dramatically. However we are not out of the woods yet, and there are other respiratory viruses in our community. ACT Health has updated their advice that students and staff should stay home for **48 hours** after gastro symptoms have stopped. The [ACT Health Fact Sheet – Viral Gastroenteritis](#) outlines the symptoms, treatment options, and exclusion from school periods.

They have also reminded us that, in line with the ACT Public Health Regulations, parents are required to notify the school if their child has a confirmed case of any infectious disease, or if there are reasonable grounds for believing that their child has an infectious disease.

## SCHOOL BOARD

Last Thursday evening the School Board had its first meeting with all of the new members. The members are:

- Sam Walker (Board Chair)
- Kris O’Sullivan (P&C Parent) and Dipti Mulgund (Parent)
- Ellie Deacon and Sue La Flamme (Teachers)
- Sean Galbraith (Community)
- Louise Owens (Principal) and Marko Tancheski (Board Secretary)

The Board was notified that NAPLAN reports have gone home to parents. We also discussed parking and traffic issues, and the ongoing heating upgrade.

## NAPLAN

The 2024 NAPLAN results were distributed to parents and carers of students in Years 3 and 5 last week. Please contact the front office if you did not receive these. You are also welcome to discuss your child’s results with the class teacher.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)

# News from the Library

Our book fair is running from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. We will also have a face-to-face option where children can come in to view and purchase books, accompanied by a parent, either before or after school.

Parents and their children are encouraged to visit on their allocated day (see below). Siblings may come together, on the older sibling's rostered day. Students can also purchase books without a parent present during their rostered weekly library session.

## Book Fair Roster (Term 3 weeks 4 and 5).

Please be aware that this roster is for face-to-face visits only. The online component will be available 24/7 through *Book Cow* over the period of the Book Fair. A flyer will come home today explaining how to order online.

	Before school accompanied by a parent (8.30am – 9.10am)	During the school day – order in the library	After school accompanied by a parent (3.15pm – 4.00pm)
<b>Monday</b>	Kindergarten	All Year levels	Kindergarten
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 1 & Year 2	All Year levels	Year 1 & Year 2
<b>Wednesday</b>	Preschool	All Year levels	Preschool
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 3 & Year 4	All Year levels	Year 3 & Year 4
<b>Friday</b>	Year 5 & Year 6	All Year levels	Year 5 & Year 6

## BOOK WEEK AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

“Each year since 1945 the Children’s Book Council of Australia has brought children and books together across Australia through Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend time celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators.



### Event 1: Red Hill School Book Week Parade and Walkathon

**Date:** Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024      **The theme:** ‘Reading is Magic’

### Event 2: Grandparents morning tea on the library lawns

We cordially invite grandparents to a morning tea on the lawns outside the library offering them the opportunity to browse books at the **Book Fair** and socialise with the children and community.

## Heads up! BOOK WEEK PARADE

Each year Red Hill School and the P&C run a wonderful Book Week Parade and Walkathon. Over recent weeks of school, teachers have shared the Book Council's shortlisted fiction and non-fiction books with students. We will culminate our celebration of wonderful literature on **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024** when we will dress up as book characters for our usual parade and walkathon.

As in the past we encourage students to be creative in putting together their costumes, rather than buying them. A prize will be awarded to the most creative costume for each year level.

Keep an eye out for the Walkathon sponsorship forms that came home earlier in the term from the P&C.

# 2024 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The *2024 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from **16 August to 6 September**. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- A letter about the **student survey** outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and
- An email about the **parent survey**, including a unique link to access the survey. **Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2024 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address [EDUSurveys@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveys@act.gov.au).**

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, please contact the Front Office. The Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

# Assemblies

## Whole School Assemblies

The purpose of these is to connect as a whole school, show younger students some of the opportunities that will be available to them later in their school life (e.g., music ensembles), have students of all ages celebrate the achievements of their peers and impart important messages. It will generally not be possible to have parents at these assemblies because we cannot fit the whole school in the hall and socially distance large numbers of adults.

## Year Level Assemblies

The purpose of these is to give students opportunities to speak and perform, showcase student work, celebrate achievement and share all of these with parents. Principal's Awards are given out at these assemblies. Parents of relevant year levels are welcome – **please sign in at the front office.**

TERM 1 ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE				
Week	Host	MC	Principal's Awards	Parents invited
2	Exec (Whole School)	Student leaders	No	By invitation
3	No assembly			
4	Athletics Carnival Assembly (Ribbons)			
5	BOOK WEEK Parade (No assembly)			
6	Year 4	Year 4 students	Yes (Senior 4-6)	Yes
7	No assembly			
8	Year 1	Year 1 students	Yes (Junior K-3)	Yes
9	Year 2	Year 2 students	Yes (Junior K-3)	Yes
10	Exec (Whole School)	Student leaders	No	By invitation

# Uniform Shop

## Ordering Online

The Red Hill School P&C Association uses Flexischools for uniform shop sales.

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

It is a cashless online ordering system which streamlines payment, ordering and processing of purchases and events. Quick and easy, it can be accessed 24/7 on PC, Mac, or mobile app.

School uniform orders for existing students will be delivered to your child's classroom. Otherwise, orders can be collected from the front office.

## Ordering in person

Opening hours Wednesday 8.30 to 10:00am and Friday 2.30 to 4.00pm. We prefer payment by credit card, but we can accept cash.

With COVID continuing to present a risk we prefer that orders are made online where possible.

Secondhand requests can be emailed through to the shop manager.

Donations can be placed in the purple bin in the front office foyer.

Lost property collected around the school is placed in the big blue bin outside of the uniform shop.

Due to the amount of lost property and the shortage of staff, labeled items will no longer be returned to classrooms. Instead, the items in the blue bin will be sorted and then placed in the adjoining blue and white cupboards for students to look through and collect any of their property that they find."





## Red Hill School OVER THE COUNTER SALES

Milo Cookie	\$0.50
Pappadum (Garlic or Plain)	\$0.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Frozen Quelch Stick	\$1.00
Frozen Juice Cup	\$2.00
Jelly Cup or Custard Cup	\$2.00
Banana Bread	\$2.00
Berry Muffin	\$2.00
Jelly & Custard Cup	\$2.50
Fluffy Choc Mousse	\$2.50
Plain Milk	\$2.50
Twisted Frozen Yogurt	\$3.00
Plain Milk with flavoured Sipahh Straw	\$3.50

**OPEN TIMES FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY -**

**10.30am - 10.45am**

**11.15am - 11.40am**

**1.10pm - 1.30pm**

**Please bring exact change if possible**

Red Hill School Calendar 2024 – Term 3					Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Jul 22-26	22 <sup>ND</sup> July Pupil Free Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> July YRS 4-6 African Dance	24 <sup>th</sup> July YRS 4-6 African Dance YR 6 SIEV X Excursion		26 <sup>TH</sup> July YR6 Performance @ Erindale Theatre Trivia Night
Week 2 Jul 29-Aug 2		30 <sup>th</sup> July YRS 2-6 Athletics Carnival			2 <sup>ND</sup> August Whole School Assembly
Week 3 Aug 5-9	5 <sup>th</sup> August YR4 Camp	6 <sup>th</sup> August YR4 Camp AMC	7 <sup>TH</sup> August YR4 Camp AMC	8 <sup>TH</sup> August AMC	
Week 4 Aug 12-16	12 <sup>TH</sup> August School Photos	13 <sup>th</sup> August School Photos ICAS English	14 <sup>th</sup> August ICAS English Kindergarten Health Screening	15 <sup>th</sup> August ICAS English Kindergarten Health Screening	16 <sup>th</sup> August School Photos ICAS English Kindergarten Health Screening Athletics Assembly
Week 5 Aug 19-23	19 <sup>th</sup> August Book Week ICAS Science	20 <sup>th</sup> August ICAS Science	21 <sup>st</sup> August ICAS Science YR6 Combined bands	22 <sup>nd</sup> August ICAS Science	23 <sup>rd</sup> August Book Parade and Grandparents Morning Tea ICAS Science
Week 6 Aug 26-30	26 <sup>th</sup> August YR 2 Questacon Excursion		28 <sup>th</sup> August YR2 ICAS Maths		30 <sup>TH</sup> August Senior Assembly Hosted by YR 4
Week 7 Sep 2- 6		3 <sup>rd</sup> September Limelight Tech Rehearsal	4 <sup>th</sup> September Limelight	5 <sup>th</sup> September Limelight	6 <sup>th</sup> September Preschool Questacon Excursion
Week 8 Sep 9-13		10 <sup>th</sup> September Preschool Questacon Excursion	11 <sup>th</sup> September SHPACT Parent Information Evening 5.30pm- 7pm		13 <sup>TH</sup> September Junior Assembly Hosted by YR1
Week 9 Sep 16-20	16 <sup>th</sup> September YR6 Band Floriade		18 <sup>th</sup> September YR6 SHPACT Consent Workshop		20 <sup>th</sup> September Junior Assembly Hosted by YR2
Week 10 Sep 23-27					27 <sup>TH</sup> September Whole School Assembly

# Community News

Why not keep Warm this Winter - on Wheels!!!!

Come and try our SkateStars Classes - Australia's nationally accredited Learn2Skate program. Join us for a no fee trial session before committing to the term.

Term 3 commences Wednesday 24 July | Queanbeyan High | 5:15 - 6:00 Wednesdays | DM for more info | Skate hire available

[Events - National Capital Roller Skating Club - revolutioniseSPORT](#)



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## ACT Instrumental Music Program

### Extension Ensembles for 2025

The ACT Instrumental Music Program would like to invite experienced musicians who will be in Years 7-12 in ACT government schools in 2025 to audition for ACT IMP extension ensembles.

The ACT IMP ensembles are an excellent opportunity for hard-working, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The groups are active performance ensembles, and the families of students auditioning need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the full year.

\*Please note that the ACT IMP Chorale (formerly known as the ACT IMP Senior Concert Choir) will be un-auditioned in 2025. Further information about the application process for this ensemble will be made available in Term 4.

Audition registration is **now open** for the following ensembles:

- **Junior Concert Band** – experienced woodwind, brass and percussion players in Years 7 & 8 in ACT government schools in 2025
- **Senior Concert Band** – experienced woodwind, brass, percussion and electric bass players in Years 9-12 in ACT government schools in 2025
- **Jazz Band** – experienced saxophone, trumpet, trombone, electric guitar, bass, drum kit, keyboard and vibraphone players in Years 9-12 in ACT government schools in 2025
- **Percussion Ensemble** – experienced percussionists (tuned and untuned instruments) in Years 7-12 in ACT government schools in 2025

**Please note that an ability to read music notation is required for all of the above ensembles.**

Students are welcome to audition for one or more ensembles. Membership in each ensemble is considered separately.

**Audition registration closes Monday 14 October 2024. This is a strict deadline.**

Information cards and posters will be available from the Music/Arts teacher at your child's school from Friday Term 3 Week 5. Further details are also available on the IMP website.

Three ways to access the online audition registration form:

- <http://www.imp.act.edu.au>
- QR code
- <https://forms.gle/JfE6aniQRkT9Wm2XA>



If you have questions about the audition process, please contact Shoshanna Honey-Erlandson (IMP SLC) at [shoshanna.erlandson@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:shoshanna.erlandson@ed.act.edu.au)

Audition requirements, set pieces and instructions will be available on the IMP website by Friday Term 3 Week 6. Online auditions will be held in Term 4 Weeks 4 & 5 (4-15 November).


We look forward to receiving your audition registration!

# ACT SCHOOLS CUP FOR SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS


The ACT schools cup for skiers and snowboarders will be held on August 25 at Perisher. If you are interested in entering your son or daughter please check the website below for more information, and contact Andrew Taylor - [antaylor@sec.act.edu.au](mailto:antaylor@sec.act.edu.au) by August 14 if you would like to enter. <https://www.interschools.com.au/home-nsw-act-qld-sa/act-schools-cup>



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