

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*'Phillipa and Tijana from Griffith Preschool,
enjoying painting.'*



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15th March 2024



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Leadership Team Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 7, and a new season, although the weather of late has definitely not been autumnal. This term has already shaped up to be a busy one with so much happening.

Australian Curriculum V9.0 and the PYP

One of my many roles and my great passion is coordinating the program of inquiry (POI) for our Red Hill PYP community. I believe that it is important for me to keep you abreast of our commitment to the IB and changes to the program that may have an impact on our learning community. I would like to share some exciting news from the IB PYP newsletter (published March 2024) that confirms the rigour of the Primary Years Program (PYP),

"The Primary Years Programme and Middle-Years Programme (MYP) have been recognized by the Australia Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to meet the principles outlined in the Australian Curriculum, highlighting how IB's framework empowers students to become confident and creative individuals, successful learners, and active and informed community members.

This recognition in August stemmed from IB's submission of an application earlier this year, seeking to assess the compatibility of the PYP and MYP with the latest iteration of the Australian Curriculum, Version 9.0. The review conducted by the ACARA Recognition Committee declared that IB programmes enable students to attain equivalent learning outcomes in various key subjects, including English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education, Languages, Technologies and The Arts by the end of year 10.

The ACARA Alternative Curriculum Framework Recognition Process seeks to determine the extent to which a well-established alternative national curriculum framework can deliver educational outcomes for students comparable with those based on the Australian curriculum. Moreover, the process considered the extent to which the IB framework aligns with the guidelines defined in the Alice Springs (Mparntwe) Education Declaration, which sets out a vision for a world-class education system that encourages and supports every student, no matter where they live or what kind of challenges they face.

Olli-Pekka Heinonen, Director General at the IB affirmed, *"We are immensely proud of the recognition bestowed upon the PYP and MYP by ACARA. This acknowledgement underscores the unwavering commitment of the IB to provide a world-class education that aligns seamlessly with the Australian Curriculum. Our mission has always been to nurture well-rounded, inquisitive, and confident individuals, and this recognition reaffirms our dedication*

to empowering students to excel in a rapidly changing global landscape. We look forward to continuing our partnership with educators, schools, and students across Australia to provide the best opportunities for the youth.”

This is an important recognition for the IB and for all of us in the learning community, in knowing that your children and our students are receiving a world-class education because of the IB/PYP. If you are unsure what an IB education offers your child and missed this at the recent parent evening, please feel free to send me an email through the front office, and I will send you some information.

Toddle Portfolio

Thank you so much to everyone who has quickly returned your child's third party permission note so that they can have access to devices and applications to share their learning with you. We are trialling a new application this year which is called [Toddle Portfolio](#). It is very similar to the SEESAW application that we have used in the past. You will receive an invitation via your class teacher to sign up and download the Toddle app if your child/ren is in grades 1-4 and grade 6. You will then have access to your child's digital portfolio. Student Portfolio on Toddle is a powerful way for families to gain an authentic insight into their child's learning journey, effortlessly navigating through portfolio entries, and engaging with these posts. Please click on the link above if you need instructions about how to connect.

Swimming Carnival

I would like to extend my congratulations for a successful swimming carnival that was held last Friday. It was a hot day but an enjoyable one for all who attended. A big thank you goes to Ms. Heidi Norton and Mr Dan Graetz for their organisation and to all staff who attended the carnival. We thank everyone for their respectful and principled behaviour while at the pool and hope that the many pieces of clothing that were left at the pool are claimed by their owners soon. If your child has lost something please ask them to carefully check the Breezeway or lost property area, as it may be there waiting for them.

Safe Play

This term our positive education focus is on building positive relationships and this includes positive relationships with ourselves in regard to playing safely when on the playground. All classes have spent a great deal of time developing class and shared essential agreements about how we can be safe when we are both inside and outside of the classroom. Unfortunately, there has been some unsafe behaviour by those who have forgotten one of the most important parts of staying safe while playing, '**Hands and feet to ourselves**'. We cannot have a breach of this agreement as it always ends in others feeling unsafe and harmed.

Another way to stay safe is to always be in the right area for play. Some students are finding it challenging to remain with their cohorts and need constant reminders to be in the correct place so that there will always be

teachers who know them on duty to keep everyone safe. Please have a conversation with your child about these two important ways to play safely. Teachers are offering gold tokens to students who are modelling safe play, which goes towards helping each house earn house points.

Morning drop offs

Another way to keep everyone safe is by making sure that your children, whether coming by foot, bike, skateboard or car, are not dropped off at school before 8:50 am, unless they are going to before school care, as there are no teachers on duty to help before this time.

Kind regards

Deb Lawrence (Executive Teacher and PYP Coordinator)

SPECIAL SCHOOL EVENTS WEEK 8

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY (WDSD), 21 MARCH

'ODD SOCKS DAY'



Thursday 21st March is a global awareness day for Down Syndrome that has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. Everyone is invited to wear odd socks to school on this day. Socks were chosen because they look a bit like chromosomes, and people with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome (making 47 altogether). If you would like more information about Down Syndrome it can be found through this link.

[What is World Down Syndrome Day? | Down Syndrome International \(ds-int.org\)](https://www.ds-int.org/what-is-world-down-syndrome-day/)

HARMONY WEEK



Between **Monday 18th March and Sunday 24th March**, Australians celebrate our country's cultural diversity through Harmony Week. Harmony Week is about "inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone" and is particularly relevant to our school.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT RED HILL SCHOOL FAMILIES

- Ten percent of our students were born overseas, in 37 different countries.
- Our students' parents come from more than 60 different countries.
- English is not the first language for forty percent of our students.

Red Hill School will celebrate Harmony Day on **Friday 22nd March** through the following activities.

- Students can come to school wearing their national dress or another item of clothing significant to their culture. Alternatively, they can simply wear something orange, which is the symbolic colour for Harmony Day.
- Students may bring a food dish of cultural significance to share with their classmates (no nuts please).
- Parents and carers are invited to come in throughout this week to share stories from your cultures with students. Please contact the class teachers if you would like to help with this activity.
- Classroom learning experiences such as looking at students' names, their meaning and their origin; making 'Welcome Walls' in the students' mother tongues; sharing cultural backgrounds; and reading rich literature that explores diversity and belonging.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Don't forget to ride, walk, scooter or skate board to school on Friday. Mrs. Norton will meet you at the black gates near the bike racks at 8.30am with fresh fruit and raffle tickets.

National Ride2School Day
Friday 22 March 2024

Join more than 350,000 students across Australia who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school on Friday 22 March 2024!!!!

Dear Families,

Red Hill will celebrate our first Ride2School Day for 2024 next **Friday, 22nd March**. Students from all year groups are encouraged to get physically active on their journey to school. Last year, over 250 Students from Red Hill School rode their bikes, roller skated, walked, skateboarded or scootered to school! There were plenty of smiles and a real sense of achievement which was heart-warming to see! Please help us celebrate Ride2School Day and save 28 tonnes of CO₂, which is equivalent to planting 195 trees in just one day! Mrs Norton will be on hand from 8.30am to greet the students as they arrive. There will be pieces of fruit available and every student that participates will receive a raffle ticket where they go in a draw to win one of 5 amazing prizes!!!

We look forward to celebrating National Ride2School Day as a community, see you there!

Remember to ride with a parent or carer if you are in junior school.

Regional Swimming Carnival

Important Regional Swimming Carnival Information:

If your child is a competitive swimmer (aged 10 -12 years) and is interested in entering the 100m Freestyle and Form strokes swimming race please email Heidi Norton (Heidi.quibell@ed.act.edu.au) by Tuesday, 19th March 2024. Nominated swimmers must have achieved the qualifying time: 100m Freestyle 1:45.00, 100m Breaststroke 2:10.00, 100m Backstroke 2:00.00 and 100m Butterfly 2:00.00 in order to swim at the Regional School Swimming Championships and these times must be verified by a Swim Club.

If you would like to nominate your child (aged 10-12 years) for the 200m IM and 200m Freestyle events please email Heidi Norton (Heidi.quibell@ed.act.edu.au) by Tuesday, 19th March 2024. Nominated swimmers must have achieved the qualifying time in order to swim at the ACT Swimming Championships and these times must be verified by a Swim Club. Please note the 200m races are NOT conducted at Regional level.

Age Group (turning this year)	200IM Qualifying Time		200m Freestyle Qualifying Time	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
10 year old	4.07.00	4.05.00	3.16.00	3.13.00
11 year old	3.53.00	3.53.00	3.16.00	3.13.00
12 year old	3.41.00	3.41.00	3.16.00	3.13.00

Any questions please email me at Heidi.quibell@ed.act.edu.au

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 1					Mon 29 Jan – Fri 12 Apr
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Jan 29-2	Pupil Free Day	Kinder 1 st Day of School	31 st January First Day of School		Whole School Assembly
Week 2 Feb 5-9					
Week 3 Feb 12-16	12 th February Year 6 Camp	13 th February Year 6 Camp	14 th February Year 6 Camp		
Week 4 Feb 19-23			21 st February Information Sessions 5.30pm-7.45pm		Senior School Assembly Hosted by Year 4
Week 5 Feb 26-1 Mar			28 th February Year 5 Camp	29 th February Year 5 Camp	1 st March Year 5 Camp Junior Assembly Year 2 host P&C Welcome BBQ
Week 6 Mar 4-8					8 th March Swimming Carnival Year 3-6
Week 7 Mar 11-15	11 th March Canberra Day Public Holiday				Senior School Assembly Hosted by Year 6
Week 8 Mar 18-22					Junior School Assembly Hosted by Year 1
Week 9 Mar 25-29	25 th March Kenny Koala Preschool Visit			28 th March Kenny Koala Preschool Visit	29 th March Good Friday Public Holiday
Week 10 Apr 1-5	1 st April Easter Monday Public Holiday				South Weston Swimming Carnival
Week 11 Apr 8-12				Swimming Awards	Whole School Assembly

Community News



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19th - 26th APRIL 2024

Dates & Times:
 19 April 7pm
 20 April 3pm
 21 April 11am
 22 April 11am
 23 April 11am
 24 April 11am & 3pm
 25 April 11am & 3pm
 26 April 7pm

Location:
 Canberra College
 Performing Arts
 Centre,
 Launceston St,
 Phillip, ACT

Running Time:
 80mins (without interval)

Tickets:
 ▶ Single \$30 each
 ▶ Family (2 adults + 2 children) \$114
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INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

BASKETBALL PROGRAM FOR JUNIORS

3 TO 9 YEARS OLD

Programmes run weekly on weekends for 45 minutes.

This sports program will have the following:

- ✓ Skills Practice
- ✓ Ideal for Beginners
- ✓ Modified Games
- ✓ Indoor Sessions
- ✓ Match Play
- ✓ Suitable Equipment

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm and participation and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them increased confidence in the future.

\$90 FOR A 6 WEEK PROGRAM

Location: St Bedes Primary School Hall, 55 Hicks Street Red Hill

Day: Sunday Mornings

Start Date: Sunday 3rd March 2024

End Date: Sunday 14th April 2024

No program on the Easter Long Weekend.

Times: 3 + 4 year olds - 9:45am to 10:30am

5 + 6 year olds - 10:30am to 11:15am

7 to 9 year olds - 11:15am to 12:00pm



Shared Equipment is provided in all sessions. If you would like to practice at home, basketballs are available for purchase when you sign up online or email Scott for more details.

Website: kellysports.com.au/act

Contact: Scott McTaggart

Email: scott@kellysports.com.au

Phone: 0418 399 139

Facebook: Kelly Sports Australia

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McDonald School of Tennis
2024 Autumn School Holiday Tennis Clinic
Kindergarten Kids to 17 Years



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Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe St, RED HILL

Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April
7.45am-1pm HALF DAY, or 8am-6pm FULL DAY

✓ 100% refund after Monday if not continuing

✓ FULL DAY, less than \$6.50hr 🤩! 👍💰

🎾 Full Stroke Development (1st timers/beginners will be serving over-arm by end of the clinic!)

🎾 Well trained, well credentialed coaching Team

🎾 Trophy Singles Tournament – Friday 🏆

🎾 Afternoon Doubles Training and Tournaments

🎾 McDonald's Lunch – Friday full day pupils

🎾 Great range of Lunchtime activities

🎾 Games, heaps of fun, Prizes galore!

Enrolment forms at WEBSITE- mcdonaldschooloftennis.com.au

Or

please phone professionally qualified level 2 tennis coach Matt McDonald, 0412565137

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

ACT EASTER HOLIDAY CRICKET CAMPS

CAMP 1:
APRIL 16-18

CAMP 2:
APRIL 22-24

What's included?

9:00am - 3:00pm
(Early drop off from 8:30am.
Pick up no later than 3:15pm)

Reid Oval (ACT)
(Parking available off
Elimatta or Euree St)

Junior (5-8yrs)
Youth (9-12yrs)
Senior (13-16+yrs)

- A structured & enjoyable program with a wide variety of cricket drills, activities and games
- Coaching that covers all aspects of the game incl. batting, pace & spin bowling, fielding, running between wickets, wicketkeeping, and more!
- A fun, team-based learning environment with players grouped by age & skill level
- Technical, tactical & game sense tuition
- Qualified & experienced coaches
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