From the Principal

Dear Families

We are certainly experiencing a Brisbane summer at the moment. By the time you read this newsletter our Christmas concert will have occurred.

On behalf of all staff I would like to again take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to each of you for your support throughout the year. It is vital that we work together to support your child.

It has been another busy year at Red Hill. Our Discipline audit was undertaken with students familiarising themselves with our 3 school rules. This was further supported through the introduction of 3 super heroes and a school song.

Teachers engaged strongly with the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English and Maths. This work was further enhanced through Great Results Guarantee funding. Data has been gathered on individual students in literacy and numeracy. Reading schemes have been purchased to support literacy for our students. Technology has been integrated into many classrooms to further enhance communication for all students.

The Australian Curriculum will be further embedded into planning next year. Throughout the pupil free days in January 2015, teachers will engage in further professional development in the focus area of writing, through the Four Blocks approach to literacy. Through departmental initiatives Red Hill will be part of a cluster with 5 other special schools sharing a Master Teacher in literacy and numeracy. One of our teachers, Rachel Dougherty has been successful in gaining this position. Master Teachers will be operating across State schools for the next 3 years.

Within the first month of school in 2015, we will host a parent evening where you will be able to meet staff and other families. We will also take this opportunity to explain to you our literacy plans and ways we can work together to support your child’s educational program.
It is sad that at this stage of the year we have farewell staff moving off to other positions. Clancy Cullen, our music therapist, is moving to Melbourne for 12 months with her family. Throughout 2015, Tara Shrestha will be our music therapist. Our Danish students Ninette and Anne will be returning home but happily 2 new students - Maria and Michelle - joined us this week and will be at Red Hill for semester one next year.

Libby Millard - currently teaching at Nursery Road Special School - has been transferred to Red Hill from next year and will teach in our middle school. Yolanda Fenton from Aspley Special School will be joining the senior school. Both teachers have visited our school on a number of occasions.

We have growth in our school next year. School aged students this year was 57. Next year we currently have 64 enrolments in the school. ECDP will no doubt continue to grow throughout next year as well. Negotiations have been occurring regarding need for additional class space. I will keep you informed of this.

On behalf of our school community I would like to thank our small P&C for the amazing activities they have supported for our students this year. A few examples of their support are listed below:

- Financial support to school camps, reducing costs to families
- Financial support to each student reducing costs for additional activities such as gym, horse riding, dance and transition to post school programs
- Support to graduating students - senior shirts and support of graduation luncheon
- Wine and cheese evenings
- End of year Spirit of Red Hill Award

The P&C also wishes to express its thanks to all families and friends that supported the recent Bounce-a-thon/Swing-a-thon. Approximately $6000.00 was raised - an enjoyable and successful event. It is great when our students can be engaged in activity that supports their school.

After such a busy year combined with the current heat waves students and staff are showing signs of tiredness. Everyone is ready for a well-earned break. Much excitement can also be heard as sounds of Christmas begin echoing from rooms.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your child refreshed and full of energy in the New Year. Term One resumes Tuesday January 27th 2015.

Have a happy, safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Pam
What a busy term we have had in the ECDP. All the students have been working hard within our theme of the beach. We have done art activities connected to the beach, what lives in the sea and what we do at the beach. The students have been able to practice skills learnt this year as well as develop new skills and ways of working. We have introduced new concepts within the theme and consolidated ones already worked on throughout the year. New language has been introduced through stories, songs and activities.

This is the time of the year when we all feel very proud of what our little ones have achieved. When we look back over the year it is clear how hard they have all worked and how much they have developed. This is largely due to the tremendous amount of hard work you wonderful parents put in at home and the support you give us at school. We would all like to extend our thanks to the parents of our students for all the fantastic work you are doing.

Many of our students will move on at the end of the year. We have all loved working with these students and will miss them. We wish them and their families well for their future schooling wherever that may be. We would love you to keep in touch and let us know how well your little ones are doing.

For those students who are returning we hope you have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you back next year.

**Teachers:** Caron and Jo

**Teacher Aides:** Shelley and Ellie

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**Junior 1**

Welcome to the end of term four. Junior One has had a very fun and busy time. To begin the term we read Edward the Emu. We recognised familiar Australian animals and were introduced to new ones. Next we read Possum Magic. We tasted some Australian food and Alicia’s pumpkin scones made in the slow cooker were a definite favourite, as well as the traditional favourite - the Anzac biscuit. The story book Somewhere in Australia helped us count many different Australian animals and explore different places. Near the end of the term we had another opportunity to bring in a favourite book from home to read with our friends.

It was the term for parties as we celebrated Indi, Alyssa, Julie, Kate and Fareed’s birthdays. Our trip to Sutton’s beach felt like a beach party as we walked along the esplanade and played in the playground by the water. The fish and chips and ice cream were also a pleasant treat.

We would like to say a big thank you to: Rosie and Kate for volunteering your time to swim with us. We are now swimming superstars thanks to you. Michelle, we have enjoyed you being our NCT teacher. Rachel, our reading has really improved with your support. Kym and Joan we like doing our jobs and saying hello to you, and getting stamps of course. Rebecca, Dave, Adam, Jason and Anne, your resources, organisation, fix its and tips are very helpful. Last but definitely not least, thank you to our wonderful Teacher Aides Alyssa, Alicia, Julie, Danya and Linda. Your hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed.

I am so very proud of the effort and progress from each and every student in Junior One. It has been a pleasure working with both students and parents to achieve great results.
We wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Have a safe and fun holiday.

Teacher: Jocelyn

Teacher Aides: Alyssa, Alicia, Julie, Danya & Linda

Junior 2

Can it really be true that we are here at the end of the year again?! The adage that time flies when you’re having fun rings true in Junior 2! Once again we have had another busy term, full of fun, learning and laughter. It has been wonderful to see the students back in good health and firing on all cylinders as the weather has warmed up. Although we are seeing some tired faces around the room, the students are still making us proud with their participation and progress in all areas of their learning. At the time of writing we are very busily preparing for our upcoming Christmas concert performance, which is shaping up to be an amazing extravaganza! As we dive headlong into the festive season, we have ensured that our classroom is full of Christmas cheer, with fairy lights, tinsel, carols and lots of dancing and laughter.

Whilst there is always much excitement as we head into the home stretch of the year, it is with sadness that we will be saying good bye to another wonderful Danish student very shortly. As you know, these beautiful people spend six months working intensively in our classrooms, and during that time they build wonderful relationships with staff and students alike. Ninette has been no exception to this, and it has been an absolute honour to have her working with us in Junior 2. Ninette has not backed away from any tasks, and has approached each day with enthusiasm and vigour. It has been wonderful to see her skills and confidence develop, and to witness the beautiful relationships she has built with each of the students. We will miss you Ninette!

It is also important that I take the time to give my sincere thanks and gratitude to the amazing group of Teacher Aides who have worked tirelessly this year to ensure that the very best outcomes for our students are achieved. In addition to ensuring that the most basic personal needs of each student are met, these wonderful people assist in leading many educational programs and activities. They’ve taken everything
in their stride, and always with smiles on their faces. So to Amelia, Christine, Chelsea, Ellie, Ketki and Caitlin, thank you so much for everything this year. I couldn’t have done it without you!

A very heartfelt thanks must also go to our non-contact and relief teachers (Anna, Michele, Stacy, Erica and Kerrie) who have assisted us so many times throughout the year; to our wonderful therapy team (Dave, Rebecca, Clancy, Alicia and Melissa) for their assistance with our physical, technology, communication and music programs; to Marilyn for her support with our literacy programs, and of course to our facilities and admin team (Pam, Ian, Jacinta, Liesl, Kym, Joan, Meryl, Adam, Jason, Prakesh and Fabio) for all of their help throughout the year.

Of course, the most important thanks must go to the students and their families. It has been a privilege to work with the beautiful kids of Junior 2, and I am grateful for the ongoing collaboration and support we’ve received from their families. It’s definitely been a great team!
The day out at Sutton’s Beach was a definite highlight for us. We all immensely enjoyed the fresh air, walks along the beach, playtime in the park and of course the delicious fish and chips and ice-cream. A huge thank you goes out to Townsend Buses for running this day and spoiling us. We all appreciated it so much, as the photos below demonstrate!

I would like to take this time to wish everybody a very safe and happy holiday season. I look forward seeing what 2015 will bring to us all!

Teacher: Kate
Teacher Aides: Christine, Amelia, Chelsea, Ellie, Ketki & Caitlin
Danish Student: Ninette

Junior 3

This term, Fred, Charlotte, George, Matthew and Minseo have continued to work hard towards achieving success in their individual goals. We have seen George “Move Mountains” in swimming where his confidence has increased dramatically and his willingness to participate has sky rocketed! Fred has been trying very hard to use his words and sounds to communicate to a range of people. Minseo has settled well into the class routine and has impressed us all with his talking. Matthew’s communication has improved immensely over the year, with him regularly communicating his desire to go to the sensory room and Charlotte has continued to impress us with her ability to use her PODD book to communicate.

Junior three students also enjoyed dressing up for Halloween. Our best dressed award went to Charlotte who came as a spider. Fred dressed up as a pirate and George as the devil!
It has been a wonderful year in Junior three, where it has been pleasing to see all of the students trying their hardest to achieve their goals. Without the support of our wonderful teacher aides, Belinda, Sam and Ketki, along with support from our physiotherapist, Dave, Occupational Therapist, Rebecca, and Speech Pathologists Melissa and Alesha, our students would not have been able to make the gains they have. So, thank you so much to you all for your support, patience, care and hard work this year, it has been invaluable! A special thank you also goes out to Ashley, Angelica and Kelsey for volunteering their time in our classroom. Finally also, it is with deep sadness that we farewell Clancy. We wish you were not leaving us Clancy, you have provided us all with much joy, laughter, learning and fun. We wish all the very best and selfishly hope to see you again back at Red Hill one day!

As the year comes to a close, I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your friends and family. May this season be filled with joy, laughter, good food, presents and precious times with your family and friends! See you in 2015.

Teacher: Amanda
Teacher Aides: Belinda, Sam & Ketki

Junior 4

We have had one of the busiest terms of the year with lots of classroom work, outings and I think it’s easy to say that the highlight for us all was camp. Although it feels like a lifetime ago now we all enjoyed our 2 nights and 3 day stay at Barney’s Place at Mermaid Waters on the Gold Coast. Barney’s Place was the perfect accommodation, so much so, we even had our own private canal with ducks! We had great weather for the trip and I have to mention both the students and the staff. The students were incredible the whole camp, considering for some this was the longest stay away from their homes and families. They all smiled and giggled their way through the days regardless of how busy we were or tired they got. As for the staff, without their support and energy the camp wouldn’t have been as successful as it was. Our days were jam packed with a theme park visit, going to a light and sensory experience, the beach and visiting local parks which were fully inclusive for students with
disabilities. The relationships that developed over camp were so gorgeous and lovely to see. The students are very aware and considerate of each other. Our camp DVD is almost on a constant loop during mealtimes. They just love sitting and watching the slideshow. A big thank-you also needs to go to the P&C for their generous donation towards our camp.

In other term news our unit has been ‘Toot for Transport’, a very popular theme indeed. This has included lots of learning about different modes of transport and how they move, where do we see them and what are the different parts. We were also lucky enough to visit the Train workshop museum in Ipswich as our culminating event. This was a wonderful day. There was so much to see and do.

Coming in a close second favourite to our camp adventures was our whole school outing to Suttons Beach. This event was such a great day in which the students got to play and explore the beautiful boardwalk along the beach and enjoy fish and chips and ice cream thanks to Townsend Buses.

It is hard to think another school year has passed us by but I have so many fond memories of the year that was. The students have shown so much more confidence and maturity with many of their goals and learning tasks throughout the year. They all have worked hard on their individual goals and always work well as a team. A big thank-you again to the Junior 4 staff Megan, Aimee, Nat and Michelle! Your support and hard work each day is wonderful.

I wish each family a brilliant Christmas and fun (yet cool) summer break! Have a safe and happy holiday.

Teacher: Casey
Teacher Aides: Megan, Aimee, Nat & Michelle
Junior 5

Junior 5 has had such a great time this term and has enjoyed learning new concepts through play. Our theme this term has been Pirates and what fun everyone has had, especially with Captain Cathy and Captain Erica who ‘manned the ship’ for the duration of my absence; a big thank you to them both. We have incorporated addition and subtraction activities whilst walking the plank and navigated obstacle courses as we travelled through rough seas, rocky paths and shark infested waters to retrieve the treasure. We learnt sea shanty songs and movements, made hats and hooks and became ‘Wanted Pirates’ at school with a bounty on our heads. This involved counting and money exchanges. With the help of a programmable toy we also learnt how to navigate across a map, reading grid coordinates in search of the hidden treasure. We even transferred this skill by using carpet squares as a floor grid and we physically directed each other to reach the chocolate coins - a great incentive to get this right! We are still not sure which is ‘left’ and ‘right’ but we are working on this!

Our Camp trip to Mermaid Waters was a great experience for us all, despite the sickness that cut short our last day. We all managed to embrace the wonderful accommodation and location of Barney’s Place and enjoyed using the spa and swimming pool along with fishing in the nearby waters and playing on the sandy beach at the back of the house. Our trip to Infinity was a new and challenging experience for us all as we travelled through dark spaces and mirrored walls and floors. We were very brave as we looked down at our feet as if we were walking on glass and could see images of ourselves disappearing into the ground below. The day at Dream World was great fun too. We arrived at 10.00am and left at 5.00pm and managed to experience most of the rides, from twirling through the air on chain swings and flying dragons, to log flumes and bumper boats. Thanks to Aimee, Keanu was able to experience the huge Claw swing, which they both thought was fantastic, whilst the rest of the staff could only stand and watch. It was not for the feint hearted! A big thank you to Aimee, Mary, Ellie, Anne and Red Hill P&C (and Meryl) who helped to make our camp trip possible.

Horse Riding at the McIntyre Centre.

We have also enjoyed our horse riding trips on a Monday to the McIntyre Centre and have learnt so much about posture, controlling a horse, giving commands and above all riding outside in the fields and woods. Our Friday morning session has...
been working with Bridgette from Bust a Move, who has been teaching us some Hip Hop moves as we sing along to some of our favourite songs. We look forward to presenting some of our routines in the end of school concert.

A big congratulations to all the students in Junior 5 who have worked so well and achieved success in so many areas of the curriculum this Semester, you have all tried your best and these successes are reflected in the reports. Here are some of the highlights...Maddy and Amaya achieved high scores in both their reading goals and can recognise 60% of the 100 Magic Words we have been learning. Zach now initiates and informs others of his thoughts and intentions when using Proloquo2go on his iPad to communicate and interact with his peers in school. Harry entered the swimming pool and took both feet off the pool floor and kicked his legs independently. Marie-Louise would be the first student in the group to give examples of words beginning with different initial letters, showing a great understanding of letter knowledge. Keanu can now use Clicker 6 to support him when writing his own sentences on the computer. Well done to all of you!

We have been on many Community trips this term and have used both bus and train to visit the library, Woolcock Park, both Botanical and Roma Parks and recently a visit to the Myer Centre to look at the Christmas windows and to visit Santa. We had so much fun riding on the Santa Express.

We are all looking forward to the holidays and are enjoying making festive gifts and cards to bring home for Christmas during the last week at school. We all hope you have a wonderful Christmas and you have a well-deserved rest over the holiday break we look forward to seeing you all back again in the New Year.

Teacher: Hilary
Teacher Aides: Mary, Aimee, Ketki & Megan

Junior 6

This term Junior Six has been continuing our theme of Celebrations. We spent the first half of the term learning about Halloween. We loved this scary theme, particularly our haunted house experience in the sensory room. We planned a Halloween party for Friday the 31st and wrote and typed invitations to our friends in Middle One. We prepared a scary menu and made some of the foods for the party. We spent Halloween trick or treating around the school with our handmade jack o lantern treat baskets. We have also been writing our own informative texts about celebrations of our own choice on the computer using the writing program called Clicker. It is nearly Christmas time again and we have just started our Christmas work. We will also be planning and hosting a Christmas party before the end of the year.

In mathematics this term we have continued practising our addition, subtraction and fractions. We have also been doing some work on telling the time, and are getting very good at reading o’clock time on both a digital and analogue clock. Some of us are also able to tell time using half past, quarter past and quarter to.

There have been a couple of fun outings this term. We went into the city to receive some free sunglasses as part of an eye safety awareness program from the Eye Institute. They sent us a DVD about Socket the rocket who needs to protect his eyes from the sun. We enjoyed watching this and were all well behaved on the
outing. We also attended Suttons beach and enjoyed our play in the park and our free fish and chips and ice cream thanks to Townsend Buses.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye, ready to start a new year, but we will be saying a special goodbye to our Danish student helper, Anne, who is going back to Denmark. It has been wonderful having her in our class and we will be sad to see her go.

We have started practising our Christmas concert and look forward to presenting it at the very end of the year. Have a safe and happy holiday.

**Teacher:** Nicole  
**Teacher Aides:** Alyssa, James & Sam  
**Danish Student:** Anne

**Middle 1**

Middle 1 has again been busy partying this term as we have continued to learn about celebrations in our unit work. We enjoyed joining with junior 6 to learn all about Halloween. We had a great time participating in a sensory haunted house, dressing up and trick or treating around the school. These experiences provided us with many exciting opportunities to focus on our literacy, communication and mathematic skills. We created invitations for our Halloween party, used our switches and signing to ask for treats and counted all our goodies! We are now enjoying learning all about Christmas and have been busy practising for the Christmas concert. The students have also been working hard to achieve their individual learning goals and we have been enjoying participating in our community based learning.
This term we have participated in some exciting events including Suttons Beach. The sun was shining and the weather was perfect for our trip to the beach. The students enjoyed playing at the park, walking along the beach and of course eating fish and chips! We all had a fantastic day out. Clay had a blast chasing the seagulls, Gus liked taking in the ocean views, Leah loved playing at the playground, Lyam and Jazper enjoyed walking on the beach and Madi couldn’t resist all of the yummy food. Each student had a smile from ear to ear.

This term we have continued to organise and run the school sausage sizzle. Students have gained many skills from participating in this type of hands on learning. Each week we would catch the council bus to the shops, follow our shopping list, pay for our items and then collect, cook and deliver the sausage sizzle orders. It has been fantastic to watch the students’ skills develop each week and we would like to thank all of our hungry customers. We hope you enjoyed the fruits of our labour. We are celebrating a successful semester and our entrepreneurialism by heading to South Bank for a fun filled day of eating, lounging and swimming. I think we deserved it!

I would like to thank all of the wonderful staff who have worked so hard to ensure the best learning outcomes for our students. Special acknowledgement must go to Dave our physiotherapist and Rebecca our occupational therapist. Dave can often be found lying on the classroom floor, toolkit in hand adjusting, modifying and perfecting chairs and equipment. Rebecca also known as ‘the switch lady’ ensures students have the right adaptive technologies to access the curriculum and works tirelessly to teach the skills required to use these technologies. I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful, patient and hardworking teacher aides Jenni, Holly, Sam,
Alyssa and Chelsea. You are amazing!

I can’t believe it is already the end of the school year. Where has the time gone? As the year draws to a close it is important to reflect and celebrate the achievements and progress that each student has made. It has been a privilege to teach such an amazing group of young people and I thank their families for your ongoing support. Wishing you all a safe and Happy Christmas.

**Teacher:** Jess  
**Teacher Aides:** Jenni, Holly, Sam, Alyssa & Chelsea

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**Middle 2**

It’s the end of another year. All my little charges have had a healthy year and been engaged in a number of interesting activities. This term we went on the Suttons Beach trip put on by Townsends bus company. We had fun dressing up for Halloween. We went riding, swimming and learned about the similarities and differences between plants and animals. We’ve grown cherry tomatoes and mint, made soup and smoothies, been arty and crafty, learned some personal skills like using a fork and spoon, and generally been learners of life.

Will enjoying fish and chips at Suttons Beach.  
Lily doing lots of great cycling in the pool.  
Darah enjoys a dance in the morning.  
William is engrossed in the iPad.
We dressed up as witches and scary things for some Halloween fun.

Seth learned to walk by himself in the pool this year.

Seth doing painting on his own.

I would like to thank the admin’ team for their support, the wonderful parents of my class who have been always willing to listen and comment, and my team of teacher aides, Stephanie, Bec, Deb, Elllie, and recently Julie. Thank you all and here’s to a relaxing holiday break.

Teacher: Nicki
Teacher Aides: Stephanie, Bec, Deb, Elllie & Julie

Senior 1

Term 4 and therefore 2014 is almost at a close, as we prepare for Christmas and the end of another school year. It has been a fulfilling term with so many goals met and challenges faced and achieved.

This term we have focused on developing relationships and friendships, learning about ourselves and others. There has been a lot of conversational skills developed, both one to one and during whole group discussions.

We have had many exciting things happen during this term. One highlight was our Flipside Circus performance, where parents and other VIPs attended and were very impressed with the show. Not to mention, the students who gained so much from performing in front of a live audience and showcasing their skills as a circus performer. We really did ‘defy gravity’!

We have been engaged in our regular routines of swimming, music therapy, movement programs, literacy and numeracy programs and community access visits. This term we have all been to Mt Coot-tha Botanical gardens, Roma St Parklands, Sutton’s beach, and Woolcock Park. We have also caught the train – a favourite mode of transport. These outings allow us the opportunity to gain skills in independence, socialisation, communication and to gain experience of all that our local community can offer.

Ashgrove RSL had a “Remembrance Day essay” competition in which Jack and Braedy won a prize of $150 each for their entries, and $300 for the school. This was a truly collaborative effort where the boys brainstormed their ideas, researched, asked questions and recorded their ideas. Well done Jack and Braedy...don’t spend all your money at once!

This is Jack’s final year of school and he has been visiting the Endeavour program “Learning and
Lifestyle” weekly during the term in preparation. Jack will be accessing this program and another Endeavour program “Latch On” next year. He enjoys both the programs and we wish him all the very best in his future. We will miss his wonderful presence, his great conversations and of course, his daily weather report. We know he will continue with all that he has achieved during his schooling and his learning will continue to grow and we will keep in touch. The Graduation ceremony was on 29th November, and is always a very special day to celebrate the young adults that are heading out into their post school life.

A big thank you to our wonderful teacher aides, Jenne, Julie, Ketki, Sonya, Tim. You make a huge difference to the programs and learning that happens. You all bring such enthusiasm, knowledge and skills, we thank you. We are also very lucky to have 3 wonderful volunteers work with us each week. Faye on a Monday, and Linda and Jane on a Tuesday. They make a big difference and we really appreciate their care, kindness and time they freely give. To our Admin team we say a big thank you too. Your guidance, kindness and support mean a lot to us. Jason and Adam are always there to support us also and we want to thank them for everything they do. Last but not least, we want to say a big thank you to our therapists, Dave, Rebecca and Melissa and Alicia. Your guidance, knowledge and support add significant value to each student’s program.

We also would like to thank our wonderful parents of our students. We have loved working collaboratively with you and thank you for your continued support. We wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and safe holidays.

Teachers: Thérèse & Rachel
Teacher Aides: Jenne, Julie, Ketki, Sonya & Tim

Noah on BCC bus
Jordan
Kodey
Braedy
Jack in his senior shirt
Senior 2

As 2014 draws to a close it’s time to remember what a busy time we’ve had here in Senior 2. This term we continued our unit of work “My Place in a Living, Growing, Changing World”. We investigated natural and man-made objects, tended to our flower garden, trimmed and watered our hairy-head seed people and listened to nature-themed classical music such as Vivaldi’s Four Seasons.

This term we also performed with our friends from Senior 2 in another performance of Defy Gravity at Flipside Circus, Alderley. This time our audience included Queensland state government Minister Tracy Davies and other distinguished guests as well as our families and friends. Despite our impressive audience, we weren’t nervous and just did our best on the day. The show went really well and everyone, including Minister Davies, said how much they enjoyed our performance.

This term we’ve also continued our usual class programs including swimming, multi-sensory room experience and music therapy. Sadly our very special and very talented music therapist Clancy Cullen is leaving at the end of the term and we will all miss her and her noisy, busy sessions very much. We’ve also mixed ingredients in cooking programs, read stories from the library, played games on the iPad and had lots and lots and lots of chats with each other about all sorts of things.

Two of our classmates, Rachael Bambling and Sinead Pean, graduate from Red Hill this year. A graduation ceremony for Sinead and Rachael, plus Senior 1 student Jack Bindley, was held at the Broncos Club in late November and all three students had a wonderful time celebrating this special occasion with family, friends and Red Hill staff. Whilst it will be sad to see Rachael and Sinead leave Red Hill, we know that both young ladies are ready for their next big adventure. Rachael and Sinead will be attending Qualtime at Taigum in 2015, and we all wish them and their families every happiness in the future.

Finally, it’s time to say a heartfelt thankyou to the many wonderful staff who have helped in Senior 2 this year. Lots of people including teacher aides, non-contact teachers, relief teachers, therapists, nurses and volunteers have worked hard to help every student achieve his or her potential while experiencing the wonderful world around them. I hope that each of these staff realize how valued they are, and what an important role they play in our classroom.

So that’s all for now except to say happy Christmas and best wishes for 2015 to everyone in the Red Hill community from all of us here in Senior 2. Enjoy the holidays!

Teachers: Tracy and Kerrie
Teacher Aides: Glenis, Lisa, Julie & Sonya