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Education

22nd February 2016

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

9:10am Whole School Assembly in the Quadrangle
2:30pm to 3:00pm Second Hand Uniform Stall

THURSDAY

1:10pm Stage 3 Assembly
2:10pm Drumming with Col Hatchman - Subject to numbers

WEDNESDAY

8:30am School Band students to meet at the Computer Room each week
1:10pm Stage 2 Assembly

FRIDAY

9:15am Kindergarten Assembly
10:45am Stage 1 Assembly

Core Values - To Create an Environment which Nurtures and Values Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best

Term 1, 2016

Week 5	Tue	23/02/2016	Zone Swimming Carnival Hunter PSSA Cricket Trials 3:15pm Stage 1 Parent Information Sessions in Classrooms
	Wed	24/02/2016	2:10pm RTHS Visit to speak to Year 5 & Year 6 students and their parents in our school Hall
	Thu	25/02/2016	NRL Blitz Visit
	Fri	26/02/2016	Last day of Kindergarten finishing at 2:40pm Hunter PSSA Tennis Trials at District Park 10:00am PSSA Cricket vs Branxton Public School at McKeachies Run Sports Field
Week 6	Mon	29/02/2016	Kindergarten now finish at 3:10pm Hunter PSSA Girls Cricket Trials at Rutherford
	Tue	1/03/2016	3:20pm to 4:20pm AFL After School Auskick Program - Notes sent home with today's newsletter K to 6
	Thu	3/03/2016	Hunter PSSA Swimming at Maitland 4:00pm to 6:00pm Parent Teacher Meet and Greet in the Library for Kindergarten and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
	Fri	4/03/2016	School Cross Country Carnival Hunter PSSA Basketball Trials 2:20pm WHS Drill - Lockdown – If you are in the school at this time you are required to participate
Week 7	Tue	8/03/2016	Hunter PSSA AFL Trials at Maitland 3:20pm to 4:20pm AFL After School Auskick Program 4:00pm Maitland AECG Meeting - Woodberry Learning Centre
	Wed	9/03/2016	6:00pm Regional GATS Parent Information Night
	Thu	10/03/2016	Selective High School Placement Test
Week 8	Tue	15/03/2016	3:20pm to 4:20pm AFL After School Auskick Program 3:30pm Multicultural Committee Meeting in Library
	Thu	17/03/2016	2:15pm Ready for Rutherford P-K Information Session for Parents in the hall
	Fri	18/03/2016	School Athletics Carnival at Max McMahon Oval Zone Netball Trials Hunter Rugby League Trials at Raymond Terrace
Week 9	Tue	22/03/2016	Easter Scripture Assembly 3:20pm to 4:20pm AFL After School Auskick Program
	Thu	24/03/2016	9:30am Kindergarten Easter Assembly in the Hall Zone Winter Trials - Hockey and Soccer
	Fri	25/03/2016	Good Friday - Public Holiday
Week 10	Mon	28/03/2016	Easter Monday - Public Holiday
	Tue	29/03/2016	3:20pm to 4:20pm AFL After School Auskick Program
	Fri	1/04/2016	Harmony Day Morning Assembly Hunter PSSA Netball Trials
Week 11	Wed	6/04/2016	NSW PSSA Diving NSW PSSA Swimming - Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April
	Fri	8/04/2016	Hunter Trials - Hockey and Soccer Last day of Term 1

Road Safety & Disabled Car Park

Thank you to our parents and carers who are being road-safe around our school. Can you please ensure that when you are entering or exiting our school that you refrain from using the teacher's car park.

Additionally, the disabled car park bays inside school grounds are for families with disabled students or parents. We have limited disabled parking in the school, and again remind the parents of Rutherford Public School to respect school processes regarding accessing this valuable resource. If you have any concerns regarding the disabled car spaces please contact me.

As there are many families that need to have access to these bays, there is a strict 5 minutes permitted for pick up and drop off.

Thank you for your continued cooperation

Tim Beaven, Relieving Principal

Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Parent Information Sessions

The Parent Information Sessions for 1H, 1B, 1R, 1G, 1V, 2K, 2W, 2B, 2D and 2F will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 23rd February 2016 from 3:15pm to 4:00pm in classrooms.

Stage 1 children will be supervised in the library by Mr Gillard and can be picked up after the information session.

This will be an opportunity for parents to learn about class procedures for this year, and to make any general enquiries.

If you are unable to attend the information session, a handout will be available for you to collect from the class teachers.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Parent Information Session.

***Thank you, Stage 1 Teachers &
Mr Gillard, Stage 1 Assistant Principal***

RTHS Year 5 and Year 6 Information Meeting

You are invited to a brief information meeting to discuss the variety of experiences Rutherford Technology High offers to our Year 7 students.

It is an opportunity to ask the Principal and Deputy Principal any questions you have in relation to Rutherford Technology High School, the curriculum and well-being structures we have in place.

We will present information on the excellent facilities at the school following our \$20 million upgrade, and outline the exciting programs we are offering Year 7 including:

- The Year 7 GATS class and the Stage 4, 5 and 6 GATS program
- The targeted CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) program

- The targeted Rugby League program
- The targeted Football (soccer) program
- Our Agriculture program
- Our Aboriginal cultural programs
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)

These exciting opportunities are unique in many ways to Rutherford Technology High.

The meeting will take place at Rutherford Public School this Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 2:10pm.

We look forward to meeting you.

Michael Whiting, Principal RTHS

Homework Centre - Term 1

Homework Centre will run from 3:10pm to 4:30pm every Wednesday afternoon, starting this week, Wednesday 24th February 2016.

If Homework Centre is cancelled for any reason, a message will be posted on our school Facebook page by Tuesday afternoon at the latest.

Expectations of Homework Centre

- Children must bring homework. A homework register will be taken each week. If a child does not bring homework for two weeks in a row, a warning will be given. If the child does not bring homework for a further two weeks, they will not be able to attend Homework Centre.
- Due to supervision and safety requirements, numbers will be capped at 30. Family groups will get a preference for a position. First in best dressed.
- PBL Behaviour is expected at Homework Centre, as it is a school activity. If a child displays behaviours that do not reflect Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best, a phone call will be made and you will be asked to collect your child.
- Pick up will be in the quad at 4:30pm. Parents/Carers will be required to sign children out of Homework Centre.
- For safety reasons, we require current contact details and medical information for students. Once your child has been accepted medical notes will be given and must be returned first week of Homework Centre.

The Homework Centre Team

Meet & Greet - Kindergarten & Years 3 to 6

Parent Teacher Information Sessions will run with a new format this year.

Parents of Kindergarten, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students are invited to attend a Meet & Greet session at Rutherford Public

School on Thursday 3rd March 2016 (Week 6), from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

This year Early Stage One (Kindergarten, Stage 2 and Stage 3 are running our Meet & Greet sessions together in the Library.

This is a great time to meet your child's teacher, meet other families and visit Stage Stalls to understand and discuss the learning that your child will be doing this year.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Canteen Competition

The P&C and the school classrooms will be teaming up in 2016 with classes taking turns "Class Hosting" for canteen.

Starting on Monday 22nd February 2016 (Week 5), each class will be allocated one week throughout the year, with all dates provided in advance.

Each term, the classes rostered for that term will receive a roster. This term, classes 6G, 6C, 5/6T, 5/6L, 5/6J, S1 and 5S are on the roster. When you receive your roster, this is what we would like you to do:

- Step 1 Parents – find your child's class on the Term 1 Roster attached to this letter, and make a note of this in your diary.
- Step 2 Choose a day or two that you are available to help in the canteen during that week. For each day you volunteer, you will be placed in a prize draw, to be drawn at the end of each term.
- Step 3 Find a friend to work with you
- Step 4 Complete the form and return it to the canteen as soon as possible

We hope to have lots of participation from our classes and their families.

To encourage a little friendly competition, the class that has the most volunteers at the end of each term, will receive a special treat.

Our whole school hopes to benefit from this new class hosting system, with parents given another opportunity to get to know one another, help their school, encourage class

teamwork that will bring home and school together, and to give families a better understanding of our canteen and what it has to offer.

The canteen is open from 8:45am to 2:10pm, 5 days per week. Serving time for lunch is 11:20am to 12:00pm and afternoon tea is 1:40pm to 2:00pm. Any time you can offer is very much appreciated.

**Thank you, P&C Canteen Committee
& Tim Beaven, Relieving Principal**

School Band

Miss Ward is delighted the school band is progressing well into 2016, and we are now looking for more players! Mrs Bowman, the band teacher, has indicated that the band is looking forward to a school and parent concert in Term 2.

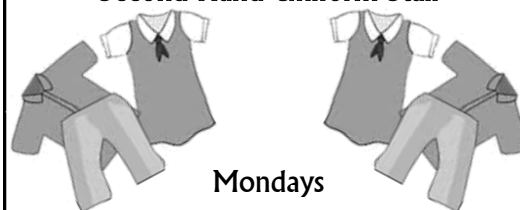
There are still vacancies in the band for Trumpet, Clarinet, Drums and Flute.

For all musical instrument rental information, please call Allan Ward Music on 4023 7674 and discuss the try before you buy system.

P&C Annual General Meeting

P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 8th March 2016. All positions will be up for grabs. All welcome 6:30pm in the staff room.

Second Hand Uniform Stall



Mondays

2:30pm to 3:00pm

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Kindergarten Enrolments 2017

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2017. We have begun the process this year to ensure parents receive all of the necessary information before our Preschool to Kindergarten program begins in Term 2, 2016 for children beginning school in 2017.

Please come to the office to register your child's details with the school at your earliest convenience. You will be given an enrolment form to complete. This must be returned to the school *with* your child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate (or blue book), and proof of address.

Enrolment forms will only be accepted at the office when accompanied by your child's birth certificate, immunisation record and proof of address.

Payments to the School Office

As you can imagine, receipting money for a school of 803 children is a massive job. We would like to ask parents to please be aware of the following when sending money to school.



- **Please use a separate envelope for each child**
- **Clip lock bags make an excellent, reusable envelope**
- Payments to P&C must be separate from payments to school
- Money (notes ie \$5, \$10, \$20 etc) should be placed flat in the envelope/clip lock bag, not folded
- Our EFTPOS machine and/or accounting software is sometimes unavailable. We apologise for this inconvenience, and hope you understand it is beyond our control.
- Correct money should be placed in the envelopes

School Guidelines and Policy:

- **EFTPOS operational times are 8:00am until 12:00pm**
- No over the phone, fax or email transactions will be accepted
- No P&C transactions (hats, skorts, socks, stockings, fete, etc)
- No cash refunds or withdrawals
- Minimum transaction amount of \$10.00
- Card must be presented with signature verification



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Contributions & Levies

Payments accepted as of Week 5

Voluntary Contribution

\$25 per student or \$50 per family (all students)

Equipment Levy

\$7.50 per child per term or \$30 per child per year

(for Year 1 to Year 6 children)

Kindergarten students are not required to pay the Equipment Levy as they purchase a Kindergarten Pack.



The Mutual Student Banking at School

The Mutual visits our school each Thursday and collects the passbooks from the locked deposit box located in the school office. Passbooks are taken to the nearest Mutual branch, updated and returned to the school office the same day.

Students are invited to open a Mighty Mutual account and receive their own passbook to help keep track of their savings. To kick start your child's savings journey, \$10 will be deposited into your child's account (maximum of \$10). The address to open an account online is:

www.themutual.com.au/rps

Canteen Roster - 2016

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Term 1, Week 5</u>
Monday	22/2	J Lintott, D Jones
Tuesday	23/2	D Forth, K McDonald
Wednesday	24/2	S Cochrane
Thursday	25/2	S Cochrane, S Whitbread
Friday	26/2	M Taylor, S Whitbread
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Term 1, Week 6</u>
Monday	29/2	J Lintott
Tuesday	1/3	D Forth, S Cochrane
Wednesday	2/3	S Cochrane
Thursday	3/3	S Cochrane, S Whitbread
Friday	4/3	M Taylor, L McGill, S Whitbread



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