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Education

7th March 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

WEDNESDAY

8:30am School Band students to meet at the Computer Room each week
1:10pm Stage 2 Assembly
3:15pm to 4:30pm Homework Centre - KA Classroom

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 7	Mon	7/03/2016	This week the Canteen will be Hosted by Class 5/6T
	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	Kindergarten to Year 2 Green Day Lunch - Canteen 6:00pm Regional GATS Parent Information Night
	Thu	10/03/2016	Year 3 to Year 6 Green Day Lunch - Canteen Selective High School Placement Test
	Fri	11/03/2016	Cake Day - KD, KS, 4B, 1H, 5/6T, 2B, 3E and 5/6J to supply cakes etc. Not nuts or nut products please
Week 8	Mon	14/03/2016	This week the Canteen will be Hosted by Class 5/6L
	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 High School Expression of Interest forms to be returned by today 9:45am to 11:00am Kindergarten and S1 Athletics Fun Morning Zone Netball Trials Hunter Rugby League Trials at Raymond Terrace P&C Easter Raffle tickets, money and donated Easter eggs must be received at school by today P&C Disco
Week 9	Mon	21/03/2016	P&C Easter Raffle Drawn at Morning Assembly today
	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	Tue	5/04/2016	3:20pm to 4:20pm AFL After School Auskick Program
	Wed	6/04/2016	NSW PSSA Diving NSW PSSA Swimming - Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April 9:30am to 2:30pm Aerobics Training Day at Telarah Bowling Club - Rockettes and Pink Jets
	Thu	7/04/2016	NSW PSSA Swimming
	Fri	8/04/2016	Hunter Trials - Hockey and Soccer Last day of Term 1

Book Club order forms and payment must be received at the office by Monday 14th March. Please ensure you write your child's name and class on each order form.



Term 2, 2016

Week 1	Mon	25/04/2016	Public Holiday - Anzac Day
	Tue	26/04/2016	Staff Development Day
	Wed	27/04/2016	Students Return to School

P&C Annual General Meeting

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

Cake Day

This Friday 11th March is our Term 1 Cake Day. Students will come to the cake stall in class groups. Cakes cost 50c each.

Each term, selected classes are asked to donate cakes. This term, classes asked to provide cakes are KD, KS, 4B, 1H, 5/6T, 2B, 3E and 5/6J.

Students can buy one cake with their class group. All remaining cakes are sold to students at lunch time.

Please keep in mind that we have a number of children enrolled at our school who have life-threatening allergies to many different types of nuts, in particular but not limited to, peanuts. Please be very aware of the ingredients in any cakes or slices you send to school. Most packaged products will have a basic disclaimer of 'May contain traces of nuts'. We simply ask you do not add nuts and avoid using products that state 'Contains Nuts'.

Due to time constraints, we ask that all cakes or slices be cut into serving-sized pieces, ready to be sold to children. If you send cakes or slices to school in a container you would like returned, please ensure your child's name and class are written clearly on the container AND lid. Containers will be distributed to children in their classrooms after the event. Leftover containers are kept in the front office.

Please send the correct change with your child as there is limited change available for P&C fundraisers.

Rachael Henderson, P&C President

School Athletics Carnival at Max McMahon Oval

Friday 18 March 2016

The Canteen will be open as usual for Infants lunches and afternoon tea.

Col Hatchman Drumming has been cancelled

Unfortunately, due to required numbers not being met, the Col Hatchman drumming at Rutherford Public School has been cancelled.

Thank you for your interest in this program.

Tracy Morison, Organising Teacher

Drop & Go

As we have reached the halfway point of the term, I would like to thank all parents that assist us to establish morning play times as a drop and go time.

During this time children are encouraged to place all bags outside the room before saying goodbye to their parents and beginning to play.

The teacher on duty is present if there are any problems, but a quick goodbye makes for a smoother transition into the classroom once the bell goes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sick Children

We would like to ask parents to please keep children home if they are sick. This term we have had a high volume of children presenting at the office complaining of feeling sick.

In order to prevent these illnesses continuing to spread, we would like to ask parents to keep their children at home if they present signs of being unwell before school.

We also ask that you keep your child at home for at least 24 hours AFTER the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea

We do not have the facilities to care for sick children at school, and parents will be contacted to collect children should they present at the office feeling unwell.

If children present at the office unwell, it is a requirement of the school that parents or their nominee collect their child if they are requested to do so.

Staff Carpark

We would like to remind all parents that the Staff Carpark is for staff parking ONLY. Please do not use the driveway or the carpark to drop children off or pick them up, as this area becomes quite congested during the morning and afternoon when there is a large movement of people and vehicles.

★ Parents are also reminded to use the pedestrian paths to enter and exit the school grounds. It is unsafe to walk children down the driveway and through the carpark. Please set a good example for your children and help us keep them safe at school.

Gate Entry Throughout the School Day

We would like to remind parents that only one school entry and exit gate will be unlocked between the hours of 9:30am and 2:30pm. The gate at the top of the main pathway leading to the glass entry doors near the Computer Room are the designated entry point to the school during the day. Parents should slide the bolt open to gain access, and slide it shut to latch the gate.

Your assistance is appreciated in ensuring the success of this safety precaution.

Late Arrival / Early Leavers

If your child arrives late or will be leaving early, a parent or responsible adult must first come to the office and complete a blue slip, which must be marked by the office staff and then presented to the teacher on arrival at the classroom.

School Website

Each week, our school website is updated with the weekly newsletter, permission notes and information notes, and class arrangement notices. Most notes will be available to download in PDF format from the Permission and Information Note section of our website, under the "Our School" tab.

There is a link to our newsletter on the front page of the website.

The website address is **www.rutherford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au**

Kindergarten

Athletic Hour!

Dear parents/caregivers,

This year Kindergarten and S1 will be holding an Athletics Fun Morning to enable our students to participate in gross motor activities. This day has been designed to promote physical activity, friendship, fun and sportsmanship.



When: Friday 18th March (Week 8).

Time: Starting at approximately 9:45am (after our weekly Kindergarten assembly) and running for approximately one hour. After this session, students will return to their normal school routine.

Where: Rutherford Public School oval.

Organisation: Students will need to wear their full sports uniform, including comfortable shoes. Please ensure your child has a water bottle, school hat and has applied sunscreen on the day.

In the lead up to the day, students will be learning some of the necessary skills in their Physical Education and Sport lessons. This will assist them in acquiring the skills necessary to participate in all events.

Parents are welcome to attend. We ask that parents in attendance assist the classroom teachers by encouraging their child to participate in all activities and to be an active member of the class. We may also require parents to assist the class teacher on the day and will ask if help is needed. Parents will stay with their child's class and rotate with the class, as they move to each new activity.

The running race will be the **only** event in which place awards will be given, as the aim of the day is to encourage sportsmanship and participation. All students will receive a participation award and house points will be given by the teachers on the day.

Students will participate in the following events:

- Running Races
- Shot Put (with bean bags)
- Parachute games
- Hoola hoops
- Fruit Salad
- Rob the Nest

You are invited!

Kindergarten Easter Assembly 2016

Date: Thursday 24th March

Time: 9:30am

Venue: Rutherford Public School Hall

Come along and join in the fun of Easter. Kindergarten students will be presenting songs, poems and dances for your entertainment.

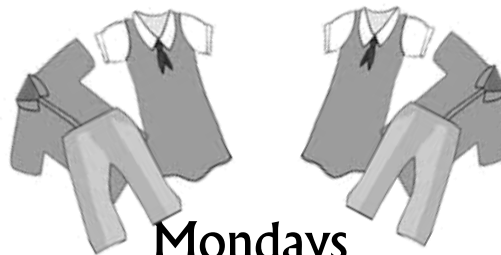
After the assembly, we invite you to join us in our classrooms to participate in an Easter craft activity.

Hope to see you there!

Kindergarten Teachers



Rutherford Public School Second Hand Uniform Stall



Mondays

2:30pm to 3:00pm

**P&C Shed behind the hall
Volunteers always welcome**

Parent Information Session

Gifted and Talented Students (GATS)

The Hunter Primary GATS Committee will be holding 2 Parent Information Sessions to accommodate the Newcastle and Maitland regions.

Maitland session

When: Wednesday 9th March at 6pm
Where: School library
Rutherford Public School
Weblands Street, Rutherford
NSW 2320

Newcastle session

When: Wednesday 16th March at 6pm
Where: School hall
The Junction Public School
Union Street, Merewether
NSW 2291

Guest Speakers:

Mrs Christine Rippon
Principal of
Merewether High School

Mrs Lee Saurins
Principal of
Wiripang Public School

Agenda

- What is a Gifted and Talented Student?
- Myths around 'Gifted Students'
- Respect, Rights and Responsibilities
- Geniuses in the Making

Tea, coffee and light supper will be provided from 5:30pm.



**Hunter Primary GATS
Committee**



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.



Rutherford Public School Ready for Rutherford

INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday 17th March at 2:15 in the school hall

A transition /orientation program supporting children before they start school



Must be eligible to enrol to participate

<p>Activities Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School readiness • Literacy and Numeracy activities • Gross/fine motor skills • Social/emotional development • Craft • Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) 	<p>WHEN Commencing 28th April, 2016</p> <p>WHERE P-K room, Rutherford Public School</p> <p>TIME Session 1: 9AM-11AM Session 2: 12:45PM-2:45PM</p>
<p>Enquiries/ Registration</p> <p>☎ 49325900</p> <p>✉ rutherford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</p>	
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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 7</u>
Monday	7/3	J Lintott, D Jones, C Brown, M Zwirk
Tuesday	8/3	D Forth
Wednesday	9/3	H Barrett, S Cochrane, N Vassallo, H Galvin
Thursday	10/3	S Cochrane, S Whitbread
Friday	11/3	M Taylor, B Moy, S Whitbread
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Term 1, Week 8</u>
Monday	14/3	J Lintott, D Jones, L Bartlett
Tuesday	15/3	D Forth, S Cochrane, J Caddy
Wednesday	16/3	H Barrett, S Cochrane, S Whitbread, C Wells
Thursday	17/3	L Mortimer, S Cochrane, S Whitbread, C Wells
Friday	18/3	



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