

# Rutherford Public School

TERM 2  
WEEK 1  
2016

## Weekly Newsletter



### Respect

At Rutherford Public School we:

- ✓ follow instructions
- ✓ have good manners
- ✓ encourage others



### Responsibility

At Rutherford Public School we:

- ✓ are organised
- ✓ are always safe
- ✓ own our choices
- ✓ allow others to learn and play



### Personal Best

At Rutherford Public School we:

- ✓ always strive to do quality work
- ✓ are learners
- ✓ always strive to do our best



## School Calendar:

Week	Day	Events:
Week 1	Mon 26/4	• ANZAC Day - School closed
	Tue 27/4	• Staff Development Day • Opportunity Class Applications open: Year 5 2017 - <a href="#">Click here for information</a>
	Wed 28/4	• All students K-6 return for Term 2 • ANZAC Day Ceremony
	Thu 29/4	•
	Fri 30/4	•
Week	Day	Events:
Week 2	Mon 2/5	• Hunter Sports High School applications close - <a href="#">Click here for Application Form</a> • 3:00pm P&C Fete Meeting
	Tue 3/5	• Scripture commences for Term 2 • 3-5 <sup>th</sup> May NSW PSSA Boys Basketball • 3-6 <sup>th</sup> May NSW PSSA Tennis
	Wed 4/5	• Training for Debating Teams • P&C Mother's Day Stall
	Thu 5/5	• P&C Mother's Day Stall • Stewart House envelopes and donations must be returned to school • Star Struck Drama Group Rehearsal at Newcastle Uni Forum
	Fri 6/5	• Zone Touch Football at Maitland Park • Star Struck Dance Group Rehearsal at Newcastle Basketball Stadium
	Sat 7/5	• Aerobics teams to Preliminary Finals at Sutherland
Week	Day	Events:
Week 3	Mon 9/5	• PBL Assembly Week • Rugby Union Zone Trials at Marcellin Park
	Tue 10/5	• NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 students
	Wed 11/5	• NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 students
	Thu 12/5	• NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 students
	Fri 13/5	• Zone Cross Country at Tocal

### COMING UP:

**Aussie Bush Camp for Stage 3 – Notes will go home soon**  
Camp will be held in Week 3, Term 4  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## Important Reminders

**School Levies and Contributions are now overdue**  
**Kindergarten 2017 Enrolments now Open**  
(For Local In-Zone Students only)  
**Mother's Day Stall Next Week**

### WELCOME FROM THE NEW PRINCIPAL

A warm welcome back to Term 2! As the new Principal of Rutherford Public School I am looking forward to meeting the 800+ students, staff members, parents and community members over the coming weeks. I am very excited to be working at one of the largest schools in the Hunter/Central Coast area and working with a dynamic and hardworking staff to provide the best possible learning experiences and outcomes for our students.



I have worked at numerous schools in my 26 years with the Department of Education and I hope I can continue the strong leadership shown by Mr Sean Andrews and previous principals at the school. I would like to thank Mr Tim Beaven for his leadership in Term 4, 2015 and Term 1, 2016 and for his work as relieving Principal. A special thank you to the office staff who have helped all last week make some changes to the administration areas. We hope to have some minor office alterations completed soon.

I will endeavour to spend as much time in the playground and classrooms over the coming weeks. It might take some time to learn everyone's name! I have already met with some staff members in the holidays, many of which were spending their holidays at the school preparing lessons and planning for the term ahead.

I hope to meet many parents at the school's Parents and Citizens Association next meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

**Andrew Brown – Principal Rutherford Public School**


*Together we strive.....*

## AEROBICS TEAM READY TO GO!

Our "Pink Jets" and "Rockettes" aerobics teams were busy in the holidays perfecting their final routines for the upcoming Schoolaerobics competition to be held at Sutherland on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Thank you to the students who have spent countless hours preparing for the competition and to Miss Ledwos and Mrs Evans for giving up their time to coach and mentor the teams. We look forward to hearing about the teams successes!






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## NEWSLETTER ONLINE AND EMAIL

We are looking at transitioning our newsletter to an "eNewsletter" each week. Currently with such a large number of students, the newsletter is expensive to produce each week.

In the coming weeks, we will provide you with more information on joining our email list.

The "eNewsletter" will commence at the beginning of Term 3, 2016. As usual, the newsletter will be available through our Website, Skoolbag and Facebook page.

A limited number of paper copies of the newsletter will still be available from the school office each week.

## OPPORTUNITY CLASS APPLICATIONS YEAR 5 IN 2017

Rutherford Public School has a district Opportunity Class- entry to this class must be made through the Department of Education. Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically-gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 27 July 2016**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2017, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available by [clicking here](#) or visiting:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement.php>

Online applications open on **26 April 2016** and close on **13 May 2016**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **26 April 2016**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

## STEWART HOUSE DONATION ENVELOPES

Stewart House Donation Envelopes were sent home with students last term. A \$2 donation will give your family the chance to win a \$4000 family holiday, and will go towards providing funding for students in need to attend Stewart House.

Envelopes should be returned to school with your \$2 donation by next **Thursday 5th May 2016, Week 2, Term 2**.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.

## Weekly Events:

Assemblies:			
Whole School	9:30am	Monday	Quadrangle
Stage 2	1:10pm	Wednesday	School Hall
Stage 3	1:10pm	Thursday	School Hall
Kindergarten	9:15am	Friday	School Hall
Stage 1	10:45am	Friday	School Hall

**Second Hand Uniform Stall**

Monday 2:30pm to 3:00pm  
P&C Shed behind the hall

**School Band**

Wednesday 8:30am  
Computer Room

**Homework Centre**

Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:30pm  
KA Classroom



## PLAY EQUIPMENT READY FOR ACTION



A big thank you to Mr Troy Mason, relieving General Assistant, staff members and four-year-old Charlie Andrews who spent a day in the holidays restocking our soft-fall, underneath the play equipment. The playground is now ready for use and we hope to see lots of students using the equipment on a daily basis. Sorry parents for the potential dirty uniforms whilst the soft-fall settles, you have been warned!

## 2016 NAPLAN

This year the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place from the 10th-12th May for all Year 3 and 5 students. It will follow the same format as in previous years with Writing, Reading, Spelling/Grammar and Maths tests conducted over the three days. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the NAPLAN assessment or have any concerns regarding your child's participation, please contact Mr Beaven as soon as possible.

More information about the testing program can be found [here](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/), or at <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/>

## ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Thank you to the parents and community members who joined us today for the school's ANZAC Ceremony. It is important to commemorate this important day and remember the sacrifices that have been made in past and current conflicts. A special thank you to Mrs Thomas for organising the assembly.







This week we welcome 64 new 2017 Kindergarten students to our "Ready for Rutherford P-K" program. The program is designed to give our students the best possible start to their formal schooling next year. Each Thursday, students will attend either a morning or afternoon session to make new friends, learn more about school routines and work with staff to make the transition to school as smooth as possible. Applications for the program are available from the office.

**A transition /orientation program supporting children before they start school**

**Must be eligible to enrol to participate**

**Activities Include:**

- School readiness
- Literacy and Numeracy activities
- Gross/fine motor skills
- Social/emotional development
- Craft
- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

**WHEN**  
Commencing 28th April, 2016

**WHERE**  
P-K room, Rutherford Public School

**TIME**  
Session 1: 9AM-11AM  
Session 2: 12:45PM-2:45PM

**Enquiries/ Registration**  
49325900  
rutherford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**COST**  
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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.

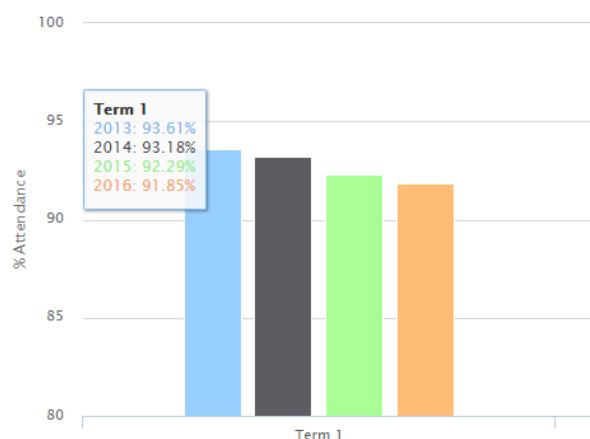
Please come to the office to register your child's details with the school at your earliest convenience. You will be given an enrolment form to complete. This must be returned to the school *with* your child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate (or blue book), and proof of address.

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

### ATTENDANCE: ON TIME, EVERY DAY

Daily attendance at school is compulsory for all students under the Education Act. Most students at Rutherford Public School have very high rates of attendance, but some students' attendance is causing concern. Our current attendance rate is 91.85%, which is for the whole student population. Whilst this sounds high, it equates to about 16 days off per year for every student!

Parents are asked to send their children to school each day and to avoid any unnecessary time off. Rolls are marked at 9:10am promptly and rolls are checked regularly by the Home School Liaison Officer. School personnel may also contact parents for explanations or offers of support.



Attendance During one school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately	Which means the number of lessons missed
94%	10 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

Minutes late per day	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year	Which means this number of lessons missed
5 mins	10 Days	17 Lessons
10 mins	7 Days	35 Lessons
15 mins	10.5 Days	52 Lessons
20 mins	14 Days	70 Lessons
30 mins	21 Days	104 Lessons

## STAFF CHANGES

This term we welcome Mr Daniel Jackson as part of our teaching staff. Daniel will work on the RFF/PE/Sport Program.

Mrs Kerry Ferguson is on leave until the end of Term 3. Mrs Ferguson has travelled to Tasmania to support the arrival of her first grandson, Gianluca Marco Brock Ross. We wish Mrs Ferguson all the best.

Mrs Joan Reeves, Assistant Principal, has informed the Department of Education that she will retire from teaching this term. Mrs Reeves was appointed to our school last year. We wish Mrs Reeves and her family all the best in her upcoming retirement.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



Rutherford Public School is a "Positive Behaviour for Learning" (PBL) School. PBL aims to have a school wide consistent approach to student wellbeing and aims to promote positive student behaviours at all times. Our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best have been developed in consultation with the entire school community.

Students who follow the core values can expect to be recognised and rewarded for their effort and behaviour. It is hoped that the PBL system provides a strong system for teaching students the importance of taking responsibility for their actions and choices.

### This week's PBL focus is:

**We can show Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best in the playground and classroom**

## From the School Office

### SENTRAL SMS ABSENCE

Children will be marked with an unjustified absence if they are away or arrive late to school without an explanation provided by a parent or carer. If the following procedures are not followed, an unjustified absence will be permanently recorded against your child's attendance record. Each child's absence must be explained in a separate message response.

If you wish to query an absence message, you must call the school on 4932 5900, as we are unable to respond to your text reply.

Please do not ask questions via text, we are unable to reply.

Absences cannot be notified in advance via SMS.



Paper notes or phone calls to the office are an acceptable means to communicate extended absences.

Please ensure your mobile phone number is kept up to date.

## OFFICE TIMES

The office will be open from Monday to Friday, between 8:30am and 3:30pm.

## EFTPOS CURRENTLY OUT OF ACTION

Our EFTPOS machine is currently not working. Hopefully it will be up and running quickly. We will notify parents via the newsletter as soon as it is functioning again.

Thank you for your understanding.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION & EQUIPMENT LEVY

Each year, schools receive an operational grant from the NSW Government which allows us to provide each child with a good basic education. In the past this has been supplemented by our P&C through fundraising and Canteen, as well as Voluntary Contributions from parents. Our continued enrolment numbers has meant that we have found it difficult to continue to resource each classroom in the way we would like. P&C funding support has remained at the same level and Voluntary Contributions have declined markedly.

Our P&C and School Council determined that an equipment levy for each child would be more equitable and reduce the pressure on our P&C to provide increasing funds to support our students.

The levy will be used solely to provide equipment and resources for classrooms. These include such things as hands-on Mathematics equipment (measuring equipment for mass and volume), classroom readers, dictionaries, atlases, workbooks, art and craft material and software to support each child with computer-assisted learning.

**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 \$30 Equipment Levy as they purchase a Kindergarten Pack.

**Voluntary Contribution** - \$25 per student or \$50 per family (all students)

Any parent who experiences hardship in paying the equipment levy will have the opportunity to discuss this confidentially, so that we may support you. Parents are welcome to make instalment payments throughout the year.

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club order forms will be sent home this week. Orders can be placed online, using the Book Club LOOP app. Information can be found by [clicking here](#).

Alternatively, parents can send completed order forms and cash payment to the school office in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and 'Book Club'. Book Club orders and payments must be finalised online or at the office by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.





# Parents and Citizens News

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL



## Mothers Day Stall

Wednesday 4 May & Thursday 5 May 2016

All students will have the opportunity to purchase a small gift for their mother or female carer next week. All gifts cost just \$5. Students will visit the stall in class groups on Wednesday, where children can buy up to two gifts each. On Thursday morning, students will have the opportunity to purchase any leftover gifts, from 8:30am until sold out. Please send a plastic bag with your child to secure their gift safely.

Parents are welcome to pre-pay their Mother's Day gift on Flexischools by [clicking here](#). Online pre-payments will close at 2:00pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

Thank you to the P&C for organising this opportunity for students.

## P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016, beginning at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

All parents and friends are welcome to join us.

## CANTEEN NEWS

The new Winter menu will begin in Week 2 this term.

[Click here for the current Canteen Price List](#)

CANTEEN ROSTER		
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 1
Monday	25/4	ANZAC DAY
Tuesday	26/4	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Wednesday	27/4	H BARRETT
Thursday	28/4	
Friday	29/4	M TAYLOR, L MCGILL
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 2
Monday	2/5	J LINTOTT, D JONES
Tuesday	3/5	P FERGUSON, D FORTH, S WHITBREAD
Wednesday	4/5	H BARRETT
Thursday	5/5	
Friday	6/5	M TAYLOR



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Total Field Days 29, 30 April & 1 May 2016

The Bake or Burn competition is back at Tocal Field Days and we would love to have your participation.

Our Featured Ingredient for this year is Beef. The beef in the Surprise Basket will be Galloway Beef – a Slow Food Ark of Taste product.

Friday – High Schools & Hospitality Students, max 3 per group

Sunday – kids aged 7 to 16 years, individuals or max 3 per group

Free entry - cash prizes

Entry Forms are available on Tocal Field Days website, go to 'Entertainment' and you'll see Bake or Burn.

Enquiries to Wendy on 4939 8820 or email [fielddays@tocal.com](mailto:fielddays@tocal.com)



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- Administration Assistant
- Clerical Worker
- Data Entry Operator
- Information Desk Clerk
- Office Junior
- Receptionist

#### Course Details

Date: 10th May 2016  
(Enrolment and Information Day)

Start time: 9:00am  
Finish time: 3:00pm

Venue: Yarnteen College  
71 Prospect Road  
Garden Suburbs

#### Enquiries

Training Support Officer  
Phone: 02 4940 8422  
Email - [hannah@yarnteen.com.au](mailto:hannah@yarnteen.com.au)  
Website - [www.yarnteencollege.com.au](http://www.yarnteencollege.com.au)



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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016

5.30pm - 7.30pm

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**Plus make Mum a gift for Mothers Day and there  
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