

Rutherford Public School

Weekly Newsletter

TERM 2
WEEK 2
2016



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 2	Mon 2/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Sports High School applications close – Click here for Application Form 3:10pm P&C Fete Meeting
	Tue 3/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scripture commences for Term 2 3-5th May NSW PSSA Boys Basketball 3-6th May NSW PSSA Tennis
	Wed 4/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for Debating Teams P&C Mother's Day Stall 9:00am to 11:00am KB Parent Interviews
	Thu 5/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerobics Dress Rehearsal 8:30am P&C Mother's Day Stall 2:00pm Stage 1 Mother's Day Activities Stewart House envelopes and donations must be returned to school Star Struck Drama Group - Uni Forum
	Fri 6/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KA Parent Interviews Debate Workshop (30 students) Kinder AFL Zone Touch Football at Maitland Park Star Struck Dance Group Rehearsal at Newcastle Basketball Stadium 12:30pm PSSA Netball vs Greta 1:00pm 4/5C Community Reading Program
	Sat 7/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerobics teams to Preliminary Finals at Sutherland

Week	Day	Events:
Week 3	Mon 9/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rugby Union Zone Trials
	Tue 10/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting 6:30pm - Staffroom NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 students
	Wed 11/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 students
	Thu 12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 students
	Fri 13/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone Cross Country at Tocal 10am PSSA Cricket vs Kurri at Booth Park OC Applications close today

COMING UP:

Week 8: Star Struck Performances

Week 10: NAIDOC WEEK Celebrations

Aussie Bush Camp for Stage 3 – Notes will go home this week

Camp will be held in Week 3, Term 4

Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th October 2016

Important Reminders

School Levies and Contributions are now overdue
Mother's Day Stall this Thursday

GOOD LUCK TO OUR AEROBICS TEAMS!

A warm "Go Rutherford!" is extended to our two aerobics teams who will travel to the Sutherland Shire this Saturday to compete in the NSW Schoolaerobics Preliminary Championships. The two teams have spent countless hours preparing for the day.

Thank you to the parents who are supporting the groups and a big thank you to Miss Ledwos and Mrs Evans for all their work in training our teams.

Our 2016 Teams are:

PINK JETS: Samantha Rachubinski, Hannah Evans, Matilda Spalding, Jordan Faux, Natalie Whiting, Kealey Murrell, Kiara Cotterill and Tianna Sadaj.

ROCKETTES: Josie Dick, Ruby Van Der Wel, Laura Vallance, Josie McIntosh, Reese O Donnell, Avah Buckley, Mikaela Sadaj, Jacinta Connolly, Emma Meehan and Ella Dick.



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SCHOOL HEAD: SCHOOL HAT

A reminder that school hats are compulsory and should be worn at all times of the year. We are lucky to have such great support for our uniform standards. Please ensure your child has a hat each day AND it is clearly labelled. School hats are available for purchase at the school office:

Broad-brimmed hats \$10 and Bucket hats \$7

STAR STRUCK

Our Star Struck groups are out this week preparing for their upcoming Star Struck performance at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre in Week 8.

Together we strive.....

From the Principal

Andrew Brown – Principal Rutherford Public School

Where did the first week go? The first three days with the students at Rutherford Public School has been a whirlwind! I have met many beautiful students, who have made me feel very welcome to the new school environment. We also welcomed another six students and families to the school last week, welcome to Rutherford Public School!



I have been amazed at the level of dedication the teachers have displayed at the school in just my first few days. The staff car park is full by 8:00am and many teachers are still working many hours after the students have left for the day. Further, there are many teachers rehearsing or coaching with students at lunchtimes for aerobics, sports and musical pursuits. Rutherford is lucky to have such a dedicated and hardworking group of staff members.

EARLY ARRIVALS

A reminder that supervision of students does not commence until 8:40am each day. Students should not arrive at school before this time. There are no teachers on duty. Please do not allow your child to leave home early. Where students arrive before 8:40am, they must sit in the quadrangle until the play bell goes.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

I will be talking to the PBL team this week about the need to reinforce and explicitly teach desirable behaviours in the classroom and playground. Our three core values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best set clear goals for our students to follow. I had to talk to a small number of students last week about inappropriate behaviours and language. Students who are unable to show acceptable behaviours in all areas of the school will face consequences and loss of privileges. I am looking forward to seeing some of the PBL badges been given out in Week 4 and learning more about the PBL reward system.

NAPLAN

Good luck to our Year 3 and 5 students who will sit the National literacy and numeracy tests (NAPLAN) next week. These tests are conducted across Australia and are aimed at helping schools and school systems identify individual and school needs. Students will sit four tests over three days. Please ensure your child is at school over the three days, as children are expected to 'make-up' any missed tests on Friday if they have missed any days. Children should not be worried about the tests and be encouraged to simply try their best. More information for parents can be found at: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html>

SCHOOL EXECUTIVE

As our school continues to grow, the demands placed upon the school to meet the needs of all students increases. We have decided from this term to have our two Deputy Principals lead different sections of the school.

From this term, Mr Tim Beaven will lead the Primary School (Years 3 to 6) and Mrs Ross will lead the Infants School (K to 2).

INFANTS EXECUTIVE

Deputy Principal - Head of Infants - Mrs Debbie Ross

Assistant Principals: Mrs Kate Slaven, Mr Gavin Gillard



PRIMARY EXECUTIVE

Deputy Principal - Head of Primary - Mr Tim Beaven

Assistant Principals: Mrs Kadi Carr, Mrs Kim Cummings



The Deputy Principals and Assistant Principals of each section of the school will help coordinate the educational, social and behavioural needs of the students in each stage of learning.

In addition to these two dynamic teams, we have a district training program based at the school, established under the leadership of the previous principal Mr Andrews. The 'L3' team is responsible for the training in early literacy instruction across some 20 schools in the "Language, Learning and Literacy" approach. The executive for this team are:

Deputy Principal - Mrs Katrina Cameron

Assistant Principal - Mrs Deb Webber



I have already experienced the incredible effort and commitment these people have for the students at Rutherford Public School. I thank them for their support in ensuring we have the best possible learning experiences for our students.

From the Junior School

Debbie Ross - Deputy Principal, Head of Junior School

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Now that the soft-fall has been replaced, the playground equipment has been very popular. All students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed the opportunity to get back onto the equipment and test their skills.

READY FOR RUTHERFORD

On Thursday last week, our Ready for Rutherford program began to support students who will attend Kindergarten next year. There were 48 students and many parents who were all excited about the first session. Mrs Slaven, Miss Lee, Mrs Gandhi and Miss Thorpe had prepared a host of great activities for the children. Mrs Slaven has written about the great start to the program, and this can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

I was very pleased to see how well the children participated, including in the outdoor activity. It was also great to see many children already helping and assisting others in the games. It was a big day for children and parents as well.

Well done to everyone.



Our "Ready for Rutherford P-K" 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.



Kindergarten Enrolments 2017

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 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.

From the Senior School

Tim Beaven, Deputy Principal, Head of Senior School

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is fast approaching. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be sitting this test during Week 3 of Term 2.

The schedule for this national assessment is:

- Tuesday 10th May
 - Language Conventions
 - Writing
- Wednesday 11th May
 - Reading
- Thursday 12th May
 - Numeracy

But, what is NAPLAN and how is it used?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

How can parents help children prepare for the NAPLAN?

We all want our children to succeed, but excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

Overall, NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar.

LANGUAGE GROUPS

We are offering students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to participate in Language groups on Mondays during lunchtime.

Our parent volunteers are Mrs Marlieta Tansley who will be teaching basic Indonesian, and Mrs Rasna Gandhi who will be teaching basic Hindi.

Permission notes will be sent home this week. If you would like your child to participate, please fill out the permission note and return to Miss Tsang by this Friday 6th May.

There are limited spaces available, so please return your permission note as soon as possible when you receive it to avoid disappointment.

Miss Tsang, Multicultural Committee

General School Information

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:

I can control what I do and say

PBL ASSEMBLY

Due to NAPLAN, the next PBL badge assemblies will be held in Week 4.

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 placements 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](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement.php) 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.

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

P-K Program

9:00am to 11:00am Session 1
12:45pm to 2:45pm

From the Office

EFTPOS

Unfortunately our EFTPOS machine issues remain unresolved. Again we apologise for any inconvenience, and hope that the issue will be fixed as soon as possible.

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.

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents that all payments sent to the school office have your child's name, class and what the payment is for, clearly marked on the front of the envelope or clip-lock bag.

Wade Cochrane, PD/H/PE Coordinator

SWIMMING

Ava Jankovic recently represented RPS at the State Swimming titles in Sydney. Ava swam a 37.21 in 50m Butterfly and a personal best in the 50m backstroke in 39.71 seconds. Ava was proud to be representing Rutherford Public School at State and gave it her all. Well done!

Right: Ava Jankovic at the State Swimming Carnival in Sydney



BASKETBALL

Christopher Kokkinellis travels to the Central Coast this week to compete for a place in the NSW State Basketball team. He is not only representing RPS, but also the entire Hunter Region. Good Luck Chris!

SOCCER

Well done to Lillie Packham who made it through to the Possible vs Probable match for a position in the Hunter Region Girls Soccer team. Lillie made it into the top 20 out of approximately 230 competitors.

The Boys Soccer team will be playing Bolwarra on Friday 13th May.

CRICKET

The Boys Cricket team will be playing Kurri Kurri Public School on Friday 13th May.

NETBALL

The Netball team have a game coming up soon. Details will be provided as soon as they are finalised.

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS IN MAY:

- 3-5th May NSW Basketball (Terrigal)
- 6th May Maitland PSSA Touch Football trials for boys and girls (Maitland Park)
- 9th May Maitland Zone Rugby Union trials (King Edward Park, East Maitland)
- 13th May Zone Cross Country (Tocal)
- 17th May Paul Kelly Cup AFL (Max McMahon Oval)
- 19th May Knights Knock-out u/12's Rugby League (Venue to be confirmed)
- 25th May PSSA Rugby League gala day (Somerset Park, Thornton)

Good luck to all competitors. Do yourself, your family and your school proud!

CASH FOR CLASSROOMS

Cash for Classrooms finishes this Sunday, and we have recently been informed that we are currently sitting in the Top 3 schools. When shopping at Rutherford Marketplace this week, please be sure to place your receipts in the Rutherford Public School box located in the centre. If we come in first, the school will win \$2000!

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – THIS WEEK!



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 this THURSDAY! 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 tomorrow, Tuesday 3rd May 2016.

We are looking for more volunteers to help on the stalls on Wednesday and Thursday. Any assistance we can get will be greatly appreciated. Please register your availability at the canteen.

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

P&C MEETING

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

All parents and friends are welcome to join us.

From the Canteen

NEW WINTER MENU

The new Winter menu will begin this week. Please note there have been some changes, including some price rises, and pie day is now Monday. Be sure to use the new Canteen Price List, which can be accessed at the link below, to ensure your child is not disappointed.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE CURRENT CANTEEN PRICE LIST](#)

VOLUNTEERS

We are currently very low on volunteers to work in the canteen. If you are available to work in the canteen, even if only for a few hours, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please call Kim or Mel in the Canteen on 4932 5900.

CANTEEN ROSTER		
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 2
Monday	2/5	J LINTOTT, D JONES
Tuesday	3/5	P FERGUSON, D FORTH
Wednesday	4/5	H BARRETT
Thursday	5/5	
Friday	6/5	M TAYLOR
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 3
Monday	9/5	J LINTOTT, D JONES
Tuesday	10/5	D FORTH
Wednesday	11/5	H BARRETT
Thursday	12/5	
Friday	13/5	M TAYLOR



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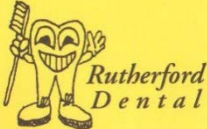
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MINDARIBBA PRESCHOOL

Mindaribba Preschool is a community-based preschool which is governed by an elected board of community members, who reside within the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council area. The preschool operates as per New South Wales School terms, days and times as follows:

WEDNESDAY 9:00am to 3:00pm for 3 year olds (must be toilet trained).

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8:15am to 3:45pm for 4 & 5 year olds (attending Kindergarten the following year).

Please contact Naomi Ross, Director on 02 4015 7006 for more information.



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Dear Stage 1 Mums, Carers & Grandmothers

You are invited to the Year 1 and Year 2
Mother's Day afternoon tea

When: Thursday 5th May 2016

Time: 2:20pm - 3:10pm

Where: Your child's classroom,
Rutherford Public School

Come, sit back, relax and be
pampered by your child.
We hope to see you there.

From the Stage 1 Students

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Ready for Rutherford



A great start to 'Ready for Rutherford'!

Our first week of Ready for Rutherford started last Thursday 28th April. Throughout the first two sessions we will meet more than 40 children, with more students already enrolling for the second intake. Being our first week there were sure to be tears, however our up and coming Kindergarten students surprised everyone with their grown up attitudes and their eagerness to learn.

First up we focused on getting to know each other and students began to familiarise themselves with the Ready for Rutherford arrival routine.

1. Find our name tag on the table outside and get an adult to put it on.
2. Take our bag inside the Ready for Rutherford room and place it under our name.
3. Find our name on the 'I'm Ready for Rutherford' name chart and stick it in the middle.
4. Find an activity on the floor to play with.
5. Wave goodbye to our parents.

Students also learnt all about the 6 L's, **L**ooking at the teacher, **L**istening to the teacher, **L**ips closed, **H**ands in **L**aps, **L**egs crossed and now we are ready to **L**earn. This was followed up with fruit break, along with the popular story 'The Very Cranky Bear'.

We then ventured outside to work on gross motor skills, focusing on tossing the beanbag into the hoop. Through our outside play we talked about encouraging others and showing our support for all who gave it their best shot.

Back inside we worked on our first group rotations. These rotations looked at developing the students fine motor skills. The students used tweezers to move pompoms, they created cranky bears out of playdough, traced around circles and worked hard to improve their pencil grip.

Before the students and teachers new it, time was up and we said our goodbyes until next week.

Parents please remember to return the students' profiles as soon as possible and to provide any medical information relevant to your child.

Mrs Kate Slaven

Ready for Rutherford Coordinator

