



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:
CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS: KA		
WEEK 4 – PBL ASSEMBLY WEEK	Mon 16/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of loose change Challenge Star Struck Drama rehearsal - Newcastle Basketball Stadium
	Tue 17/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Digital Technology Competition AECG Meeting 9am at Maitland Grossman Regional Boccia Knockout- School Hall Paul Kelly Cup - Max McMahon Oval
	Wed 18/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys PSSA Soccer vs Bolwarra 1:10pm Stage 2 PBL Assembly in hall
	Thu 19/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRIP Student Leadership - Year 6 leaders Open Knight Knockout 9:00am – 11:00am P-K session 12:45pm – 2:45pm P-K session 1:10pm Stage 3 PBL Assembly
	Fri 20/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter PSSA Boys/Girls Touch Trials- Cardiff Kindergarten PBL Assembly 9:30am Stage 1 PBL Assembly 10:45am 12:40pm Kindy AFL Session 1:00pm 4/5C Community Reading Program
Week	Day	Events:
CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS: KB		
WEEK 5	Mon 23/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen meeting 2:30pm
	Tues 24/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debate team vs Bolwarra Public School at Bolwarra
	Wed 25/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSSA Rugby League Gala Day P&C Cake Day – KC, KB, 1G, 5D, 2F, 2K, 1V, 4/5C to supply cakes 1:10pm Stage 2 Assembly in hall
	Thur 26/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Dance/Drama Groups Starstruck combined rehearsal @ Newcastle Entertainment Centre 9:00am – 11:00am P-K session 12:45pm – 2:45pm P-K session
	Fri 27/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10pm – 1:40pm Kinder AFL 1:00pm – 1:40pm Baptist Community Reading – 4/5C 3:30pm Multicultural meeting in the Library End of P&C Loose Change Challenge

COMING UP:

- Week 6: Star Struck Performances, Stage 1 to Australian Reptile Park
- Week 7: Multicultural Public Speaking Finals, P&C Sausage Sizzle
- Week 8: Zone Multicultural Public Speaking Finals, Star Struck Performances
- Week 9: School Disco
- Week 10: NAIDOC WEEK Celebrations

Important Reminders

- Loose Change Cup Starts- All classes
- PBL Badge Assemblies this week
- P&C Cake Day next Wednesday

Classes asked to contribute:

KC, KB, 1G, 5D, 2F, 2K, 1V, 4/5C

LOOSE CHANGE CUP CHALLENGE

Today is the launch of the P&Cs *"Loose Change Cup Challenge"* which will run for the next two weeks. This fundraising activity encourages students to find any loose coins lying around the house or in cars, bring them into school and put them into the class' money tin. At the end of the two weeks, each classes total will be added up and the winner of each stage will be announced and awarded the "Challenge Cup".

The P&C hopes to install new playground equipment in the next three months, so all students have access to fun and engaging lunchtime and recess physical activities. Thank you to all families who might be able to direct the spare change our way!



Together we strive.....

From the Principal

Andrew Brown – Principal Rutherford Public School

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Thomas Sergiovanni in *Building Community in Schools (1994)* believes, "we become connected for reason of commitment rather than compliance" (p. 58). "People are bonded to each other as a result of their mutual bindings to shared values, traditions, ideas, and ideals" (p. 61). His position: that we might better understand, design, and run schools as social rather than formal organisations and, in particular, as communities. His reasoning: the universal need for a sense of belonging, of being connected to others and to ideas and values too often goes unfulfilled in schools as they are currently conceived. His prescription: reformers and theoreticians alike should recognise that schooling is first and foremost about relationships between and among students and teachers, and that communitybuilding must be the basis for school reform efforts that seek to improve teaching and learning; all else will come more naturally when authentic communities flourish.

There is a great deal published about schools, their performance and the need to lift academic standards for economic prosperity and international competitiveness. Improving the learning of students is important in all schools, but how to achieve that improvement and maintain a nurturing and supportive school culture is a challenge. All students deserve to come to school and feel supported, valued and achieve to their potential. Comparing students to each other, from class to class and from school to school should be exercised with caution. We do little to lift the esteem of children if we continually compare them to others. I hope over coming months and years, we can continue to 'get the balance' right for our students at Rutherford Public School. We must have a robust and challenging curriculum, but we must also teach students to love learning, to read for enjoyment rather than to answer a test question and to love solving problems and learning more about the world around them. Some twenty years on, Sergiovanni's argument still holds currency and importance.

As Rutherford Public School grows in size, so too does the complexity of ensuring that the school culture remains focused on working together, building strong relationships and putting students at the centre of everything we do at the school. Last week I met the hardworking members of the P&C who were clearly committed to supporting the school, staff and students. It would be great to see more people come along to the P&C meeting to hear more about the school activities and directions, and have a say on school policy.

During my time as Principal, I hope we can build a school culture of inclusivity, mutual respect and pride in everything Rutherford Public School does and achieves. I look forward to the challenge!



AECG MEETING

A reminder to any interested parents that the regional Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meeting will be held tomorrow at Maitland Grossman High School starting at 9:00am. The AECG meets twice a term to discuss directions in Aboriginal Education and supports local schools to improve outcomes for Aboriginal students. Membership of the AECG is open to indigenous and non-indigenous parents and community members. More information can be found at:

<https://www.aecg.nsw.edu.au/>

GALUWA SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Braydon Sherwood from Year 6 who has been awarded a Galuwa Scholarship. Braydon will travel to the Great Aussie Bush Camp tomorrow to receive his scholarship and participate in a Career Aspirations Hub for the remainder of the week. The scholarship awards up to \$3000 to go towards education and tutoring costs.

ADMINISTRATION ALTERATIONS

Some minor building alterations to our office area will start this week. Thank you for your patience while we improve this area of the school.

NEW BELL SYSTEM AND PHONE SYSTEM

Our new bell and phone system will be commissioned soon. Every classroom will be equipped with a phone and emergency evacuation system. Additionally, new bells and speakers have been installed throughout the school. This will ensure that all classes can hear the bells and announcements.

CAN YOU HELP?

At last week's P&C meeting, we discussed some challenges running the canteen on a daily basis. Like many other schools, we have had difficulty in ensuring the canteen remains open five days each week. We currently have a paid canteen coordinator position. The canteen coordinator is responsible for ordering supplies, menu development, meeting food handling requirements, stock control, financial control and cleanliness of the canteen. It is a big job for just one person! We need parents who are prepared to come in and help prepare canteen orders and serve students during busy periods (lunch and recess). It is not possible for one or two people to run a daily canteen for 800 customers! A shortage of staff means that children have to wait long periods for their lunch and long lines when wanting an ice block or small treat. The P&C is looking at ways we can ensure the longer term viability of the service, but without volunteers in the short or long term, the canteen's future is uncertain. Thank you to the many parents who already volunteer. We would love a few more families to consider volunteering, even if it's one day each term or year! Mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, anyone looking for a rewarding way to support our school will be most welcome! Please see Kim or Mel in the canteen if you can help!

From the Junior School

Debbie Ross – Deputy Principal, Head of Junior School

K-2 PLAYGROUND

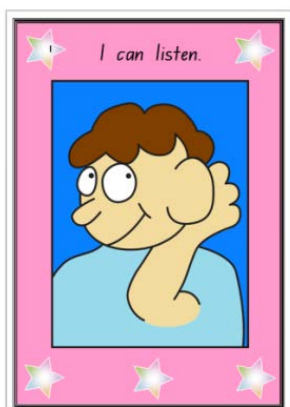
Students have been enjoying playing soccer on the grassed playground near the K-2 area. We have another soccer set on order that will arrive soon.

It is great to see our Kindergarten children playing soccer with the Year 1 and year 2 children.



I CAN LISTEN

This morning Mrs Slaven spoke to the students about our rule for the week. It is great to see students settled and listening at lines and in the classroom. Well done everyone!



LOST PROPERTY

This time of year is always a challenge with lost property. The cold mornings and warm afternoons means many jumpers are removed and at times lost. Just a reminder that you may find lost jumpers in the large bin near the office.



From the Senior School

Tim Beaven - Deputy Principal Head of Senior School

PBL UPDATES

Last week saw a few new additions to PBL at Rutherford Public School. Stage 2 and Stage 3 have implemented our 'new look' merit award at assemblies which align to our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best.

Two new playground areas were opened up for students to use: a technology HUB in the 5D classroom and a new grassed area at the bottom of our playground. Again, it is great to see the students of Rutherford Public School afforded so many opportunities to socialise and play with friends during break times.



WIN BIN

The 'Win Bin' saw its first week of business this week, and it was pleasing to see so many primary students collecting their 'Webbies' to get enough to make a visit. For every 10 Webbies a child receives, they can make a visit to the prize bin or to the canteen for a prize each Friday. Keep collecting your Webbies!

S1

I would like to thank Miss Cotton for her hard work over the past term and a bit, and for stepping up and taking over the S1 Multi-Categorical class with such short notice. Miss Cotton will now be taking on a LaST (Learning and Support Teacher) role at Rutherford Public School, and we wish her well.

In her place we welcome Mrs Dutlow who has joined us from Kurri Kurri's Special Unit. Mrs Dutlow is excited to come and work with the students and families of S1 and has many exciting ideas for the class. I'm sure we will all make her feel welcome to our wonderful school.

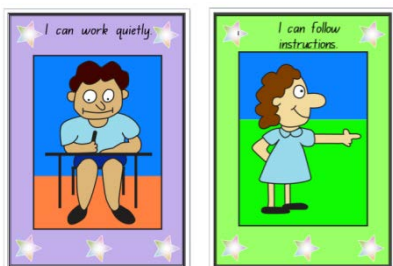


PBL ASSEMBLY

I am looking forward to attending the upcoming Stage 2 and Stage 3 PBL assemblies this week. Congratulations are extended to all students: those receiving their badges this week, those who have already received them, and to those who are working hard for theirs.

This week in PBL

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



THIS WEEK'S PBL FOCUS IS:

I can listen

PBL ASSEMBLIES

PBL Assemblies will be held for all Stages this week (Week 4):

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

PBL TOKENS

Students can now collect 10 Webland Tokens (Webbies) and trade them in for a special ice block from the canteen. Students can also visit the "Win Bin" on Fridays to trade 10 Webbies for small rewards and prizes. This aims to encourage students to follow our three core values and 5 Webland Ways.

General School Information

TERM 4 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Each year, as students head off for the Christmas school holidays, teachers complete two full days of training. Schools have the option to cover the additional training at other times outside of school times.

We have chosen to complete this training earlier in the year to give teachers an opportunity to use new strategies and skills throughout the year.

This year, teachers will be in training at the following times:

Monday 30th May from 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Wednesday 24th August from 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Tuesday 14th June from 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Thursday 8th September from 3:30 to 6:30pm

NEWSLETTER ONLINE AND EMAIL

Last week saw our newsletter emailed to parents for the first time. We received some positive feedback, and hope parents are enjoying receiving the newsletter in this format.

If you did not receive an email from the school, please complete the form below, and your email details will be updated ready for the newsletter to be emailed to you for next week.

Due to the wonderful response we have had regarding our eNewsletter, we will be moving up the date we switch to completely distribute the newsletter via email.

Beginning in Week 6 this term, we will no longer send home copies of the newsletter. Distribution will be completely by email, with digital copies also available for viewing through our Website, Skoolbag and Facebook page.

A limited number of paper copies of the newsletter will be printed and kept in the office each week. They will be available for parents to collect from the office, and for visitors and new families enrolling to read while waiting in the office area.

EMAIL ADDRESS NOTIFICATION

Please return this slip to the office

Student Name _____ Class _____

Family Email Address:

Parent/Carer Signature _____ Date _____

From the Office

EFTPOS

EFTPOS remains out of action. The bank is aware of the issue and are working with us to resolve the problem as soon as possible. Thank you for your ongoing understanding.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

We are in the process of registering for Parent Online Payments (POP). This is the Department of Education's preferred method of accepting online payments for school-related expenses.

At this stage, we hope to begin online payments in June 2016. We will keep parents posted as to new developments as they become available.

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.

HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?

All parents are asked to keep the office informed of any changes to family contact details to ensure we can contact families in times of emergency. Please drop into the office if you have changed your phone number, address or emergency contact details.

Alternatively parents can phone or email the school their updated information. Thank you for keeping our students safe!

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

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

Sport

Wade Cochrane, PD/H/PE Coordinator

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the athletes that competed at the PSSA Zone Cross Country on Friday. It was an outstanding day for all of our students that participated.

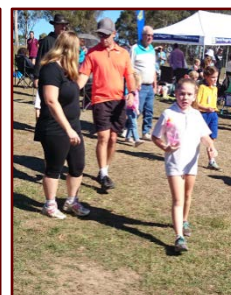
Well done to Sophia Devine who placed 4th in the 12 years Girls. She has now booked a place at the Regional Cross Country later in the year.

Congratulations also goes out to Noah Wadwell who placed 7th in the 10 years Boys and Destiny Mains who placed 8th. These two now have an anxious wait to see if they have made the team, as they are now on the reserve list.

Ava Jankovic tried her very best but narrowly missed out, placing 9th in the 11 years Girls.

Well done to everyone, you surely represented Rutherford Public School with pride.

Mr Baxter, Cross Country Coordinator



HUNTER TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS

Good luck to Lillie Packham and Destiny Mains who will trial for the Hunter Touch Football team on Friday.

BOYS SOCCER

Good luck to our Soccer team who play Bolwarra on Wednesday.

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS IN MAY:

- 17th May Paul Kelly Cup AFL (Max McMahon Oval)
- 18th May RPS Soccer vs Bolwarra at Bolwarra
- 19th May Knights Knockout 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!

Parents and Citizens News

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June 2016, beginning at 6:30pm in the staffroom.
All parents and friends are welcome to join us.

SCHOOL DISCO

Our next school disco will be held on Tuesday 21st June, 2016.
This disco is for all students of Rutherford Public School. Students must be accompanied to the school hall by an adult and collected by an adult at the conclusion of each session. Please DO NOT drop your child at the front of the school and allow your child to walk into the school grounds.
Please no sandals or thongs!

Disco Times:

Date: Tuesday 21st June 2016
Times: K-2 5:30pm to 6:30pm
3-6 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Entry: \$2
Canteen: Open for Snacks - Drinks, ice cream and treats

CAKE DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY

A reminder that we ask parents to support our special "Cake Day" each term. The next Cake Day will be held next Wednesday 25th May 2016. Classes asked to contribute are: KC, KB, 1G, 5D, 2F, 2K, 1V, 4/5C.

Due to a number of allergies within the school, we ask that all contributions be free from nuts and nut products.
We also ask that cakes and slices be cut serving sizes, and be sent to school in a container it can be served from.
Containers of cakes and slices can be left at the canteen from 8:30am.
Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts!

From the Canteen

CLASS HOSTING

This week's class hosting for the canteen is KA. We look forward to seeing any available parents from KA volunteering in the canteen this week.
Next week's class will be KB. Please be sure to let the canteen know if you are able to spare some time in the canteen.

CANTEEN WINTER MENU

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

VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of more volunteers 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.



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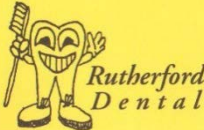
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CANTEEN ROSTER		
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 3
Monday	16/5	J LINTOTT, D JONES
Tuesday	17/5	D FORTH
Wednesday	18/5	H BARRETT
Thursday	19/5	L MORTIMER
Friday	20/5	M TAYLOR, L HARRIS
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 4
Monday	23/5	D JONES
Tuesday	24/5	D FORTH
Wednesday	25/5	H BARRETT
Thursday	26/5	
Friday	27/5	M TAYLOR, T BARTLETT

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Entry to the school during the Day



As you may have already noticed, the main gate to the Administration building is now open throughout the school day. Any parents or visitors to the school during the day are asked to enter via the office.

When dropping children off before school and collecting them after school, please continue to use the paths that lead to the playground on either side of the office building.

Our new telephone system became operational today, and allows us to contact classrooms to have students sent to the office to meet parents.

When picking children up early, parents will still need to come to the office and complete a blue note. The office ladies will then contact the classroom and have children sent to the office to meet you.

