

### 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:
<b>CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS: KB</b>		
<b>WEEK 5</b>	Mon 23/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canteen meeting 2:30pm</li> </ul>
	Tues 24/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debate team vs Bolwarra Public School at Bolwarra</li> </ul>
	Wed 25/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSSA Rugby League Gala Day</li> <li>• <b>P&amp;C Cake Day</b> – KC, KB, 1G, 5D, 2F, 2K, 1V, 4/5C to supply cakes</li> <li>• Debate Team to Telarah 9:00am to lunch</li> </ul>
	Thur 26/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Dance/Drama Groups Starstruck combined rehearsal @ Newcastle Entertainment Centre</li> <li>• 9:00am – 11:00am P-K session</li> <li>• 12:45pm – 2:45pm P-K session</li> </ul>
	Fri 27/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:10pm to 1:40pm Kinder AFL</li> <li>• 1:00pm to 1:40pm Baptist Community Reading – 4/5C</li> <li>• 3:30pm Multicultural meeting in the Library</li> <li>• <b>End of P&amp;C Loose Change Challenge</b></li> </ul>
Week	Day	Events:
<b>CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS: KC</b>		
<b>WEEK 6</b>	Mon 30/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2:00pm P&amp;C Fundraising Meeting</li> </ul>
	Tues 31/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICAS Science Competition</li> <li>• Scripture Assembly</li> </ul>
	Wed 1/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
	Thur 2/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am – 11:00am P-K session</li> <li>• 12:45pm – 2:45pm P-K session</li> </ul>
	Fri 3/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage 1 Excursion to Australian Reptile Park</li> <li>• Hunter Region Cross Country at Cessnock</li> <li>• 1:00pm – 1:40pm Baptist Community Reading – 4/5C</li> <li>• 2:20pm WHS Evacuation Drill – Back Playground</li> </ul>
<b>COMING UP:</b>		
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

### ● P&C Cake Day this Wednesday

Classes asked to contribute:

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

### Nathan Wiegerinck

The sudden passing at home last Wednesday of much-loved student Nathan Wiegerinck from Year 6 was very difficult for everyone from the Rutherford Public School community. Nathan had been enrolled at the school since 2012 and won many hearts with his sense of humour and cheeky smile.



Nathan's funeral will be held this Wednesday at 11:00am at St Peter's Anglican Church East Maitland. It is expected that some staff members and some of Nathan's closest friends will attend the service. The school will still be able to offer normal routines and classes for all other students on Wednesday.

The Department of Education provided additional counselling support to the school last week and any students who would like to see our school counsellor can do so by making an appointment through the school office.

Our thoughts are with Nathan's family at this sad time.



*Together we strive.....*

## From the Principal

Andrew Brown – Principal Rutherford Public School

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

Congratulations to the students who were presented with their 'PBL' badges last week. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a school-wide approach to managing and promoting well-behaved students who understand their role in being kind to others and acting in a responsible and respectful manner. I have had to speak to a small number of students since arriving at Rutherford about the manner in which they speak to others. It is never acceptable to call other people names, use offensive language or bully or harass others. We must continue to hold very high standards of behaviour for our students, and for the wider Rutherford community. As parents and carers, we are the most influential people for our young people as they develop. Adults must model the highest levels of acceptance, tolerance of others and kindness. I am confident we can continue to improve the standards of behaviour and conduct, building a school community that is productive and purposeful.



### Student Health

The school is currently reviewing its health procedures and policies. With over 800 students, it is important to manage the health needs of students with particular health needs to ensure the wellbeing of all. Parents are asked to provide information and changes to health care needs as soon as possible. Over the coming weeks, some parents may be asked to come into the school to review health care plans and procedures for their child.

### Breakfast Club

We hope to have a breakfast club up and running at the school very soon. Many families are very busy and up early to prepare for work and school. Some children arrive at school hungry, and even start to eat their lunch and recess! In the coming weeks we hope to provide low cost menu options from 8:40am to 9:05am. Year 6 students will be asked to consider volunteering in the breakfast club. Students will be supervised by an adult at all times. We hope to secure some sponsorship from local business to make the breakfast club viable.

### Aboriginal Education Teacher

Rutherford Public School has received funding for Aboriginal Education which has allowed us to employ an additional teacher, Ms Karen O'Donnell. Ms O'Donnell has been employed at Rutherford Public School to support the students who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. The Department of Education has made a commitment to improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes of all Aboriginal students and to increase the number of Aboriginal students in the top two bands of NAPLAN testing.

The role of Ms O'Donnell is to:

- Develop a database to track Aboriginal student progress
- Identify students requiring additional support
- Track Aboriginal student intervention over time
- Identify Year 4 and Year 6 students for follow up literacy and numeracy support
- Support whole school development of Personalised Learning Plans
- Liaise with class teachers and provide support
- Small group/individual literacy and numeracy instruction where appropriate
- Support local AECG initiatives
- Support whole school planning for community engagement and Aboriginal celebrations - NAIDOC, cross-curriculum perspectives
- Support Sista Speak and Bro Speak programs
- Monitor wellbeing support for Aboriginal students
- Help monitor and support attendance of Aboriginal students



### Congratulations Mrs Carr

Mrs Carr has been offered and accepted a position as Assistant Principal at Nulkaba Public School, starting in 2017. Mrs Carr will finish the year here with us at Rutherford, but will leave at the end of the year to take up her new position. Congratulations on your promotion, I know that you will be missed by many of the staff and students here at Rutherford Public School.

### Have your say: June 2016 Parent Survey

As part of our commitment to ongoing improvement, a quick parent survey has been set up to provide parents with an opportunity to provide feedback to the school executive. All parents are encouraged to complete the survey by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Parents are asked to make three brief comments on:

- What are the strengths of the school?
- What areas do we need to improve?
- What areas/procedures do we need to eliminate?

The survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2NMM7H>

Thank you for your time in completing the survey.

From the vault..... School under construction in 1984.





## From the Junior School

Debbie Ross – Deputy Principal, Head of Junior School

### K-2 MORNING SUPERVISION

Just a reminder that supervision of students begins at 8:40am and children arriving before then are unsupervised. Children will need to wait in the quad and sit quietly with the primary students until the 8:40 bell goes. They can then move up to the infant cola area to play.



### PBL ASSEMBLIES

On Friday Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 had their Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) badge ceremonies. The children enjoyed a visit from Weblands at the events. It was great to see so many parents and friends in the school to celebrate with the children.



Pictured above is Brooke from KB with her dad, and below, Samantha from 1B with her mum.



## From the Senior School

Tim Beaven - Deputy Principal Head of Senior School

### PBL ASSEMBLIES

Congratulations to students in Years 3 to 6 who received their PBL badges last week. It was great to see so many family members in attendance on these days to make them a special one for the students. I am disappointed that I missed the day but wish to extend my congratulations and thanks to all students and families of Rutherford Public School that continue to contribute to our wonderful school community.



### GALUWA SCHOLARSHIP

Well done Braydon Sherwood who was successful in applying for a Galuwa scholarship. Braydon spent last week at the Great Aussie Bush Camp with other successful applicants, delving into cultural heritage and academic strengths.



### BOCCIA KNOCKOUT

Last week the students of S1 competed in a regional Boccia knockout. Well done to all students that took part in the events of the day, you all performed fantastically and were great representatives of Rutherford Public School. Thanks are extended to Miss Cotton for organising the event for the students, Miss Nealon for her work on the day and to Mrs Dutlow for supporting, encouraging and supervising students throughout the event.

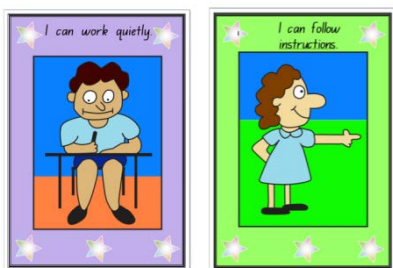
### GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

GRIP leadership conference

The eight school leaders attended a leadership conference last Thursday at the University of Newcastle. The conference involved presentations, interactive activities, discussions and leadership games. How to Grow as a Leader, Bye Bye Bullying, People to Influence and Traffic Light Leadership were topics covered on the day. Thanks to Miss Jackson for accompanying the leaders.

## This week in PBL

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



### THIS WEEK'S PBL FOCUS IS:

## I can raise my hand and wait

### 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.

## From the Office

### PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

We have received notification that we will 'go live' for Parent Online Payments (POP) in June this year. This is the Department of Education's preferred method of accepting online payments for school-related expenses.

As we get closer to 'going live', we will provide information to parents on how to use the new payment system.

### PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents that all payments sent to the school office need to 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!

### EFTPOS

EFTPOS remains out of action. Thank you for your ongoing understanding.

## General School Information

### NEWSLETTER ONLINE AND EMAIL

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

Beginning next Monday, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Sport

Wade Cochrane, PD/H/PE Coordinator

Week 4 was another massive week for sport at Rutherford Public School and we had some fantastic results.

### AFL

Rutherford Public School fielded a team in the Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day which was held at Max McMahon Oval. The students that attended had a great time and played with outstanding sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Taylor for organising.

### BOCCE

A number of students participated in a Bocce tournament for students with a disability. It was held in the school hall and was one of only ten regional venues in NSW to host such an event. The students that attended did an amazing job against kids from other primary and high schools.

### SOCCER

The Boys Soccer team travelled to Bolwarra for their first-round PSSA game. The boys went down 9-2 but were extremely competitive, and were 2-all at half-time. Thank you to Mrs Morison for organising, she is now looking for girls to fill up the Girls Soccer team.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

The Open Boys travelled to Valentine for the Knights Knock Out gala day. They played exceptionally well, considering over half the team don't play weekend football. The boys ended up finishing third which was a great result. Thank you to Mr Cochrane for organising. Good luck to the team as they now play Telarah Public School on Wednesday in a PSSA Gala Day.

### TOUCH FOOTBALL

Well done to Destiny Mains and Lillie Packham who trialled for positions in the Hunter Touch Football team on Friday. The girls competed against over two hundred other students and played very well.

### RUGBY UNION

Good luck to Patrick Watt, Brayden Lucas and Will Gibson who will compete for positions in the Hunter Region Rugby Union team on Friday in Newcastle.

### UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS:

- 25th May PSSA Rugby League Gala Day (Somerset Park, Thornton)  
3rd June Hunter Region Cross Country (Cessnock)

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



## Weekly Events:

### Assemblies:

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

### P-K Program

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

## Parents and Citizens News

### CAKE DAY THIS WEDNESDAY

A reminder that we ask parents to support our special "Cake Day" each term. The next Cake Day will be held this Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Classes asked to contribute are: **KC, KB, 1G, 5D, 2F, 2K, 1V, 4/5C**. Containers of cakes and slices can be left at the canteen from 8:30am.

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 into serving sizes, and be sent to school in a container it can be served from.

Please ensure any containers you would like returned have your child's name and class on both the lid and container.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts!

### PIE DRIVE ORDER FORMS

The P&C's main fundraiser for Term 2 is a Thompson's Pie Drive. Order forms will come home this week.

Orders and payment must be received by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Pick up from the hall will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Money raised from the Pie Drive will go towards providing additional new and exciting playground equipment!

### LOOSE CHANGE CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Loose Change Challenge over the last week. We would like to remind everyone that the Challenge ends this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016, so please get your loose change in as soon as possible. Money raised from the Pie Drive will go towards providing additional new and exciting playground equipment!



### P&C FUNDRAISING MEETING

The next P&C Fundraising meeting will be held next Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

### P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## From the Canteen

### CLASS HOSTING

This week's class hosting for the canteen is KB. We look forward to seeing any available parents from KB volunteering in the canteen this week.

Next week's class will be KC. 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](#)

### CAN YOU HELP?

At the last 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!



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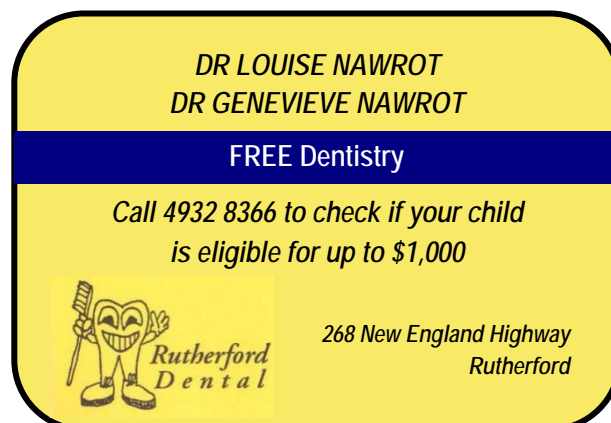
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CANTEEN ROSTER		
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 5
Monday	23/5	D JONES
Tuesday	24/5	D FORTH
Wednesday	25/5	H BARRETT
Thursday	26/5	
Friday	27/5	M TAYLOR, T BARTLETT
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 6
Monday	30/5	J LINTOTT, D JONES, N VASSALLO
Tuesday	31/5	D FORTH
Wednesday	1/6	H BARRETT
Thursday	2/6	
Friday	3/6	M TAYLOR



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# *Entry to the school during the Day*



We would like to remind parents that 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 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.

