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- ✓ always strive to do our best



School Calendar

Week	Day	Events:
WEEK 8	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS: KL	
	13/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday: SCHOOL CLOSED
	14/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Writing Comp 6:30pm P&C Meeting
	15/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Spelling 6:45am Star Struck – All schools rehearsals at NEC + Telarah PS
	16/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U10's Knights Knockout 8:30am Star Struck Technical Dress Rehearsal at NEC All day 9:00am to 11:00am P-K Session 1 9:10am to 11:20am Debate RPS vs RPS in the Library 12:45pm to 2:45pm P-K Session 2
	17/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pie Drive Orders must be returned today 8:30am to 1:30pm Star Struck Performance Day at NEC – Matinee and Evening Performance Day 1:00pm to 1:40pm 4/5C Community Reading at Baptist Daycare
	18/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerobics Finals in Sutherland Star Struck Final performances
Week	Day	Events:
WEEK 9	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS: KS	
	20/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talent ID Rugby League Gala Day RTHS at McKeachie Oval
	21/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Area Multicultural Public Speaking Finals in the Hall 5:00pm to 6:00pm Infants Disco 6:30pm to 8:00pm Primary Disco
	22/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 2 Assembly in the Hall
	23/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back up date U/10's Knights Knockout 9:00am to 11:00am P-K Session 1 12:45pm to 2:45pm P-K Session 2
	24/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00pm to 1:40pm 4/5C Community Reading at Baptist Daycare

COMING UP:

Week 10: NAIDOC WEEK Celebrations
End of Term 2 - Friday 1st July 2016

Important Reminders

- P&C Pie Orders Due this Friday 17th June
- School Disco next Tuesday

Lights! Camera! Action!

Star Struck Performers take to the stage!

Good luck to our 64 student performers who will take to the stage this week as part of the 'Star Struck' performances at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. Our students will dance and perform in the drama groups alongside some 3000 other students from all around the Hunter Region. Many thanks to the parents who have supported the students, and a special thank you to our supervising teachers, Mrs Kate Chan and Mrs Lisa Thomas.

Parents are asked to ensure they are aware of the organisational requirements for the week to ensure students do not miss their weeklong activities. Updates will be posted on our school facebook page when needed. A note regarding final arrangements was sent home last week, and is available on the website.



Aerobic Teams gear up for the State Finals

Our "Pink Jets" and "Rockettes" head to Sutherland again this weekend to compete in the finals of the NSW Schoolaerobics competition. If successful, the teams will head to the Gold Coast for the Australian Championships which will be held on Saturday 6th August 2016.

Good luck to both teams and a big thank you to Mrs Evans, Miss Ledwos and the parents for supporting the two teams.



Together we strive.....

From the Principal

Andrew Brown – Principal Rutherford Public School

Staff Training and Development

This week the staff will complete another three hours in professional development. Staff will look at Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) and how we can improve student understanding and mastery of student learning. Staff will also look at the Positive Behaviour for Learning approaches in the school.



Trial of new timetable in Term 3

Rutherford Public School will trial a slightly revised timetable starting in Term 3, 2016. The morning period will see an uninterrupted 'literacy and numeracy' block. For the first two hours of each day, all teachers and support teachers will be in classes to give our students the best possible chance of acquiring essential literacy and numeracy skills. RFF programs will be scheduled from after the first play period at 12:05pm.

Additionally, the school will trial two (2) 30 minute play periods, instead of the current 40 minute and 20 minute periods.

I thank the staff for being prepared to trial the new timetable and am looking forward to hearing feedback from staff and students about the changes.

Afternoon Dismissal

Rutherford Public School remains committed to ensuring the safety of all students, parents and visitors in the 'afternoon rush' to leave the school safely. We have implemented some changes to student movement at 3:10pm. Recent changes include:

- Separation of the bus lines (Bus 114 now lines up in front of Class 5/6T)
- Students who are collected by parents in cars are either asked to wait near the top fire hydrant OR on the hill in front of administration block inside the school fence. All students are asked to wait away from the gates to avoid congestion and overcrowding.
- We also respectfully ask that High School children finishing early on a Tuesday afternoon wait outside the school gates for buses or their younger siblings.

Survey Feedback

Thank you to the parents who completed the online survey over the last three weeks. The school executive will look at the results and try to make sure we address the themes and issues arising from the feedback.

Some general themes included:

Strengths of our school:

Opportunities for children
Caring teachers
PBL badges and system

Welcoming school environment

What do we need to improve:

Communication processes
Class structures and planning
Parking and "kiss and drop zone"
Playground areas
Health Procedures
Lost property
School facilities to meet the student numbers

What do we need to eliminate:

Look at overcrowding in the school
Afternoon dismissal practices
Student non-compliance/swearing/bullying

P&C Meeting

A reminder that the P&C meeting for this month is on tonight at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All parents and community members are most welcome to come along and get involved in the decision making process. I look forward to seeing some new faces!

Assessment and Reporting

Student reports will be issued on Monday 27th June 2016. The Semester 1 reports detail some of the students' achievements and possible areas for development. We would like to remind parents that the school reports must comply with the Department of Education's policies on reporting to parents. The A-E reporting style is mandatory for all students in Years 1-6. A "C" is sound and where the majority of students will be placed in their grading.

From the vault..... Students working in class in 2004



From the Junior School

Debbie Ross – Deputy Principal, Head of Junior School

RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM

Last week, K-2 students participated in a free Responsible Pet Education presentation. The program is run by the State Government and began in Victoria. The students thoroughly enjoyed welcoming 'Thunder' to the school.



Students learnt how to approach a dog that they don't know. They learnt to:

- 1) Stop – make sure you are three big steps away;
- 2) Ask - the owner permission to approach;
- 3) Smell - let the dog smell your hand;
- 4) Pat - down the dog's back.



Above: Thunder came to Rutherford Public School to visit our Infants students



Above: Amy demonstrates letting Thunder smell her hand



HATS AND JUMPERS

Each day students lose hats and jumpers. Please ensure your child's hat and jumper has their name so we can make sure items are returned. This way our students look great in uniform through the winter months.

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

From the Senior School

Tim Beaven - Deputy Principal Head of Senior School

WELCOME TO VISITING TEACHERS IN TRAINING

I'd like to welcome three teachers in training from the University of Newcastle, who will be with us for the remainder of the term. We have Mrs Peterson who will be teaching alongside and working with Mr Taylor in 4/5C, Miss Gleeson who will be working on 3K with Mrs Carr and Mr Gronow who will join 5D with Mrs Daniel.

I'm sure they will leave Rutherford Public School with many wonderful memories and experiences that will benefit them in their future careers.



Above: Miss Gleeson



Above: Mr Gronow



Above: Mrs Petersen

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

It was a great pleasure to see so many eloquent and confident speakers from Rutherford Public School competing at the Stage Finals for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition last week.

Speakers from Years 3 to 6 competed against other speakers from their Stage in two rounds; the first a prepared speech on the importance of living in harmony and valuing our multicultural nation, and the second an impromptu speech on 'family'. Both tasks were not easy to do in front of such large audiences.

Well done to all students that made it to this round.

Moving on from Stage 2 we have Darcy Spalding from 4T and Mikaela Sadaj from 4B. Representing Stage 3 we have Dulara Perera from 5/6L and Sophia Devine also from 5/6L. These students will compete next Tuesday 21st June at Rutherford Public School against finalists from other schools for the Local Area Final.



UPCOMING EVENTS

This is a busy week for many performance groups from the Primary School. We have our Star Struck performance doing their final rehearsals as well as their big performances this week at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre.

We also have our aerobics teams heading down to Sydney for the State Championships.

Well done to all students representing Rutherford Public School, and good luck in your events this week.

From the Library

Kim Beesley – Teacher Librarian

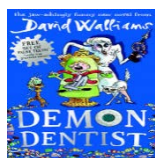
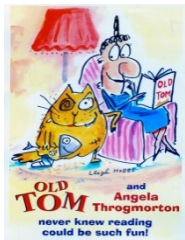
OVERDUE BOOKS

Please return any outstanding books as soon as possible.

WHAT'S NEW!

Over the past few weeks some great new books have become available for loan. Primary students can check out the new books regularly on Orbit.

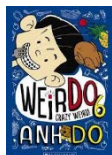
Here's a few of the latest to hit the shelves. Check them out at the school library!



Demon Dentist by David Walliams - suitable for primary students, it is about strange things happening after children have left a tooth for the tooth fairy!

Crazy weird! By Anh Do

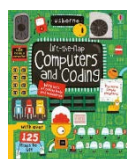
Another humorous story from this comedian also with a teeth theme!



Try Time presented by Billy Slater

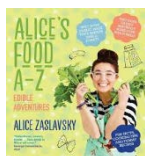
If you play NRL then you will enjoy this story about a young boy learning to play.

Alien invaders from beyond the stars by George Ivanoff - Do you have what it takes to save the world? This book gives you the choice to determine the ending.



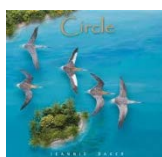
Computers and Coding. A new reference book, which can't be borrowed but enjoyed in the library, this book reveals what goes on inside a computer.

Alice's food A-Z - All the things you ever wanted to know about food, and some things you probably didn't. Also includes kid friendly recipes.



Green Tree Frogs - a delightful picture book illustrating the life cycle of this cheeky character.

Circle by Jeannie Baker. An amazing picture book that relates the story of the little known godwit who undertakes the longest unbroken migration of any bird, flying from Australia and New Zealand to the Arctic and back. I was lucky enough to hear the author talk about her work on this book and I recommend it highly.



This week in PBL

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

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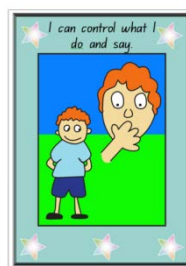
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THIS WEEK'S PBL FOCUS IS:

I can use the toilet areas properly

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

DEBATING

This Thursday 16th June, the two Rutherford Public School debating teams will debate against each other in the School Library. Lockdown will be at 9:20am until 10:20am, and we will begin the debate at 10:30am. Parents of both teams, Dragons and Shields, are invited to come along and watch the debate at 10:30am.

GLOW IN THE DARK SCHOOL DISCO



Our next School Disco will be held next **Tuesday 21st June 2016**, and is proudly bought to you by our Year 6 students. The 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!

Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the evening.

Entry cost is \$2. This covers entry **ONLY**.

Glow products will be on sale during the evening for 50 cents and \$1. Funds raised from the disco support our Year 6 Farewell and gift to the school.

The P&C will open the canteen for the evening. Snacks and drinks can be purchased from the canteen.

Disco Times:

Date: Tuesday 21st June 2016

Times: K-2 5:30pm to 6:30pm
3-6 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Entry: \$2 (confirmed)

Canteen: Open for Snacks - Drinks, ice cream and treats

Please note that \$2 covers entry **ONLY**. Snacks and drinks can be purchased from the canteen, which will be run by the P&C. Food available will include a Sausage Sizzle, party pies, party sausage rolls, lollies, chips, Freddo Frogs and soft drinks.

HUNTER VALLEY ZOO INCURSION - NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITY

As part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations, the Hunter Valley Zoo will bring an educational and entertaining display to our school using live Australian natives and reptiles on Thursday 30th June 2016 (Term 2, Week 10).

The interactive, fun and hands-on program will give our students a better understanding and appreciation of the diversity and importance of our native animals. It will look at the role they played in the lives of Indigenous people and how they continue to be a vital part of Australia's ecosystem.

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will have the opportunity to attend the incursion at a cost of \$4.00 per student. Permission notes will go home this week.

From the Office

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Online payments can now be made to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#).

Details on how to pay will be included on the back of permission notes as they are sent home.

EFTPOS

Below is a reminder of the guidelines for paying by EFTPOS:

- **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

Our EFTPOS machine and accounting software is sometimes unavailable. We apologise for this inconvenience, and hope you understand it is beyond our control.

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!

Sport

Wade Cochrane, PD/H/PE Coordinator

Touch Footy

Congratulations to the Girls Touch Football team that defeated Telarah Public School on Friday last week. The girls will now play the second round of their PSSA tournament in the coming weeks. Commiserations to the Boys team who were beaten by Telarah Public School. Thank you to Ms Burns for organising.

Netball

The Girls Netball team travelled to Aberdeen last week for their second round clash with Aberdeen Public School. Unfortunately the girls went down to a highly skilled outfit, but played well, Miss Griffiths noted.

Rugby League

Good luck to the Under 10's Rugby League team as they take part in the Knights Knock Out on Thursday at Windale. The boys will play five games on the day. If they are travelling in another parent's car the students will need to be at school at 7:40am. The last pool game is at 1:40pm and possibly a final at 2:00pm, if enough games are won.

Good luck to the Under 12's team who will be split in half for a nine-a-side gala day next Monday at McKeachies Sporting Complex. The day is a great day out for students to have fun and make new friends from other schools.

Dates

- 16-6-16 U/10's league Windale
- 20-6-16 U/12's league 9-a-side McKeachies
- 28-6-16 Picker's Cup League for u/12's

Parents and Citizens News



FUNDRAISING THOMPSONS PIE DRIVE

Raising funds for play equipment for our students

DON'T FORGET ORDERS ARE DUE BY

FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2016

Order forms are available from the front office and the school website

Pick up from the hall will be on Wednesday 29th June

Thank you, Mel & Nat – P&C Fundraising Committee

RPS CANTEEN - A MESSAGE FROM MELANI

Thank you - two small words that mean so much.

Thank you Kim for teaching me so much and putting up with my messes, 'untidy' desks and bad singing and whistling 😊

Thank you to the P&C committee over the years who have helped and encouraged me in my job at the canteen.

Thank you to all the past and present volunteers for giving up your time to volunteer and be so supportive of me. Without you I would not have been able to do my job so effectively.

Thank you to the staff for being amazing people doing an awesome job.

And last but not least, thank you to all the children, who gave me so many memories to take with me on my new adventure, I will miss each and every one of you. You made coming to work such a wonderful experience. The last five years have been an amazing adventure. Now time for a new one.

Thank you, Melani

POSITION VACANT:

Casual Canteen Assistant - Rutherford Public School P&C

Rutherford Public School P&C requires an efficient, enthusiastic Canteen Assistant (Level 1) who will assist with the provision of fresh, healthy food to the school community of around 900 students and staff.

This newly created role will initially be 5 days per week during school terms from 9.00am – 12pm to support the Canteen Manager with all the daily operations of the canteen. The daily activities include but are not limited to: over the counter service, rostering of and assisting volunteers, healthy food preparation, purchasing and maintaining stock levels, food storage & record keeping.

This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a fun environment serving happy kids healthy food.

To be successful in this role ideally you will have;

Experience preparing healthy food from scratch preferably in a commercial environment;

Experience in dealing with suppliers and preparing orders, maintaining stock levels and other duties relevant to the day to day running of the canteen;

Ability to effectively work in a small team including volunteers and work cooperatively with a range of people;

A passion for creating and delivering exciting and healthy food;

A valid working with children check or ability to obtain one.

Desirable criteria:

Previous employment and/or qualifications in food preparation;

Experience providing a healthy food service, preferably to children;

Awareness of marketing techniques to encourage sales of healthy menu items.

Initially employment will be on a casual basis, with the position having approval until the end of the 2016 school year.

Fast Food Industry Award 2010 wages apply.

A suitability list will also be created for any casual/short term vacancies that may occur from time to time. Placement on a suitability list does not guarantee that an offer of employment will be made.

Applications close Friday 17th June 2016

Applications at: <http://www.seek.com.au/Job/31153365/?cid=ios-share>



From the Canteen

CLASS HOSTING

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

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

CANTEEN ROSTER		
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 8
Monday	13/6	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday	14/6	D FORTH, K KAVANAGH
Wednesday	15/6	H BARRETT
Thursday	16/6	L THOMPSON
Friday	17/6	M TAYLOR, K CUTTS, S OSBORNE
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 9
Monday	20/6	J LINTOTT, D JONES, R MARTIN
Tuesday	21/6	D FORTH, R MARTIN
Wednesday	22/6	H BARRETT, K LYONS, R MARTIN
Thursday	23/6	T SAWTELL, R MARTIN
Friday	24/6	M TAYLOR, T BARTLETT, R MARTIN, K LYONS

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