



Education

Rutherford Public School

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 2 TERM 1 2017



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

	Day	Events
Week 2	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:	
	30/01/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in Years 1-6 Commence Kindergarten Best Start interviews
	31/01/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Best Start interviews
	1/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten students start
	2/02/17	
Week 3	3/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:	
	6/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15am Year 6 Leader Induction Assembly 3:30pm Aboriginal Education Team Meeting
	7/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am AECG meeting at Thornton PS
	8/02/17	
	9/02/17	
Week 4	10/02/17	
	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:	
	13/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRL Blitz Day in Hall
	14/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm P&C Meeting AGM
	15/02/17	
	16/02/17	
Week 4	17/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rugby League Trials - Hartcher Oval 11's & Opens

Planning Ahead...

Week 5 – 21/02/17 Zone Swimming Carnival, 22/3/17 School Disco

Week 7 – 6/03/17 Aboriginal Ed Meeting, 7/03/17 AECG Meeting 4pm @ Braxton PS, 7/03/17 Cross Country

Week 8 - 17/03/17 Primary Athletics Carnival

Week 9 - 24/03/17 Touch Football Maitland Trials

Week 10 - 31/03/17 Netball & Soccer Maitland Trials

Week 11 – Visiting Performance: Anti Bullying Show, The Human Race
Term 1 concludes: Friday 7/4/17, Easter Hat Parade 7/4/17

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 8/4/17 to 25/4/17

TERM 2 COMMENCES: WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL, 2017

Important Reminders

☆ Primary swimming carnival this Friday 3rd Feb 2017

What's on & what's coming up?

ALL STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students return
P-K Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starts Term 2– Registrations open soon!
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best Start Screening Monday/Tuesday All students start Wednesday 1st February 2017
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Carnival– Friday 3/2/17– ONLY students turning 8 this year and who are competitive swimmers.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Carnival– Friday 3/2/17
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Carnival– Friday 3/2/17
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Carnival– Friday 3/2/17
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Carnival– Friday 3/2/17
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Disco– 22/3/17



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

...Together We Strive...

WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back is extended to all students who are enrolling at Rutherford Public School for 2017. We hope that the year will be enjoyable, fun and challenging for all students! We anticipate that we will start with an enrolment of over 880 students this Term. The Department of Education is in the final stages of installing additional demountable accommodation to house all the students. One class (1D Mrs Dow) will start their educational journey in the school library for the first few weeks of the term until their room is made available – they will have plenty of books on hand!

CLASSES

Students have been placed into their 2017 classes this week. We are currently finalising all new enrolments and hope to minimise any changes that may be necessary. We ask that children (and teachers) are given time to settle into their new classes and make new friends. Although some children may be anxious about their new environment, children generally settle after a few weeks.

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN

We will welcome 133 young and enthusiastic students into their first year of formal education this week! Thank you to our parents who have ensured that the children are ready for "big school" and so supportive of their children's education through our extensive orientation program last year. All students will complete their "Best Start" screening assessment as part of the Department of Education's literacy strategy. Students will complete a short series of informal tasks so teachers can pinpoint areas of need and strength. Parents will receive a report of their child's results during Term 1. We ask that all parents pay a one-off \$40 "Kindergarten Pack" which has all student books, resources and school fees included. Please pay at the office.

Term 1 Financial Planner...

Activity	Stage/Year	Costs
School Contribution	Years 1-6	\$TBA
Swimming		
Carnival	Years 3-6	Pool & Bus \$6
Anti-Bullying Show	All Years	\$5 Per student

Weekly Events:

Assemblies:

Stage 3	2:30 pm	Tuesday	School Hall
Stage 2	2:30 pm	Wednesday	School Hall
Kindergarten	2:30 pm	Thursday	School Hall
Stage 1	2:30 pm	Friday	School Hall

Second Hand Uniform Stall

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

School Band

Wednesday 8:30am
Community Room

P-K Program for Kindergarten 2018

Starts In Term 2

REGISTRATIONS OPENING SOON!

Keep informed:

- ✓ School newsletter
(Published on the school's Webpage and facebook page and emailed to families on our email list)
- ✓ School Website : <http://www.rutherford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home>
- ✓ School Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/RutherfordPS/>
- ✓ School Phone Number : 49 325 900
- ✓ School email: rutherford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



2017 STAFF

There are a lot of faces in our school! This year we welcome new staff members to the team. We will feature some of our new staff members over the coming weeks!

(* Indicates new staff to Rutherford Public School)

Our staff for 2017 includes:

Principal	Andrew Brown
DP K-2	Debbie Ross
DP 3-6	Tim Beaven
ES1 AP	Kate Slaven
ES1 IL	Michelle Heaney*
S1 AP	Corry Blair*
S1 IL	Maxine Foley*
S2 AP	Gavin Gillard
S3 AP	Candice Morphet*
K/6J	Karen Jackson
KA	Pavlina Kostalova
KB	Lara Bernardine
KC	Ann-Maree Campbell
KE	Emily Collins
KG	Genevieve Cotton
KL	Kerryn Lee
KT	Jackie Tsang
1B	Samantha Bray*
1C	Kate Chan
1D	Sharon Dow
1J	Kate Jones
1S	Rebecca Spalding
1/2N	Nikki Dawson
2B	Trudy Burns
2G	Janine Goldthorpe/Bronwyn Campbell (Fri)
2J	Jodi Morton
2M	Sarah Myers*
3C	Theresa Clarkson*
3J	Josef Burke-Smith*
3M	Stiven Micevski
3R	Rikki McCudden/ Vanessa Sargent (Fri)
3/4B	Deb Barnett
4C	Jodette Clarke
4D	Caitlin Du Chateau*
4R	Bryce Ray
4S	Danielle Sprod*
5/6C	Chris Taylor
5/6D	Elise Daniel
5/6E	Paulette Evans
5/6G	Amy Griffiths

5/6L	Ainslie Ledwos
5/6T	Tracy Morison
5/6V	Lyn Lupton
5/6W	Kirsty Ward
Aboriginal programs	Sara Johnston
LaST/RFF	Rachel Highet
LaST/RFF	Wade Cochrane
LaST/RFF	Vanessa Sargent Mon
LaST/RFF	Karina Larkman Tu - Th
LaST/RFF	Kerryl Russell Fri
Library	Alison Reid Mon-Wed
	Kim Beesley Th - Fri
Transition	Sue Swetnam Mon
GATS	Hilary Burgess* Tues
L3 Stage 1	Deb Webber Thur, Fri
P-K	Rebecca Draffan Thurs
RR/LaST	Rebecca Bridge
RR/RFF	Lisa Thomas
CLO	Rasna Gandhi
SLSO K-2	Joanne Dawes M,Tu,Th
SLSO K-2	Lesley Farley Wed-Fri
SLSO K-2	Sharon Jackson
SLSO K-2	Jodie Lidbury
SLSO K-2	Tracy Thorpe
SLSO K-2	Kylie Watters*
SLSO K-2	Jane Wilkinson Mon-Th
SLSO 3-6	Christa Baker
SLSO 3-6	Chris Burnham
SLSO 3-6	Rochelle Dial
SLSO 3-6	Amie Evans
SLSO K/6J	Lisa Nealon
GA T	Troy Mason
Senior School psychologist	Tamara Brown*
School Counsellor	Katie Garlick* Tu-Th
Speech Pathologist ES1	Kate Southward Tu, Th
Gym instructor	Sam Nichols* Tu-Th
Office:	
SAM	Denise Mills
SAO	Lynsey Andrews
SAO	Kerry Farley
SAO	Kerry Gebbard
SAO	Ngaire Hansen
Cleaning:	
Deb	Riches
Robert	Harris
David	Ross

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS FOR TEACHERS

Notes requesting student information and permissions for publishing photos and internet use will be sent home by class teachers this week. Teachers use this information throughout the year to manage student activities. Please complete these forms and return to school promptly.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

An opportunity to meet your child's teacher will be organised at the end of Term 1. It is hoped that these interviews will give more information about how your child is progressing and coping with the demands of the curriculum and a brief 'snapshot' report will also be issued at the end of Term 1. Please feel free to introduce yourself to your child's teacher over the coming weeks! If parents require a more formal interview and extended meeting before the end of Term 1, then parents should phone the office to make an interview time so teachers can organise their schedule. Morning periods are very busy. Teachers are unable to meet with parents at 9:10am as rolls need to be marked and lessons started for the day. We look forward to a productive partnership between home and school.

STUDENT HEALTH

Has your child's health needs changed over the school break? It is important that the school has up-to-date information about student health needs. Allergies and other medical conditions need to be managed by the school. Please contact the school if you need to update our school records.

STUDENT LEADER INDUCTION CEREMONY

A short 2017 Student Leader Induction Ceremony will take place next Monday, 6th February at 9:15am in the school hall. Our 2017 student leaders will be officially inducted into their positions and receive their badges.

We would love to see parents come along and help celebrate the important role our student leaders play in our school.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole school approach to proactive, school-wide behaviour management. It is research and evidence based practices and strategies for all students to increase academic performance, improve safety, decrease problem behaviour and establish a positive and inclusive environment.

Our school values Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best underpin behaviour management.

Each classroom uses a behaviour consistency guide and promotes positive behaviour with rewards such as school Webland Tokens (trade in 10 'Webbies' for a win bin prize on a Friday), Assembly Awards, Term 4 Badge Award, Home Reading Awards, class stickers, Band member of the week, principal visits, plus lots more!! If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

We also have our '5 Webland Ways' which are used in all aspects/areas of the school.

PBL Badges

This year ALL badges will be awarded to all students in Week 5 of Term 4. Students must consistently display the core values of our school to receive the badge. Students who have **more than 4** referral forms for behaviour not in keeping with our high standards will be ineligible for the badge prize in 2017.

MEET THE OFFICE STAFF



Above: Denise, Lynsey, Kerry F, Kerry G and Ngaire

Our school office is a very busy place! Mrs Denise Mills (School Administrative Manager), Mrs Lynsey Andrews, Mrs Kerry Farley, Mrs Kerry Gebbard and Mrs Ngaire Hansen (School Administration Officers) are always available to help parents with any enquiries and questions.

Office Hours: 8:30am - 3:30pm Monday - Friday

Visiting Parents: Reminder to parents to report to the office when visiting the school.

Payments:

PARENTS ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)

POP can 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.

Minimum payment is \$10, and you can only pay for one child on each transaction.

EFTPOS

EFTPOS operational times are 8:00am until 12:00pm

No over the phone, fax or email transactions can be accepted

No P&C transactions (hats, skorts, socks, stockings, fete, etc)

No cash refunds or withdrawals.

Minimum transaction amount of \$10.00

School Inductions: The office is responsible for managing workplace inductions for all volunteers and employees. Mr Brown will be conducting these sessions each Wednesday at 9:00am beginning 15th February, 2017.

Medications: As a general rule, the school does not administer non-prescribed medications. If medication is required during school hours, then it

must be approved by the Principal. Parents/carers must complete a medication form if a child requires a specific medication or ongoing health management.

Absences: Parents may phone the school office during school hours to inform the school of their child's absence. SMS messaging is also used at the school. A note is required if you do not ring or reply to the SMS text system.

First Aid: The office personnel will administer basic first aid to students when required. Parents will be contacted when the injury is more serious or the child is unwell. Emergency contacts must be kept up to date to ensure children can be collected from school. In emergency situations an ambulance will be called immediately. The school is covered for ambulance travel.

Appointments with staff: Appointments with teachers and the Principal can be made through the school office.

Correspondence: Parents who may not be living together and require separate copies of reports and notes should contact the school so arrangements can be made to provide extra copies of notes and school reports.

OUR SCHOOL IS A NUT-FREE ZONE

Nuts and nut products such as Nutella and Peanut Butter should not be sent to school. Nut-free alternatives are available from most supermarkets and health food stores. We have a number of students in the school with life-threatening allergies to nuts, and not confined to just peanuts, but all nuts. Please ensure that the food your children bring to school contains no nuts or nut products. We appreciate your support in our efforts to ensure the health and well-being of these students.



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION FEE

All families in NSW public schools are asked to make a contribution to the ongoing costs associated in providing a quality education. Unlike some schools, Rutherford Public School does not have text book fees. All families will be invoiced for the one-off fee and it would be appreciated if the fee/s could be paid by the end of Term 1. The 2017 school contribution fee will be determined by the school P&C at the AGM.

IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE LATE!

A reminder to all students and parents that all classes start at 9:10am each day.

All class rolls are marked immediately at 9:10am and submitted electronically by the class teacher. The roll is locked after being submitted by the class teacher. Any student who reports to class or school after 9:10am must report to the office to have their name marked off the class roll.

Why so strict? Can't we show a little understanding?

The school is responsible for ensuring the safety of all students. As part of our WH&S procedures, we must know who is in each class at any point in time. If the school has to be locked down, or an emergency situation arises, we must be able to account for all students and adults on the premises.

Students who are constantly late also miss out on valuable instructions about the day, specific activities and changes to routine.

Parents and carers are asked to allow enough time in the morning to get to school on time. "Sleeping in, no parks, just running late" are entered onto our computer as "unjustified". The school rolls are regularly checked by our school executive and the Home School Liaison Officer, who will request interviews with families from time to time. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who are always vigilant and seek the best outcomes for their children.

GYM PROGRAM

This year students in K-2 will again participate in a gym/gross motor program aimed at developing coordination, gross motor control and improved physical condition. Each class has 20 minutes in the program each week under the supervision of the

class teacher and gym teacher, Samantha Nichols. A primary program will run at lunchtime for primary students who would like to learn new skills in the gymnastics area. Students should wear suitable clothing for the lessons. There is no cost for this activity.

CANTEEN NEWS

RPS Canteen Manager, Kim Shaw handed in her resignation at the end of 2016 and will not be returning in 2017. Rutherford Public School would like to wish Kim all the best for her future endeavours and thank her for her many years of service. Thank you Kim.

Di Botfield has been newly appointed as the Canteen Manager for 2017 and the P&C is currently looking to fill the Casual Assistant's role. Hours will vary based on the canteen's needs but the successful applicant must be available Monday to Friday during school terms for rostered shifts and when required on a casual basis. To be successful in this role you will need to be hardworking, reliable, friendly, positive, quick to learn in a fast paced environment and available for an immediate start. Previous volunteer experience in Rutherford Public School's Canteen will be highly regarded. Anyone wishing to apply for the Casual Canteen Assistant's role should send their application to rutherfordpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or drop it into the canteen in a sealed envelope marked "private and confidential" and addressed to the P&C President. Applications must be received by 3pm Thursday 2nd Feb 2017, no late applications will be considered. The successful applicant must provide a current working with child certificate.

Our school canteen provides a very important service for our students and staff every day. Although the P&C employs some workers to ensure the smooth operation of the canteen, we rely heavily on parents and community members to help on a daily basis.

We have attached a canteen volunteer form in this newsletter - please consider if you can help out.

There are three time options to volunteer:

9:00am to 2:30pm / 9:00am to 12:00pm / 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

This can be once a week/once a fortnight/once a month or once a term.
Every little bit helps.
Please return the volunteer note to the school canteen.
We would encourage all parents to think about volunteering in the canteen, either on a regular or just a few times a year! Every little bit helps.

CANTEEN ORDERS

Please place all canteen orders over the counter until flexi schools have a chance to update the 2017 class lists, we will notify via Facebook as soon as flexi schools is up and running.



CANTEEN VOLUNTEER RESPONSE

I am available to help at the canteen on the following days and times:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

DAY	ALL DAY 9:00-2:30pm	MORNINGS 9am-12:00pm	AFTER-NOONS 1:30pm-2:30pm
MONDAY			
TUESDAY			
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY			
FRIDAY			

P&C NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the Rutherford Public School Parents and Citizens Association will be held on Tuesday, 14th February, 2017 at 6:30pm in the school community room.

In accordance with the Federation of Parents and Citizens’ Association guidelines the following will apply:

The officer positions determined at the AGM, according to both Standard and Prescribed Constitution are:

President

Two Vice Presidents

Secretary

Treasurer

Other representative positions held by the P&C members will be elected at the AGM. These positions include:

Canteen Sub Committee:

Canteen Convenor:

Canteen scribe/minute taker:

Canteen Treasurer:

Second Hand Uniforms

New uniforms

Fundraising co-ordinator

Mothers day / Fathers Day Stall

Cake day Coordinator

Facebook Coordinator

Merit Selection Panel Representative

- * No more than one office position can be held by the same person
- * Two people from the same family can hold office-bearer positions at the same time
- * Office-bearers can be elected regardless of their place or type of employment
- * Only financial members are eligible to stand for a position (To be a financial member, a community person must have paid their \$2.00 membership fee no later than the General Meeting prior to the AGM.)

Nomination Forms for any of the above positions are available from the office or nominations can be taken at the meeting. Forms should be returned to the Principal via the school office.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)



Whilst our school is fortunate to have a good supply of computers, laptops and iPads, computing is becoming a personal experience. Rutherford Public School allows students to 'BYOD' to support their learning in the classroom.

The way children learn is changing

Children these days think nothing of "googling" information, "you tubing" their latest music group or "blogging" their thoughts. Computers have become part of the young person's life. Sharing a computer with others becomes problematic. Children are keen to complete work when they want, where they want and how they would like. Waiting for someone else to use a computer is frustrating- and soooo 1990s!

If we do not embrace new technology and ways of learning we are at risk of disengaging our youth. Further, schools that do not move with the trends are likely to disadvantage their students' chance of employment and educational attainment.

Is there one device better than another?

The reality is that there are lots of companies trying to develop devices which will lead the market and promise to be better than other devices. Desktops and laptops offer greater computing power due to their size, but are far less mobile than an iPad or tablet.

What can students bring?

Rutherford Public School will encourage students to "bring their own device" which they might have at

home. We do not ask parents to buy a specific device. Just like a pencil case with textas, crayons and pencils - children may prefer to use an iPad or others may prefer a smaller iPod or android device. Primary students can bring larger laptops - although space in the classroom (and power cords) is limited.

What will they do with the device ?

Our school is fully WiFi connected. Under the supervision of teachers, students will be allowed to access our internet service to search the net, complete research, make movies and present work. Different apps may be used from time to time to compliment class work and student learning. Students will be allowed to use their device at lunchtime under supervision and in certain areas.

Do I have to provide a device?

No. The school has a wide selection of technology devices which are currently used each day.

Will other students use my child's device?

Generally no - unless there is a shared game or activity. The owner of the device is in charge of securing and looking after it.

Will my child be safe on the internet?

The school's internet service is generally well protected. All internet use will be supervised by the class teacher or duty teacher. Photos will not be allowed to be taken of other children - unless the activity has a specific purpose to do so. Children will not be allowed to film without permission and devices will not be allowed in the playground. Some use of personal devices may be allowed in the library at lunchtime under supervision.

We thank parents for their support (and patience) in embracing this new frontier of learning and working with us to utilise technology to its potential.

Please support our community partners who
support our breakfast program

RITCHIES SUPA IGA
"Where the Community Benefits"

*Bakers
Delight*

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual swimming carnival will be held at Maitland Pool this Friday 3 February 2017. We will be leaving school at 9:20am and returning to school by 3:00pm.

All children from Years 3 to 6 and good/club swimmers from Year 2 who are turning 8 will be participating. There will be 25m and 50m events. Novelty events for those children who are unable to swim at all will be held regularly throughout the day.

All primary children are expected to attend the swimming carnival. If your child is unable to swim at least 25 metres unaided, it is very important that you indicate this on the permission note.

Children must bring a packed lunch, including drinks. The pool kiosk will only be available for packets of chips and lollies.

Children are to wear their swimmers to the pool under their sports uniform but must change out of them at the end of the day. They must also have a hat and sunscreen.

No JEWELLERY, WATCHES or MOBILE PHONES please.

The cost will be \$6.00 – this covers bus fare and entry into the pool. If you have a season ticket the cost of the bus only will be \$3.30. The \$3.30 bus fare applies, irrespective of whether students make the return bus journey.

Money will be collected by class teachers prior to the day. Please give your child the correct money in an envelope clearly marked with their name and class.

We would greatly appreciate any parents who may be able to help at the carnival as a judge, timekeeper or assist with the running of the novelty events.

Parent entry to the pool is \$2.20 and is payable to the pool on the day of the carnival.

A separate permission note is required for every child.

Your child must report to their classroom teacher

before leaving the pool.

A permission note was sent home this week, and a copy is available on the website. Please be sure to complete both sides of the permission and medical note, or your child will be unable to attend the carnival.

Please complete and return the attached permission slip and medical form, along with your child's payment by Thursday 2nd February 2017.

The permission note has a number of tick boxes which must be completed. We need to know as soon as possible if your child will or will not be attending, can or cannot swim 25m unaided, will be catching the bus or going to the pool with parents, and if they will return to school on the bus.

2017 HOME READING PROGRAM

Children will be bringing home their new 'Home Reading Program' record book this week.

Reading is the single most important skill your child will learn at school and while many children have developed reading skills, further development depends on using these skills regularly.

The card will be your child's only record for home reading and should be brought to school when they have reached 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175 and 200 nights of home reading. Awards will be presented for every 25 nights of reading, up to a total count of 200 nights for the year. Children who reach the yearly 200 night target will receive a free book at the presentation day assemblies at the end of the year.

Parents are asked to complete their child's reading card. Younger students will need extra support whereas older students will be more independent. Parents should sign for each night the child reads (holiday periods and weekends can be included). The time spent reading each night will depend on the age of the student, other homework tasks and family schedules.

*If your child reads more than one book in a night please record this in the same box as it is the number of nights of home reading, not the number of books.

Looking forward to an exciting year of reading!