



Education

# Rutherford Public School

## Weekly Newsletter

### WEEK 3 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 3	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:	
	6/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:15am Year 6 Leader Induction Assembly</li> <li>3:30pm Aboriginal Education Team Meeting</li> </ul>
	7/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am AECG meeting at Thornton PS</li> </ul>
	8/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
	9/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Week 4	10/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:	
	13/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NRL Blitz Day in Hall</li> </ul>
	14/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm P&amp;C Meeting AGM</li> </ul>
	15/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Week 5	16/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
	17/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rugby League Trials - Hartcher Oval 11's &amp; Opens</li> </ul>
	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:	
	20/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
	21/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zone Swimming Carnival- Maitland Pool</li> </ul>
	22/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Disco</li> </ul>
	23/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
	24/02/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

## Important Reminders

- ☆ Green Student Information and Consents forms due back to teachers as soon as possible

## What's on & what's coming up?

ALL STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School disco- Wednesday 22/02/17</li> </ul>
P-K Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starts Term 2- Registrations open soon!</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Leader Induction this week</li> </ul>
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P&amp;C Disco- 22/3/17</li> </ul>

## Planning Ahead...

Week 6 -

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



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

...Together We Strive...

## CLASS STRUCTURES

Last week we welcomed 879 students back to Rutherford Public School for the 2017 year. We have formed 35 classes and anticipate that in the short term these classes will remain in the short term. If we receive more enrolments over the next few weeks then class structures will need to change to ensure classes are not too large.

## HEAT WAVE CONDITIONS

The hot temperatures on Monday and Tuesday last week certainly were uncomfortable and challenging for many. Our school is fully air-conditioned, but even these resources struggle on hot days that we experience. Every effort is made to ensure students are kept as comfortable as possible. An 'extreme heat' policy will be discussed at next week's P&C meeting and possible procedures reviewed and explored. Parents and carers can help our school planning by ensuring students have a school hat each day and a good quality water bottle that can be refilled.

## STUDENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORMS

All students have brought home "student background information and consent forms" (Green Note) for this year. Parents and carers are asked to complete this form for EACH child and return to the student's class teacher. This information is very important for class teachers to get to know your child quickly and identify any additional information which may be useful in supporting them in the classroom. Consent information needs to be updated each year. Please see the class teacher or Deputy Principals (Mr Beaven, Mrs Ross) if you have any concerns or questions about the information requested.

## ASSEMBLIES

Our weekly Stage assemblies will start next Week: Week 4 beginning 13/2/17. Awards and information are shared at weekly stage assemblies and from time to time classes will perform small items. Parents are most welcome to be part of the audience.

## Term 1 Financial Planner...

Activity	Stage/Year	Costs
<b>School Contribution</b>	Years 1-6	\$TBA
Anti-Bullying Show	All Years	\$5 Per student
Kindergarten Packs	Kindergarten	\$40

### 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	Monday	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](mailto:rutherford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



## VOLUNTEER INDUCTION

Volunteers make a huge difference in our school—whether it be in the classroom, canteen or around the school in general. We welcome all volunteers for 2017!

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that ALL staff, contractors and volunteers undergo a school induction program each year to ensure child protection policies and WH&S policies are followed.

We request that all volunteers for 2017 undergo a short school induction program to meet these requirements.

Any parents, carers or community members wishing to volunteer for 2017 are asked to attend a short induction meeting on **Wednesday 15th February, 2017 at 9:15am.**

Some of WH&S policies will be explained and all volunteers will need to complete a Working With Children Check (WWCC) declaration with 100 points of Identity. (Please bring 100 points of identification with you on the day)

A WWCC Declaration for volunteers is a legal and binding declaration, confirming that they are not a “disqualified person” within the meaning of section 18 of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012. Volunteers will also need to provide the school with 100 points of identification.

### **Proof of Identity—100 Point check**

All original documents must be sighted and certified by the Principal. Alternatively, certified copies may be provided, as certified by a Justice of the Peace or a legal practitioner with a current practising certificate. The suitable wording for certification of the copy would be: *“I certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the document reported to me to be the original document”*. The certification statement is to be written on the copy and then signed by the officer. In addition, the person must print their name and position.

### **Category 1 – 70 points**

(Only **ONE** form of identification accepted from this category.)

- ☐ Birth Certificate/Birth Extract
- ☐ Australian Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- ☐ Australian Citizenship Certificate
- ☐ International Passport (Current, or expired within

the previous two years, but not cancelled)

- ☐ Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport e.g. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature)

### **Category 2 – 40 points**

(More than one of the following documents may be counted. The initial document will score 40 points, and any additional documents will be awarded 25 points each.)

- ☐ Current Licence or Permit (Government Issued)
- ☐ Working With Children/Teachers Registration Card
- ☐ ASIC/MSIC Card
- ☐ Public Employee Photo ID Card (Government Issued)
- ☐ Department of Veterans' Affairs Card
- ☐ Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card
- ☐ Current Tertiary Education Institution Photo ID
- ☐ Reference from a Doctor (must have known the applicant for a period of at least 12 months)

### **Category 3 – 25 points**

(More than one of the following documents may be counted; each will score 25 points.)

- ☐ Foreign/International Driver's Licence
- ☐ Proof of Age Card (Government Issued)
- ☐ Medicare Card/Private Health Care Card
- ☐ Council Rates Notice
- ☐ Property Lease/Rental Agreement
- ☐ Property Insurance Papers
- ☐ Tax Declaration
- ☐ Superannuation Statement
- ☐ Seniors Card
- ☐ Electoral Roll Registration
- ☐ Motor Vehicle Registration or Insurance Documents
- ☐ Professional or Trade Association Card

*To use more than one of the following documents, they must be from different organisations:*

- ☐ Utility Bills (e.g. Telephone, Gas, Electricity, Water)
- ☐ Credit/Debit Card
- ☐ Bank Statement/Passbook

**ALL INDUCTED VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ISSUED WITH A SPECIAL 2017 LANYARD TO INDICATE THEY HAVE BEEN INDUCTED AND PROVIDED THE WWCC DECLARATION AND PROOF OF IDENTITY.**  
**VOLUNTEER LANYARDS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN VOLUNTEERING IN THE SCHOOL.**

## 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 LEADER INDUCTION CEREMONY

A short 2017 Student Leader Induction Ceremony will take on 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.

## 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.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our school operates a breakfast program from 8:40am each morning. Cereal and toast (10c each) are available for purchase. Please see Mrs Ghandi (CLO) if you can volunteer some of your time.



## 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.



## **BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE** improve their attendance at school.

### **EARLY**

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit early so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Kindergarten is an exciting and an important year for your child. Having good attendance will prepare your child to do well academically throughout their school years. Children who do not learn the building blocks and basic skills in the early grades must work much harder to stay afloat as they go on. Many never catch up.

### **Parents Can Make A Difference!**

#### **What can you do?**

Set a regular bed time and morning routine. Children are most able and willing to learn when they have had plenty of sleep. Set your alarm clocks to make sure everyone gets up on time. Allow time for the unexpected. Have clothes and school bags ready the night before, and get up with plenty of time to get ready.

If your child rides the bus to school, put the bus schedule on the refrigerator.

If you drive your child to school, develop back-up plans for getting them to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent.

Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.

If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.

Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

All absences need to be explained via return SMS, in writing or directly to the class teacher. School is required by Department Of Education procedures to contact parents by second day of unexplained absences.

If you are having attendance issues with your child, please contact us so we can work together to

### **LANGUAGE CLASSES**

The current Australian Curriculum contains many Key Learning Areas, one of which is Languages. Rutherford Public School is offering students in Years K-6 the opportunity to participate in language groups which will run every Thursday during 1<sup>st</sup> half lunch throughout Term 1 in KT's Classroom.

Our CLO, Mrs Rasna Gandhi will be teaching basic Hindi (National language of India) starting from Week 4, (16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017). Our supervising teacher will be Miss Tsang. Students must understand that the groups require commitment and respect must be shown at all times.

Many students enjoyed our language classes last year and received a small treat for every five classes they attended. We look forward to seeing many more students enjoying the language classes this year too!

### **EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS**

This year we welcome Maxine Foley and Michelle Heaney, our Early Action for Success Instructional Leaders.

The Early Action for Success strategy aims to improve students' performance through a targeted approach in the early years.

Our Instructional Leaders will undertake classroom based coaching and work 'side by side' in the classrooms with the K-2 teachers to continue to improve learning outcomes. Together, the Instructional Leaders and the K-2 teachers will plan engaging and targeted lessons to ensure all students are provided with maximum opportunities to succeed in literacy and numeracy.

More information about the Early Action for Success Program can be found at:

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/early-action-for-success>

## SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION

Our 2017 School Leaders will officially be inducted this Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. Our eight school leaders will be taking on responsibilities such as running school assemblies and representing the school at official events and celebrations.

### **Our 2017 Student leaders are:**

Amber Higgins  
Anderson Thompson  
Laura Vallance  
Samuel Cutts  
Eddie Thomas  
Jack Kerry  
Ava Jankovic  
Braedon Hutchinson

We will also induct our SRC (Student Representative Council) leaders for 2017. These students will become known as our *Rutherford Highlighters* who will be responsible for running activities in the playground ranging from games for younger students to running a radio station for dancing.

### **Our SRC leaders for 2017 are:**

Pippa Drummond  
Braith Michelmore  
Ruby Van Der Wel  
Frank Tarlinton  
Amelia Bryson  
Joseph Lauder  
Millie Gallagher  
Reece Carter  
Samantha Rachubinski  
Declan Brunner  
Ciena Tipping  
Stuart Longbottom  
Georgia Lee  
Jaimon Suey  
Tayla Hine  
Kai Gale  
Madison Fowler  
Lucas Whelan  
Isabella Malone  
Haydn Jongerden  
Sharee Blackwell  
Cody Rhodes  
Emily Slattery  
Jack Roughan

Lakeysha Griffin  
Reece Forth  
Neha Thomas  
Luke Kemp  
Trisha Sennett  
Jet Thomas  
Ella Osborne  
Blair Dawson  
Shaenika Brown  
Dylan Williams  
Chloe Bates  
Marc Squires  
Tamirra Gribbin  
Emma Cooke  
Stephanie Brodbeck  
Ella Dick  
Courtney Moy  
Lily Davies  
Hannah Crich  
Trilby Ferguson  
Maddison Bennett  
Maddison Hamilton  
Makiya Mendyk

Our Sports Captains will also be inducted on Monday.

### **Allyn House**

Captains- Reese O'Donnell and Joel Graham  
Vice Captains- Hayley Bramble and Jesse Borrow

### **Hunter House**

Captains- Sara Caldwell and Zenden Sellis  
Vice Captains- Jacinta Connelly and Douglas Rebb

### **Paterson House**

Captains- Josie McIntosh and Reuben Hardy  
Vice Captains- Katie Holloway and Thomas Williams

### **Williams House**

Captains- Ava Buckingham and a Biron Paroci  
Vice Captains- Jamie-Shi Cant and Jake Digby

Please support our community partners who  
support our breakfast program

**RITCHIES SUPA IGA**  
"Where the Community Benefits"



## SPORT NEWS



Years 3-6 and Year 2 club swimmers went to Maitland Pool for Rutherford Public School's swimming carnival last Friday. It was an exciting day for all, with records smashed and kids having loads of fun. A big thank you to the Rutherford Public School staff members, as well as our parents and caregivers who volunteered their time to take up roles on the day to ensure the carnival ran smoothly. It is greatly appreciated! Which house won? You will have to wait until Friday to see!

**Age Swimming Champions will be presented with their medallions this Friday 10/2/17 at a short assembly in the primary quad at 9:10am. The winning house will also be revealed!**

Zone representatives will also be confirmed this week. The zone carnival is scheduled for Tuesday 21st February at Maitland pool.

### UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS:

21/2/17 Zone Swimming  
7/03/17 Cross Country  
17/03/17 Primary Athletics Carnival  
24/03/17 Touch Football Maitland Trials  
31/03/17 Netball & Soccer Maitland Trials

Please see Mr Cochrane for clarification of any upcoming sporting events.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### ONLINE ORDERING



- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Removes paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school.

Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.

### EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)
- Click REGISTER
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.



**Place lunch orders from your phone, tablet or home PC!**

For help call  
1300 361 769



[Click here for the summer canteen menu:](#)

**CLICK HERE**



## 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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### RUTHERFORD FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATIONS 2017 SEASON

All new registration will need a copy of birth certificate or passport

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 10am till 1pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 4pm till 6pm

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 10am till 1pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 4pm till 7pm

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1pm till 3pm

MAITLAND CITY BOWLING CLUB - ARTHUR STREET RUTHERFORD

All Fees have stayed the same as 2012 Season

Registration Fees Rutherford Football Club 2017

Under 5 to Under 7 \$70.00 Per Player

Under 8 to Under 11 \$90.00 Per Player

Under 12 to Under 18 \$120.00 Per Player

Adults \$230.00 Per Player

THIS YEAR THE CLUB IS DOING FAMILY DISCOUNT

SECOND PLAYER \$10 DISCOUNT & THIRD PLAYER \$20 DISCOUNT

If the Full Registration Fees & Bonds aren't paid by 1st April the club will De-register any player  
A \$10 administration fee will apply for all Player Cancellations. Both the Player and Club are required to complete the NRR08 Registration Cancellation Form to be submitted to the Hunter Valley Football Office for processing.  
A Fee of \$50.00 will be charged per Player when Transferring Clubs within the Hunter Valley Football Zone, Interdistrict Age Competitions

### Rutherford Football Club Weekly Match Fees

but can be paid fully at registration

THIS IS PAID EVERYWEEK BUT IF WE DON'T PLAY

DUE TO WASH OUTS YOU DON'T PAY

Approx Rounds 14 For All Every Age Group

Small Sided Games U5 to U7 \$4.00 per player per Week

Small Sided Games U8 & U9 \$5.00 per player per Week

Small Sided Games U10 to U11 \$6.00 per player Per Week

Combined Association U12 to U18 \$8.00 per player Per Week

Adult Teams \$12.00 per player Per Week

These are collected from every player Friday / Saturday / Sunday Every Game Day.

Full Total of Game fees

Under 5 to Under 7 \$56 for Season

Under 8 to Under 9 \$70 for Season

Under 10 & Under 11 \$84 for Season

Under 12 to Under 18 \$112 for Season

Approx Rounds 14 For All Adults \$168 for Season

Total Rego Fees & Game Fees for the Season will be:

Small Sided Games U5 to U7 \$126.00 per player

Small Sided Games U8 & U9 \$160 per player

Small Sided Games U10 to U11 \$174.00 per player

Combined Association U12 to U18 \$232.00 per player

Adult / All age \$398.00 per player

Can register online at [myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au) from the 1<sup>st</sup> February  
But will still need to attend 1 of the above dates at the club.

CLUB SECRETARY: 0423361736

Email: [secretary@rutherfordfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@rutherfordfc.com.au)

[www.rutherfordfc.com.au](http://www.rutherfordfc.com.au)



### CRAFT GROUP

St Christopher's Craft group is returning again this year, children from pre school upwards are invited to attend. There will be a sign up afternoon this coming Monday 6th February from 4 p.m till 5 p.m, there will be afternoon tea for the children to allow Mum's and Dad's the space to fill in forms and ask questions. Craft will commence Monday 13th at 4 p.m. and conclude at 5.30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 per child and \$5.00 per family. It is lot's of fun and very reasonably priced.

For more information:

Kerrie Duffey

Welfare Coordinator,

Anglican Parish, Telarah/Rutherford

Phone: 0447329388