



Education

Rutherford Public School

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 4 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 4	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:	
	13/02/17	• NRL Blitz Day in Hall
	14/02/17	• 6:30pm P&C Meeting AGM
	15/02/17	• Volunteer Induction 9:15am – Staffroom • Zone Tennis Trials @ Rutherford Courts
	16/02/17	•
Week 5	17/02/17	• Rugby League Trials - Hartcher Oval 11's & Opens
	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:	
	20/02/17	• Aboriginal Elder Visit– Stage 3 9:30am
	21/02/17	• Zone Swimming Carnival – Maitland Pool • RTHS Staff to visit Year 6 students 9:30am
	22/02/17	• School Disco
Week 6	23/02/17	• 9:15am Kindergarten Photos taken
	24/02/17	•
	CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:	
	27/2/17	•
	28/2/17	• RTHS open night 5pm-6pm for Year 5 and 6
Week 7	1/3/17	• M Goals launch for Aboriginal families 3:30pm
	2/3/17	•
	3/3/17	•

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	• School disco – Wednesday 22/02/17
P-K Program	• Starts Term 2– Registrations open soon!
Kindergarten	• Kindergarten Assembly Thursday 2:30pm
Year 1	• Stage 1 Assembly Monday 2:30pm
Year 2	• Stage 1 Assembly Monday 2:30pm
Year 3	• Stage 2 Assembly Wednesday 2:30pm
Year 4	• Stage 2 Assembly Wednesday 2:30pm
Year 5	• Stage 3 Assembly Tuesday 2:30pm
Year 6	• Stage 3 Assembly Tuesday 2:30pm
Community	• P&C Meeting AGM 6:30pm – 14/2/17 • P&C Disco – 22/3/17

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 8/4/2017 to 25/4/2017

TERM 2 COMMENCES: WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2017

Planning Ahead...

- Week 7 High School Expression of Interest forms sent home this week, 6/03/17 @ 3:30pm Aboriginal Ed Meeting, 7/03/17 AECG Meeting 4:00pm @ Branxton PS
- Week 8 17/03/17 Primary Athletics Carnival @ Max McMahon Oval
- Week 9 23/03/17 Touch Football Maitland Trials, 24/03/17 Cross Country & Hunter Rugby League Trials, UNSW Competitions close today
- 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



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

... Together We Strive...

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 this 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.

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

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.

Term 1 Financial Planner...

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

Weekly Events:

Assemblies:

Stage 1	2:30 pm	Monday	School Hall
Stage 3	2:30 pm	Tuesday	School Hall
Stage 2	2:30 pm	Wednesday	School Hall
Kindergarten	2:30 pm	Thursday	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 OPEN NOW!

THIS SCHOOL IS A



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. 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

Thank you to the parents who came along to be part of the Leaders induction assembly last week. Our School Leaders have already started to undertake some of their responsibilities and are great role models for our school.



*Above:
Our eight Student Leaders*



*Above:
Our 16 Sports Captains*



*Above:
Our 47 Student Representative Council*



*Above:
The entire Student Leadership Team for 2017*

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.

Lost your booklet? Replacement Home reading records can be obtained from the school office.

DRAGON'S NEST BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is up and running again every morning with the help of our teachers and Year 6 volunteers! Students can enjoy warm toast with butter, jam, vegemite, honey, & cereal for 10c & a cup of Milo for 20c.

We are thankful to Bakers Delight Rutherford for donating fresh bread for our breakfast club every day. We are also, very happy to inform that Kelloggs has agreed to donate cereal this term. Any other businesses interested in supporting us would be advertised in our newsletter.

We are looking for parent Volunteers to run the Breakfast Club. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Rasna Gandhi (CLO) in the office.

Please support our sponsors



THE VERY POPULAR WIN BIN BEGINS FOR THE YEAR!

Win Bin is open each Friday at lunch playtime, near the office. Students collect 10 Webland Tokens for following our three core values and the 5 Webland Ways. Children can trade 10 Tokens or one Gold Webbie for a small prize from the Win Bin. They can choose from Noisy putties, Galaxy slime, handballs, slime, mood rings, anklets, cars, dolls, pens, wands, batons and many other cool prizes! We are always looking for donations of small toys etc. to add to our Win Bin!



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING





SPORT NEWS

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM UNDERWAY

With the generous support of the P&C (a \$20,000 investment in gymnastics equipment in 2016), we have been able to offer a FREE gymnastics program for our students.

Students in K-2 will have at least 30 minutes each week with qualified gym teacher Sam Nichols.

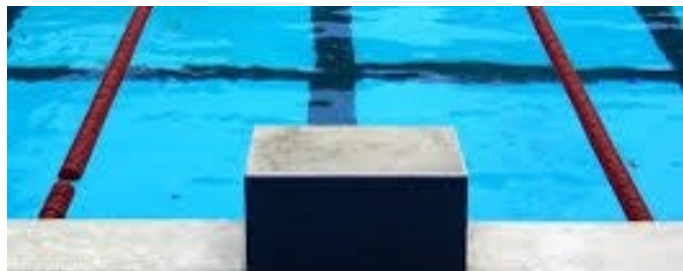


Primary students will be able to join in at lunchtimes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

The gymnastics program aims to give students access to a gross motor program to develop better core muscle strength and coordination.

Lessons will be led by Sam and supported by the class teacher. Watch out for some Olympic gymnasts in the future!





2017 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our 2017 swimming champions who were announced last Friday.
Our overall point winners were:

Junior Boys: Blake Burton

Junior Girls: Khilarni Martin



11 Years Boys: Sebastian Richard

11 Years Girls: Avah Buckley



Senior Boys: Jack Kerry

Senior Girls: Ava Jankovic



RECORDS FALL

Special congratulations to Ava Jankovic, who again showed some outstanding results in her heats, and broke six, long-standing records at this year's swimming carnival.

Ava's results that will go into the record book are:

- All Age Girls 100m Freestyle - 1:09:59 (record was 1:19:66 from Shannon Skinner 1999)
- 12 Years 50m Freestyle - 32:91 (record was 36:12 from Emily Davies 1996)
- Senior Girls 50m Breaststroke - 44:50 (record was 50:27 from Emily Davies 1996)
- Senior Girls 50m Backstroke - 39:63 (record was 43:62 from Emily Davies 1999)
- Senior Girls 50m Butterfly - 34:31 (record was 46:22 from Teagan Toms 1999)
- All Age Girls IM - 2:51:53 (record was 3:07:16) from Ava Jankovic 2016 – broke own record by 16 seconds)



ZONE SWIMMING SQUAD

Good luck to our students who have qualified for our Zone swimming carnival on Tuesday 21st February 2017.

Our 2017 Zone swimming team is:

CANTEEN NEWS



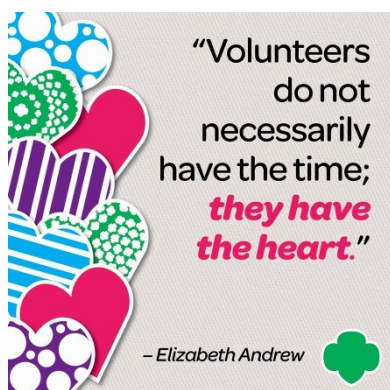
WELCOME TO SANDY JOHNSON

Sandy Johnson (above right with parent volunteers Sara and Marlieta) has joined canteen manager, Di Botfield, as a canteen assistant for 2017.

Sandy will assist with daily meal preparation and canteen operations. Welcome to the busiest place in the school!

Volunteers

Thank you to the new volunteers who have indicated their willingness to be part of the canteen rosters for 2017. We have had a great response for parent helpers! We look forward to seeing lots of new faces and keeping the canteen service fast, friendly and nutritious!



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- 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

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- 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!

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1300 361 769

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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, 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.



You're invited to Rutherford Public School's

M Goals Launch

What: MGoals is an online goal setting tool for PLPs. All parents/caregivers are invited to an introduction to M Goals which will then provide you with an opportunity to discuss any concerns with your child's teacher and set goals for your child/ren.

When: Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 3.30pm

Where: School Hall


A complimentary BBQ will follow.

For more details contact:

Andrew Brown—Principal

Sara Johnston - Aboriginal Education Leader

49325900





Shaping our
Children's Future

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

COMMITMENT

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

We invite all Year 5 & Year 6 Students and their
Parents/Caregivers to attend our Open Evening on
Tuesday 28 February 2017 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm

- ☆ Principal Address
- ☆ Meet Head Teachers & Teaching Staff
- ☆ Tour of the School to see our Excellent Facilities
- ☆ Hands-on Activities
- ☆ Ask all your Questions
- ☆ Free BBQ Provided

The transition from Primary School to High School is an important time in the life of a young person. The staff at Rutherford Technology High School are keen to make that transition as pleasant as possible. This is done by a structured transition process involving visits to the High School and familiarisation with school staff and processes.

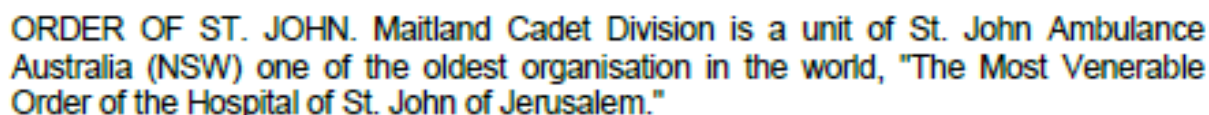
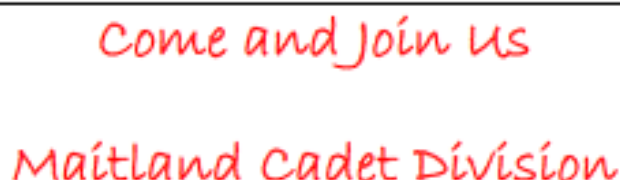


Rutherford
Technology
High School

Ph: 4932 5999
Fax: 4932 8166

Avery Street
RUTHERFORD

If you would like further information about Rutherford Technology High School please contact Principal, Mr Michael Whiting or Deputy Principal, Mrs Kylie Fabri, at the school on 4932 5999



There is no joining fee, however to help with the general running of the division, there will be a small donation of only \$ 4.00 per week.

Are you interested in being in the Ambulance Service, Nurse, or Doctor, then come and join St John and gain some experience. Enrolment is now open to Male & Females between the ages of 8 to 18 years. Uniforms will be supplied, as available, to all members at a minimal cost. This division will have an active social life consisting of camps, trips to Sydney, competitions with other divisions, outings to the pool, etc.

As a member of St. John you can think of this as a mini career towards a full time career in a medical field. Even if you don't want a medical career learning to save a life doesn't hurt. The training you will receive is very different and interesting. After obtaining your first aid certificate, you will be able to assist other members at public duties, i.e. motor cross, Knights and Jets Football, and many concerts.

Badges are awarded to cadets who passed a test in Proficiency Subjects. There are 28 subjects to choose from including boating, signalling, cycling, map reading, camp craft & many more. Once you have gained 12 badges you will be awarded your Grand Prior Badge, which is the highest award a cadet can achieve.

So why should you join St. John?

REMEMBER, many people admitted dead on arrival at hospital may have lived if someone had known what to do.

SO THINK about it, the life you save may be??? Someone you love

For more information please contact John 0418 566 889

**LIFE IS PRECIOUS.
KNOW HOW TO SAVE IT.
St John Ambulance (NSW)
First in First Aid**



8th February 2017

2017 Transition to High School



Dear Parents/Carers

This will be the last year of your child's educational journey at Rutherford Public School. When your children leave the security of their primary school, they are confronted with an environment which is different in so many ways from primary school. They are usually worried about a whole range of issues when transitioning to this new environment.

At primary school, students frequently receive a distorted view of what is involved at secondary school. To allay their fears, a team from Rutherford Technology High School will visit our school on Tuesday 21st February, from 9:30am to 10:30am, to speak to parents and students together. All Year 5 and Year 6 parent, carers, and students, are invited to attend this critical meeting.

The following week, Tuesday 28th February, an Open Night will be held at Rutherford Technology High School, starting at 5:00pm. This is also for all parents of Year 5 and Year 6 students.

MR A BROWN
Principal

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OWEN TRIVIA NIGHT



6.30PM 25TH OF FEBRUARY
@ TELARAH BOWLING CLUB
TABLES OF TEN, \$25 PER PERSON
FINGER FOOD, RAFFLES &
SILENT AUCTIONS

TO BOOK A TABLE AND ALL ENQUIRES
CALL 0438307436, OR 0420279152
OR MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK



BANK@school[®]

Rutherford Public School and The Mutual are pleased to continue Bank@school in 2016.

What is Bank@school?

Bank@school is a financial literacy program that encourages students to learn about the importance of saving.

How does it work?

There have been some changes to Bank@school this year.

A representative from The Mutual will visit Rutherford Public School each **Thursday** of the school term. The school banking will be collected and processed at the nearest branch.

Students are invited to open a Mighty Mutual Account and receive their own fun passbook to keep track of their savings. Students can update their passbook anytime by visiting a branch of The Mutual.

A deposit/receipt booklet will be given to each student participating in the Bank@school program. A deposit receipt form will need to be completed each time a deposit is made into the students Mighty Mutual Account through the Bank@school program.

The deposit/receipt form will be stamped as confirmation of receiving the funds. Each time a deposit is made a Mutual sticker will be issued for participation in the banking incentive game included in the Mighty Mutual booklet.

Mighty Mutual Account

The Mighty Mutual Account is a fun and interactive way to help kid's save. Students receive their own fun passbook to help keep track of their savings. The account is free from transaction and monthly account keeping fees and also rewards members with bonus interest for making regular deposits.

You will also receive our 2016 Mighty Mutual activity booklet which is packed with puzzles, games and information to help learn the importance of saving.

If you have any questions regarding Bank@school please call us on 1300 688 825 or simply visit one of our branches.



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ROCK ON THE RIVER

BOOK ONLINE NOW
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

DATE: Saturday 25th February 2017

TIME: Gates open 3:00pm
Entertainment starts 4:30pm

VENUE: 840 Hinton Road, Osterley
(near Raymond Terrace)

TICKETS: Adult: \$25 | Child (13-17 y.o.): \$15
Family pass (2 adults, 2 kids 13+): \$60
(FREE entry to kids 0-12 y.o.)

Bring your picnic rug, nibbles and a glass of wine, while you enjoy the sun set over the Hunter River listening to local bands from 7:00pm till late. The kids will be kept entertained with jumping castles, face painting and an array of Camp Quality style fun!

Food and drink available for purchase, or bring your own picnic. Camping spaces, for tents and caravans, also available for those who wish to stay the night. (\$5 camping fee per car applies).

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK TICKETS:
rockontheriver.com.au

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- ★ Summer Breeze
- ★ Half Cut

**ROCK ON THE RIVER**



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of Industry
Resources & Energy

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**Help is available to pay
your energy bills.**

**For information on
rebates and emergency
assistance go to:**

**[www.resourcesandenergy
.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates)**

**or phone Service NSW
on 137 788**

* eligibility criteria apply

Join Girl Guides

Make Friends

Have Fun

Be Adventurous

Go Camping

Learn New Skills

Develop Leadership

Give Community Service

Grow in Self Development



Local Contact:

Girls aged 5-9 years

Sandra Herbert

0418 160 402

49 301780

HERBSHAVEN@bigpond.com

Our mission is to enable girls and young woman to

grow into confident, self respecting, responsible community members

A U S T R A L I A



<http://lochinvarfc.com.au/2017-season/2017-registration/>

2017 Player Fees:

5yr – 7yr \$120

8yr – 11yr \$140

12yr – 18yr \$180

Senior \$290

2017 Player Registration

Under 6's to Over 35's for girls, boys, men and women.

Children turning 5 in 2017 are eligible to play

Aiming for some all girls teams

New players will receive FREE socks and shorts.

Under 6 and 7 will receive FREE shin pads and a ball.

\$10 discount will apply to each family member after the first full fee paying player.

Information Dates: 10am – 12pm

4th and 25th Feb at Lochinvar Sports Complex

11th February at Rutherford Shopping (outside Woollies)

Bettina Chandler (Registrar) : 0408 411 550

Lisa Duhig (Secretary) : 0418 743 642

Email: lochinvarroversfc@hunintervalleyfootball.net.au

MAITLAND SAINTS JUNIOR AFL CLUB



Max McMahon Oval, Rutherford

2017 Online Registrations Now Open

Visit www.maitlandsaints.org.au

NAB Auskick \$85

5 Years to 8 Years

Includes 2017 Auskick Pack

U9s \$120

U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s \$150

Youth Girls (U16s) \$150

All registrations include shorts and socks

Family discount for three or more siblings

The first 10 girls registered will receive a \$20 refund

***** NO WEEKLY FEES *****

For further information please contact Mel on 0401785235



MAITLAND JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

Celebrating 50 years of Junior Rugby Union in 2017

2017 Registration Days

RUGBY SINCE 1877



Tuesday 7th February 5pm – 7pm

Thursday 9th February 5pm – 7pm

Sunday 12th February 9am – 12pm

Thursday 23rd February 5pm – 7pm

Sunday 26th February 9am – 12pm

Registrations Days are held at

Marcellin Park

Glenarvon Road, Lorn.

For online registrations and further information:

<http://www.maitlandrugbyclub.com.au/registration/>

or Enquiries to info@Maitlandblacks.com.au