

# Rutherford Public School

## Weekly Newsletter

### WEEK 8 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 8	13/3/17	• 3:15pm P&C Canteen & Fundraising Meeting
	14/3/17	• 6:30pm P&C Meeting
	15/3/17	•
	16/3/17	• 9:30am Little Dragons Parent Information Session
	17/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Athletics Carnival @ Max McMahon Oval Years 3-6 and eight-year-old Year 2 students</li> <li>• 9:45am Kinder Athletics Fun Hour</li> <li>• 12:15am Stage 1 Athletics Hour</li> <li>• High School EOI's must be returned by today</li> <li>• Year 6 Canberra Excursion Deposits due by today</li> <li>• Book Club Orders and Payment Due by today</li> </ul>
Week 9	20/3/17	• Harmony Day Class posters can be viewed in the hall and voted for before and after school
	21/3/17	• Harmony Day Dress-Up Day - Students can wear costumes to represent a culture of their choice
	22/3/17	•
	23/3/17	• Zone Touch Football Trials
	24/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purple Day - Epilepsy Awareness Day</li> <li>• Hunter Rugby League Trials</li> </ul>
Week 10	Parent Teacher Interview Week - Don't forget to book online!	
	27/3/17	• UNSW ICAS Competition close today - be sure to get your permission note and payment in so you don't miss out!
	28/3/17	•
	29/3/17	•
	30/3/17	•
	31/3/17	• Maitland Zone Netball & Soccer Trials
	1/4/2017	• Aerobics - Pink Jets to Autumn Challenge at Broadmeadow

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

ALL STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21/3/17 - Harmony Day - Cultural Dress-Up Day</li> <li>• 24/3/17 Epilepsy Awareness Day - Wear purple!</li> <li>• <b>Week 10 &amp; 11 PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS</b></li> <li>• 3/04/17 Visiting Performance: Brainstorm Anti Bullying Show, The Human Race</li> <li>• Friday 7/4/17 Term 1 concludes</li> <li>• School Holidays 8/04/17 to 25/04/17</li> <li>• Wednesday 26/04/17 Term 2 Commences</li> </ul>
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P-K Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starts Term 2 - Registrations NOW OPEN!</li> <li>• 16/03/17 9:30am P-K Parent Information Session</li> </ul>
Infants	• 7/4/17 Easter Hat Parade
Kindergarten	• Kindergarten Assembly Thursday 2:30pm
Year 1	• Stage 1 Assembly Monday 2:30pm
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage 1 Assembly Monday 2:30pm</li> <li>• 17/03/17 Athletics Carnival @ Max McMahon Oval for eight-year-old Year 2 students</li> <li>• 27/03/17 UNSW Competitions close today</li> </ul>
Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17/03/17 Athletics Carnival @ Max McMahon Oval</li> <li>• 23/03/17 Touch Football Maitland Trials</li> <li>• 24/03/17 Hunter Rugby League Trials</li> <li>• 27/03/17 UNSW Competitions close today</li> <li>• 31/03/17 Netball &amp; Soccer Maitland Trials</li> </ul>
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	Next P&C Meeting 14th March @ 6:30pm



## SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Have you booked an interview time yet? Spaces are filling fast! All class teachers will be available to meet with parents and carers to discuss progress during Week 10 of Term 1 - Monday 27th March to Friday 31st March 2017. Parents can make an appointment with the teacher of their choice by making an online booking at:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

Code: **sf2ka**

Teachers have been each allocated a certain day during Week 10 for their interviews to take place. Some teachers are also available before or after school.

We thank parents for trying to fit in with our organisation.

Parents who are unavailable during the teachers assigned times should see the class teacher to make an alternative time to discuss student's work throughout Term 1.

A Term 1 Student Progress report will be issued at the interview.



## DRESS PURPLE FOR EPILEPSY

Rutherford Public School has several students who have epilepsy. On Friday 24th March, we will be holding a **Dress Purple for Epilepsy** day, to support Epilepsy Action Australia.

Epilepsy Action Australia work with the community to raise awareness of epilepsy, as well as providing support to those who live with the unpredictable and sometimes debilitating effects of epilepsy.

At Rutherford Public School, we would also like to show our support to those living with epilepsy by coming dressed in as much **purple** as possible on Friday 24th March, and bringing a gold coin donation.

All donations will be going to support Epilepsy Awareness Australia. Get your **purple** on!



Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs', reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

We are planning some great events! Please see the Harmony Day Information sheet in this newsletter.

## NEW DEMOUNTABLE ARRIVES

Students from 1D and Mrs Dow were excited to see their new classroom arrive on the back of trucks on Thursday. We hope to have the classroom up and operating within a few weeks.

The library will reopen as soon as 1D is settled! Thank you for everyone's patience!



## YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 2018

2018 "Expression of Interest" Forms for Year 7 2018 high school placements are due back to school by Friday 17th March. It is important that ALL students return the form by the due date so High Schools can plan for their needs in 2018.

All students are asked to indicate where they will be applying to attend High school - i.e. local, catholic, independent.

## Hunter Sports High & Hunter School of Performing Arts

Students considering applying to Hunter Sports High or Hunter School of Performing Arts need to apply to each school individually. Applications and enrolment procedures can be found at each school's website below. There are strict enrolment processes and timeframes for each school.

Hunter Sports High: <http://www.huntersports.com.au/>

Hunter School of performing arts: <http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/>

## OPPORTUNITY CLASS

### YEAR 5 2018

An expression of interest form will be sent home next week, and is also attached to this newsletter.

Any Year 4 students who would like to apply for the Opportunity Class for Year 5 in 2018 should return the form to school, to indicate their interest. Further information regarding applying to an Opportunity Class will be available soon.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### LOCAL MANAGEMENT BUSINESS REFORM (LMBR)

Our school will be part of the LMBR process during this year. The Department of Education is in the process of updating their computer software for student management and financial controls. This is a mandatory change for our school, and there is a significant amount of work needed to prepare to change the system. The current system has been in place for over 20 years!

Students and parents will not notice many changes to the day-to-day operations of the school, but parents and carers will need to be on the lookout for periods where we cannot process any payments (cash, cheques, EFTPOS or online POP payments).

Thank you for support in managing this change in our school.

## SCHOOL FEES

All students will be invoiced for our 2017 school fees. The fee covers some of the costs associated with exercise books, copying costs and online Matific subscriptions.

2017 fees are:

\$45 per student or \$90 per family.

Thank you for paying your fees promptly and contributing to our school operations.

### Office Hours:

8:30am - 3:30pm Monday to 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.

## DANCE PROGRAM STARTS

Rutherford Public School now offers students the opportunity to join lunchtime and recess dance groups. This is a great way for students to learn new dance steps and work together as a team. These lessons are FREE, and open to any students who may be interested. Mrs Paulette Evans has volunteered to be the school dance coordinator for 2017. Students and parents can see Mrs Evans for more information about the programs.

Stage 3 Mondays Lunch time - Mrs Evans

Stage 2 Thursdays Recess time - Mrs Daniels

Stage 1 Tuesdays Recess time - Miss Collins and Mrs Lee

Kindergarten students will be offered an opportunity to join a dance group later in the year.

More information about the program will be sent home soon.

## STAFF CAR PARK AND DISABLED PARKING

We are increasingly observing some of our parents and carers entering the Car Park without permission from the school principal. Our school has over 80 staff members and the parking in the school grounds is very congested. We have 3 disabled car parks designated for VISITORS, STUDENTS and STAFF who may have access limitations when entering the school. We are trying to limit the number of cars entering the car park in peak times to avoid congestion and potential pedestrian injury!

Some motorists have been using the car park as a 'drop and go zone', or a quicker and more convenient way to drop off and collect their child/ren. Students and visitors who genuinely need the disabled car parking are finding it difficult to safely access the area due to motorists using the car park inappropriately.

**As a result, the school now requests that anyone wishing to access the school car park will need to register at the school office.**

**Applicants will need to show cause why they should be issued with an "RPS CAR PARK ACCESS" pass.**

**These passes should be displayed in the front windscreen of the car when accessing the car park.**

**Cars not displaying the pass will not be allowed access to the site, and may be served with an "Inclosed Lands Act Notice" and banned from entering the school if they continue to ignore the above requests.**

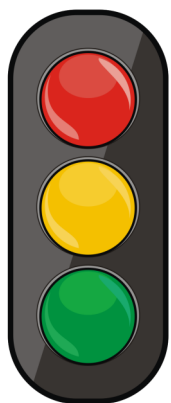
Car Park Access passes will be issued to:

- Students with a disability which makes walking or mobility difficult e.g. wheelchairs, crutches
- Parents/carers and visitors who have mobility issues and have medical documentation to support their claims, AND will need to get out of the car to collect children.

Car Park Access passes will NOT be issued to:

- Parents/Carers who may have mobility issues who simply want to get a park close to the school - Applicants will need to show why their child cannot walk to a designated meeting point e.g. Max McMahon Oval Car Park.

## APPLYING FOR A CAR PARK PASS



# Think Safe!

# Act Safe!

# Be Safe!

Motorists wishing to apply for a Car Park Pass will need to drop into the office to complete a brief registration form.

The principal will issue the motorist with a laminated pass which will need to be displayed in the windscreen of the car.

Passes may be issued for a short period of time, or on a

permanent basis.

Thank you to the hundreds of parents who do the right thing each day!



## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

Rutherford Public School has well over 1000 people entering and leaving the school on any given day. We ask that parents and students observe the following safety precautions:

### Mornings:

- Students are not to arrive before 8:40am
- Supervision commences at 8:40am
- Students who arrive before the bell **MUST** sit in the Primary Quad area and wait - **NO PLAY**
- Students may place their bags at the classrooms after 8:40am

### Afternoons:

- Students must leave the school grounds promptly at 3:10pm
- Play Equipment is not to be used
- Students catching a bus must report to bus lines promptly
- Students and parents must use the Weblands Street Crossing to cross the road
- OOSH students to meet under the Primary COLA near the canteen



## DRAGONS NEST BREAKFAST CLUB

Approximately 80 to 120 students enjoy breakfast at our Dragon's Nest Breakfast Club every morning before school. Therefore, we rely heavily on donations of cereal, bread, spreads, milk etc.

Bakers Delight Rutherford donates fresh bread & Kelloggs donates cereal for our Breakfast Club.

Children have been enjoying the Corn Flakes, Sultana Bran & Rice Bubbles, along with a warm piece of Bakers Delight toast.

If anyone is interested in donating goods or helping at the Breakfast Club, please contact Mrs Gandhi (CLO) at the office.



*Bakers Delight*  
We're for real.



## P&C NEWS

### P&C MEETING

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on 14th March 2017. It was great to see a few new faces at the first meeting for 2017. The P&C are planning lots of events to support the school and help ensure the student's education at Rutherford is the best it can be! Our P&C executive will be ratified at our next meeting. Most office bearing positions have been filled. The position of president will be finalised at the next meeting.

### 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



### After School AFL

All boys and girls involved in the after school AFL program are having a great time on Wednesday afternoons. Students from all year groups are learning the skills of AFL such as hand pass, kicking, marking and game sense.

The program is run by development officers from the AFL, and runs for six weeks, on the school oval. Anyone wanting more information can grab a note from the school office.

## Term 1 Financial Planner...

Activity	Stage/Year	Costs
School Contribution	Yr 1-6	\$45 student, family \$90
Anti-Bullying Show	All Years	\$5 Per student
Kindergarten Packs	Kindergarten	\$40
Aussie Bush Camp	Year 5	\$50 deposit Balance TBA
Canberra Excursion	Year 6	\$50 deposit \$395 Balance
Rugby Jersey	Year 6	\$38.50



### PSSA Boys Cricket - Rutherford P.S Vs Telarah P.S

"Howzat!" Shouted Haydn as he took his second wicket. The wickets tumbled early in Friday's PSSA senior boys cricket match at Max McMahon Oval.

Rutherford were on top early in their first cricket match against Telarah Public School. Hayden Jongerden opened the bowling with a fantastic spell, picking up a brace of wickets.

Telarah fought back until Darcy Spalding came on to bowl. He bowled with great control and slowed the run rate down. His exceptional bowling was soon followed by a wicket of his own. Brock McGlashan, Nicholas Drury and Jake Digby also contributed to keeping Telarah's total down to 92 runs from 24 overs.

As the wind and light rain started to come down the conditions were tough for batting. The ball swung and there was movement off the turf pitch. A great spell of bowling by Telarah's left handed opening bowler left Rutherford in trouble early in their innings. Corey Boxsell batted well and frustrated Telarah's bowling attack. He saw off Telarah's opening bowlers, found gaps in the field and despatched the bad balls to the boundary. He was only dismissed with an unfortunate run out. Corey's dismissal lead to a middle order collapse and the Rutherford boys fell well short of Telarah's total. The Rutherford boys cricket team did their best and represented our school with pride.

They should be congratulated for their efforts.

**Stiven Micevski, Cricket Coordinator**

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

**TERM 2 COMMENCES:** WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2017



## Support your child's learning — at home!

You want to help your child develop their literacy and numeracy skills, but working out how can be tricky. How do you find activities that reinforce and build on the concepts and skills your child will encounter in the classroom?

The answer: this website. Everything here supports the Australian Curriculum for primary school, and is child (and parent) friendly.

Browse by your child's year level, or search for a topic, and the website will suggest ideas, activities, games and videos you can use to support your child's learning.

Click on the learning potential banner to go straight to the website.

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

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I can control what I do and say.



I can follow instructions.



I can listen.



I can raise my hand and wait.



I can work quietly.



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

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1300 361 769

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## 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.

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**Offer ends midnight (AEST) 16/3/17. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.**



# Little Dragons

**A transition/orientation program supporting children before they start school**

**An Information Session will be held at Rutherford Public School on Thursday 16th March 2017 in the Community Room at 9:30am**

**Activities include:**

- School readiness
- Literacy and Numeracy activities
- Gross/fine motor skills development
- Social and emotional development
- Craft
- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

**When:** Commencing Thursday 27th April, 2017

**Where:** Community Room, Rutherford Public School

**Time:** Session 1 - 9:00am to 11:00am  
Session 2 - 12:45pm to 2:45pm

**Cost:** \$1 per session (covers cost of resources)

**For children starting Kindergarten at Rutherford Public School in 2018**

**This program is staffed by experienced Teachers and Learning Support Officers**

**For all enquiries please contact the school administration staff on 4932 5900.**

**Email:** [rutherford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rutherford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Registrations must be made in person at the school administration office.**

**Rutherford Public School**





# THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**



## Dear Parents and Carers

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March (Week 10). All class teachers will be available on certain days. Bookings must be finalised before 17<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00pm, when bookings for this event will close.

Please see your child's teacher if you are not able to make the teacher's assigned times.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.  
Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

Enter code...	<b>sf2ka</b>	<b>Go</b>
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Simply enter the code **sf2ka** and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

**Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly**

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 21<sup>st</sup> February at 4pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 4932 5900



# Annual Athletics Carnival

Our P&C would like to invite any parents who could spare some time, to come along to help in the canteen.

**Where: Max McMahon Oval**

**When: Friday 17th March**

Both the school canteen and the oval canteen will be open,  
and in need of volunteers.

We would love to see lots of parent helpers on the day.

Lots of parents means that you would also have some time to go  
and watch your children participate in the carnival!

If you can help out, even if just for a short amount of time,  
please call: **Nat on 0403 292 520**



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7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## 2017 Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Max McMahon Oval, and children will be walking to and from the venue, supervised by their teacher.

The Athletics Carnival will begin at 9:30am. However, 800m will be run at 9:00am for students wishing to compete in that event. If this day is postponed due to bad weather, the Athletics Carnival will then be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Sport leaders are asked to be at the ground by 8:40am.

- Year 3 to Year 6 students will participate in the Athletics Carnival, along with Year 2 students who are turning 8 years old this year.
- Please ensure your child has a hat, sunscreen, and brings enough drinks for the day.
- If your child has their Sport House Shirt, they may wear this instead of the white school polo shirt.
- Parent helpers are essential for the smooth running of our Athletics Carnival, so if you could spare some time on the day, please indicate this on the attached note. It will be greatly appreciated.
- **Please complete the attached permission note, parent helper availability note and medical information note and return them to your child's classroom teacher by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

### Athletics Carnival Lunch Arrangements:

There will be no lunch orders taken for children at the carnival. Lunch items will be sold over the counter from 10:30am. Limited quantities of sandwiches and wraps will be available, while stocks last. Lunch and snack items available for children, parents and staff include:

Pies	\$3.70	Sausage Roll	\$2.80	Hot Dogs	\$2.50	Water ice blocks	50c
Chips	\$1.00	Assorted lollies	assorted	Water	\$2.00	Soft drinks	\$2.50
Cakes	assorted	Assorted wraps/sandwiches	assorted			Poppers	\$1.50

### Lunch Arrangements for Students Remaining at School:

Infants children will have the opportunity to order from the school canteen. Normal Friday lunch items will be available. The usual snacks, drinks and ice blocks will be available for the Infants children.

Infants children will have the chance to experience the canteen without the Primary children.

MR W COCHRANE  
Athletics Coordinator

MR A BROWN  
Principal

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### 2017 Athletics Carnival Permission Note

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of Class \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the Athletics Carnival on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017. I understand the children will be walking to Max McMahon Oval at Rutherford.  
I also give permission for them to participate on the alternative date of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 if the Carnival is postponed due to bad weather.

☐ I understand that my child will be walked to the carnival in their class group, with a staff member;

☐ My child will be entering the 800m and will be at the ground for marshalling by 8:50am

Parent/Carer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2017 Athletics Carnival Parent Helper Note

I am able to assist at the Athletics Carnival on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 commencing 9:30am.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Job (Time Keeper, Assist Field Events etc) \_\_\_\_\_



## Kindergarten Athletics Hour

Dear Parents/Carers

This year, Kindergarten will be holding an Athletics Fun Morning to enable our students to participate in gross motor activities. This day has been designed to promote physical activity, friendship, fun and sportsmanship.

**When:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March (Week 8).

**Time:** Starting at approximately 9:45am and running for approximately one hour.  
After this session, students will return to their normal school routine.

**Where:** Rutherford Public School Oval

**Organisation:** Students will need to wear their full sports uniform, including comfortable shoes. Please ensure your child has a water bottle, school hat and has applied sunscreen on the day.



In the lead up to the day, students will be learning some of the necessary skills in their Physical Education and Sport lessons. This will assist them in acquiring the skills necessary to participate in all events.

Parents are welcome to attend. We ask that parents in attendance assist the classroom teachers by encouraging their child to participate in all activities, and to be an active member of the class. We also require parents to assist on the day to help run the activities. Parents will stay with their child's class and rotate with the class, as they move to each new activity.

The running race will be the **only** event in which place awards will be given, as the aim of the day is to encourage sportsmanship and participation. All students will receive a participation award and house points will be given by the teachers on the day.

**Students will participate in the following events:**

- Running Races
- Shot Put (with bean bags)
- Parachute games
- Hoola hoops
- Fruit Salad
- Rob the Nest
- Simon Says/Elbow Tag

Kind regards

MRS K LEE  
Co-ordinator

MRS K SLAVEN  
Assistant Principal - Kindergarten

MR A BROWN  
Principal

MISS E COLLINS, MRS A CAMPBELL,  
MRS P KOSTALOVA, MISS G COTTON,  
MISS L BERNARDINE, MISS J TSANG  
Classroom Teachers

MRS D ROSS  
Deputy Principal – Infants



## Stage 1 Athletic Hour

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This term, Year 1 and Year 2 will be holding an Athletics Fun Afternoon to enable our students to participate in gross motor activities. This day has been designed to promote physical activity, friendship, fun and sportsmanship.



**When:** Friday 17th March (Week 8).

**Time:** Starting at 12:15pm and finishing at approximately 1:30pm. After this session, students will return to their normal school routine.

**Where:** Rutherford Public School Oval.

**Organisation:** Students will need to wear their full sports uniform, including comfortable shoes. Please ensure your child has a water bottle, school hat and has applied sunscreen on the day.

Parents are welcome to attend, and we appreciate any parents who are able to assist on the day to help run the activities. We ask that they stay with their child's class and rotate with them to each new activity.

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- Rob the Nest
- Simon says/Elbow Tag
- Captain Ball/Tunnel Ball
- Bean Bag Relay
- Egg and Spoon Race

Kind regards

STAGE 1 TEACHERS

MRS D ROSS  
Deputy Principal – Infants

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13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## 2017 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This year, Year 6 will be given the opportunity to visit Canberra during Term 3, from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The excursion supports and enhances our History unit, 'Australia as a Nation', which focuses heavily on Federation.

The following information is for your benefit, to decide whether your child/children will be able to attend the excursion.

**To secure a place, students are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00.  
Deposit must be paid by 12:30pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

**EXCURSION GROUP:** 110 children and 4 staff. Parent helpers will be considered subject to availability of places. This will be decided once student numbers are established.

**APPROXIMATE COST:** Students - \$445.00 (approximately)  
Parents – \$475.00 (approximately)  
This includes: luxury air-conditioned, seat-belt equipped coach travel, motel accommodation, 3 meals daily from dinner on the first day to lunch on the last day, and admission to venues and attractions.

**DATES:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**VENUES:** We anticipate visiting the following venues:

- High Court – guided tour
- National Capital Exhibition (Regatta Point)
- National Gallery of Australia – guided tour
- Embassies
- Dinosaur Museum by night
- Australian War Memorial
- Questacon by night
- Australian Institute of Sport – participating in a tour and sporting activities
- Old Parliament House
- Australian Electoral Education Centre
- Telstra Tower
- Royal Australian Mint
- CSIRO Discovery
- Parliament House
- Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House)

A full itinerary will be sent home closer to the excursion date. Please note that this itinerary is still subject to change.

## 2017 Canberra Excursion (Continued)

### SPENDING MONEY:

Students **will** be able to purchase souvenirs from some venues during the excursion, depending on available time. Spending money of \$40 to \$50 will be sufficient for the excursion.

No responsibility will be taken if money is stolen, lost or borrowed.

### DIET/FOOD ALLERGIES:

If your child has particular dietary requirements, please fill in the form on the back of the payment contract and return it to school as soon as possible so appropriate arrangements can be made.

### MEDICATION:

If your child is on long-term medication, (e.g. Asthma, ADD etc) you will need a LONG TERM MEDICATION PLAN from your doctor.

Medication forms will be provided at a later date and must be returned by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### PAYMENT:

The cost of the excursion is approximately \$445.00. This amount includes your deposit of \$50.00, so, having paid a \$50.00 deposit, you now owe \$395.00.

**Our school will transition to LMBR, a new software management program, in July. This will mean that parents are asked to not use our online payment system (POP) during the transition period, which will be from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017. EFTPOS will also be unavailable. Cash payments cannot be accepted at the office during this period. Please save your weekly instalments and send them to school with 'Instalment 16'.**

**Any payments made through POP during this time, will not show up on our finance system. Please ensure you do not pay by POP during the above mentioned dates.**

All payments must be sent to school in an envelope or clip-lock bag with your child's name, class, Canberra and amount enclosed clearly written on the front. Please include one of the payment vouchers attached to this note with each amount of money that you send to school.

Payments can also be made by EFTPOS any school day between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

Any parents experiencing financial difficulty with payment for the excursion should contact the office as soon as possible to discuss Student Assistance. All discussions are private and confidential. *Please do not leave this until the last moment!*

The balance of \$395.00 must be paid by 12:30pm on:

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

### PARENT HELPERS:

The inclusion of parent helpers for the excursion will depend on the number of students wishing to attend. Interested parents will be notified after all student deposits have been received and numbers established. The cost to parents will be approx. \$475.00 and successful parents will be notified as soon as possible after numbers are finalised so that they can begin to make payments.

**Please send the following notes to school  
with your deposit payment**

**All money must be paid by  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

***2017 CANBERRA EXCURSION CONTRACT***

My child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

**will be attending** the Canberra Excursion from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

I understand that travel to and from Canberra will be by coach.

- ☐ I have paid/included the \$50.00 non-refundable deposit by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- ☐ I will continue to send regular weekly payments to the school, using the payment vouchers supplied, until the balance payment of \$395.00 has been paid in full.

POP Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Should you wish to pay by instalments,**

**19 weekly payments of \$20 & one payment of \$15 will need to be paid in order to finalise  
payments by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

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**Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion  
*Deposit – Due Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017***

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ \$50 Deposit
- ☐ Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ POP Receipt \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion</b>  <i>Instalment 20 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Final Payment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> POP Receipt _____</p>	<p><b>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion</b>  <i>Instalment 19 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Payment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> POP Receipt _____</p>
<p><b>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion</b>  <i>Instalment 18 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Payment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> POP Receipt _____</p>	<p><b>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion</b>  <i>Instalment 17 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Payment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> POP Receipt _____</p>
<p><b>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion</b>  <i>Instalment 16 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Payment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> POP Receipt _____</p>	<p><b>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion</b>  <i>Instalment 15 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p><b>LMBR Transition Period</b>  <b>NO POP, EFTPOS OR CASH ACCEPTED THIS WEEK</b>  <b>Please hold on to your payments and send them all to school with 'Instalment 16'</b></p>
<p><b>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion</b>  <i>Instalment 14 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p><b>LMBR Transition Period</b>  <b>NO POP, EFTPOS &amp; CASH ACCEPTED THIS WEEK</b>  <b>Please hold on to your payments and send them all to school with 'Instalment 16'</b></p>	<p><b>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion</b>  <i>Instalment 13 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p><b>LMBR Transition Period</b>  <b>NO POP, EFTPOS &amp; CASH ACCEPTED THIS WEEK</b>  <b>Please hold on to your payments and send them all to school with 'Instalment 16'</b></p>
<p><b>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion</b>  <i>Instalment 12 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Payment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> POP Receipt _____</p>	<p><b>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion</b>  <i>Instalment 11 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Payment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> POP Receipt _____</p>

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8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Harmony Day

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (Week 9), Rutherford Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day. Read on to see what is happening on the day and throughout the week.

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Each class has been asked to create a poster representing a culture they have chosen to study. The posters will be displayed in the school hall for all to see. Parents and community members are invited to come into the school hall before and after school to vote for their favourite poster. There will be a winner from each Stage. Winning classes will be announced at Tuesday's Harmony Day assembly, and they will receive a pizza party during the week for their efforts.

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Tuesday will be a dress-up day. Students are asked to wear costumes to represent a culture of their choice. Please make sure that appropriate footwear is worn.

**Primary assembly:** Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will attend an assembly run by our School Leaders in the school quad at 9:30am (the assembly will be held in the hall if it is raining). Parents and community members are invited to attend and help us celebrate the diversity within our school.

**Infants assembly:** An Infants (Kindergarten to Year 2) assembly will be held at 2:30pm (after recess) in the school quad (the assembly will be held in the school hall if it is raining). This assembly will also be run by our school leaders. Come and join us for a song as we celebrate and appreciate our culturally-diverse community.

### **Canteen - Monday to Thursday**

The canteen will be serving a variety of Grab and Go options throughout the week.

Prices will vary from 50c - \$1.50 each.

Monday: Mexican

Tuesday: Chinese

Wednesday: Indian

Thursday: Italian

We hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating Harmony Day. See you there!

MRS R GANDHI  
Community Liaison Officer

MR A BROWN  
Principal



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15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

### YEAR 2

Entry forms and money must be received at the front office by

9:00am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

No entries will be accepted through the school after this date under any circumstances.

All competitions will be held at 8:00am on the dates listed below.

If your child wishes to participate, please tick ( ✓ ) the competition/s your child wishes to take part in and return the completed entry form and fee/s in an envelope with your child's details clearly printed on the front.

The Australian Schools' Science Competition  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
\$8.00

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The Australian Schools' Spelling Competition  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
\$11.00

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The Australian Schools' English Competition  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017  
\$8.00

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The Australian Schools' Mathematics Competition  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
\$8.00

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Parent / Carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS  
YEARS 3 - 6

Entry forms and money must be received at the front office by

9:00am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

No entries will be accepted through the school after this date under any circumstances.

All competitions will be held at 8:00am on the dates listed below.

If your child wishes to participate, please tick ( ✓ ) the competition/s your child wishes to take part in and return the completed entry form and fee/s in an envelope with your child's details clearly printed on the front.

The Australian Schools' Digital Technologies Competition  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017  
\$8.00

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The Australian Schools' Science Competition  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
\$8.00

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The Australian Schools' Writing Competition  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
\$17.00

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The Australian Schools' Spelling Competition  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
\$11.00

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The Australian Schools' English Competition  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017  
\$8.00

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The Australian Schools' Mathematics Competition  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
\$8.00

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Parent / Carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

## WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS – THE HUMAN RACE

Dear Parents/Carers

Our first production of the year will be presented by Brainstorm Productions, titled "The Human Race". The production will take place on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**.

The "The Human Race" challenges children to find out what qualities we need to create positive relationships at school and in the community. It gives simple strategies for building skills in conflict resolution, problem solving, assertiveness and having empathy for others.

We would like all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 to attend, as this will support our values education program.

The cost of the performance is \$5.00 each. The school will absorb the cost of the GST.

There will be three sessions: Kindergarten to Year 2 at 10:00am, Years 3 & 4 at 12:00pm, and Years 5 & 6 at 2:05pm.

Please return the completed permission slip and the money in an envelope with your child's details clearly written on the front by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**NO MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

MRS R BRIDGE  
Visiting Performance Coordinator

MR A BROWN  
Principal



TO: THE CLASSROOM TEACHER

## PERMISSION NOTE WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS – THE HUMAN RACE

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the production of "The Human Race" to be held at Rutherford Public School on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
2017. I have included \$5 payment for my child.

Parent/Carer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Everything you ever wanted to know about Kids ,Drugs & Alcohol!**

**A one-stop shop for Parents/Carers**

**and anyone who works with kids.**

**Rutherford Technology High School**

**and Maitland/Dungog CDAT (Community Drug Action Team)**

**Invites all community members to a FREE interactive forum about  
Drugs and Alcohol**

**Wednesday 29th March, 2017 6-8pm**

**FREE light supper provided**

**Rutherford Technology High School**

**Topics covered include:**

- **What drugs are out there in our community?**
- **What are the legal implications for parents and children found in possession of drugs and alcohol?**
- **What treatment options and services are available to help?**
- **What can I do to help my child make good choices?**
- **What happens if your child overdoses or binge drinks?**
- **The link between mental health and alcohol and drug use**

**Speakers include NSW Police, NSW Ambulance Services, NSW Health,  
Youth Development Officer Maitland/Dungog, Good Sports, Local Barrister.**



Maitland/Dungog

**CDAT**

We're stronger together

**For more information call Mary-Kate Ferguson at RTHS on 4932 5999**



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## YEAR 6 SOUVENIR RUGBY POLOS 2017

This year we are again offering a rugby-style polo jersey for winter, for Year 6 students. The jersey will be predominately maroon in colour with a white collar. It will include the school logo on the front left of chest (including 'Year 6 2017') and on the back, the large numerals, '17' in white printing.

The jersey will cost **\$38.50**.

Please note that we will still be offering the souvenir polo t-shirts with the student's names printed on the back, as in previous years, along with graduation signature products, later in the year. A note about these products will be sent home early in Term 2. The cost of the polo shirts will be \$24.50

We believe that the rugby jerseys are a high-quality jumper for winter and the students will be able to wear them to school as part of their winter uniform. The jerseys were very popular with last year's Year 6, and wear very well.

If you wish your child to order a souvenir rugby jersey, please return the order form below, along with full payment, in an envelope by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017** (Week 10). **Strictly** no orders or money will be accepted after this date, as our order will be placed immediately, in order to be processed for the beginning of Term 2.

Please understand that some delays can occur due to the availability of particular sizes and styles. The school makes every effort to order the jerseys in time for the start of Term 2. Sample sizes will be available to try on. Please see Mrs Evans.

Payments can be made online using POP, please be sure to record your receipt number on the slip below and return it to school the following day for processing. Please do not pay by POP after TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH as these payments will not show up in time for the pay by date.

C MORPHETT, A GRIFFITHS, A LEDWOS, T MORISON  
L LUPTON, K WARD, C TAYLOR, E DANIEL & P EVANS  
Year 6 Teachers

MR A BROWN  
Principal



## YEAR 6 SOUVENIR RUGBY POLOS 2017

To: **Mrs Evans**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to order, and enclose full payment of **\$38.50**, for a Year 6 souvenir rugby polo.

**SIZE:** Please write the number of polo jerseys you are ordering in the appropriate box below.

CHILD SIZE 10 CHEST 47cm	CHILD SIZE 12 CHEST 49.5cm	CHILD SIZE 14 CHEST 52cm	ADULT SMALL CHEST 57.5cm	ADULT MEDIUM CHEST 60cm	ADULT LARGE CHEST 62.5cm	ADULT X-LARGE CHEST 65cm	FULL PAYMENT

★ Note: Sizing of this product is very similar to our white school polo shirt.

POP PAYMENT RECEIPT NO \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## School Cross Country

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Dear Parents/Carers

**What:** School Cross Country

**When:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Who:** Students turning 8, 9 or 10 years old (approximately 2km) at 9:30am

**Who:** Students turning 11, 12 or 13 years old (approximately 3km) at 10:00am

**Where:** The entire course will be run within the school grounds.

Children will also be walking the course with their class teacher at some time before the Cross Country is held.

As the event is spread over a large area, we would be pleased to hear from parents able to help on the day. We look forward to a wonderful day and parents are welcome to attend.

In the event of wet weather, an alternate date will be organised.

Students should wear their Sport House-coloured sport shirt.

MRS S JOHNSTON  
Cross Country Coordinator

MR A BROWN  
Principal



## School Cross Country Parent Helpers

We would greatly appreciate any assistance from parents on the day. Parent Helpers will be used as field marshals to ensure students are completing the course correctly.

I will be able to help on the day: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 26 July 2017**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26 April 2017** in a printed application information booklet and at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). The application website opens on **26 April 2017** and closes on **12 May 2017**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library or at the school. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **25 April 2016**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

MR A BROWN, Principal

**Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS.** This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.  
**TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.**

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

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Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2018

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2018

Yes

☐

No

☐

I have internet access and will be applying online

☐

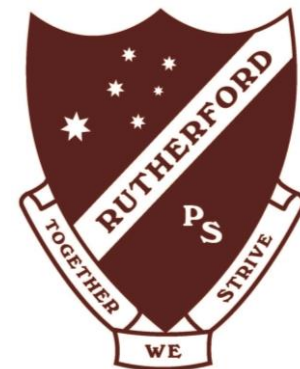
OR

I do not have internet access, so I will use a computer at a public library or at school

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Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Tell Them From Me* student survey:  
Information and consent form for  
parents and carers**

Dear Parents and Carers

In Term 1 2017, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will **not** be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

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## ***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey**.

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carer .....

Signature of parent/carer .....

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As you may be aware, your child is currently using Matific, an online maths program in their classroom. The program has recently launched its latest feature, *Game Mode*, on both Android and iOS devices.

To ensure that your child has the latest app version available on their tablet, please visit the **App Store** to update Matific to version 4.2.2 or **Google Play** for Matific version 4.2.0.2.

Matific's Game Mode has already proven to be a hit in classrooms – 90% of teachers who have introduced it report an increase in their student's engagement.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher or email us at [australia@matific.com](mailto:australia@matific.com)



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