

Rutherford Public School

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 9 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 9		
	20/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony Day Class posters can be viewed in the hall and voted for before and after school
	21/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony Day - Students can wear costumes to represent a culture of their choice
	22/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	23/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone Touch Football Trials
	24/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - DUE TO POSTPONEMENT Hunter Rugby League Trials
Week 10		INTERVIEW WEEK!
	27/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNSW ICAS Competition applications close today PURPLE DAY - EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY
	28/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	29/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorm Performance payment due 2:30pm Uniform Committee Meeting - All welcome 3:15pm P&C Fundraising Meeting - All welcome
	30/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	31/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maitland Zone Netball & Soccer Trials 3:10pm Hot Cross Bun Orders and Payment due 3:15pm Canteen Committee Meeting - All welcome
	1/4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink Jets Aerobics performing at the Autumn Challenge at Broadmeadow.
Week 11		
	3/4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorm Production Visiting Performance
	4/4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00pm Cross Country 6:30pm P&C Meeting - early due to holidays
	5/4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser Delivery Kindergarten Excursion - Walk to Rutherford Library
	6/4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	7/4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Hat Parade Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp \$50 deposit due today Last day of Term 1

What's on & What's coming up?

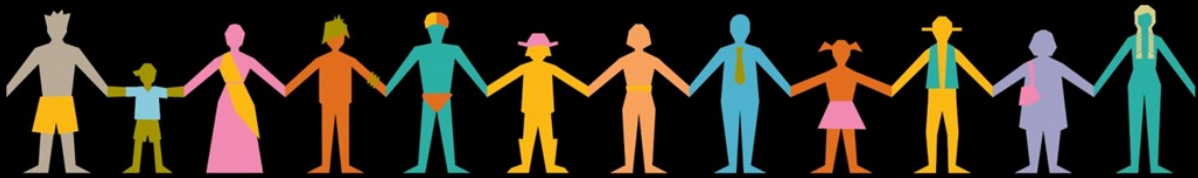
ALL STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21/3/17 - Harmony Day 27/3/17 Epilepsy Awareness Day - Wear purple! Week 10 PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS 3/04/17 Visiting Performance: Brainstorm Anti Bullying Show, The Human Race Friday 7/4/17 Term 1 concludes School Holidays 8/04/17 to 25/04/17 Wednesday 26/04/17 Term 2 Commences
ATSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
P-K Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starts Term 2 - Registrations NOW OPEN!
Infants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7/4/17 Easter Hat Parade
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Assembly Thursday 2:30pm
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 Assembly Monday 2:30pm
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 Assembly Monday 2:30pm 24/03/17 Athletics Carnival @ Max McMahon Oval for eight-year-old Year 2 students 27/03/17 UNSW Competitions close today
Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/03/17 Athletics Carnival @ Max McMahon Oval 23/03/17 Touch Football Maitland Trials 24/03/17 Hunter Rugby League Trials 27/03/17 UNSW Competitions close today 31/03/17 Netball & Soccer Maitland Trials
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 2 Assembly Wednesday 2:30pm
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 2 Assembly Wednesday 2:30pm
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 3 Assembly Tuesday 2:30pm
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 3 Assembly Tuesday 2:30pm



Australian Government

21 MARCH

HaRMONY DAY



This week is an important week for our school as we celebrate **Harmony Day 2017**. **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.

Planned activities:

Monday 20th 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.

Students can come dressed in either normal uniform or traditional dress from another country on Tuesday 21/3/17.

Tuesday 21st 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.

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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 Tsang and Mrs Ghandi



GET TALKING ABOUT EPILEPSY

PRIMARY SPORTS CARNIVAL ON THIS FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2017

Unfortunately, we had a false start last Friday with the weather. The onset of rain meant the carnival was a wash out.

Mr Cochrane, staff and parents had set up and everything was ready to roll! The carnival at this stage has been moved to Friday 24th March - weather forecasts being favourable! All arrangements remain the same!

DRESS PURPLE FOR EPILEPSY

Rutherford Public School has several students who have epilepsy. On Monday 27th March, we will be holding a [Dress Purple for Epilepsy](#) day, to support Epilepsy Action Australia.

Please note we have had to change the date, as our Athletics Carnival got washed out, and will now be held on the original Purple Day date.

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 Monday 27th March, and bringing a gold coin donation.

The Student Representative Council will be selling Purple Day merchandise, including purple shoe laces, wrist bands and pens, \$2 each.

The canteen will sell all regular menu items, and will also have a variety of purple food items, including purple lollies and cake.

Donations and profits will be going to support Epilepsy Awareness Australia. Get your [purple](#) on!

MAITLAND 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST													
	Sat Mar 18		Sun Mar 19		Mon Mar 20		Tue Mar 21		Wed Mar 22		Thu Mar 23		Fri Mar 24
Summary	Showers		Showers		Possible shower		Possible shower		Showers increasing		Showers		Possible shower
Maximum	25°C		25°C		30°C		29°C		29°C		24°C		23°C
Minimum	19°C		20°C		20°C		20°C		20°C		20°C		18°C
Chance of Rain	90%		70%		60%		80%		90%		90%		90%
Rain Amount	10-20mm		1-5mm		1-5mm		1-5mm		5-10mm		5-10mm		1-5mm
UV Index	Very High		Very High		Very High		Very High		Very High				
Frost Risk	Nil		Nil		Nil		Nil		Nil		Nil		Nil
	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am 3pm
Wind Speed	16 km/h	22 km/h	11 km/h	17 km/h	5 km/h	14 km/h	5 km/h	9 km/h	5 km/h	10 km/h	11 km/h	18 km/h	11 km/h 16 km/h
Wind Direction	SE	SE	E	E	NE	ENE	NE	NE	NW	SW	S	S	SSE SSE
Relative Humidity	98%	78%	96%	70%	90%	65%	89%	67%	89%	62%	94%	73%	87% 67%
Dew Point	20°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	21°C	23°C	21°C	23°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	19°C	17°C 17°C

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

8/4/2017 to 25/4/2017

TERM 2 COMMENCES:

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2017



SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Have you booked an interview time yet? Spaces are filling fast! All class teachers will be available to meet with parents next Week from - 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.

UNIFORM REVIEW

All schools should review their uniform policy regularly to ensure parents are given an opportunity to make suggestions for improvement or change. At the P&C meeting last week, a **motion was passed to form a "Uniform Review Committee"** to survey parents to provide feedback on the current school uniform. A meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th March at 2:30pm in the staffroom to form questions for a whole school survey. There are no immediate plans to change the uniform, and any possible changes will be phased in with extensive consultation and communication.

FROM THE OFFICE

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.



All students at Rutherford public school have a Matific username and log in. Maths activities can be completed at home. Simply download the app at the App Store or Google Play. The program can also be accessed at :

<https://www.matific.com/au/en-au>

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

ATTENDANCE

At Rutherford Public School we all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begins with students coming to school each and every day. We monitor attendance regularly and reward students for attending school.

Every fortnight, the class from each Stage who has the highest rate of attendance gets rewarded a trophy filled with Webbies or treats. Students are always very excited and eager to find out if their class is the winner of the attendance trophy!

If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school, please contact Mrs Gandhi (CLO) at the office.

The winners for the Week 6 & 7 Attendance trophies are:

Kindergarten
KT
97.78%



Stage 1
1C
97.90%



Stage 2
4D
97.31%



Stage 3
5/6W
98.57%



WHOLE SCHOOL VISITING PERFORMANCE - BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS

The Brainstorm Production - The Human Race will be held on Monday 3rd April 2017 in Week 11.

Link to the permission note: http://www.rutherford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/10661626/10667899/2017_brainstorm_productions.pdf

Session times are :

Morning: Stage 2

Middle: Stage 3

Afternoon: Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

The Afternoon Tea break will be earlier for the whole school for this day, to cater for the show in the afternoon session.

Afternoon Tea time is 1:20pm to 1:50pm

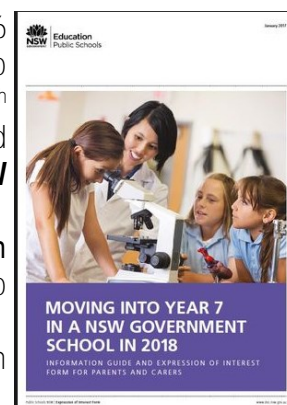
There will be NO Stage 1 Assembly for this week due to the performance.

2018 HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest for Year 6 students were due to be handed into classroom teachers by last, Friday 17th March. This is the booklet titled **'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2018'**.

If you still have your child's expression of interest, it can still be handed in to their classroom teacher.

Thank you for your support as we begin the transition to high school process.



NO STAGE 3 ASSEMBLY - TUESDAY 21ST MARCH.

Stage 3 Assembly has been cancelled for Week 9, Tuesday 21st March, due to Harmony Day celebrations. Stage 3 assemblies will resume in Week 10 on 28th March at 2:30pm. Parents and friends are welcome to join us.

YEAR 5/6 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT

Online application for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018 opens on Wednesday 26 April 2017 and closes on Friday 12 May 2017.

Parents can apply at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc> at that time. Late applications will not be accepted. The date for the Opportunity Class Placement Test is Wednesday 26 July 2017.

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.

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



EASTER HAT PARADE

Our traditional Easter Hat Parade will be held in the Primary quad on Friday 7th April, 2017 – **LAST DAY OF TERM!** At 1:00pm. All students are encouraged to make and decorate a hat for the parade. Students can also come dressed out of school uniform. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to view the hats, and may even give out an egg or two!

All parents, pre-schoolers and community members are most welcome to come along and join with us!

Note: Students do not have to wear a hat if they choose not to – we encourage everyone to be part of the fun, but understand some older children may be too eggcited to parade!

Students will parade around the quad in stage groups.

P&C Raffle prizes will also be drawn.





GIRLS PSSA KNOCKOUT CRICKET

On Friday 10th March, our girls cricket team played against Singleton Public School in the first round of the PSSA knockout. After 25 overs each, the score was even at 78 runs each! After much deliberation and a countback of the wickets, it was determined that Rutherford Public School won!

Congratulations girls on a fine effort!

A special congratulations to Ava and Pippa, who were our joint players of the match for both displaying some fantastic batting, bowling and catching skills!

Our next game will be against Muswellbrook Public School.

NEW SPORTS LEADER

Congratulations to Sharee Blackwell of 5/6T on becoming the new Paterson house vice captain.

Sharee always does her best in all sporting endeavours and is a great role model for younger students. Well done!



BAND NEWS

The Rutherford Public School Band have started this year with a bang, beginning a number of new songs, and with seven new players joining our group. We have a new bass section, that together, are sounding fantastic. Our full band are looking forward to performing for the school soon.

Band person of the week

Each week, the band would like to acknowledge a student that is working at school and at home to make our band sound fantastic!

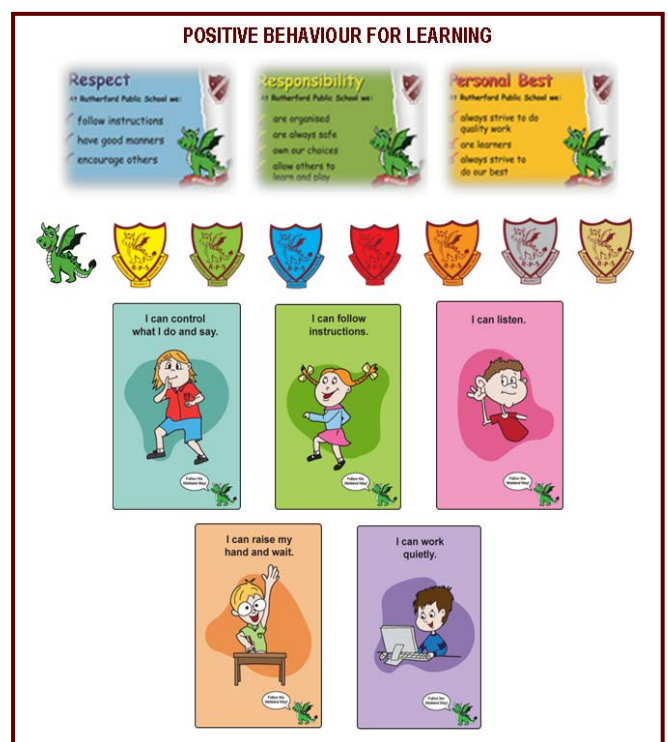
This week we are celebrating the efforts of:

Georgia Harvey 56L

for great effort in band lessons and putting in extra practise at home to make our bass section sensational.

Great effort in Term 1 Rutherford Public School Band, you are sounding better each week.

Kirsty Ward, Band Coordinator



Take the Stage



Take the Stage is a chance to share your talent in front of a crowd. Entry is free for performers and audience. Fabulous prizes are up for grabs!

Performances can be dancing, band, instrumentals, solo acts, duets, drama, circus or comedy. Guest judge and performances by Marjorie Butcher.

- Where:** Cessnock Performing Arts Centre
- Date:** 31 March
- When:** **4.30pm:** Bands to arrive for set up and sound checks.
5.30pm: Artists need to arrive.
6pm: Take the Stage!
- Register:** <https://youthoffthestreets.com.au/event/talentcomp/>
Performers must register and provide backing track by 24 March 2017.
- Rehearsal:** Cessnock Performing Arts Centre at 4pm on Tuesday 28 March.
- Contact:** Youth Off The Streets on 4936 1917



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2017

Youth Week





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 24th 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

**Year 6
Rugby Polo's
must be ordered by
Friday 31st March**

**No late orders
will be accepted**



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

For help call
1300 361 769

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ONLINE ORDERING



- Available 24/7
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- 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.

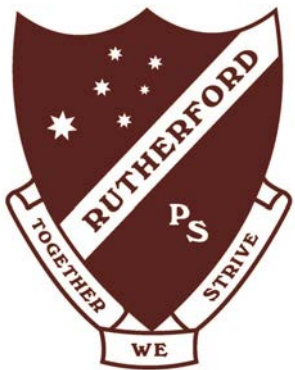
Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
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- 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.

Click here for the summer canteen menu:

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Kindergarten 2017

Class KA



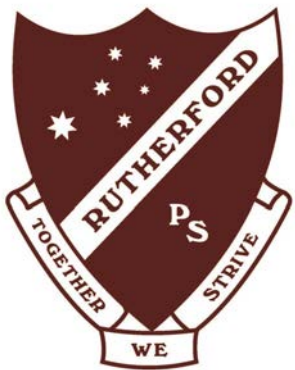
Kindergarten 2017

Class KB



Kindergarten 2017

Class KC



Kindergarten 2017

Class KE



Kindergarten 2017

Class KG



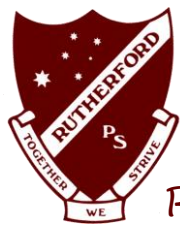
Kindergarten 2017

Class KL



Kindergarten 2017

Class KT



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8th March 2017

Harmony Day

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MRS R GANDHI
Community Liaison Officer

MR A BROWN
Principal



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**



Dear Parents and Carers

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from 27th March to 31st March (Week 10). All class teachers will be available on certain days. Bookings must be finalised before 17th 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 and follow these simple instructions.

Enter code...	sf2ka	Go
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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 at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 21st February at 4pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the 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

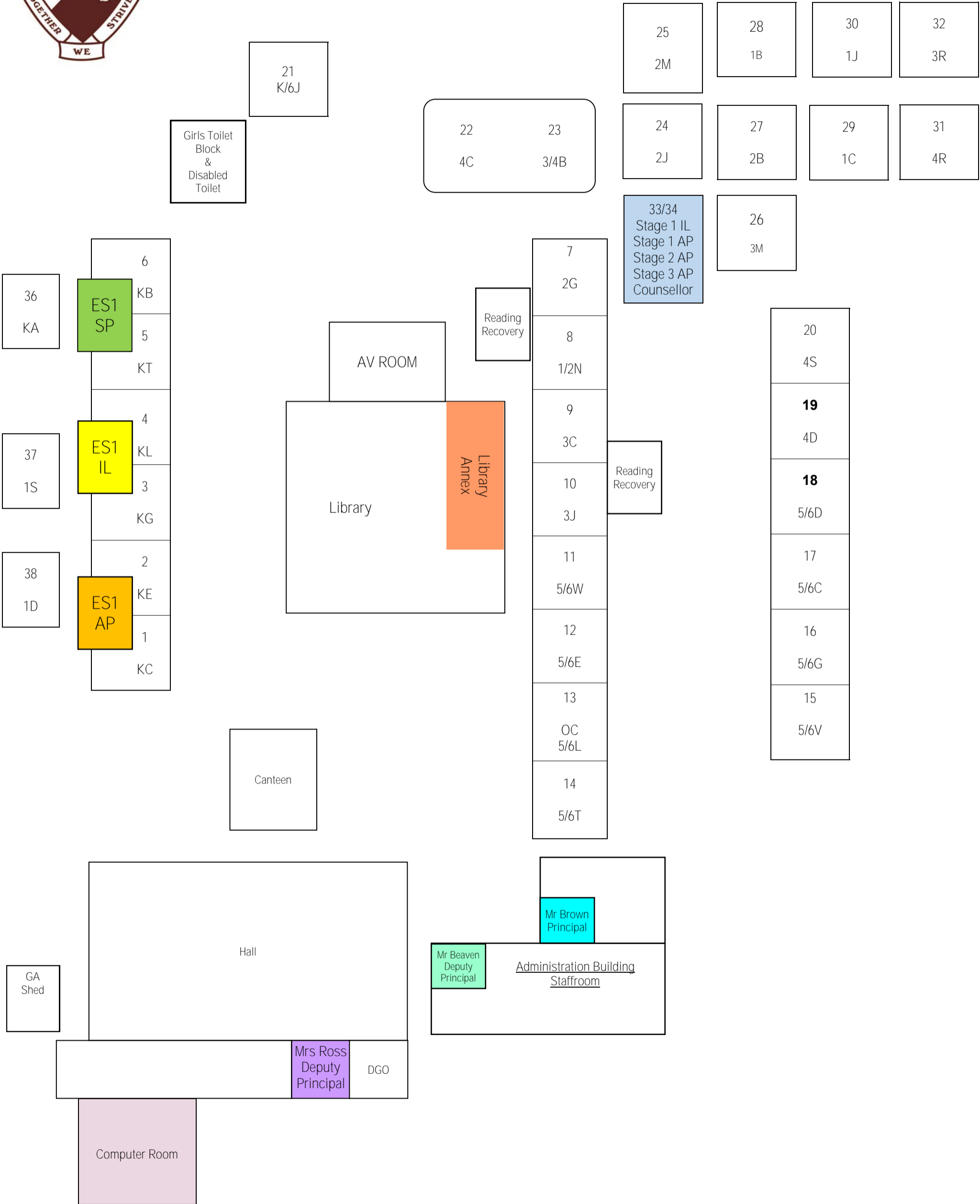
Parent Teacher Interviews - Week 10 Term 1

Class	Release teacher	Location
Monday 27th March		
KC	Mrs Slaven	ES1 AP office
KE	Mr Cochrane	ES1 IL office
KB	Mrs Sargent	ES1 SP office
KA	Mrs Blair Mrs Thomas	S1 AP office
KT	Miss Highet	S2/3 AP office
5/6L	Miss Morphett	Community room
3C	Mr Gillard Mrs Reid	Counsellor's office
Tuesday 28th March		
KG	Mrs Slaven	ES1 IL office
KL	Miss Highet	ES1 AP office
1D	Mrs Blair	S1 AP office
1S	Mr Cochrane	S2/3 AP office
1B	Mrs Larkman	Mrs Ross DP Office
4C	Mr Gillard	Mr Beaven DP Office
4S	Mrs Reid Casual TBC	Mr Brown Principal Office
Wednesday 29th March - Infants		
1C	Mrs Larkman	ES1 AP office
1J	Miss Highet	ES1 IL office
1/2N	Mrs Thomas Casual TBC	ES1 SP office
2B	Mrs Blair	Library annex
2J	Mrs Reid Casual TBC	S1 AP office
2M	Mrs Slaven	S2/3 AP office

Class	Release teacher	Location
Wednesday 29th March - Primary		
4D	Mr Gillard	Mrs Ross DP Office
5/6C	Miss Morphett	Mr Beaven DP Office
5/6D	Mr Cochrane	Mr Brown Principal Office
Thursday		
2G	Mrs Blair	ES1 AP office
3M	Mr Gillard	Community room
3R	Miss Highet Mrs Beesley	Library annex
3/4B	Mr Cochrane	S1 AP office
4R	Mrs Thomas Casual TBC	S2/3 AP office
5/6T	Miss Morphett	Mrs Ross DP Office
K/6J	Mrs Larkman	Mr Beaven DP Office
Friday		
3J	Mr Gillard	Counsellor's office
5/6E	Miss Morphett	Library annex
5/6V	Miss Highet	S1 AP office
5/6W	Mr Cochrane	S2 AP office
5/6G	Mrs Russell	Mrs Ross DP Office



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW MAP





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22nd 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 3rd 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 29th 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 3rd April
2017. I have included \$5 payment for my child.

Parent/Carer Signature _____ Date _____



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13th 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 11th September to Thursday 14th **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 17th 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 11th September to Thursday 14th 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 4th 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 23rd June to Monday 31st 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 4th 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 4th September 2017

2017 CANBERRA EXCURSION CONTRACT

My child _____ of class _____
will be attending the Canberra Excursion from Monday 11th September 2017 to Thursday 14th
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 17th 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 4th September 2017.

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Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion
Deposit – Due Friday 17th March 2017

Child's Name _____ **Class** _____

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

<p>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 20 – Friday 1st 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 19 – Friday 25th 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 18 – Friday 18th 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 17 – Friday 11th 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 16 – Friday 4th 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 15 – Friday 28th July 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p style="color: red;">LMBR Transition Period</p> <p style="color: red;">NO POP, EFTPOS OR CASH ACCEPTED THIS WEEK</p> <p style="color: red;">Please hold on to your payments and send them all to school with 'Instalment 16'</p>
<p>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 14 – Friday 21st July 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p style="color: red;">LMBR Transition Period</p> <p style="color: red;">NO POP, EFTPOS & CASH ACCEPTED THIS WEEK</p> <p style="color: red;">Please hold on to your payments and send them all to school with 'Instalment 16'</p>	<p>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 13 – Friday 30th June 2017</i></p> <p>Child's Name _____ Class _____</p> <p style="color: red;">LMBR Transition Period</p> <p style="color: red;">NO POP, EFTPOS & CASH ACCEPTED THIS WEEK</p> <p style="color: red;">Please hold on to your payments and send them all to school with 'Instalment 16'</p>
<p>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 12 – Friday 23rd 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 11 – Friday 16th 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 10 – Friday 9th 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 9 – Friday 2nd 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 8 – Friday 26th May 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 7 – Friday 19th May 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 6 – Friday 12th May 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 5 – Friday 5th May 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 4 – Friday 28th April 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 3 – Friday 7th April 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 2 – Friday 31st March 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>Rutherford Public School Canberra Excursion <i>Instalment 1 – Friday 24th March 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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27th February 2017

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 31st 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 28th 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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RUTHERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY - KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION

Dear Parents/Carers

Rutherford Public Schools' Kindergarten children will be going on an excursion to our local library to listen to a story and learn about how a library works. If you would like for your child to join the library and borrow books, please complete and return the attached enrolment form to school by Friday 24th March 2017. If your child is already a member of the library, you may send their library card to school with them if you wish for them to be able to borrow a book. It will be parents responsibility to return the books to the public library when they are due.

Who	Kindergarten Students
Where	Rutherford Public Library, 13 Arthur Street, Rutherford
When	Wednesday 5th April 2017
Leaving from	Rutherford Public School
Leaving at	9:30am KL and KG 11:00am KC and KE 12:10pm KT, KB and KA
Return to school	At the conclusion of each session
Cost of excursion	There is no cost involved
Transport details	Students will walk to Rutherford Public Library, accompanied by their classroom teacher. Parent helpers will not be required on this excursion.
Students should wear/bring	Students should wear school uniform, a sunsafe school hat and sunscreen. Students will eat lunch and recess at school.
Permission and Medical Note	Please return permission and medical note attached, to your child's classroom teacher.

Kindergarten Teachers

MRS K SLAVEN
ES1 Assistant Principal

MR A BROWN
Principal

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION TO RUTHERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please return to school by Friday 24th March 2017

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____

to attend the excursion to Rutherford Public Library on Wednesday 3rd April 2017.

☐ I would like my child to borrow a book and have returned the enrolment form by Friday 24th March

☐ I would like my child to borrow a book. They already have a library card.

☐ I do not wish for my child to borrow a book.

☐ I understand students will be walking to and from the venue supervised by their class teacher.

☐ I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of emergency.

Signature Parent/Carer _____ Date _____

Medical information form

The information provided is being obtained for the purpose of ascertaining relevant medical information, requirements and other health care related needs about your child who is currently enrolled at the school and is participating in school excursions, sporting activities or other educational or school activities conducted by or in conjunction with Rutherford Public School.

It will be used by officers of the NSW Department of Education to assist planning, to support students, and to minimise risks when conducting school excursions, sporting or other school activities.

Other persons or agencies that may be provided with this information include, but are not limited to, volunteers and members of external organisations who join with the school or are otherwise involved in the planning or delivery of the excursion, sporting or other school activity; and persons that may be called upon to provide health care treatment or other assistance during or as a consequence of such excursions or activities.

Provision of this information is not required by law. However, a failure to provide the information may mean that your child can not participate in a particular excursion or school activity. In such circumstances the school will make available a sound alternative educational experience.

Provision of this information will significantly assist the school in planning a safer educational activity. It will be stored securely. If you have any concerns about provision of this information, please contact the school principal to discuss further.

Student Name _____ *Class* _____ *Medicare number* _____

Parent/Carer contact details

1. *Name* _____ *Phone* _____

2. *Name* _____ *Phone* _____

Emergency contact(s) details (nominated by the parent/carers as alternate contact)

1. *Name:* _____ *Phone* _____

List existing medical conditions or illnesses (include asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, allergies etc.). Outline the treatment for each

Medication(s) to be administered during the excursion. Include name of medication, instructions for administration, time of administration, and any possible reactions

Signature Parent/Carer _____ *Date* _____



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8th March 2017

School Cross Country

Tuesday 4th April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

What: School Cross Country

When: Tuesday 4th 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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7th 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 27th 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 23rd May 2017
\$8.00

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The Australian Schools' Science Competition
Tuesday 30th May 2017
\$8.00

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

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The Australian Schools' Spelling Competition
Wednesday 14th June 2017
\$11.00

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The Australian Schools' English Competition
Tuesday 1st August 2017
\$8.00

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The Australian Schools' Mathematics Competition
Tuesday 15th August 2017
\$8.00

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Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Year: _____

Signature Parent / Carer _____ Date _____



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15th 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 27th 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 30th May 2017
\$8.00

(✓)

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The Australian Schools' Spelling Competition
Wednesday 14th June 2017
\$11.00

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The Australian Schools' English Competition
Tuesday 1st August 2017
\$8.00

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The Australian Schools' Mathematics Competition
Tuesday 15th August 2017
\$8.00

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Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Year: _____

Signature Parent / Carer _____ Date _____



Bakers Delight Green Hills, Rutherford and Pender Place, would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and make a profit for Rutherford Public School. The more buns you purchase the more profit you make.

Simply fill in the details below and select how many and which Hot Cross Buns you would like to order, bring your order form together with full payment back to school by 3:10pm Friday 31st March 2017 and your buns will be ready to collect on **Wednesday 5th April**.
Orders can be placed on Flexischools from Tuesday 21st March.

Student's Full Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact No: _____

[illegible]



Dear Parents,

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



This is what the new app icon should look like.

If yours is different, it's time to update.



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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. 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 ☐

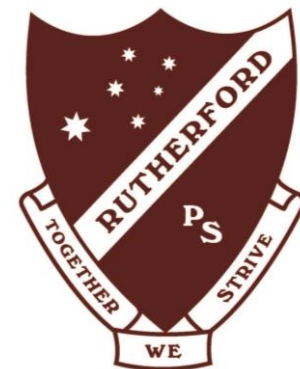
I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR

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

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

**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.**



***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 10th 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>

Mr Andrew Brown
Principal
Rutherford Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan
Executive Director
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

***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 10th 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/carers

Signature of parent/carers

Date

DO NOT POP!

COMING SOON

Learning Management Business Reform

Our school will transition to LMBR, a new software management program, in July. During this time, parents are asked to stop using our online payment system during the transition period, which will be:

Friday 23rd June to Monday 31st July 2017

We will also be unable to accept cash, cheques and EFTPOS payments during this period.

Our current bank account will be closed, therefore any payments made through POP during this time, will not show up on our system. Please ensure you do not pay by POP during the above mentioned dates.

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Stewart House Donation Drive 2017

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a \$2 coin or equivalent in this envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to your school or workplace co-ordinator to be eligible for the draw.

ALL ENTRIES MUST REACH STEWART HOUSE BY

Friday 26th May 2017
to participate in the draw



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A one-stop shop for Parents/Carers

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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



If you're already thinking about becoming a foster carer, you're meant to be one. Come along to an information session to find out how you can support a child.

A big heart and the hope you can help a child have a brighter future are the two important qualities all people who care for children share.

The only other things you must be are:

- ideally over the age of 25
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- in good health
- without a criminal record.

At the information session, you will:

- find out more about the different types of care, including short-term (respite and emergency care) medium-term (restoration care) and long-term options (such as guardianship, open adoption and long-term fostering)
- hear from current foster carers about their experience
- meet the service providers in your area
- find out more about the ongoing support and training you'll receive.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to attend.

Fostering information sessions

Toronto

Thursday 27 April 2017

10.30am-12.30pm and 7-9pm

Toronto Workers Club

East Maitland

Friday 28 April 2017

10.30am-12.30pm and 7-9pm

East Maitland Golf Club



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COMIC POP TRIVIA

How well do you know your comic book heroes and villains?

Can you name heroes that wear their underwear on the outside? A hero that leaps tall buildings in a single bound? Who travels through time in a blue box? And who has a loyal dog?

Come along to Maitland Library for a fun night of comic book trivia and check out the heroes in our *Walls that Talk* exhibition.

Open to all ages with some great prizes.

Time 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday 31 March
Maitland Library
Free