

# Rutherford Public School

## Weekly Newsletter

### WEEK 2 TERM 2 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
<b>TERM 2</b>		
<b>Week 2</b>	1/5/17	•
	2/5/17	•
	3/5/17	•
	4/5/17	• Zone Rugby Union Trials
	5/5/17	• Girls and Boys softball at Seaham • Netball PSSA Knockout at Telarah
<b>Week 3</b>	8/5/17	• 3:30pm Aboriginal Education Team Meeting in the Community Room
	9/5/17	• <b>NAPLAN</b> • 6:30pm P&C Meeting
	10/5/17	• <b>NAPLAN</b> • Mother's Day Stall
	11/5/17	• <b>NAPLAN</b> • Mother's Day Stall
	12/5/17	• 12:45pm Mother's Day Afternoon in classrooms and the school hall
<b>Week 4</b>	15/5/17	•
	16/5/17	• 9:00am AECG at Maitland Grossmann High School • Zone Cross Country at Tocal • Scripture Assembly for all SRE students
	17/5/17	• 5:30pm Selected Senior Choir students to perform at St Peter's, East Maitland
	18/5/17	•
	19/5/17	•
	20/5/17	• Pink Jets Aerobics to Preliminary's at Sutherland

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

<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12/5 12:45pm Mother's Day Afternoon in classrooms and the school hall</li> </ul>
<b>ATSI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8/5 Aboriginal Education Team Meeting 3:30pm</li> <li>16/5 9:00am AECG at Maitland Grossmann High School</li> </ul>
<b>P-K Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next Intake Week 6 - Registrations must be received by 23/5/17 to start 1/6/17.</li> <li>9:00am Thursday - Little Dragons Morning Session</li> <li>12:45pm Thursday - Little Dragons Afternoon Session</li> </ul>
<b>Infants</b>	•
<b>Kindergarten</b>	• Kindergarten Assembly Thursday 2:30pm
<b>Year 1</b>	• Stage 1 Assembly Monday 2:30pm
<b>Year 2</b>	• Stage 1 Assembly Monday 2:30pm
<b>Primary</b>	•
<b>Year 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 2 Assembly Wednesday 2:30pm</li> <li>NAPLAN 9/5/17 to 11/5/17</li> </ul>
<b>Year 4</b>	• Stage 2 Assembly Wednesday 2:30pm
<b>Year 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 3 Assembly Tuesday 2:30pm</li> <li>NAPLAN 9/5/17 to 11/5/17</li> </ul>
<b>Year 6</b>	• Stage 3 Assembly Tuesday 2:30pm
<b>P&amp;C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9/5 6:30pm P&amp;C Meeting</li> <li>10/5 &amp; 11/5 Mother's Day Stall</li> </ul>

**Please Note: Stage assemblies will now only be held fortnightly on even weeks.**

*...Together We Strive...*

## Stage Assemblies Now Fortnightly

Our stage assemblies will be held every fortnight from Term 2. – Week 2,4,6,8 and 10. The NSW curriculum is very full and we need to maximise time in the classrooms to get through all mandatory curriculum requirements. As always, parents are most welcome to join us!

### Events:

#### Fortnightly 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

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

#### School Band

Every Wednesday 8:30am  
Community Room

#### P-K Program for Kindergarten 2018

Every Thursday 9:10 am and 1:00p pm

## Teachers extend learning, skills and knowledge

Our teachers spent last Monday learning more about how to support students in the classroom with literacy and numeracy skills. The K-2 staff explored the TEN (Teaching Early Numeracy) mathematics program and the 3-6 staff spent the day looking at the 'Focus on Reading Program' aimed at developing comprehension skills for students. Our staff development days are very valuable for teachers in keeping up to date with latest research and programs.



## ANZAC Ceremonies

Thank you to the students, parents and families who came along to represent Rutherford Public School at the Maitland ANZAC ceremony last Tuesday. We had close to 50 students march in the parade, led by our eight Year 6 leaders.

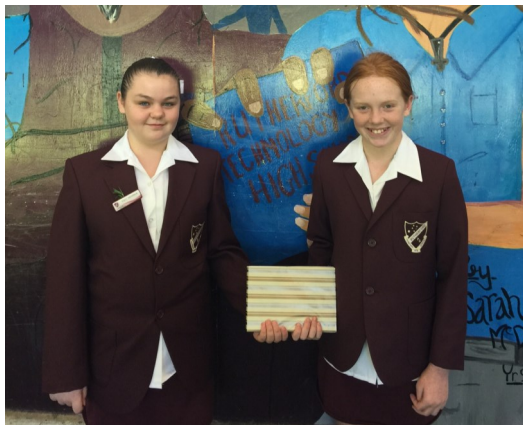
A big thank you to Mrs Thomas for all her organisation in our school ANZAC service which was held last Wednesday. It is very important for our students to learn more about the ANZAC traditions, the futility of war and the ongoing hope for a peaceful future.





## High School ANZAC Service

Shaenika and Georgia, both dedicated SRC members, proudly represented RPS at an ANZAC ceremony held at Rutherford Technology High School last Friday. The girls presented a book about animals at war which was laid under the flagpole during the ceremony. Shaenika and Georgia were complimented by Rutherford Technology High School teachers for showing maturity and confidence throughout the ceremony. Well done girls!



## NAPLAN

All students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests next week. Students should not be overly nervous about these tests. They are aimed at helping the school identify individual students' strengths and areas for development, as well as whole school need. Parents are asked to limit any absences from school next week. Any parents wishing to seek clarification on the testing program can see Mr Beaven (Head of Primary) this week.

## Band News

### Band person of the week.

Each week the band is wanting 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:

**Amber Higgins 5/6L**

**Darcy Spalding 5/6L**

For their outstanding effort, performing for our ANZAC ceremony.

Thank you to the band members who remembered to bring their instrument each week, it's been a wonderful start to the term!

## JUNIOR AECG

The Junior AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) is aligned with the Maitland AECG which is a community based organisation that gives advice to schools relating to Aboriginal

Education. The Junior AECG follows a similar format but it is for students to develop leadership skills and positively address issues in their school. Recently, the minimum age requirement for joining the Junior AECG has been reduced allowing primary schools to form a Junior AECG of their own. We formed our Junior AECG this week and have elected four students to hold executive positions. Congratulations to:

President - Nic Trotter (5/6E)

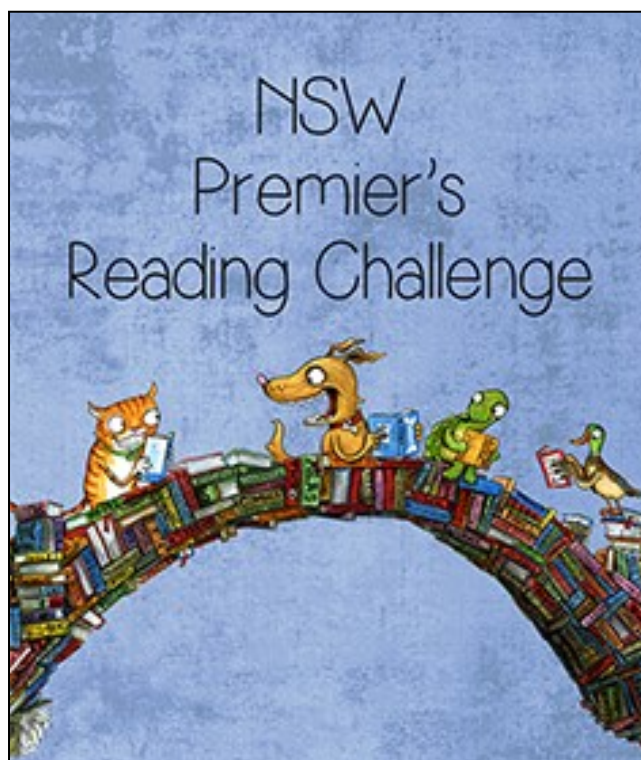
Vice President - Samantha Ozlitzlok (5/6C)

Secretary - Tyrohn Millman (5/6D)

Vice Secretary - Khilarni Martin (5/6E)

Sara Johnston

Aboriginal Education Leader



## Uniform Survey

Over 300 parents completed our online uniform survey last term. Below are some summarised results:

Boys uniform:

**Satisfaction with boys uniform: Overall: 2.77/5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
16	32	19	27	6

**Satisfaction with Boys Winter Uniform: Overall: 2.89/5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
13	26	25	29	7

**Satisfaction with boys sports uniform: Overall: 3.77/5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
5	10	17	39	29

**Satisfaction with boys white polo: Overall: 2.00/5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
51	21	11	13	5

**Satisfaction with girls uniform Overall: 3.10/5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
10	24	23	34	9

**Satisfaction with the girls winter uniform: Overall: 3.25/5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
7	18	30	33	12

**Satisfaction with the girls sport uniform: Overall: 3.80/5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
3	10	16	45	26

**Satisfaction with the girls white polo: Overall: 2.34 /5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
39	17	20	18	6

**Satisfaction with the girls pinafore/blouse Overall: 2.94 /5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
20	15	28	26	11

**Satisfaction with the quality of uniform: Overall: 3.22 /5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
11	12	31	34	12

**Satisfaction with uniform supplier Overall: 3.45/5**

% Extremely Dissatisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Neutral	% Satisfied	% Extremely Satisfied
8	13	25	35	19

**% of families who have ordered online:**

**Yes: 12% No: 88%**

## Uniform Committee Meeting

Our P&C uniform committee met last Wednesday to discuss some of the initial results of the survey. Some of the agreed recommendations at this stage which will be discussed at the next P&C meeting include:

1. Look at phasing out of white polo shirt for girls and boys and replace with a more washable alternative– two or three alternatives to be considered– look at predominantly maroon, with some small white and grey accents
2. Consider the phasing out of maroon shorts/skorts to **grey** 5 days per week– for both girls and boys– so not to clash with red house colours
3. Look at alternative style in girls pinafore (no change to pattern or fabric) to have a one piece tunic– avoids layers in summer and additional cost of shirt

**Next P&C Meeting: Tuesday 9th May at 6:30pm– All welcome**

**Next Uniform Committee Meeting: Wednesday 31st May, 2017 at 2:30pm– All welcome**

Any changes to the uniform must be ratified by the P&C. A full copy of results from the uniform survey can be obtained from the principal.



## Cross Country

Our Cross Country Carnival was held last Friday and we were lucky to have a beautiful, warm day for the event. Results were very close, and the winning house was WILLIAMS. A fantastic effort by all students in this house, but also CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who participated on the day! Whether you ran, jogged or walked around the course, it was great to see so much enthusiasm! I would like to thank the parents and friends who came along to assist and cheer the students on! Also to our teachers who helped make it such a successful day.

Results for each age divisions were:

### Girls:

8 Years

**Caylee Davies**  
Senace Ward  
Haylie Edwards  
Lotus Antoni

9 Years

**Madelyn Jones**  
Aleira Faulkner  
Layla Allen  
Emilee Muller

10 Years

**Kayleigh Kriel**  
Svenja Coetsee  
Mikaela Sadaj  
Sophie Grelle

11 Years

**Ella Osborne**  
Courtney Moy  
Liana Murrell  
Avah Buckley

12 Years

**Ava Jankovic**  
Eddie Thomas  
Teleah Clarke  
Amber Higgins

### Boys:

8 Years

**Ashton Palmer**  
Beau Burton  
Jordan Kriel  
Eli Hodges

9 Years

**Jayden Sadaj**  
Taurus Ward  
Shyne Oxlade  
Riley Andrews

10 Years

**Blake Burton**  
Callyn Eden  
Nick Williams  
Darcy Spalding

11 Years

**Noah Wadwell**  
Cameron Goff  
Brock Brooker  
Samuel Cutts

12 Years

**Joel Graham**  
Bodhie Challen  
Jacob Martin  
Zenden Sellis

13 Years

**Reece Forth**

A team of 32 students will represent our school at Zone Cross Country on May 16th at Tocal. Permission notes will be sent home over the next few days.

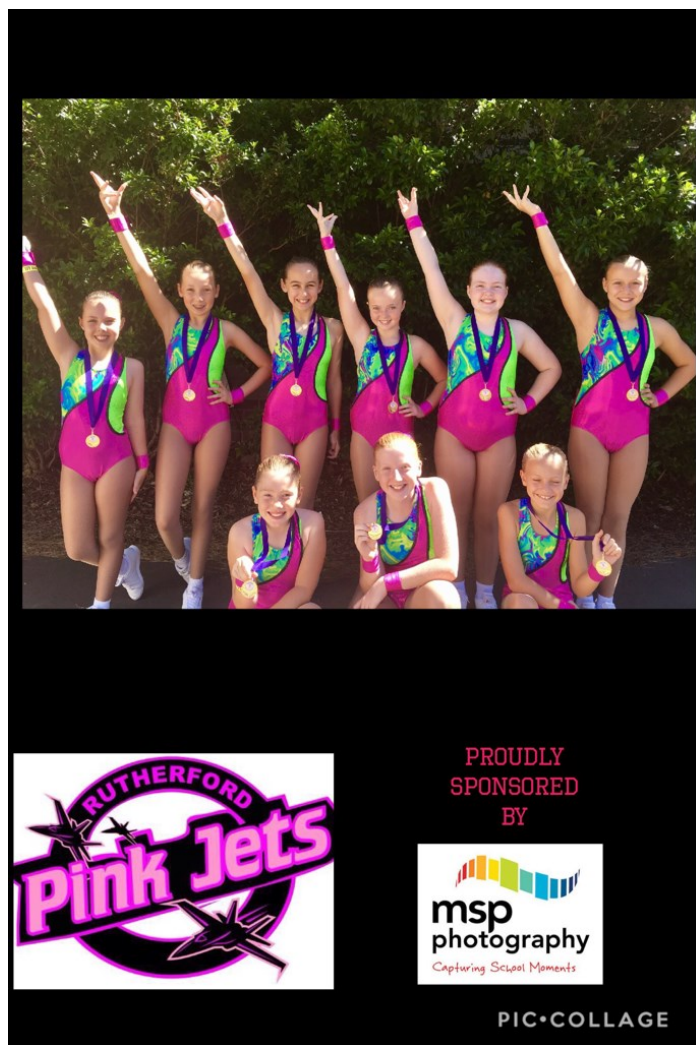
**1st place winners will be presented with their medals this Friday at a quick primary assembly : Friday 5th May at 9:10am**

**Zone Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 16th May, 2017.**

**Sara Johnston**

## Aerobics

Pink Jets had a great start to their aerobics season, winning the gold medal at Autumn Challenge in Newcastle on the weekend. Congratulations girls! The team will continue to train hard ready for their next competition in Sydney in May. Thank you to our enthusiastic cheer squad and also our sponsors MSP Photography.



## Ava Jankovic off to Pan Pacific Titles

Our swimming sensation, Ava Jankovic Year 6, has qualified for the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in December this year. This is great news for Ava and a result of her many hours of training and dedication to the sport. We are so proud of Ava!



## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

More information about the NAPLAN tests can be found at: <https://www.nap.edu.au/home>

	<b>Tuesday 9 May 2017</b>	<b>Wednesday 10 May 2017</b>	<b>Thursday 11 May 2017</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i>  Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>
<b>Year 5</b>	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i>  Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>

## NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA

All schools in Australia, including Rutherford Public School, participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. The national data collection is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability, and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with. This national data collection collects information about students with disability in a consistent, reliable and systematic way.

The national data collection draws on and reflects the ongoing work teachers and education staff do to support students with disability.

If you would like any further information around the NCCD, or do not wish your child to be included in the data collection, please contact the school. Additional information about the national data collection is available on the Australian Government Department of Education's website at: [www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collectiondata-school-students-disability](http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collectiondata-school-students-disability)

## 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.



## MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON

**Dear Mums, Grandmothers and Female Care Givers,**

You are invited to Rutherford Public School's Mother's Day celebration.

**When: Friday 12th of May 2017**

**Time: 12:45pm - 2:25pm**

**Events:** Welcome table at the front of the school.

Raffle tickets - 1st prize \$100 voucher and 2nd prize a \$50 voucher and 3rd Prize is a Mother's Day hamper. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The money raised from this raffle will support our breakfast club. Open classrooms where you can take part in activities with your children. Afternoon tea and entertainment provided in the hall for mothers, grandparents and female care givers only.

If you are planning to attend please RSVP via this event on the school's facebook site.

Come, sit back, relax and be pampered by your child.

We hope to see you there!

## P&C MOTHER'S DAY STALL

**Wednesday 10th May**

All gifts are \$5.

Parents are able to pre purchase on Flexischools from Monday 1st May.

Limit of 3 gifts per child.

Students will come down with their teacher during class time.

Please send a plastic bag in with your child to secure (and hide) their gift!

We should have gifts leftover and these will be sold from 8.30am - 9.30am from outside the canteen on Thursday 11th May. This will be confirmed on Facebook on the Wednesday afternoon.

**P-K Program:**

Gifts will be available for P-K students to purchase during both sessions on Thursday 11 May.



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

For help call  
**1300 361 769**

**flexischools**

## 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.

**Click here for the canteen menu:**

**CLICK HERE**

## 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 and Kelloggs donates cereal for our Breakfast Club.

Children have been enjoying the Corn Flakes, Sultana Bran and 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.

## Term 1 Financial Planner...

Activity	Stage/Year	Costs
School Contribution	Yr 1-6	\$45 student, family \$90
Kindergarten Packs	Kindergarten	\$40
Aussie Bush Camp	Year 5	\$50 deposit \$220 Balance
Canberra Excursion	Year 6	\$395 Balance



## Little Dragons

A transition/orientation program supporting children before they start school

### 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.

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