

Rutherford Public School

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 3 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
TERM 2		
Week 3	8/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm Aboriginal Education Team Meeting in the Community Room
	9/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN 6:30pm P&C Meeting
	10/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN Mother's Day Stall BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE TO OFFICE
	11/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN Mother's Day Stall
	12/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:45pm Mother's Day Afternoon in classrooms and the school hall
Week 4	15/5/17	
	16/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am AECG at Maitland Grossmann High School Zone Cross Country at Tocal Scripture Assembly for all SRE students
	17/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Selected Senior Choir students to perform at St Peter's, East Maitland
	18/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSSA Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day at Maitland Park
	19/5/17	
	20/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink Jets Aerobics to Preliminary's at Sutherland
Week 5	22/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 Excursion to Rutherford Library
	23/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am UNSW ICAS Digital Technologies Competition in the Community Room Stage 1 Excursion to Rutherford Library 12:00pm Stage 2 Finals - Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
	24/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00pm Stage 3 Finals - Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
	25/5/17	
	26/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Athletics Carnival at Smyth Park, Maitland

What's on and What's coming up?

ALL STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/5 12:45pm Mother's Day Afternoon in classrooms and the school hall
ATSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8/5 Aboriginal Education Team Meeting 3:30pm 16/5 9:00am AECG at Maitland Grossmann High School
P-K Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Intake Week 6 - Registrations must be received by 23/5/17 to start 1/6/17. 9:00am Thursday - Little Dragons Morning Session 12:45pm Thursday - Little Dragons Afternoon Session
Infants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22/5 & 23/5 Stage 1 Excursion to Rutherford Library
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
Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26/5 School Athletics Carnival - Smyth Park
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 2 Assembly Wednesday 2:30pm NAPLAN 9/5/17 to 11/5/17
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 NAPLAN 9/5/17 to 11/5/17
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 3 Assembly Tuesday 2:30pm
P&C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/5 6:30pm P&C Meeting 10/5 & 11/5 Mother's Day Stall

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!

2018 Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement :

5/6L 2018

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 26th July 2017.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to do so 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 26th April 2017 in a printed application information booklet (sent home last week) and at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

The application website opens on 26th April 2017 and closes on Friday 12th 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. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27th April 2017.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Mobile Phones and Devices

A reminder that mobile phones are not be used by students in the school unless approved by the principal. Parents can contact the school anytime should they need to contact their child for messages. Students are to use the school's internet

rather than 3G or 4G services. The DET has strict filters which ensures students have safe browsing. Parents should also ensure restrictions are enabled on any device that their child may use or bring to school.

Emergency Lockdowns and Evacuations

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that all schools practice Lockdown and Evacuation procedures regularly ensure students, staff and visitors are aware of their roles in an emergency situation. Any visitors to the school must familiarise themselves with our procedures, located in the foyer and classrooms. A copy of the procedures are included in the back of this newsletter.

A lockdown drill will be conducted soon to ensure Rutherford Public School is prepared for any emergencies that may eventuate.





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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

Even weeks only (Week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10)

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

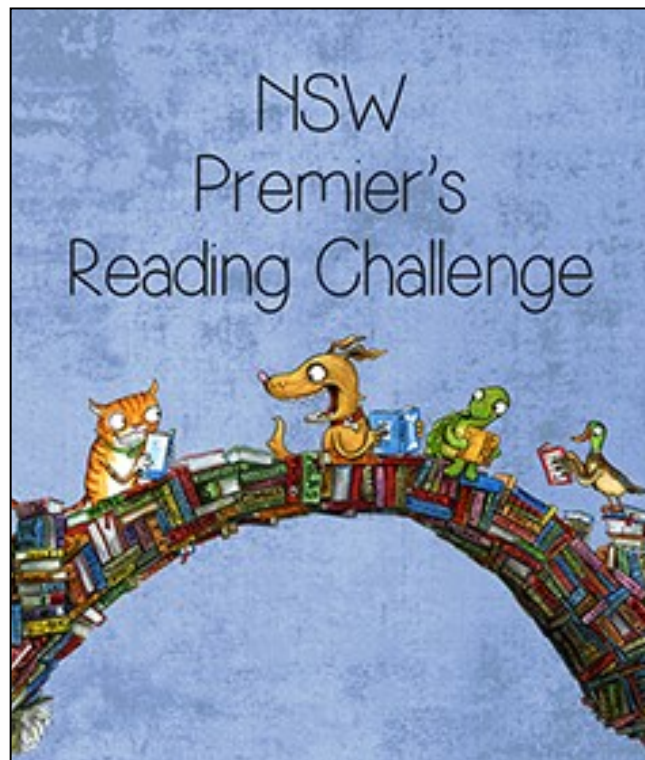
Every Thursday 9:00am and 12:45pm
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR WEEK 6 INTAKE!

NAPLAN

All students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests this 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.

FREE BREAKFAST

Students in Years 3 and 5 can enjoy FREE cereal and toast on the NAPLAN testing mornings to ensure they are fuelled are ready to go for the tests!



We made Johnny Cakes!

As part of our Sista Speak Program, we made Johnny Cakes with the help of a parent and two community members. The girls absolutely loved it, as did our staff members who cleaned up all of the extra cakes!

A big thanks to Edgelene Tighe for giving up her time to mentor the girls, thanks to Miss Collins and Mrs Campbell for letting us use their wet area, and thanks to the Canteen for lending us some equipment!

Sara Johnston, Aboriginal Education Leader



This Wednesday!
10/5/17

5/6L Mangahigh Mathematics Competition



Last term, 5/6L competed against hundreds of other schools across Australia in a mathematics competition called Mangahigh. All students did exceptionally well, winning five bronze medals, three silver medals and 15 gold medals. Congratulations 5/6L!

Welcome to Leadership!



These dedicated students are the newest members to our School Leadership team, Maddison taking on the role as a Sports House Captain for Allyn and Sam and Bethany as SRC members.

Congratulations girls and welcome to the team.

Band News

Band person of the week

Each week the band acknowledges a student who is working at school and at home to make our band sound fantastic!

This week we are celebrating the efforts of:

Chloe Deane - for a great marching rhythm.

Thank you to the band members who remembered to bring their instrument yesterday, what a wonderful start to the term.

Kirsty Ward, Band Coordinator

Volunteer Scripture Teacher Needed

Do you love working with children?

Are you a committed Christian and an active member of a church?

Are you willing to do some training?

The West Maitland Scripture team are currently looking for scripture teachers (SRE teacher) for Rutherford Public School. SRE is held on Tuesday afternoons. At 12:00pm there is a Kindergarten class, and at 12:30pm, a Year 1-2 class.

Please contact the SRE coordinator Judy Geering on 0407 586 698 for information about this great volunteer opportunity in this school.

Uniform Committee Meeting

Our P&C uniform committee met early this term to discuss some of the initial results of the uniform 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** five days per week - for both girls and boys – so as not to clash with 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

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.

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



PSSA Softball

Our boys and girls went off to Brandon Park, Seaham last Friday of nerves and excitement for our first game of this year's PSSA Knockout Softball Competition.

The girls were due to play first and got off to a pretty shaky start with nerves getting the better of them initially, resulting in Largs scoring 7 runs at their first time at bat. After the girls had a bat and scored 5 runs of their own they realised that they could do this and came away with an 11-10 win.

The boys came up against a very well skilled team from Largs Public School and unfortunately went down 21-3. The boys all hit the ball, but unfortunately the Largs team seemed to have more than 9 on the field as wherever the balls were hit there was always a Largs person there to get a catch.

Thank you to the parents who provided transport so that the students could play, to Charlotte's Dad for umpiring at first base for both games, and also to Brandon Clark who plate umpired both games.

The next game for the girls is against Hallidays Point with a location and date yet to be finalised.

Mrs Clark



Stage 3 Basketball

Stage 3 had some special visitors last week from the Maitland Mustangs. Trevor, Phil and Tyler (who made Mr Cochrane look short) have started a five week skills program with the students from years five and six.


The students learnt about the 'triple threat' position, dribbling and shooting hoops. The guys from the Mustangs are qualified coaches who work with local primary schools to introduce our students to the game of basketball and hopefully get them to be involved in lifelong physical activity.

Students and teachers had a great time and a increased number of students were playing on the courts at lunch and afternoon tea which was great to see. Mr Cochrane




PSSA Netball

Congratulations to the girls Netball team who defeated Telarah Public School last Friday and will progress to the next round!



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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>

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

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.



Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Cynthia Culhane your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 4032 4703 / 0418 699 646
or cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au

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The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.



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 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

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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
- 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.



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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





Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in

2018

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an **opportunity** class in 2018?

You must apply online at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Wednesday 26 April 2017

Application website opens

Friday 12 May 2017

Application website closes

Late applications will not be accepted

Wednesday 12 July 2017

Test authority letter by mail and email
(all other correspondence is sent by either mail or email)

Wednesday 26 July 2017

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Mid-October 2017

Placement outcome information

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Parents should check this website regularly for updates all the way through the application and placement process.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au **Telephone:** 1300 880 367 **Fax:** 02 9266 8435

Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Opportunityclassplacement>

[^] In this document, the High Performing Students Unit is referred to as the Unit.

'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as 'a guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

A list of the primary schools with opportunity classes is shown on page 2 of this document.

EVACUATION		LOCK DOWN		PROCEDURES
WARNING:	Continuous Alarm (Sustained manual bell if inoperable)	WARNING:	Pulsing Alarm (Pulsing manual bell if inoperable)	Q: Who reports emergencies? A: A staff member, student or community member on becoming aware of the emergency.
PRINCIPAL:	Sound alarm and take control of evacuation site. Contact Emergency Services. Contact School Response Unit if necessary.	PRINCIPAL:	Sound alarm. Authorise warning bell or PA system to initiate lockdown. After incident – debrief.	Q: To whom do you report the emergency? A: A student is to immediately report to the nearest member of staff, who in turn is to immediately report to the principal.
EXECUTIVE:	Ensure classes are moving to evacuation site – check areas on way.	EXECUTIVE:	Ensure mobile phones are turned on and with you. Follow classroom teacher rules.	Q: Who decides to evacuate or lockdown? A: The principal.
CLASSROOM TEACHERS:	Take students/red emergency folder, and where practical, student/staff bags. Proceed immediately to Back Playground Evacuation Point and mark rolls . Check surrounding area on way. If your normal route to the assembly area is hazardous, choose the next safest route. Notify Principal/ Executive of any missing students.	CLASSROOM TEACHERS:	INDOOR: Lock doors/windows, pull blinds, lights out, move to centre of the room away from doors and windows, electrical equipment turned off. Mark roll. Office will telephone to check secure. OUTDOOR: Teachers/students to move immediately to classrooms. Follow procedures for INDOOR.	Q: What do the alarm signals mean? A: EVACUATE to Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point (Back Playground Evacuation Point). LOCKDOWN - All students to their classrooms immediately - windows locked, doors locked, lights out, electrical equipment turned off.
LIBRARIAN/ RFF:	Take class/bags (if applicable) and red emergency folder, clear area and report to Back Playground Evacuation Point and mark rolls . (see map).	LIBRARIAN/ RFF:	Close doors/windows, keep any children in library. Office will telephone to check secure.	Q: What do you do following the alarm? A: EVACUATION - LONG SIREN - Implement evacuation procedures, proceed to the evacuation area with students/bags in your care. LOCK DOWN - SHORT BURSTS FOLLOWED BY FOLLOW LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES - Implement lockdown procedures, wait for "all clear" signal.
SAM:	Contact emergency services (On Principal's instruction if needed). Evacuate building (taking bags) checking sick bay/toilets/library.	SAM:	Contact emergency services (000) on Principal's instruction. Lock front/back entrances/windows – lockdown in SAM office. Check visitors' book - notify Principal of any missing visitors. Telephone classrooms to check all secure.	Q: Where do you assemble? A: Back Playground Evacuation Point – located next to the cricket nets along the high school fence.
SCHOOL ASSISTANT S:	Sound alarm (On Principal's instruction). Collect evacuation absence print out, visitor's book, casual staff sign on, first aid kit, medications/asthma puffers/epipens - assemble in Back Playground Evacuation Point .	SCHOOL ASSISTANT S:	Sound lockdown alarm for 1 minute. Keep any sick bay children in office, lock front/ back office entrances/windows, close blinds. Lockdown in SAM office. Telephone classrooms to check all secure.	Q: Who gives further instructions? A: The principal, following consultation with emergency services.
ALL STAFF	Administer first aid if necessary, report serious incident details to Principal.	ALL STAFF	Administer first aid if necessary, report serious incident facts to Principal.	EMERGENCY NUMBERS EMERGENCY 000
GA/CLEANING STAFF	GA to lock front gates and direct emergency services. Proceed to evacuation assembly area – Back Playground Evacuation Point .	GA/CLEANING STAFF	Remain in building, follow staff instructions or proceed to the nearest room.	AMBULANCE: 131 233
STUDENTS:	INDOOR: Wait for teacher instruction. OUTDOOR: Walk quickly to classrooms and wait outside for the teacher.	STUDENTS:	INDOOR: Remain where you are, follow teacher instruction. OUTDOOR: Move quickly to classroom.	MAITLAND POLICE: 4934 0200
VISITORS/ VOLUNTEERS:	Proceed to evacuation assembly area – Back Playground Evacuation Point .	VISITORS/ VOLUNTEERS:	Remain in building, follow staff instructions or proceed to the nearest room.	MAITLAND FIRE BRIGADE: 4934 7258
ALL:	Wait at assembly point for "ALL CLEAR" from the Principal/Delegated Authority.	ALL:	Wait for "ALL CLEAR" from the Principal through public address system – be ready to evacuate if necessary.	SCHOOL: 49325900
SCRIPT FOR EVACUATION	Teacher says: •We have to get ready to leave the classroom •Leave all your belongings and line up quietly with your evacuation buddy at the front of the room •We are going to evacuate to the back playground as a group •Please stay together	SCRIPT FOR LOCKDOWN	Teacher says: •We are going into lockdown •Please leave the area that you are working in and move quietly to the floor. •We need to sit still and not fuss until we hear the all clear	OFFICE EXTENSION: Press extension on phone School Response Unit – 1300 363 778