

Rutherford Public School

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 4 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
Week 4	TERM 2 - Assemblies will be held this week	
	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 - Please meet Mr Cochrane at 9:15am - Look for the RPS flag 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	•
Week 5	20/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink Jets Aerobics to Preliminary's at Sutherland
	TERM 2 - Assemblies will be held this week	
	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Young Leaders Day at RTHS for our School Leaders
Week 6	26/5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am to 10:30am Kindergarten Athletic Hour 12:45pm to 1:45pm Stage 1 Athletic Hour School Athletics Carnival at Smyth Park, Maitland
	Assemblies will be held this week	
	29/5	•
	30/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am UNSW Science Competition in the Community Room
	31/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Uniform Committee Meeting - All welcome
	1/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Stage 3 Child Protection Online Session 1
	2/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Didjeribone Show payments and notes due by today

What's on and What's coming up?

ALL STUDENTS	•
ATSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> 26/5 - 9:30am Kindergarten Athletic Hour
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26/5 - 12:45pm Stage 1 Athletic Hour
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26/5 - 12:45pm Stage 1 Athletic Hour
Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23/5 - 8:00am UNSW ICAS Digital Technologies Competition in the Community Room 26/5 School Athletics Carnival - Smyth Park 30/5 - 8:00am UNSW Science Competition in the Community Room
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23/5 - 12:00pm Stage 2 Finals - Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23/5 - 12:00pm Stage 2 Finals - Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/5 - 12:00pm Stage 3 Finals - Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/5 - 12:00pm Stage 3 Finals - Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
P&C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31/5 - 2:30pm Uniform Committee Meeting - All welcome

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

...Together We Strive...

Mother's Day Thank You

Thank you to the mothers, grandmothers and carers who came along to our Mother's Day afternoon tea on Friday. We had hundreds of visitors to the school and we hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit classrooms and spend time with their children.

Some thank yous...

To the P&C and the volunteers who ensured a large range of gifts for the students to purchase for mum. Providing over 1000 gifts is no easy task, and the range on offer was amazing!

Thank you to Mrs Gandhi, our school Community Liaison Officer, who coordinated the afternoon tea on Friday.

Thank you to the staff who opened their classrooms and help children celebrate the important role mums, grandparents and carers play in the lives of our students.

We hope that everyone has a great Mother's Day and enjoys their special day on Sunday!

Early Arrivals

A reminder that there is NO supervision before 8:40am. Students should not arrive at school before this time whenever possible.

Children MUST sit in the quadrangle until the morning play bell is sounded at 8:40am. Classes start promptly at 9:10am. The Maitland Baptist OOSH service provides a comprehensive before and after school supervision service. Bookings can be made by calling 4939 1840.

Attendance

Parents and carers are reminded that all absences must be explained either verbally (e.g. phone, in person) to the class teacher or office, by SMS text response, or in writing with seven (7) days of the initial absences.

Regular attendance at school is mandatory and rolls are reviewed each week. Families may be contacted by the teacher or school executive when absences become too frequent or unexplained.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 completed the four NAPLAN tests last week. Most students seemed to sit the national exam without too much fuss or stress. Thank you to the Breakfast Club and Mrs Ghandi for the offer of a free breakfast each day for Year 3 and 5 students. Results of the tests will be sent to parents and carers in September.

Emergency Lockdowns and Evacuations

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that all schools practice Lockdown and Evacuation procedures regularly, to 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.



Stage Assemblies Now Fortnightly

Our Stage assemblies will now be held every fortnight - Weeks 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
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!			

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.

AECG meeting

The next AECG meeting will be held this Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 9:00am at Maitland Grossman High School.

Choir

Good luck to the Year 5 and 6 choir members who have been selected to perform at the Choral Concert at St Peters Church this Wednesday 17th May. Students need to meet Mrs Thomas at St Peter's Anglican Church at 5:30pm for rehearsal. (parents not permitted in church for rehearsal) The concert will start at 6:30pm. The evening will conclude at approximately 7:30pm. Gold coin entry.

Staff Changes

Mrs Spalding (1S) will take leave for five weeks. Ms Jana Melis will replace Mrs Spalding as the class teacher. Mrs Riches has joined our team as the school's General Assistant.

Congratulations to Mr Burke-Smith, Mrs Danielle Sprod and Miss Samantha Bray who have been permanently appointed to Rutherford Public School as of Term 3, 2017.

UNSW ICAS Digital ICT Test

Students who have elected and paid to sit the UNSW ICT test will sit the test next Tuesday 23rd May 2017. Students need to be at school by 8:00am in the Community Room, where the test will be administered before classes commence at 9:10am.

School Multicultural Public Speaking Finals

Good luck to the students who have been selected to represent their Stage group at the school finals in Week 5.

Stage 2 Finals: Tuesday 23rd May 2017 at 12:00pm

Stage 3 Finals: Wednesday 24th May 2017 at 12:00pm

Parents and carers are most welcome to come along and hear our students' thoughts on the importance on living in a multicultural Australia.

School Learning Support Team

Our school is a large school with a current enrolment of over 880 students. Meeting the needs of all students is a significant challenge! Our school is well-resourced and enjoys excellent teaching staff and dedicated school executive who work very hard to meet the individual needs of all students.

The School's **Learning Support Team** (LST) meets every week to discuss student needs, refer students to support programs and look for reasons for possible barriers in the student's learning. Teachers from time to time may contact parents to discuss concerns about student progress and seek support for a referral to the School LST. Mr Beaven (Head of Primary) and Mrs Ross (Head of Infants) chair the learning support team meetings each week.

Parents or carers who would like more information about the LST and the processes used to support our students can make an appointment with Mr Brown, Mrs Ross or Mr Beaven.



MGoals

MGoals is an online goal setting tool that we are using for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Rutherford Public School. Goals are set between the teacher and student, however parents have an account too, so they can keep track of the goals that are being set. Log in details were sent home via a text message from the office. If you didn't receive your details or have any questions about MGoals, you can contact your child's teacher or Miss Johnston, our Aboriginal Education Leader.

Library News

Students are happy to be back using the Library, and so are Mrs Reid and Mrs Beesley!

Every class in Kinder to Year 2 visits the library every week and can borrow one book.

Years 3 and 4 visit every odd week, and Years 5 and 6 visit every even week. The primary students can borrow 2 books.

Please check the timetable below to see the day your child visits the Library.

Monday	1J, 2M, K/6J, 3J and 3C in odd weeks 5/6L and 5/6T in even weeks
Tuesday	2G, 3/4B, 4R and 3R
Wednesday	Kindergarten,

4C and 4S in odd weeks
5/6C and 5/6G in even weeks

Thursday 1C, 1B, 1S, 2B
5/6W and 5/6D in even weeks

Friday 1/2N, 2J, 1D
4D and 3M in odd weeks
5/6E and 5/6V in even weeks

Classes visit with their class teacher to help students choose a suitable book for their reading ability and interest.

Primary students are being encouraged to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge by reading 20 books from the PRC list, or a minimum of 15 from the list and the remainder of their own choice.

Certificates and rewards will be presented to each student when they finish reading 5, 10, 15 and 20 books. Not only are students picking books that are quality texts but they can gain rewards by reading. One of our Year 5 students has already finished the challenge!

At break times students are happy to visit the library to read, participate in craft activities, or enjoy playing and sharing games in our AV room.

Come along for a visit!

Band News

Band person of the week

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

This week we are celebrating:

Riley Johnson - for all the hard work and effort put into practicing this week.

Thank you to the band members who are putting in 100% every week, it's paying off!

Kirsty Ward, Band Coordinator

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 Uniform Committee Meeting:

Wednesday 31st May 2017 at 2:30pm – All welcome



Athletics Carnival


A reminder that the primary sports carnival will be held next Friday (weather permitting) 26th May, 201 at **Smyth Field, Maitland** (Behind Centrelink Building) All students are asked to travel to the carnival by bus from the school so all students can be marked off school rolls. Students will enjoy a range of sporting events and we invite all parents to come along and cheer on our competitors.

Aerobics


Good Luck to our famous "Pink Jets" coached by Miss Ledwos, who will travel to Sutherland to compete in the first Aerobics Challenge this Saturday. The team has worked tirelessly on their routines and are ready to show the other teams their aerobic skills!

Zone Cross Country


Good Luck to the Cross Country Team who will compete in the Zone Cross Country event tomorrow at Tocal. Students in the team will need to meet Mr Cochrane at the Tocal College at 9:15am. All competitors must find their own way to the venue.



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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.

SHOOSH

FOR KIDS WEEK

15-21 May 2017

If your comment
is negative,
then **SHOOSH!**

Reward good
play by both teams
with applause; if you
can't then **SHOOSH!**

If your comment is
directed at a referee
or match official,
then **SHOOSH!**

If your
comment is directed
at a player, then
SHOOSH!

Show respect to players and game officials. Remember it's their game.



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THIS FRIDAY!- 19th May, 2017

Now in its 18th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children while reinforcing safe pedestrian behaviour
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they need as they become mature pedestrians
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults
- To promote the use of Public Transport
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion

Some of our school student leaders will be at the front gate on Friday with stickers and webbies for everyone who walks safely to school on Friday!



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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.

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- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.

[Click here for the canteen menu:](#)

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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 Kellogg's 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
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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



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