

# Rutherford Public School

## Weekly Newsletter

### WEEK 6 TERM 2 2017



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## School Calendar

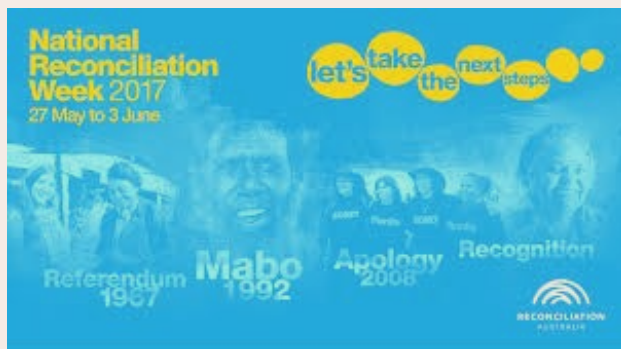
	Day	Events
Week 6	Assemblies will be held this week	
	29/5	• Public Speaking Competition - class rounds all week
	30/5	• 8:00am UNSW Science Competition in the Community Room
	31/5	• 1:00pm PSSA Rugby League Gala Day at McKeachies • 2:30pm Uniform Committee Meeting - All welcome
	1/6	• 8:15am 5/6C & 5/6D Wetlands Excursion • 9:30am Stage 3 Child Protection Online Session 1 • 2:20pm 5/6L STEM Challenge - RTHS
	2/6	• <b>Didjeribone Show payments and notes are due</b> • Wannarua Cup - Netball and Rugby League
Week 7	Assemblies will be held this week	
	5/6	• Public Speaking Competition - classroom rounds will run all week • 2:00pm P&C Fundraising Meeting • 3:30pm Aboriginal Education Meeting-Community Room
	6/6	• U10's Knights Knockout Rugby League • 4:00pm AECG Meeting at Tenambit Public School
	7/6	• Payment due for Stage 1 Excursion - Mr Stink
	8/6	• 9:30am Stage 3 Child Protection Online Session 2 • Didjeribone Show • Netball Zone Trials • 2:20pm 5/6L STEM Challenge - RTHS
	9/6	•
Week 8	Assemblies will be held this week	
	12/6	• Queens Birthday Public Holiday: SCHOOL CLOSED
	13/6	• 8:00am ICAS Writing Competition in the Community Room
	14/6	• 8:00am ICAS Spelling Competition in 5/6L
	15/6	• Girls Softball at Grahamstown Public School • 2:20pm 5/6L STEM Challenge - RTHS • 5:00pm School Disco
	16/6	•
	17/6	• Pink Jets compete at the State Championships

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

<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29/5 to 9/6 Public Speaking Competition - class rounds</li> <li>• 8/6 Didjeribone Show for all students. Payments due by Friday 2/6/17</li> <li>• 12/6 Queens Birthday Public Holiday</li> <li>• 15/6 5:00pm School Disco</li> </ul>
<b>ATSI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/6 3:30pm Aboriginal Education Meeting in the Community Room</li> <li>• 6/6 4:00pm AECG Meeting at Tenambit PS</li> </ul>
<b>P-K Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am Thurs - Little Dragons Morning</li> <li>• 12:45pm Thurs - Little Dragons Afternoon</li> </ul>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	•
<b>Stage 1 Year 1 &amp; 2</b>	• 7/6 Payment due for Stage 1 Excursion - Mr Stink
<b>Primary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30/5 8:00am UNSW Science Competition in the Community Room</li> <li>• 13/6 8:00am ICAS Writing Competition in the Community Room</li> <li>• 14/6 8:00am ICAS Spelling Competition in 5/6L</li> </ul>
<b>Stage 2 Year 3 &amp; 4</b>	•
<b>Stage 3 Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/6 8:15am 5/6C &amp; 5/6D Wetlands Excursion</li> <li>• 1/6 &amp; 8/6 9:30am Stage 3 Child Protection Sessions</li> <li>• 1/6, 8/6, 15/6, 22/6 2:20pm 5/6L STEM Challenge - RTHS</li> <li>• 2/6 Wannarua Cup - Netball and Rugby League</li> </ul>
<b>P&amp;C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31/5 - 2:30pm Uniform Committee Meeting - All welcome</li> <li>• 5/6 2:00pm P&amp;C Fundraising Meeting</li> </ul>

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

*...Together We Strive...*



## What is National Reconciliation Week?

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. The dates that bookend the week are significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

## Who is involved?

All Australians are invited to participate in our nation's reconciliation journey. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of us all as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples.

## What is the theme?

The theme for NRW 2017 is **'Let's take the next steps'**

This National Reconciliation Week we reflect on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey—50 years since the 1967 referendum and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision.

To mark the importance of Reconciliation Week, Rutherford Public School will also be displaying an art installation at the front of the school and have organised a sporting gala event on Friday 2nd June. Children from Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal backgrounds have formed a football and a netball team to play Telarah Public School at Rutherford Technology High School on Friday 2nd June at 10:00am. Mr Cochrane has also contacted the Newcastle Knights, and the NRL Development Officers will be attending to assist with referring and they will have plenty of giveaways on the day. Please feel free to come along and cheer on our students!





## Eat it to Beat It

Rutherford Public School has joined the NSW Cancer Council's program: Eat it to Beat It!

The "Eat it to Beat It Program" run free sessions and workshops for parents of primary school age children, helping them to understand why fruit and veg are so important.

The [Fruit & Veg Sense workshop](#) runs for 90 minutes, and helps parents with advice on fussy eaters, meal planning, and shopping tips.

**Our next Fruit & Veg Sense workshop session for parents will be held on Thursday 29th June at 9:15am– Save the date in your calendar!**

The [Healthy Lunch Box session](#) targets parents who have children starting Kindergarten. We emphasise the importance of packing fruit and veg in the lunch box every day, and help with easy ideas to make this possible. This session will form part of our Kindergarten Orientation Program in Term 4.

## Uniform Committee Meeting

**Next Uniform Committee Meeting:**

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

The uniform committee is managing the possible modifications to our school uniform. We are working with Lowes to provide a good quality, affordable polo to replace the all white shirt. Lowes have advised the school that there may be some delay to the sample shirts. The girls one piece tunic option will be on show.

## Multicultural Public Speaking School Finals

Congratulations to the students who represented their stage in the school finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Finals last week. The students spoke on a wide variety of themes, but all spoke on the importance of living in a peaceful, harmonious and multicultural Australia.

After the prepared and impromptu rounds the following winners were announced by our adjudicator, previous principal of Rutherford Public School– Mr John Quinn.

Stage 2	Stage 3
1st Josie Dick	Ava Jankovic
2nd Connor Dunn	Darcy Spalding
3rd Zalliah Jackson	Lily Davies

The first two place winners will go onto the Zone finals on Wednesday 28th June 2017 in our school hall.



## Year 5 and 6: Important Online Safety Lessons

This Wednesday 1st June, Stage 3 students will walk to Rutherford Technology High School to participate in a combined schools internet safety talk. This talk is being presented by an expert in the area of internet safety as a former online police detective. The purpose of this talk is to teach students the possible implications that can occur through meeting people online. It will also cover content informing students what to do if they come across something online that they know is wrong or makes them feel uncomfortable.

Students will leave school at the start of lunch time and will return to school at approximately 1pm. There is no cost for students to attend the internet safety talk.

Parents who do not wish for their child to attend, should inform their child's teacher.

Additionally, a parent information session is being held at Rutherford Technology High School library beginning at 5:30pm on Wednesday 31st May. Parents, friends and family are most welcome to attend.

## ICAS Science: Tuesday 30/5/17

Students who have paid to sit the UNSW ICAS test will need to be at school by 8am this Tuesday. The test will be administered before school to avoid any interruptions to school routines and learning. Entries for this test is closed and no late entries can be accepted. Good luck to the students sitting this test!

Writing: 13/6/17

Spelling 14/6/17

## Staff Changes

Mrs Spalding is currently on leave until the end of the Term—  
Welcome Ms Jana Hanson

Mrs Daniels is currently on leave. Miss Georgie Binskin will take over teaching responsibilities of 5/6D



## Didjeribone Show

**WEDNESDAY 7th June, 2017**

Tjupurru will visit Rutherford Public School next Wednesday 7th June to perform for all students K-6. Students wishing to attend the show will need to pay just \$4:00 to enjoy learning more about Aboriginal cultural and customs. Please pay at the office.



## Wetland Excursion

Students in 5/6D and 5/6T have been learning about natural environments and are off to the Wetlands Centre on Thursday, 1st June 17 (note clash with Cyber safety talk). Cost of this excursion is \$13. Permission notes have been sent home last week. Some students from other classes may be invited to attend if spaces are available.

## National Simultaneous Storytime

KC participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday. We read the Cow Tripped Over the Moon.



**ICAS**  
International Competitions  
and Assessments for Schools



## PBL Lesson Focus

This week our PBL focus has been to encourage all students, staff and the school community to wear a hat when outdoors.

As part of our school uniform we must wear a hat when outside. This includes before school, lunch and recess. Even when we represent the school we must wear our school hat.

If your child does not have a school hat they will be asked to play in an undercover area.

Students may purchase a hat from the office or from Lowes in Maitland.



## Bike Shed

Does your bike need repairing?

We have set up a Bike Shed at Rutherford Public School and is coordinated by Mrs Johnson and Mr O'Sullivan.

While the boys are restoring old bikes and scooters to donate to charity, we are also extending our service to the students of our school. We offer small repairs such as pumping up bike tyres and repairing punctures.

If you need any assistance with your bike, please see Mrs Johnson or Mr O'Sullivan who may be able to get those wheels rolling again

**Sara Johnston, Aboriginal Education Leader**



## Vegie Garden

There's nothing like a bit of hard work!

Our gardening group has been working hard to get our vegies growing. We have moved the greenhouse and planted some sprouts and strawberries, bought compost bins and are preparing to collect compost from fruit break time, and on Wednesday we were moving blue metal and soil into our garden beds to plant vegetables!

The children are loving the hands on experience and learning a lot along the way. If you have a green thumb and would like to help our group, please contact Miss Johnston.

**Sara Johnston, Aboriginal Education Leader**

## 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 TERM 3 WEEK 1 INTAKE!



### Athletics Carnival Success

Beautiful weather, well behaved and eager children, along with supportive staff and P&C members made for a great day last Friday. Whilst the K-2 school enjoyed sporting activities at school, the older students in the Primary ventured to Smyth Field for a full day of athletic events.

Thank you to all staff, particularly Mr Cochrane, who ensured the day ran smoothly and was engaging for all students.

Thank you to the P&C members and volunteers who gave up time on the day to feed the hungry athletes.

The Zone athletics team will be announced soon.

Age Champions will be presented with their medallions at a short assembly next **Friday at 9:10am 2nd June, 2017.**

**PSSA GALA Day– This Wednesday 31st May, 2017**–Notes have been sent home last week– Mr Cochrane.

**PSSA Tennis– This Thursday 1st June 2017–** Notes sent home last week– Mrs Johnson.

**Wonnarua Cup– This Friday 2nd June 10am 2017 —** Rutherford High School—Rutherford vs Telarah—Mrs Johnson.

**Maitland Zone Netball Trials– Next Thursday 8th June, 2017**  
– Maitland Netball Courts 10am– Notes sent home last week– Mrs Griffiths.





## Attendance Awards

We reward and recognize individuals and classes for improved attendance at our school. Attendance Trophies are given out every fortnight to classes with best & most improved attendance.

Congratulations to our Attendance Trophy winners for Term 2 (Week 3 & 4) :

Kindergarten - KG at 95.79%

Stage 1 - 2G at 99.26%

Stage 2 - 4D at 97.33%

Stage 3 - 5/6T at 97.33%



## 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.



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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 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

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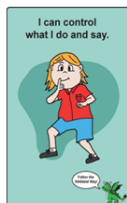
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## Term 1 Financial Planner...

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



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