

# Rutherford Public School

## Weekly Newsletter

### WEEK 7 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 7		
	5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Speaking Competition - classroom rounds will run all week</li> <li>2:00pm P&amp;C Fundraising Meeting</li> </ul>
	6/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U10's Knights Knockout Rugby League at Waratah Oval</li> <li>4:00pm AECG Meeting at Tenambit Public School</li> </ul>
	7/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00pm PSSA Netball at Maitland Netball Courts</li> <li>Payment due for Stage 1 Excursion - Mr Stink</li> </ul>
	8/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Stage 3 Child Protection Online Session 2</li> <li>Didjeribone Show</li> <li>Netball Zone Trials</li> <li>2:20pm 5/6L STEM Challenge - RTHS</li> </ul>
	9/6	
Week 8		Assemblies will be held this week
	12/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday: SCHOOL CLOSED</li> </ul>
	13/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am ICAS Writing Competition in the Community Room</li> <li>3:30pm Aboriginal Education Meeting - KC Classroom</li> </ul>
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	15/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:20pm 5/6L STEM Challenge - RTHS</li> <li>School Disco</li> </ul>
	16/6	
	17/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pink Jets compete at the State Championships</li> </ul>
Week 9	19/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser</li> <li>12:15pm Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Stage Final</li> </ul>
	20/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:15pm Stage 1 Public Speaking Stage Final</li> </ul>
	21/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:15pm Stage 2 Public Speaking Stage Final</li> </ul>
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	23/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls Rugby League Gala Day</li> </ul>

## 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 - class rounds</li> <li>8/6 Didjeribone Show for all students. Payments due by Friday 2/6/17</li> <li><b>12/6 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b></li> <li>15/6 5:00pm School Disco</li> <li>19/6 Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser</li> </ul>
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<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19/6 12:15pm Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Stage Final</li> </ul>
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<b>Stage 2 Year 3 &amp; 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21/6 12:15pm Stage 2 Public Speaking Stage Final</li> </ul>
<b>Stage 3 Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8/6 9:30am Stage 3 Child Protection Session 2</li> <li>8/6, 15/6, 22/6 2:20pm 5/6L STEM Challenge - RTHS</li> <li>22/6 12:15pm Stage 3 Public Speaking Stage Final</li> </ul>
<b>Band 14/6/2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00am Band Performance at OPAL Aged Care</li> <li>12:00pm Band Performance for Stage 1</li> <li>12:50pm Band Performance for Stage 2</li> </ul>
<b>P&amp;C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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...*

## A busy Term!

It has been a busy term, and it doesn't look like things are going to slow down! As you moved around the school last week, it was clear that Rutherford Public School is alive with activity and opportunity!

Last week we had students presenting speeches in classes, competing in the UNSW Science competition, representing the school in PSSA Rugby League and Tennis, 50 students travelling to the Shortland Wetlands to learn more about biodiversity, rhythms pulsating from the band, 'Little Dragons' experiencing 'big school' on Thursday, and students competing on the inaugural "Wonnarua Cup" for Reconciliation Week in Netball and Rugby League.

It is important that parents (and even older students) take the time to read the weekly newsletter to ensure they do not miss out on important information about events and activities. The newsletter is published on the website by Monday of each week (sometimes earlier) and also put up on our school Facebook page.

We make every effort to email the newsletter each week, however some weeks, due to unforeseen circumstances, it does not get sent.

The link that gets emailed is taken directly from our school website, and all newsletters can be accessed at:

<http://www.rutherford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/newsletters>

## Didjeribone Visiting Performance

This Thursday 8th June, Tjupurru will visit Rutherford Public School to perform for all of our students.

Payment is due Friday 2nd June.

We are sure that our students will enjoy learning more about Aboriginal cultural and customs.



## Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)

Our school is a PBL school and is committed to ensuring our school classrooms and playgrounds are safe and productive for all students. Some upcoming PBL initiatives include:

### Webbie Wonderland Afternoons:

Students in K-2 and 3-6 who have not received an "Incident Form" for Weeks 6,7,8,9 and 10 will be invited to join in on a special afternoon of fun and games.

Students will be able to choose from a range of activities. More information to follow!

## PBL Badge Review:

The PBL team will analyse school data and inform parents by a letter if their child has become ineligible for the 2017 PBL badge for this year.

Students who have received 5 or more incident forms in Semester 1 will not be eligible to receive the special PBL Badge in Term 4.

Students who have 5+ forms will still be encouraged to make positive choices through our normal school rewards (e.g. webbies, awards and special days)

## Fundraiser for a family in need...

Please support a raffle to raise funds for the Mulligan family.

A local family have organised a raffle to support a Maitland family who lost all their possessions in a recent house fire.

Tickets will be on sale each morning near the entrance to the school. Look out for SRC students selling tickets from 8:40am.

### RAFFLE TICKETS

**\$1 EACH**

BUY A TICKET TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR  
MICK AND JULIANNE MULLIGAN AND THEIR 5 KIDS....  
THE MULLIGAN FAMILY SUFFERED A HOUSE FIRE ON  
22/5/17.  
THEY HAVE ONLY THE CLOTHES ON THEIR BACKS AND  
HAVE LOST EVERYTHING THEY OWN.

PRIZES INCLUDE:

FAMILY BOWLING PASS

DOUBLE MOVIE PASS

JUBILO GALATO VOUCHER

BAKERS DELIGHT VOUCHER

SUPERCHEAP AUTO CAR CARE PACK

WINNERS DRAWN:

ALL PROCEEDS GOING DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY!

## Public Speaking

All classes are currently in the process of selecting their best public speakers to represent their Stage in the upcoming public speaking finals to be held in Week 9 of this term.

All students are encouraged to prepare a speech and practise the art of speaking in front of an audience.



## Reports

All teachers are currently preparing reports for parents and carers, to indicate how their child/ren are progressing in Semester 1.

Reports will be sent home in the last week of Term 2.

## Staff Development

All staff are completing additional training this week as part of our ongoing commitment to ensure students have access to the most effective teaching strategies possible.

On Monday, teachers will spend three additional hours at school, learning more about early numeracy skills and how to improve the teaching of comprehension.

## Beanies for Brain Cancer ~ Monday 19th June

Wear a Beanie to school on Monday 19th June 2017 and bring a gold coin donation to show your support towards brain cancer research.

All money raised will go towards the further development of brain cancer research and to assist those living with this dreadful disease.

Put this on your calendar now so that you don't forget!



## ICAS Writing and Spelling Tests

Students who have paid to sit the UNSW ICAS Writing and Spelling tests will need to be at school by 8:00am next week.

The test will be administered before school to avoid any interruptions to school routines and learning. Entries for these tests are closed and no late entries can be accepted.

Good luck to the students sitting the test!

**Writing** 8:00am Tuesday 13/6/17 in Community room

**Spelling** 8:00am Wednesday 14/6/17 in 5/6L Classroom



Glow products will also be on sale.

**K-2- 5:00pm to 6:15pm**

**Years 3-6 6:30pm to 8:00pm**

All students **MUST** be accompanied to and from the school hall by an adult.

Parents are most welcome to stay and enjoy the night!

Please **NO** sandals or thongs.

## Planet Savers

As part of their studies, students from 5/6C and 5/6D visited the Shortland Wetlands last Thursday to learn more about caring for the environment and ways to reduce, reuse and recycle!

The two classes are also working on an environmental program at the front of the school.



## School Disco

Our Term 2 Disco will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

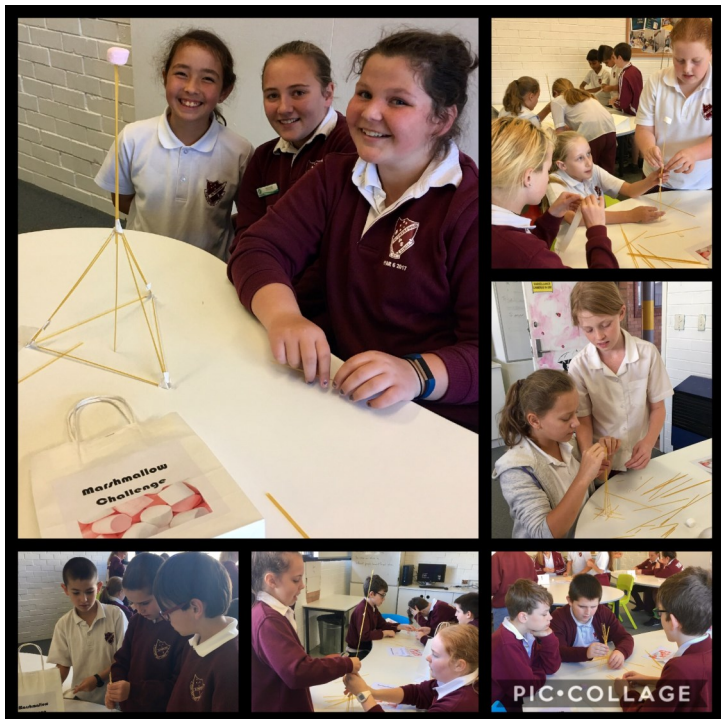
Disco Theme: Glow!

Students of Rutherford Public School are invited to come along and enjoy some great dancing and treats from the canteen.

Entry \$2

## STEM Challenge

5/6L, future engineers, visited Rutherford Technology High School as a part of a transition program to participate in the Marshmallow Challenge. Students had a great afternoon trying to construct a tower to hold a marshmallow using only spaghetti, masking tape and string.



## Students learn more about online dangers

Stage 3 students were invited to Rutherford Technology High School last Thursday to hear from a former detective, who discussed the dangers of posting personal information online. Students were also given strategies if they see something online that makes them feel uncomfortable.



## Early Action for Success

This week I attended professional learning under the Early Action for Success initiative. I was delighted to see the amazing results schools across our region are achieving.

This day presented as a wonderful opportunity to network with other school communities, and I truly developed a strong appreciation for our hard-working teachers. All our K-2 teachers are currently undertaking targeted, professional learning to improve reading, writing and number achievements for all students.

During my regular visits to classrooms, I am delighted to see students enthusiastically engaged in high quality literacy and numeracy lessons. Already, we are seeing steady growth in achievements.



Next week I will be attending an intensive two-day numeracy workshop, and I look forward to returning from this training with more highly effective strategies and processes to support our students.

*Michelle Heaney, Instructional Leader*

## What's Coming Up for Kindergarten



At the beginning of Term 3, Kindergarten will be lucky enough to have some little furry friends visit. 'What furry friends?' I hear you ask...Chickens!

During Kindergartens study of living things, three sets of chickens will live in the Kindergarten wet areas. We will watch them hatch from inside an incubator and we will also watch them grow for two whole weeks.

We looking forward to sharing our chicken adventures with you soon.

**Kate Slaven,**  
**Relieving Assistant Principal ES1**







## Athletics

The 2017 Athletics Carnival was a huge success, with many inspirational performances. The Age Champions were:

Jnr's: **Harry Swann and Kayleigh Kriel**

11's: **Cameron Goff and Mirabella Packham**

Snr's: **Joel Graham and Ava Jankovic**

The winning house was **Paterson**.



## PSSA Rugby League

Our Open Age Rugby League team took on Muswellbrook Public School last Wednesday in the first round of the PSSA State Knockout. The game was played at McKeachies Sporting Complex in chilly conditions.

The game was tight in the first half, with Rutherford narrowly trailing 12-10 with two great tries from half back Cameron Goff and a conversion slotted from out wide by Nick Trotter.

Captain Jake Digby led from the front with some block buster runs up the middle of the field, splitting the opposition wide open.

The second half saw Muswellbrook run a few more tries whilst Rutherford was denied in the corner twice. The final score was 28-10 to Muswellbrook, but the boys and girls should be very proud of themselves, as it was the first time many of them had played together outside of training at school, and several don't play weekend football.

A massive thank you to all of the parents that helped with transport and cheering on from the sidelines.

A special thank you to the NRL development team that came along and refereed the game and ran the first aid and score table.



*Mr Cochrane, Rugby League Coordinator*

## P&C News - Uniform Committee

Thank you to the parents who came along to the uniform committee meeting last week.

An alternative girls' tunic was presented and generally well received by the parents at the meeting. This will be presented at the next P&C meeting for approval.

We are currently waiting on Lowes to provide three final options for the potential transition to a new school polo.

## Next Uniform Committee Meeting

TBA - Lowes to provide polo options before a date will be set

## Next Fundraising Committee Meeting

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2:00pm - All welcome

## Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm - All welcome



## Week 6 and Week 7 PBL FOCUS

For our latest PBL focus, Rutherford Public School has been focusing on walking on concrete. You will hear teachers say, "STOP, go back and walk."

Every child, teacher and community member has the right to feel safe.

People who walk on concrete are displaying Rutherford's core values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best.

Stay tuned for next weeks focus.....



### PBL Team Expression of Interest

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Team are looking for members of the Rutherford Public School community to join us!

We would love to have a community member available to attend meetings, which are usually held on Mondays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, several times per term, to provide us with valuable feedback.

If you think this is something you are interested in, please fill in the slip below and drop it to the office by Friday 9 June 2017.

Thank you from The PBL Team



**YES! I am interested in joining the PBL Team.**

Parent/Carer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ren at Rutherford \_\_\_\_\_

## FROM THE OFFICE

### SCHOOL FEES

All students have been 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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# 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 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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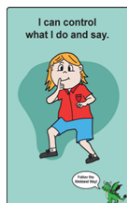
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## Term 2 Financial Planner...

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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- 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

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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 canteen menu:](#)

**CLICK HERE**





## The simplest way

to improve the health of your family and save money

### Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

**Date:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Time:** 9.15 am to 10.45 am

**Venue:** Rutherford Public School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- 🕒 **Save time and money making healthy meals**
- 🕒 **Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters**
- 🕒 **Get a free recipe book simply by attending**

**Don't miss out** – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than **26/06/2017** by:

**Calling or visiting the school front office or register online at**

[www.cancercouncil.com.au/eatittobeatit/register](http://www.cancercouncil.com.au/eatittobeatit/register)



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to eat all the colours of a rainbow.

If you have fussy eaters in your family, try these presentation tips to get them eating and enjoying more fruit and veg.



Offering a range of fruit and veg in different colours will help make meals more attractive and provide a variety of nutrients.

Kids will get excited about eating a rainbow and can even help arrange the colours on their plate.

Other simple presentation strategies include:

- Chop fruit and veg into smaller pieces.
- Offer raw sticks of carrot, capsicum, celery or cucumber with dip.
- Give small portions.
- Add fruit at breakfast.
- Add salad veg to a sandwich or wrap.

For more information visit

[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)

or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)



### 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!

## NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

