

# Rutherford Public School

## Weekly Newsletter

### WEEK 8 TERM 2 2017



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#### 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 8	Assemblies will be held this week	
	12/6	• Queen's Birthday Public Holiday: SCHOOL CLOSED
	13/6	• 8:00am ICAS Writing Competition in the Community Room • 3:30pm Aboriginal Education Meeting - KC Classroom
	14/6	• 8:00am ICAS Spelling Competition in 5/6L • 12:00pm Band Performance for Stage 1 • 12:50pm Band Performance for Stage 2
	15/6	• 2:20pm 5/6L STEM Challenge - RTHS • School Disco
	16/6	•
	17/6	• Pink Jets compete at the State Championships
Week 9	19/6	• Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser • 12:15pm Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Stage Final
	20/6	• 12:15pm Stage 1 Public Speaking Stage Final
	21/6	• Band performing at school and Opal Aged Care • 12:15pm Stage 2 Public Speaking Stage Final
	22/6	• 12:15pm Stage 3 Public Speaking Stage Final • 2:20pm 5/6L STEM Challenge - RTHS
	23/6	• Girls Rugby League Gala Day • No payments (cash, eftpos, cheque or POP) will be accepted from today until 31/7 due to our transition to the new LMBR school system
Week 10	NAIDOC Week Celebrations & Assemblies will be held this week	
	26/6	• Whole school NAIDOC assembly in the Quad • 1:30pm K-2 Webland Wonderland Afternoon
	27/6	• K/6J Bocce Competition - Maitland High School • Stage 3 Transition Soccer Gala Day
	28/6	• Multicultural Public Speaking Local Area Final • MADD Showcase for Stage 3 at RTHS • P&C Pie Drive Collection from Community Room
	29/6	• ATSI Excursion to Awabakal Education Centre
	30/6	• Whole school end-of-term performance in the Quad • 1:30pm Yr 3-6 Webland Wonderland Afternoon • Last Day of Term 2

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

<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12/6 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</li> <li>• 15/6 5:00pm School Disco</li> <li>• 19/6 Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser</li> <li>• 30/6 Last Day of Term 2</li> <li>• 1/7 to 16/7 School Holidays</li> <li>• 17/7 Staff Development Day</li> <li>• 18/7 Students return for Term 3</li> </ul>
<b>ATSI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13/6 3:30pm Aboriginal Education Meeting in KC Classroom</li> <li>• 26/6 NAIDOC Week Celebrations - Whole school assembly in the Quad</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>	• 19/6 12:15pm Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Stage Final
<b>Stage 1 Year 1 &amp; 2</b>	• 20/6 12:15pm Stage 1 Public Speaking Stage Final
<b>Primary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	• 21/6 12:15pm Stage 2 Public Speaking Stage Final
<b>Stage 3 Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15/6 and 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>• 12:00pm Band Performance for Stage 1</li> <li>• 12:50pm Band Performance for Stage 2</li> </ul>
<b>P&amp;C</b>	• 13/6 P&C Meeting in the Community Room

**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Monday 12th June**  
**Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**

...Together We Strive...

### Aboriginal Education Meeting

Our Aboriginal Education Team will meet on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 3:15pm in KC's classroom.

All Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal parents and families are welcome to attend, as we prepare for our NAIDOC Week celebrations.

### 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 tests 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

### Band Performance

Our school band performance at the Opal Aged Care facility on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled due to illness.

### Disco Masquerade ~ Thursday 15th June

Next Thursday 15th June we will celebrate Term 2 with a masquerade disco. Students can make their own mask or buy one from our SRC Mask Stall.

Masks can be pre-purchased at school before the disco from Tuesday morning. Masks will be available to buy before school and during lunch sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Masks can also be purchased prior to entering the disco on Thursday night.

Prices of masks will range from \$1 - \$5. All funds raised from mask sales will support Year 6 Farewell fundraising efforts.

Please note we have had to change the theme of the disco due to a supply issue for glow products.

**Kindergarten to Year 2 Disco 5:00pm to 6:15pm**

**Year 3 to Year 6 Disco 6:30pm to 8:00pm**

**Disco entry fee \$2**

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.



### Public Speaking Finals

Good luck to the students who have been selected to represent their class in the Stage Public Speaking Finals next week. Students will present their speeches for the opportunity to represent the school in the Zone Public Speaking Finals in Term 3.

Parents and community members are most welcome to come along and enjoy hearing the entertaining speeches!

#### Week 9

**Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)** Monday 19/6/17 12:15pm

**Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)** Tuesday 20/6/17 12:15pm

**Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)** Wednesday 21/6/17 12:15pm

**Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)** Thursday 22/6/17 12:15pm

### Multicultural Public Speaking Finals

Rutherford Public School will host the Zone Finals of the Premier's Multicultural Public Speaking Finals on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Students from local public schools will go head-to-head in the presented and impromptu speeches. Parents are most welcome to come along and hear some very talented speakers.

Times will be advised once they have been confirmed.

### 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.

### 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!



### Stage 3 District GATS Camp

Stage 3 parents may wish to consider applying for the Stage 3 GATS camp. Please note that the dates clash with our Year 6 Canberra Excursion. Please see Mr Brown for application forms. More information is available on our Facebook page.



## Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)

### Webbie's 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 including gymnastics, soccer, cooking, technology and many other interest-based activities.

K-2 Webland Wonderland Afternoon: Monday from 1:30pm

3-6 Webland Wonderland Afternoon: Friday from 1:30pm

All activities will take place at school or on nearby fields. There is no cost for the afternoon.

## PBL Badge Review

The PBL team will analyse Semester 1 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).

## 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.

## P&C NEWS

### Thompson's Pie Drive Fundraiser

Don't forget to send in your order forms or process your Flexischools order!

Fill your freezer for the winter school holidays!

**ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: Friday 16th June.**

## P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held this Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm in the Community Room. All parents and community members are welcome to come along and hear about school programs and activities.

## Term 2 Financial Planner...

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

**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:** 9.15am to 10.45am  
**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.org.au/eatittobeatit/register](http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register)



**The simplest way**  
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**...to warm a winter night with Asian Noodle Soup.**


Serves: 4 | Prep time: 10 mins | Cooking time: 5 mins

**Ingredients**


- 4 cups salt reduced chicken stock
- ¼ Chinese cabbage, finely sliced
- 2 tbs coriander, chopped
- 1 bunch bok choy, shredded
- 1 tsp ginger, finely chopped
- 2 tbs reduced-salt soy sauce
- 1 tbs fish sauce
- 1 small red chilli, finely sliced (optional)
- 125g Hokkien egg noodles, cooked
- 1 cup skinless chicken, cooked and shredded
- 1 cup mung bean sprouts
- 1 spring onion, sliced

**Method**

Bring stock and cabbage to the boil in a large pot. Simmer over gentle heat for 5 minutes or until tender. Add chilli, coriander, bok choy, ginger and sauces. Divide hot noodles and chicken between 4 deep serving bowls. Ladle soup mixture over noodles, add bean sprouts and garnish with spring onion.



**For more information visit**  
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## NAIDOC WEEK: WEEK 10

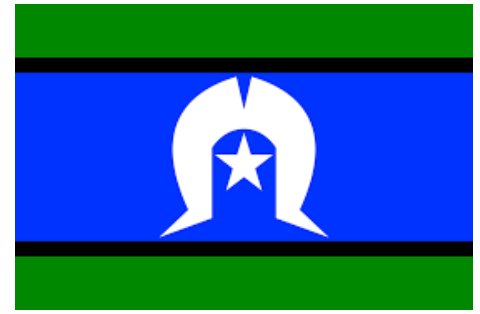
NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous communities but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces.



# Our Languages Matter

2-9 JULY 2017



Rutherford Public School will celebrate NAIDOC week with a Monday Morning Assembly at 9:30am.

Students will hear from guest speakers, as well as take part in a

smoking ceremony.

On Thursday Aboriginal Students are invited to take part in an excursion to the Awabakal Education Centre to learn more about their history and culture.

**MINDARIBBA NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY 2017**

Date: Wednesday 12th July 2017  
Venue: Metford Recreational Reserve,  
77 Schanck Drive, Metford  
Time: 10:30am - 2:30pm

TRADITIONAL GAMES	BUSH TUCKER TASTING
ART & CRAFTS	FACE PAINTING
STALL HOLDERS	LUNCH
RIDES	STORYTELLING
INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES	COMMUNITY MARKETS
JUMPING CASTLE	ENTERTAINMENT

**MINDARIBBA**  
LOCAL INDIGENOUS LAND COUNCIL

**NAIDOC Family Fun Day**

4th July 2017  
10am till 2pm  
Rotary Park, Kurri Kurri

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**FREE Morning Tea**  
**FREE Community Info and Family Activities**

**Bushtucker Sausage Sizzle**

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### U/10's Knights Knockout

Last week, 26 Rutherford Public School students travelled to Waratah to participate in the 2017 U/10's Knights Knockout.

Schools from all over the Hunter region took part in the event played over three fields.

We entered two teams who played four games each over the course of the day. Games were won and games were lost, but most importantly our students tried their best and had a tonne of fun.

NRL development officers commented to Mr Cochrane on several

occasions about the sportsmanship and skills displayed by our students throughout the day.

A massive thank you goes out to the parents who assisted with transporting and cheering on our kids all day. Another big thank you goes out to Mr Brett Moore and Mr Ben O'Sullivan for helping out with the coaching.

Well done boys, you've done yourselves, your families, and your school proud.

**Mr Cochrane, Sport Coordinator**



## 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.

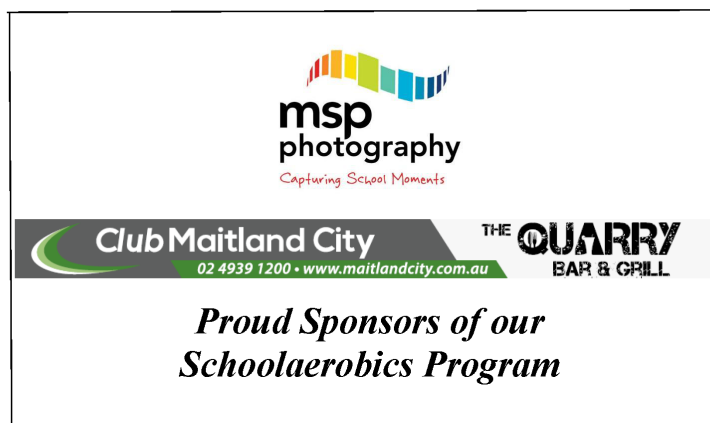
Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card.

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.



# 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.



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I can control what I do and say.



I can follow instructions.



I can listen.



I can raise my hand and wait.



I can work quietly.



## Want to help your child with their learning?

<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/>

If you're looking for tips and ideas to help you nurture your child's potential, you've come to the right place. Learning Potential has hundreds of articles on all aspects of your child's learning and development, from the early years to the end of high school, with more articles added all the time!

Browse by categories, or enter a topic in the search box. All the content is also available on the free Learning Potential app - download it on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

If your child is in primary school, the complementary [Learning Potential Resources](#) website has great ways you can reinforce the skills your child is developing in the classroom.



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

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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](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:](#)

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### Regular Attendance is a key to success!

Getting your child to school on-time, every day, unless they are sick, is something that you can do to ensure your child has a chance to succeed in school.

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve - even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to do well at school, graduate from high school and this sets them up for a strong future.

But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month - even when the absences are excused - it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten.

Attendance in our school is recorded and monitored closely. All absences need to be explained via return SMS, in writing, or directly to the class teacher. Schools are required by Department of Education procedures to contact parents by the second day of unexplained absences. If your child is away due to sickness for two days or more, you are required to provide a doctor's certificate.

Thank you to the majority of parents who ensure attendance at school is a priority.

If you are having attendance issues with your child, please contact us so we can work together to improve their attendance at school.

### Dragon's Nest Breakfast Club

We are looking for parent Volunteers to run our breakfast club from 8:30am to 9:30am (Mon-Fri). If you are interested and able to help out, please contact Mrs Rasna Gandhi (CLO) in the office. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Saxby, Mrs Swetnam, Ms Parkinson, Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Tansley and the Singh family for their donations to the breakfast club.

Please support our Breakfast Club Sponsors:

**Ashneel Singh**

**Building Designer**

**Mobile: 0413 206 682**

**Email: ashneel\_b\_singh@yahoo.com**



*Bakers Delight*  
**We're for real.**

### 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!**

