



Rutherford Public School

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 8 TERM 3 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 3 Week 8	Assemblies will be held this week for Kinder, Stage 1 and Stage 3	
	4/9	• Year 6 Canberra payment due by today
	5/9	•
	6/9	• Kindergarten Oakvale Farm payment and notes due by today • RTHS Rugby League Gala Day at McKeachie Oval
	7/9	•
	8/9	•
Term 3 Week 9	Assembly will be held this week for Stage 2	
	11/9	• Year 6 students leave for their Canberra Excursion • NAPLAN Online - Readiness Testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students this week
	12/9	• Year 6 Canberra Excursion Day 2 • 6:30pm P&C Meeting
	13/9	• Year 6 Canberra Excursion Day 3 • RPS Hosting Zone Premier's Spelling Bee • Kindergarten Excursion to Oakvale Farm
	14/9	• Year 6 students return from the Canberra Excursion • PSSA Touch Football Gala Day at Maitland Park
	15/9	•
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Term 3 Week 10	18/9	• Primary Webbie Wonderland afternoon • 3:30pm Aussie Bush Camp Parent Info Session
	19/9	• Infants Webbie Wonderland afternoon
	20/9	•
	21/9	• P&C Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser Collection Day
	22/9	• Colour Run • Last day of Term 3

What's On Week 8 ~ Week 9 ~ Week 10

ALL STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/9 Colour Run • 22/9 Last Day of Term 3
ATSI	• Mondays 3:15pm ATSI Homework Club
P-K Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register by 20/09/17 to begin Intake 5 on 12/10/17 • 9:00am Thurs - Little Dragons Morning • 12:45pm Thurs - Little Dragons Afternoon
Infants	• 19/9 Infants Webbie Wonderland afternoon
Kindergarten	• 13/9 Kindergarten Excursion to Oakvale Farm
Primary	• 18/9 Primary Webbie Wonderland afternoon
Years 3 & 5	• 11/9 NAPLAN Online - Readiness Testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students all week
Year 6	• 11/9 to 14/9 Year 6 Canberra Excursion
P&C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your Colour Run Entry Fee as soon as possible! • 12/9 6:30pm P&C Meeting • 21/9 P&C Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser Collection Day • 22/9 Colour Run

Please Pay By...

Year 6 Canberra	\$445 due Monday 4th Sept
Touch Football Gala Day	\$4.00 due Monday 11th Sept
Oakvale Farm - Kinder	\$25 due Wednesday 6th Sept
Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp	\$270 due Tuesday 10th Oct
Voluntary Contribution \$45 per child or \$90 per family	

...Together We Strive...

SASS RECOGNITION WEEK

Caring for students in the sick bay, supporting students in the classroom and managing the day-to-day school administration, they are the silent heroes of NSW public schools – our School Administrative Support Staff (SASS).

This week, we acknowledge the tremendous contribution of these important staff members for SASS Recognition Week. In the office, Denise Mills, Kerry Farley, Lynsey Andrews, Kerry Gebbard, Ngaire Hansen, Anne Saxby and Kristy McConnell, work tirelessly, coordinating enrolments and attendance, managing payments and finance, and coordinating school administration. Our wonderful Community Liaison Officer, Rasna Gandhi's role includes running our breakfast club, organising all of our events, monitoring attendance, and helping coordinate our Little Dragons and playgroup programs. Rasna works tirelessly in her role to support the students, staff and parents of Rutherford Public School. In the classroom, Chris Burnham, Joanne Dawes, Lesley Farley, Sharon Jackson, Jodie Lidbury, Lisa Nealon, Kerrie Bower, Christa Baker, Rochelle Dial, Amie Evans, Tracy Thorpe, Kylie Watters, Jane Wilkinson, Ben O'Sullivan, Bridget Templeman, Samantha Burley, Troy Mason, Michelle Lizdenis and Aime Leonard go above and beyond the requirements of their role, supporting students with their learning needs. Around the school grounds, Deb Riches, our General Assistant, has the school looking magnificent, as she sees to all the care and maintenance needs of the site. Without the work of these dedicated personnel, the school would not function. I hope you will join with me in thanking them for the significant role they play in the lives of our students!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thank you to all the parents and carers who ensured our students were in uniform and ready for school photos last week. The photographers made comment on the students' behaviour and general positive behaviour of all students. The photos are due back at school in early Term 4. All students had individual photos taken on the day as well as a class photo. Parents and carers can organise late orders directly with MSP photography. Call 1800 069 976.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to the P&C and volunteers who helped provide hundreds of Father's Day gifts for the students last week. There was a large range of gifts to select and the children enjoyed the opportunity to purchase something for dads,

grandads and carers.

We hope you have a great day on Sunday!

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Rutherford Public School welcomed over 300 dads and male carers on Friday 1st September, with bacon and egg sandwiches and playground games on offer. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time and helping with the organisation. A special thank you to Mrs Gandhi, Mrs Heaney, Mrs Foley and the organising committee for all their preparation.

MICHAEL SALMON VISITING AUTHOR

Michael Salmon had the kids in stitches last Thursday as he talked to the students about his work and life as an author. The children certainly seemed to enjoy the artistic talents of Michael and hopefully he has stirred up some creative juices in our students!

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY OPEN

Rutherford Public School is keen to hear parent/carer views of our school and how we can improve the educational experiences for our students. Please follow the link below to complete the survey. All participants remain anonymous. Parents who take the survey may like to fill in the response slip below to go into the draw to win a \$200 IGA gift voucher. Please return the response slip to the office. The draw will take place at the end of the term. Thank you for your time! Anyone who does not have access to a computer can see Mrs Gandhi (CLO) for access to a school computer. Mrs Gandhi and some of our school student leaders will also be out and about with some school computers over the coming weeks requesting parents to complete the survey! The survey can be found at:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/rutherford1>

YEAR 6 CANBERRA COUNTDOWN

Just one week to go until our Year 6 students head to Canberra for a four day camp. We still have a number of medical consent forms that have not been returned. Please ensure that these are returned immediately as they are now overdue.

Please remember that teachers are not allowed to administer medicines such as panadol, nurofen or travel sickness medication without a doctor's certificate. Please ensure that any doctor's certificates are returned to school with your child's medical consent form.

PATHWAYS AWARD

Congratulations to Aliqua O'Sullivan (KA), Kaiis Rudder (1C), Zeke Richards (3/4B), Rohan Bassett (4D) and Samantha Ozlitzlok (5/6C) who received an award at the Maitland AECG Pathways Awards evening last Wednesday night. The awards recognise the student's efforts and achievements across the curriculum.

NAPLAN Online Readiness Tests

Students in Years 3 and 5 who sat the NAPLAN tests in May will be part of a state-wide program of readiness test for NAPLAN Online. The tests are being conducted in the last few weeks of this term utilising our computers. Students and teachers are trialling the software and hardware as part of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) preparations to go non-paper for NAPLAN in 2018.

2018 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

The school will soon begin the complex process of organising class structures for 2018. In order to ensure that the needs of students are met, parents are invited to forward information that you believe should be considered in regards to the formation of classes for next year. Requests can include information regarding medical conditions, requests to have particular children separated and or any other aspect that you feel may have an impact on your child's learning. Parents are asked to forward requests to the Principal in writing no later than Friday 22nd September 2017, to ensure that your child's needs can be considered.

STARTING KINDERGARTEN IN 2018?

We already have 134 students enrolled for Kindergarten next year! Some of these children are currently attending our P-K program. If you have a child starting school next year it is important to enrol your child and to attend our official Kindergarten Orientation held in Term 4. We are currently taking enrolments for 2018. Please contact the office staff if you have not yet completed an enrolment application or if you require assistance.

We are unable to accept any out of zone enrolments.

STAFFING

Get well soon Mrs Barnett! Mrs Barnett is still recovering from a recent operation. Mrs Baker will continue as the class

teacher until Mrs Barnett returns.

Mrs Daniel will extend her leave in Term 4. Miss Binskin will remain on 5/6D until the end of the year.

SMS SYSTEM FOR ATTENDANCE

Parents must provide an explanation for all absences, including partial absences, to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. To assist with this process, an SMS system operates to notify parents of full and partial day absences. If you receive a notification please reply by SMS, phone, email, or write a note to explain your child's absence.

If you need to update your mobile phone number please see the office staff.

EXTENDED LEAVE

If your child is going to be absent for over five (5) school days you must fill in an Extended Leave Form before you go on holidays. The Principal will approve and sign the form and a 'Certificate of Leave' will be returned to the parent. These forms are available from the school office. The period is still marked as "absent" from school, but it will be explained and recorded as a justified absence. Thank you.

NAPLAN ONLINE

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit a trial test of the new style "NAPLAN ONLINE" next week (Week 9). This is a practice run for the full introduction of the online platform in 2018. Students will sit two tests and results and feedback from schools will help streamline and improve the testing program. Parents and the school will NOT receive individual results this year. Every effort will be made to ensure students are fully supported during the trial. Please see Mr Beaven (Head of Primary) if you do not wish for your child to be included in the trial.

CAPTIAL WORKS PROGRAM

The Project Reference Group (PRG) met last week and endorsed a concept plan for the upcoming school upgrade. We will soon have plans to show the community and enter our consultation phase. It is expected that the building phase will commence sometime in 2018.

BAND PERSON OF THE WEEK.

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

Ryan Heggs

for outstanding effort each week!

Keep up the great work Rutherford Band!

Kirsty Ward, Band Director

OAKVALE KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION

Kindergarten will visit Oakvale Farm on Wednesday 13th September 2017.

Payment for the Oakvale Farm excursion must be made by Wednesday 6th September.

Please ensure payments are made by the due date to avoid disappointment.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Last chance to attend the Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion.

Friday 8th September is the last day that students can pay a deposit to attend the Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion. After this date all accommodation and activities will be finalised which will prevent us from being able to take any extra students.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP PARENT INFO SESSION

A parent Information session for students attending the Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion will be held on Monday 18th September 2017 in the school hall. This session will begin promptly at 3:30pm and conclude no later than 4:00pm. This session will highlight the activities that students will participate in, cover a list of 'what to bring to camp' and answer any parent questions.

MORNING SUPERVISION

A reminder that there is NO supervision in the school before 8:40am. Parents and carers are asked not to send their child to school before this time. Children who arrive early MUST sit in the quadrangle and wait for the play bell.

INTERRELATE - MOVING INTO THE TEEN YEARS - YEAR 6

In Term 4, Year 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in a free Interrelate program called "Moving into the Teen Years".

"Moving into the Teen Years" is a program designed to enhance self-esteem, consolidate previous sexuality and

relationship education and help develop communication and decision-making skills.

Exploring a range of adolescent issues, "Moving into the Teen Years" is designed for this important time in the lives of senior primary school students.

A wide variety of creative activities and teaching methods are used during the "Moving into the Teen Years" program. These include: a take home workbook to encourage parental involvement; detailed visual presentations; class discussions; written and verbal questions; games and other activities.

If you do not want your child to participate in this program, a note will be going home with all Year 6 students this week with an option to opt out at the bottom of the note.



FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you for your continued patience as we learn our new "LMBR" systems!

REFUNDS AND FEES IN ADVANCE

Any students who do not attend an excursion or activity they have paid for are now able to have that money credited back to their family "account", which can then be used to pay for future activities at school.

This is always subject to non-refundable deposits and any other terms that we have to abide by when paying for activities, including covering transport costs etc.



Tell Them From Me
Parent Survey

I have completed the
TELL THEM FROM ME survey.

NAME: _____

Contact Number: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY 22/09/2017

UPCOMING EVENTS



We have a number of events coming up, and we would love to see you there. With such a large school, we can always use a hand!

Please let us know which of the following coming events you could help out at, even if only for a short time...

Term 3 2017

- ☐ Colour Run and BBQ - Friday 22nd September
- ☐ Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser - Thursday 21st September

Term 4 2017

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trivia Night | Saturday 21st October |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen Ghouls Day | Tuesday 31st October |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Disco | Tuesday 31st October |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mango Fundraiser | Dates to be advised |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Xmas Raffle | Dates to be advised |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carols | Thursday 14th December |



Term 1 2018

- ☐ Fun Day Friday 16th March 2018

Parent/Volunteer Name _____ Phone _____

Dragon's Nest Breakfast Club

Our mothers always told us that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and like many favourite old sayings, it contains far more than a grain of truth. Eating a nutritious breakfast is important for everyone – but especially for children, as it can provide up to a third of their daily nutrient needs. It also improves their concentration and they are more likely to be settled and happy and it allows them to participate better in school life. Our breakfast club relies heavily on donations from the community & help from our volunteers. If you are interested in donating vegemite, honey, margarine, strawberry jam, long life full cream milk, napkins, plastic spoons & cups or would like to volunteer at the breakfast club, please contact Mrs Gandhi (CLO) in the office. We would like to say a big thank you to the following people for their help & donations:

Lions Club Maitland

Miss Richards

Mrs Zilenski

Mrs Saxby

Mrs Gebbard

Miss Parkinson

Mrs Vassallo

Mrs Tansley

Mrs Swetnam

Mrs Bower

Mrs Heaney and

Our SLSO's Ms L Farley & Mrs Nealon.

Please support our Breakfast Club Sponsors

Events:

Fortnightly Assemblies in even Weeks:

Stage 1	2:30 pm	Monday	School Hall
Stage 3	2:30 pm	Tuesday	School Hall
Kindergarten	2:30 pm	Thursday	School Hall

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

Fortnightly Assemblies in odd Weeks:

Stage 2	2:30 pm	Tuesday	School Hall
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Odd weeks only (Week 3, 5, 7, 9)

Second Hand Uniform Stall

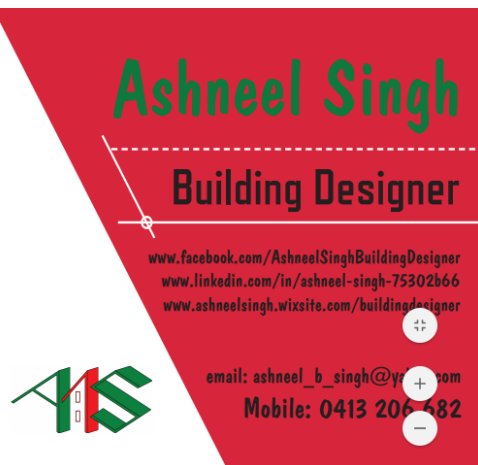
Every Monday 2:30pm to 3:00pm
P&C Shed behind the hall

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 4 WEEK 1 INTAKE!



**Proud Sponsors of our
Schoolaerobics Program**

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

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I can control what I do and say.



I can follow instructions.



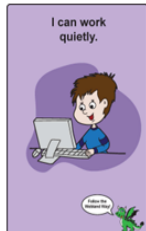
I can listen.



I can raise my hand and wait.



I can work quietly.



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Learning Potential website



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For help call
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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

The simplest way

...to be a SunSmart whiz!

Can you answer this SunSmart quiz?

Q1. At what UV level do you need to apply sunscreen?

Q2. How do I find out the daily UV level?

Q3. Do I need sun protection on cool or cold days?



A1: Always use sun protection when the UV levels are three and above. You may also need sun protection if the UV is below three and you are around highly reflective surfaces or outside for extended periods of time.

A2: The easiest way to find out the daily UV level is to download the SunSmart App and set up a daily alert on your device. Alternatively, you can check the newspaper or the Bureau of Meteorology website.

A3: UV levels are not related to temperature and in most parts of NSW, remain for most of the year. You can't see or feel UV radiation so it is best to check the daily UV level and not rely on temperature.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Rutherford Public School

Respect, Responsibility, Personal Best



Education

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28th July 2017

Kindergarten Excursion to Oakvale Farm

Dear Parents/Carers

This term in Kindergarten and K/6J, we are learning about "Living Things" in Science. As part of this unit, we will be going to Oakvale Farm and Fauna World to study animals and their environments.

Where	Oakvale Farm and Fauna World – 3 Oakvale Drive, Salt Ash
When	Wednesday 13 th September 2017
Leaving from	Rutherford Public School – Weblands Street, Rutherford
Leaving Promptly at	9:30am
Cost	\$25.00 per child including the bus
Returning by	We will be back at school by 3:00pm
Transport Details	We will be travelling with Sid Fogg Coaches
What to Wear	School uniform, school hat, sunscreen. Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled.
What to Bring	Plenty of water, packed fruit break, lunch and recess. Please place these into a plastic bag with your child's name on it. No school bags are required on this day.
Payments	Cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and class. EFTPOS at the office between 8:30am and 2:00pm. POP (Parent Online Payment) www.rutherford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au . Please ensure POP receipt number is entered on the permission slip and returned immediately.
Permission and Medical Note	Must be returned to your class teacher by Wednesday 6 th September 2017.

Thank you

MISS G COTTON, MRS P KOSTALOVA
MRS A CAMPBELL, MISS G COLLINS,
MISS K LEE, MISS J TSANG,
MISS D WILLIAMS
Kindergarten Teachers

MISS K JACKSON
K/6J Teacher

MR A BROWN
Principal

Oakvale Farm Visit

Please return to your Class Teacher by Wednesday 6th September 2017

- ☐ I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend Oakvale Farm excursion on Wednesday 13th September 2017.
- ☐ I understand the cost of the excursion \$25.00 and that transport is via seat-belted coach.
- ☐ I have enclosed \$25.00 as payment for this excursion; or
- ☐ I have paid by POP. My POP Receipt number is _____.

In the event of accident or illness, I authorise the obtaining on my behalf such medical assistance as my child may require. I also authorise the administering of anaesthetic if it is deemed necessary by the Medical Officer attending.

Signature Parent/Carer _____ Date _____

Medical information form

The information provided is being obtained for the purpose of ascertaining relevant medical information, requirements and other health care related needs about your child who is currently enrolled at the school and is participating in school excursions, sporting activities or other educational or school activities conducted by or in conjunction with Rutherford Public School.

It will be used by officers of the NSW Department of Education to assist planning, to support students, and to minimise risks when conducting school excursions, sporting or other school activities.

Other persons or agencies that may be provided with this information include, but are not limited to, volunteers and members of external organisations who join with the school or are otherwise involved in the planning or delivery of the excursion, sporting or other school activity; and persons that may be called upon to provide health care treatment or other assistance during or as a consequence of such excursions or activities.

Provision of this information is not required by law. However, a failure to provide the information may mean that your child can not participate in a particular excursion or school activity. In such circumstances the school will make available a sound alternative educational experience.

Provision of this information will significantly assist the school in planning a safer educational activity. It will be stored securely. If you have any concerns about provision of this information, please contact the school principal to discuss further.

Student Name _____ Class _____ Medicare number _____

Parent/Carer contact details

1. Name _____ Phone _____

2. Name _____ Phone _____

Emergency contact(s) details (nominated by the parent/carers as alternate contact)

1. Name: _____ Phone _____

List existing medical conditions or illnesses (include asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, allergies etc.). Outline the treatment for each

Medication(s) to be administered during the excursion. Include name of medication, instructions for administration, time of administration, and any possible reactions

Signature Parent/Carer _____ Date _____



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

6TH SEPT 17

5PM - 6PM

MCDONALD'S RUTHERFORD

10% of sales from Front Counter, Drive Thru
and McCafe will be donated to
Rutherford Public School P & C.



Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

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What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

BANK@school[®]



Bank@school 2017

Bank@school is a financial literacy program that encourages students to learn about the importance of saving.

A representative from The Mutual visits Rutherford Public School each Thursday of the school year and collects the school banking from the bank deposit box located at the school office. The deposit is taken to the nearest branch of The Mutual for processing.

Your child will receive a 2017 Mighty Mutual activity booklet which is packed

with puzzles, games and information. A deposit/ receipt booklet will also be given to students participating in the Bank@school program as receipt of the deposit.

To open a Mighty Mutual Account for your child please visit your nearest branch of The Mutual - Rutherford Marketplace.

If you would like more information regarding Bank@school please call The Mutual on 1300 688 825.





1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers

Maitland Family Support & Hunter Prelude will deliver the program

Wednesdays 11th, 18th October & 1st November

Time: 9:30 -12pm

Venue: Rutherford Public School

Weblands St Rutherford

Enquiries please phone on 49140444

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

This course is FREE for participants & Morning tea is provided

Limited childcare is available.

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self-control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?

The presenters for this course are Maitland Family Support and Hunter Prelude.

Who have completed Parents' 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training



•An end to the arguing and yelling! •It saved our lives •Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parents' 1-2-3 Magic® licensed practitioner.



Five Star Family Day Care will be hosting an information session
presented by Dr Jeremy from
Little Sprouts Chiropractic Rutherford

for

Educators & Families

WHEN: Wednesday 30th August

TIME: 7pm to 8:30pm.

LOCATION: Five Star Family Day Care Office. Cnr Ingall & Lowe Streets, Metford.
(Metford Community Hall)

COST: **FREE**

RSVP: By Friday 25th August by emailing maria@maitlandfdc.com.au
or phone: 49 345716

Dr Jeremy's session will be focussing on "Retained Neonatal Reflexes" and how this affects children. He will also be discussing what to look out for in everyday interactions with children and how educators/families are able to assist the child.

"Tantrums, bedwetting or poor concentration? These issues **and many more**, can in some cases be caused by Retained Neonatal Reflexes. The good news is that these and more problems can often be resolved by simple treatment. **Want to know more?**

Please join us for this information session where you'll find out more about what a Retained Neonatal Reflex is, and how it can be affecting your child or a child in your care."

We look forward to seeing you.

Special Needs Motorcycle Ride Day



Date: Sunday 17/09/17

Time: From 9am

Has your child ever wanted to be a passenger on a motorcycle?

In support with Hunter Connect, come and enjoy a day for children with special needs to experience a free passenger ride on a motorcycle.

Leaving from Stockton Foreshore and doing a loop around Stockton.

If you have a motorcycle and would like to be involved on the day, your email would also be appreciated.

Riders if you have any spare helmets could you please bring them along,.

Passenger if you have a helmet please bring it along on the day.

Face Painting for the kids, & proposed other kids activities.

Show and shine if people are interested with certificates of appreciation given on the day for the top 3 bikes, with the kids deciding the top 3 bikes.

Fire & Ice Coffee will be there on the day.

BBQ will be on

Please express your child's interest by emailing

Peter peteem_2620@yahoo.com or

Rachael rachael@hunterconnect.org.au

Minimum legal age to ride is 8 years old, but if your child is younger there will be other bikes available for them to sit on.

On arrival please register to ensure everyone gets a ride.





COME AND TRY DAY

Sunday 10TH September 2017
10am – 1pm

McKeachies Sportsground
Aberglassyn

Sausage Sizzle will be held to welcome new and existing players

Games are played at Stevenson Park, Mayfield West

Training is held at McKeachies Sportsground, Aberglassyn

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