

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

COMMITMENT

CALENDAR

1 November

**Yr 9 HSIE Excursion to
Sydney Jewish Museum**

9 November

**Jets soccer team visit
school**

Office Opening Hours

Please be aware the office is open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 8 am and 4 pm and on Tuesday between 8 am and 2:30 pm. Outside office hours a message may be left on the school answering machine.

Parents and caregivers are reminded an appointment is necessary before meeting with teachers as they have class, playground duty and other commitments during the school day.

RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL



19 October, 2012
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Plan-it Youth

Plan-it Youth is a mentoring program for young people in Year 10 which has been running at RTHS for a number of years. The program aims to develop communication skills and gives students a chance to work collaboratively with peers and adults. This is made possible by members of the community volunteering their time to mentor a student on a weekly basis. We currently have 5 students taking part in a 10 week program. Throughout the program the students involved have spent time developing goals and researching career information. To further assist our students with developing career options students and their mentors recently visited Maitland TAFE.

Rutherford High would like to thank the TAFE, specifically Claire Moore who works as the TAFE team leader for Careers. Claire generously gave up her time to work with our students to raise awareness of career pathways available through TAFE.

Kris Turner
Plan-it Youth Coordinator



"Plan-it Youth Students working with their mentors"

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please do not throw out usable items of school clothing.

If your son or daughter has grown out of his or her uniform or no longer requires it, Please consider donating it to the school.

A thank you to the many parents who have already donated articles of uniform to the school.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A call has gone out to the Maitland Community to provide help for the growing number of people in need. The Maitland Community Centre is in desperate need of food to give to families and homeless people.

Teacher Katrina Allen is co-ordinating collections of non-perishable goods that can be donated. If you are able to assist, please take donations of food to Room D25 and place it into the box. Donations will be taken to the Community Centre each week.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR HSC EXAMS—2013

Special exam provisions in the HSC are practical arrangements designed to help students who couldn't otherwise make a fair attempt to show in an exam room what they know.

The provisions granted are solely determined by how the student's exam performance is affected. Provisions may include braille papers, large print or coloured paper, use of a reader and or writer, extra time or rest breaks.

Students who encounter significant difficulties with literacy are encouraged to apply.

If you believe your child will experience difficulties in the HSC exams please contact the school so that an application can be made to the Board of Studies on your Child's behalf. Please ask to speak to either Ashleigh Whitbourne (Learning and Support Teacher), your child's Year Advisor or the School Counsellor.

OLD MOBILE PHONES WANTED!

IMJ students are continuing their Life Skills unit of work on recycling. As part of this unit of work we have registered to do a "Mobile Phone Muster". What this involves is collecting old mobile phones and accessories for recycling, to earn points for possible prizes for our class.

Over the next few weeks, please bring in any old mobile phones and accessories for recycling to Room D24, IMJ classroom.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

NSW BOXING TITLE FOR RUTHERFORD STUDENT

Year 8 student James Lynch, has recently taken out the NSW Title for the 60Kg Schoolboys Division at the 2012 NSW Boxing Championships held in Wollongong. This is the second year in succession that James has won the NSW State Title.

Trained by local trainer, Barry McDonald, at Maitland City Boxing Gym, James (who has only been boxing for two years) will now go into training for the National Championships being held in South Australia in February.

Congratulations James – we wishing you well at the Nationals.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4 - Where has the year gone? Christmas is nearly here.

Good luck to Year 12 - HSC is under way. Keep checking those timetables.

Celebrations Assembly - Another very successful Positive Celebration Assembly was held on Wednesday 10th October. Congratulations to the many students being recognised for displaying the school's core values of Respect, Responsibility and Commitment. Congratulations to Mr Archbold and his PBL team and to Miss Hornery and Mrs Smailes' celebrations team for their organization.

“The Amazing Race” - We ended the term on a different note with the Rutherford High version of the Amazing Race. It was great to see the enthusiasm and engagement the students put into the activity. They could not convince me to sing up on stage though. Thanks to Miss Hornery, Mr. Newham and the other staff for their efforts in organizing the event.

Student Leader Induction - Our Induction Assembly for our Student Leaders for 2013 takes place on Monday 22nd October at 10.00 am. They appear to be an outstanding group of leaders.

Year 8 Reward Excursion - A significant number of Year 8 students were rewarded with a trip to Luna Park on Friday 19th October to recognise their grasp of the school's core values.

Uniform - We are a uniform school at the wish of our school community. It is great to see most students back in full uniform this term. If you need financial assistance with uniform, please contact Mrs Young in the Science department.

Staff changes Term 4

Mrs Loretta Wells has been appointed as a permanent member of the Science staff, starting Term 4.

Mr Andrew O'Callaghan is relieving Head Teacher Special Education this term.

Mr Rob Ward has taken up an appointment at Callaghan College.

Mrs Gillian Anderson is off on maternity leave with a brand new bub born this week.

Mr Fardell is on leave this term replaced by Mr Nathan Elbourne.

Mr Brown is on leave this term replaced by Ms Kimberley Campbell.

Mr Will McGovern is in Science for the term.

‘N’ Determinations

A number of students in Years 10 have received warning letters about outstanding work or tasks they need to complete. Decisions will be made shortly on satisfactory completion of courses, so students need to be vigilant in catching up this work. It can mean the difference in progressing to Year 11.

Elective Fees - It is necessary for elective subjects with high consumable requirements to charge fees to pay for these consumables. Students and parents are aware of these fees when choosing subjects. Unfortunately, there are a substantial number of students with outstanding fees. This limits the activities able to be completed in these subjects for the rest of the year.

If you hold a credit card, payments can be made over the phone by calling the front office on 49325999.

Michael Whiting
Principal

ASPIRATIONS PROGRAM

For three days spanning several months, Mrs Fabri, Ms Dixon and Mr Miller are taking a group of 18 Year 11 students down to Sydney to explore the possibilities that lay in their futures through the Aspirations program run by the King and Wood Mallesons law firm, and the Australian Business Community Network.

In the last two sessions we have worked with our mentors to learn about post-high school education and the opportunities that we have after Year 12 graduation.

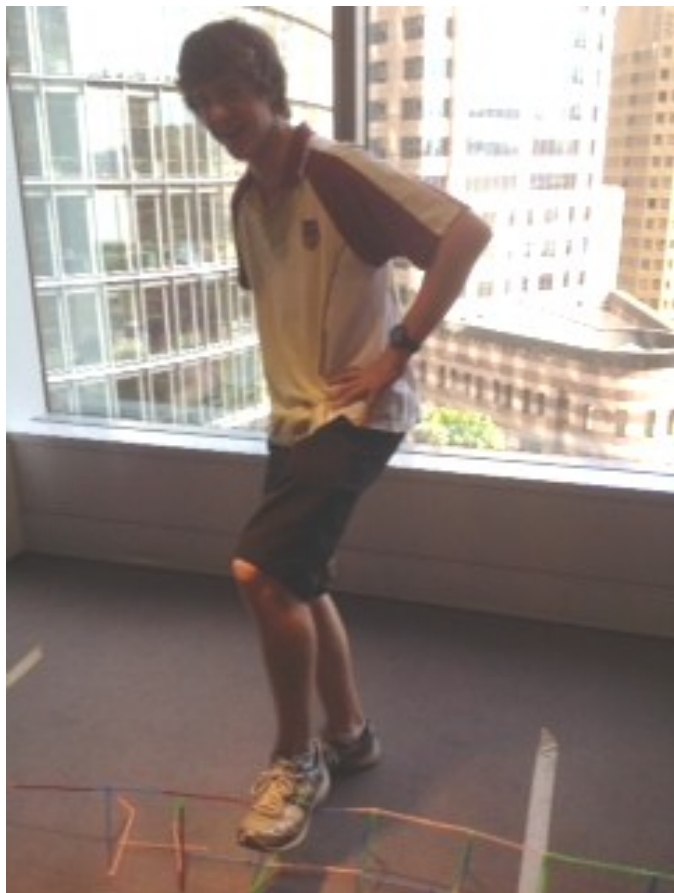
From the amazing morning tea that greets us after an early start and 2 hour bus trip, to the engaging activities that we participate in, we are encouraged to think of a pathway that will fit us best.

The first session was full of fun introductory activities and an exhilarating trip to the 61st floor to see the environment that our mentors work in. The lunch and afternoon tea that followed was another dive into the high rise world of our mentors. Curry pies and extravagant bread rolls were eaten with curiosity, but the pies and sausage rolls that were offered during the second meeting were devoured by the boys with appreciation.

In the second instalment of the program we learnt more about the skills and qualifications we will need for future careers. We built on our teamwork skills by creating a freestanding bridge out of straws and pins. The activities sparked the competitive side of every student in the room and it was soon a race to beat the other teams in the race to do the best. We came up with creative ways of learning, like short plays and rap songs.

The program is a great opportunity to explore the different paths of what each person wants for their future and every one of the students involved is having a great time. We have one more session left to complete our program.

Tahlia Dowie
Year 11 student



WORLD OF MATHS TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

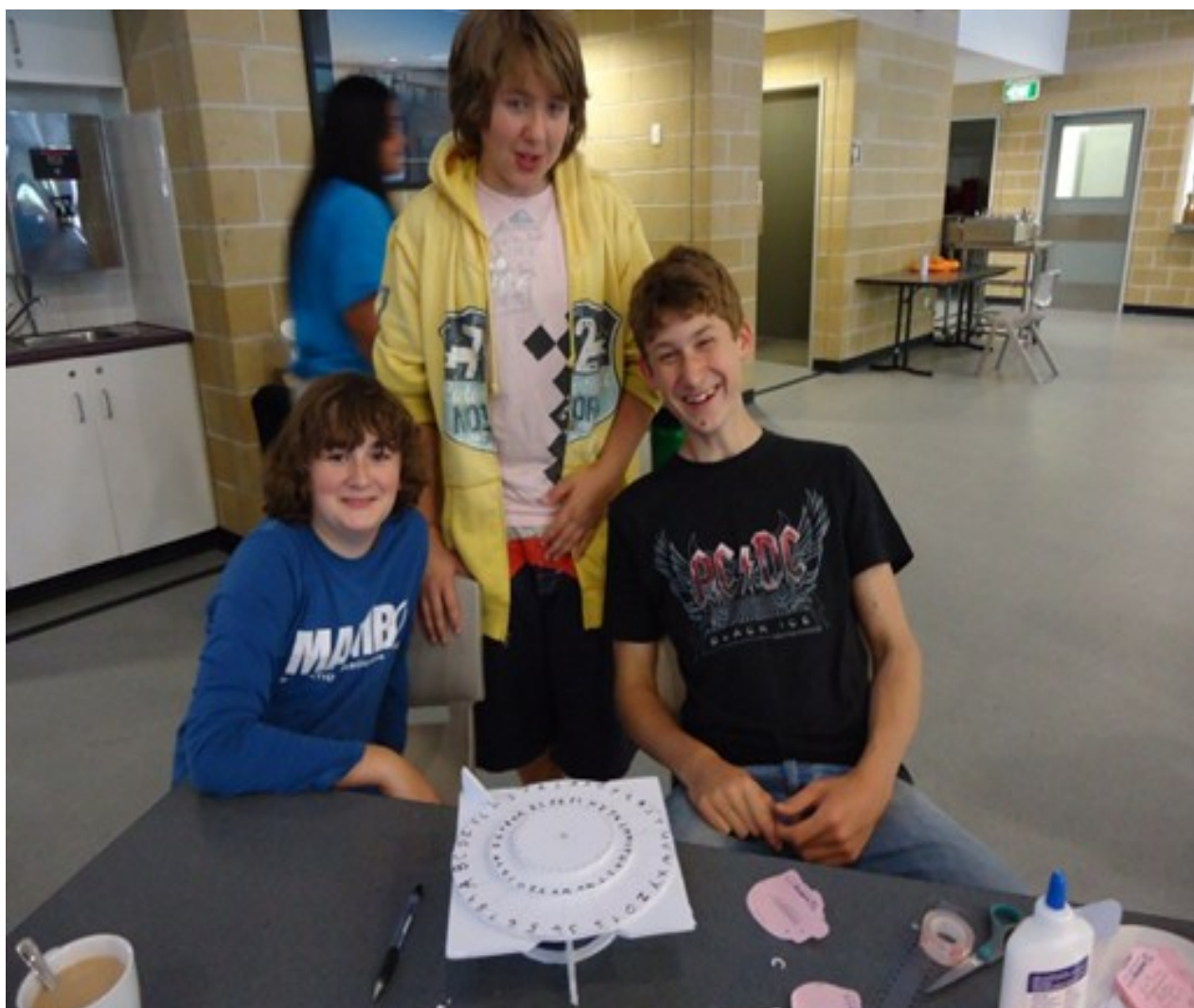
On Monday 15th October, 100 students from Years 7 and 8 attended the World of Maths exhibition which was held in the Rutherford Public School Hall. There were 17 work-stations with interactive problem-solving exercises for the students to experience.

The students, in small groups of 2 to 4, worked their way round the stations, attempting to identify the patterns and solutions from each of the problems. By the end of the 90-minute sessions the students and the teachers were feeling quite tired from all the effort put in, but everyone came away knowing they had learnt something and had developed skills suitable for their future.

The presenter, Mr Edwards, was very enthusiastic and helpful during the sessions and told me he had enjoyed working with the students of RTHS.

MATHS CAMP

Three Year 8 students spent three days of the October holidays at a Maths Camp held at Point Wolstoncraft. Dylan Wade, Blake Wilkins-Everett and Ryan Paton took part in a range of activities using an innovative approach to Maths. The Maths Camp was staged for Year 8 students from PSP high schools across the Hunter Central Coast Region. In addition to the Maths activities, students were able to participate in activities such as Archery, Rock Climbing, etc.

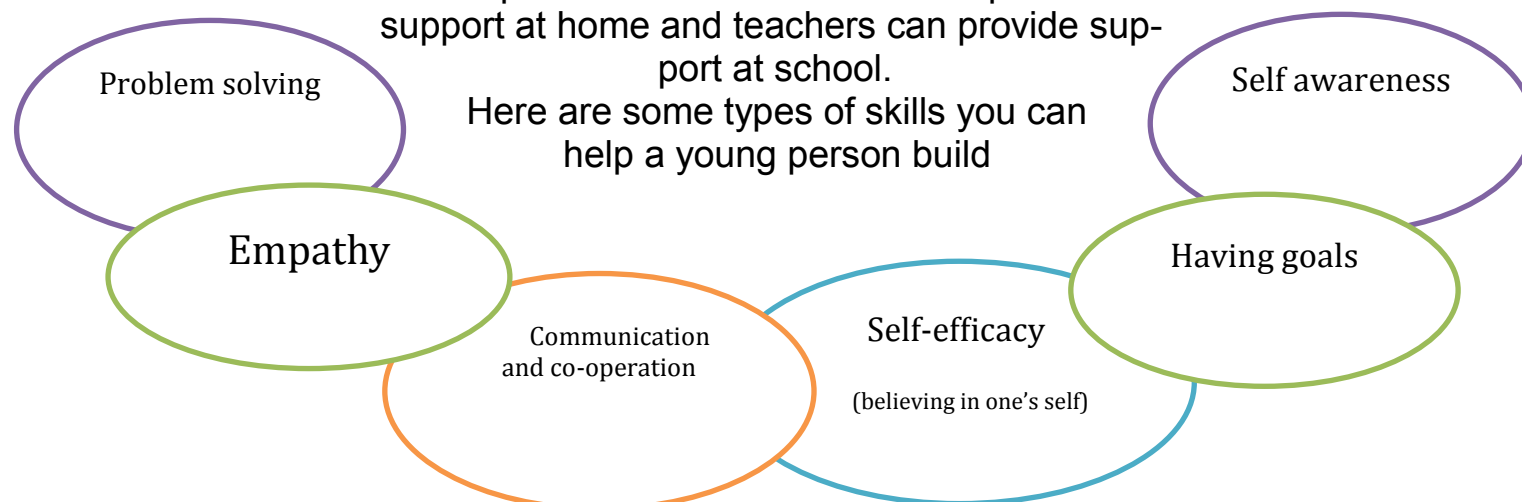


Blake, Dylan & Ryan with the Encoder they designed and made

What is resilience?

Resilience is being able to adapt well to stressful situations in life such as family conflict, tragedy, mental health issues (depression, anxiety), failure at school, or the death of someone close. A person's ability to cope with a stressful situation depends on the personal skills they have, but can also depend on the situation – a person may be able to cope well in one situation, but not another. The good thing about resilience is that it's not a fixed characteristic in young people – they can learn the skills they need to cope with a range of stressful situations through parents, teachers, peers and other significant people in their lives. Parents can provide support at home and teachers can provide support at school.

Here are some types of skills you can help a young person build



For more information on resilience, visit the Kids Helpline website www.kidshelp.com.au

YEAR 7 SWIMMING AWARD PROGRAM

Year 7 students should have already received a permission note inviting them to attend Maitland Pool to participate in a Life Saving / Swimming Award program. This will be held in Week 8, Term 4 from Monday 26th November to Thursday 29th November. The program will run from recess till home time each day, so those attending will need to bring their books for normal lessons Periods 1 & 2 each day.

Students not attending the swimming award program are required to attend ALL classes as normal.

Students wishing to attend are asked to complete and return the permission form to their PE teacher, indicating their level of swimming ability to assist with grouping into the correct award level. Groups catered for include Learn to Swim, Swim and Survive and Bronze Star Awards. All staff supervising and running the program hold current Senior CPR Certificates and Swim and Survive Accreditation from the Royal Life Saving Society.

Due to teacher/student ratio requirements in water based activities, the program will be limited to the first 60 students with notes and money returned. The cost of the program, which includes bus travel, pool entry, instruction and certificates is \$35, payable to the front office. If interest is well below 60 the program will be at risk of not running, so with the weather warming up, this is a great opportunity to improve or revise your child's swimming ability.

If you have any queries regarding the swimming program please contact the Head Teacher PDHPE, David Thomas.

SENIOR STUDY — YEAR 11

Now that our 2012 Year 12 students have finished school and started their HSC exams our focus has shifted to the current Year 11 students. As of the beginning of this term, they are now the most senior students at RTHS. In addition to this they have started HSC course work in all subjects.

On Monday 15th October interviews were held with all of our new HSC students to discuss the expectations for their final year of school and to look closely at their subject patterns to ensure that all students are meeting the Board of Studies requirements.

Students who have decided to drop a subject have been given the paperwork to take home and discuss with their parents.

During the interviews students were also given a parent 'Information Letter' which has been included below.

If you have a child who is in Year 11 and you have any questions or concerns as they move from Year 11 into their HSC, year please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kris Turner

Information for Year 12 Students and Parents

Students in Year 11 have now completed their Preliminary Courses and will begin HSC Course work at the beginning of Term 4 2012. Whilst this is the final term of the year for the rest of the school it is important that our current Year 11 students understand that for them it is the beginning of Year 12. It is vital that students attend classes until the last day of Term 4 as all work covered in class, along with assessment tasks completed during the term, will contribute to the final HSC mark.

At the beginning of Term 4 students will receive a 'HSC Assessment Booklet' which contains assessment schedules for each of their subjects. This booklet will indicate when school based assessment tasks are due and the weighting of each task. The final HSC mark is calculated using marks from school based assessment tasks combined with marks gained during the HSC external exams.

It is extremely important that students put in their best effort for each assessment task throughout the year and that these tasks are handed to class teachers on the due date. If students are unable to meet assessment task deadlines they must follow the school's procedures for 'Illness and Misadventure'. A copy of the Illness and Misadventure guidelines can be found on the student intranet, and is included with Assessment Task Notifications, as well as in the Year 12 Assessment Schedule booklet given to all students.

Rutherford Technology High has a Senior Study which is used by Year 12 students when they have a study period and a teacher is timetabled to work with students at this time. During these lessons students are expected to use their time productively by revising and finishing class work, completing homework and working on assessment tasks. Assistance with study skills will also be provided to all students during study periods. These are not 'free periods' therefore students are expected to be in the Senior Study for timetabled study periods and are expected to follow all normal school rules and procedures during this time. Students will be allowed to leave school early on days where they have study periods timetabled for the remainder of the day. The Senior Study has proven to be very successful in supporting our HSC students, however it is expected that students will still need to spend time at home doing school work if they are to keep up with the demands of the HSC year.

In Year 11 it was compulsory for students to complete at least 12 Preliminary units, however in Year 12 students need only have 10 HSC units. Students who are thinking of dropping a subject should discuss this with their parents and teachers. The paperwork for dropping a subject needs to be signed by the appropriate teacher and parents before being returned to Mr Archbold. Students doing a TAFE course will not be allowed to drop a school based subject until they are formally accepted into the course and the course has officially started. This is anticipated to be February 2013.

To enable a smooth transition into Year 12 students will be interviewed at the beginning of Week 2, Term 4 to discuss goals, career aspirations, study skills and any concerns that they have in relation to the HSC. Students and parents are encouraged to discuss any concerns regarding the HSC year with the Year 12 Year Adviser, Deputy Principal or Senior Students Coordinator.

Michael Whiting
Principal

Greg Archbold
Deputy Principal

Luke Miller
Year Adviser

Kristine Turner
Senior Students

GRADUATING YEAR 12 REPORT

The students of Year 12 2012 have completed their studies and are now studying or engaged in their HSC exams. They have surprised the teaching staff, myself and themselves with a brilliant last week that has been rated as one of the best by long serving staff members.

Initially when I took on the role as Year Adviser in 2010, they were hesitant with the plans I had for them but they gave me their trust, engaged in activities and pulled together as a cohesive group. All the photos taken by myself and others, as well as the footage taken by Mr Wirth, has been compiled into two DVDs – over 3 hours long as a memento. These will be available for \$5 each (payable to the front office).

Mr Wirth has put a huge amount of time and effort into this, and he has done so largely due to the overwhelmingly positive energy given to him by the students over the years.

I strongly urge the students to meet deadlines:

- Get to your exams very early
- Collect Formal Tickets from front office
- Pay school fees
- Empty your lockers
- Return all books etc.

To the students, Thank You for your trust, loyalty and belief in me.

To the parents, Thank You for your honest feedback, comments, criticisms and encouragement. Having been here since 1985 you know that I am committed to the students.

To the staff, Thank You for your efforts, particularly all those who worked so hard to make these students successful - as classroom teachers, in sport, in catering, organising assemblies, or completing all the necessary clerical work.

We leave a legacy of high standards and “know how” to the future students of Year 12.

Kevin McMullen
Year 12 Adviser

WEDDING BELLS RINGING

For those of you who may have heard talk about a Wedding that took place at the school, be reassured that we are not transforming the school into a wedding venue. It was all part of a staff activity, enthusiastically embraced by students, whereby a series of eliminations resulted in one male and one female staff member left standing. These brave souls were “married” in a special ceremony attended by the entire school community, resulting in a great deal of hilarity and good natured ribbing.

Congratulations to Mr Graeme Buckie and Mrs Jenny Blackwell who were the “lucky” couple at the altar and who entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of the game. Special mention must also go to their “bridesmaid”, Mr Andrew Rutherford, whose outfit was “memorable”.

A big Thank You to Mrs Kylie Fabri whose brainchild this was, and who did all the work behind the scenes to set it up. Thank You also to Mr Helmut Wirth who was MC and who prepared the videos and music for the ceremony. In terms of raising school spirit and engaging staff and students in something very different to the usual classroom routine, this worked wonders.




CINEMA
UNDER THE STARS

In the grounds of
Lochinvar Public School
Saturday 27th October 2012

Gates open 4:30pm
Movie starts 7:30pm

Jumping Castle, Slides, BBQ, Drinks, Snacks and Meat Raffles.
COST: \$10 per family of 4 or more or \$5 per head.



MOVIE: ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED
(Rated G)

Bring along your fold out chairs, bean bags, blankets, picnic table etc and choose your spot in our spacious and grassy playground and enjoy the movie.

VENUE: Lochinvar Public School
95 New England Highway
LOCHINVAR NSW 2320
PH: 49 307 223

Reilly for ALBY!

Fun Day full of family activities.

Sat November 17th 2012

11am Start

Maitland Ex-Services Club

Car & Bike Show and Shine

Stall Holders

Jumping Castle/.Amusements

Raffles/ Auctions

Games for everyone

Sausage Sizzle

Bands & DJ + lots more

Lots of fun for the Family

FREE ENTRY

**Phone Amanda 0423636189 or
The Tin Hut on 49331077 for more info**

CANTEEN ROSTER



22 Oct	K Cresswell
23 Oct	S Moy & K Wilson
24 Oct	Volunteer required
25 Oct	R Statham
26 Oct	G Garland
29 Oct	K Cresswell
30 Oct	K Hobbs
31 Oct	A Hudson
1 Nov	E Smith
2 Nov	G Garland
5 Nov	M Wiczorek & K Cresswell
6 Nov	Volunteer required
7 Nov	Volunteer required

If you would like to help at canteen please
contact Canteen Manager

Jenny Brazier on 4932 5918

Greta Branxton Touch Football

Registration for Junior, Women's, and Men's Touch Football this season will be

At: Miller park

Time: 5pm - 7pm

When: Wednesday 24th & 31st October 2012

Fees: *Juniors* \$20.00 - *Seniors* \$50.00

After Wednesday 31st October cost will rise to

Juniors \$40.00 - *Seniors* \$70.00

**so please register on the above designated days!*

Strictly NO rego's will be accepted after Wednesday 28th November and any unregistered or nonfinancial players taking the field will result in the loss of Competition Points!

Men's & Women's Competition will kick off


Wednesday 14th November with games times:

Mini (1's) 5-7yrs & **Mini** (2's) 8-9yrs 4.30pm - 5pm

Please forward any enquires to Steve Nevin


steve.nevin@rtca.riotinto.com.au

0457 547 478



Back to School

School Reward Program - \$5 for each pair of school shoes. Ask in store for details.



The Athlete's Foot.

Our exclusive range of formal school shoes is built with sports shoe technology for extra comfort and support. We are the one-stop shop for your kids' sport and school shoe needs.

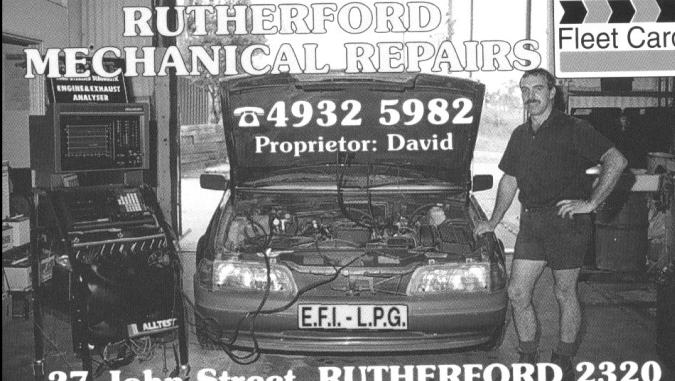
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