

**RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**COMMITMENT**

**CALENDAR**

**14 November**

Yr 12 Formal  
5.30pm—10.30pm

**3 December**

Yr 7 2014 Parent  
Information Night  
5.30pm—6.30pm

**4 December**

Yr 7 2014 Orientation Day  
All Day

**10 December**

Nov/Dec P & C Meeting  
6pm—8pm

**16 December**

Presentation Day

**Office Opening Hours**

Please be aware the office is open on Monday, to Friday between 8am and 4pm. 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



1 November 2013  
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### DOWN ON THE FARM

12 Primary Industries students have been busy down on the farm with Mr O'Leary and Mrs Hull marking the lambs.



Ear tagging, vaccinating with 5in1, ringing the tail and for the two male lambs ringing their testes are all part of the work Primary Industries students are expected to do.

Cloe Whiteman and Sky Fitzsimmons hold the lamb for its operations.



## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

Last week I heard a year 8 student say, “Do you have to be smart for Year 12?”. This is a great question because so many students think that you have to be smart to succeed. I was actually quite moved when one of our Year 12 students volunteered to tell part of their story. This student admitted that she was considered smart in Years 7 and 8 and in fact, she did not have to work very much to succeed up to Year 10. She said that what she has learnt now is that it is hard work and effort which are the key ingredients for Years 11 and 12. And then she said that she has also learnt that the other students are also smart in different ways and it took her a long time to realize that. Only last week I read an article from research overseas which said that the vast majority of achievements don’t spring from innate talent as much as they emerge from hard work and passion. This is a valuable lesson for all of us. And, do you know learning to work hard takes practice and support from those around you...and that is the type of culture we want to continue to develop here. These comments are certainly relevant for all of our students as we go into this exam term.

Term 4 is well and truly upon us and exciting events are taking place every day.

### **THE HSC IS ALMOST FINISHED**

I congratulate Year 12 on the ordered and mature way that they have approached the HSC exams. Some have finished and are relaxing on the beach; others still have a week to go. We look forward to celebrating at the Year 12 formal in 2 weeks. Thank you to all year 7-11 students who have respected year 12 over the past few weeks and have kept noise to a minimum around exam rooms.

### **SRC INDUCTIONS**

Last week our new Student Representative Council was inducted. Congratulations to the following students:

Josef Pemberton	Hannah Witherdin	Mason Brett	Hannah Wheeler
Dean Presland	Molly Crissell	Tom Sullivan	Hayley Sansom
Daniel Gibson	Zoe Anderson	Declan Payne	Alana Mayo
Brooke Sweetman	Brad Edwards	Lara Butler	Ryan Paton
Eucla Pacamalan	Anton Osborne	Ashley Fry	Jac Gardiner
Kiarra Tilden	Jake Payne	Clare Faustini	Paulo Baingan-Cruise
Annabelle Quilty	Kaitlen Torrens		

### **WARMER WEATHER**

Parents and students are reminded that we are a uniformed school. This means that students must wear the school shorts and shirts to school. If families need assistance with affording the school uniform please see Ms Young in the science staff room.

Students are also reminded to ensure that they drink water at school and eat accordingly.

### **YEAR EXCURSIONS**

Many year groups have end of year excursions organised. Students please ensure that you see your Year Adviser if you require more information.

## **ADMINISTRATION NEWS**

We would like to welcome Ms Donna Aplin to our School Office. Donna has taken Miss Bianca Palmer's position as Bianca has relocated to her home town in Wollongong. This week we also say goodbye to Mrs Debbie Cooke who has started her maternity leave. We look forward to seeing the new baby soon.

### **Medical Details / Contact updates etc.**



We are finding that many families have not updated their current details. Please notify the office if any details have changed eg: Medical conditions, contact numbers, addresses etc. If your child has a health condition, we need an updated Health Care Plan to be sent to the office. Your help with keeping us up to date is very much appreciated.

### **Absentee Reminder**

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please call the office on 4932 5999 that morning. If the school has not been notified you will receive an SMS asking for an explanation of absence. Please reply to this SMS as this will be recorded on our system. The message is a “**once only**” reply as it is generated daily.

### **Exemption and Misadventure Forms**

These forms are now available on our website

[www.rutherford-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.rutherford-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)



The ***Exemption Forms*** need to be filled out and sent to the school if your child is away for 3 consecutive days or more.

The ***Misadventure Forms*** need to be completed if your child misses an exam or assessment. Rules and regulations are also on the website for you to read.

### **Chicken Pox**

Please be aware that we have had a few reports of students with chickenpox. If your child has chickenpox, they need to stay home until all sores are healed.

### **Fee Payments**

All fees are now overdue. If you have outstanding fees your prompt payment would be appreciated. Payment can be made via cash, eftpos, cheque or by phoning the school office with your credit card details.



### **Year 7 2014**

There will a Parent Information Night held on Tuesday 3 December, 2013 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm for all of our new Year 7 students starting in 2014. We hope to see you there.

On Wednesday 4 December, 2013 our new Year 7 students will have an Orientation day at the school. We look forward to seeing them.

### **IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS.**

The Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnerships (ILN NP) is well underway with the staff and students. Term 4 focus continues to be on training in the 'Super Six Comprehension Strategies' with the staff and students. Staff will focus on the strategies of 'predicting' and 'questioning' as a way to teach students how to make meaning from what they are reading.

The Literacy and Numeracy Team have analysed our 2013 NAPLAN results, which is used to assist us with our future directions in learning.

If your child is in year 7 or 9 and you have not received your child's NAPLAN results in the mail please contact the front office.

### **VACCINATIONS 2013**

All completed for this year at the school but those students in years 7 & 9 who missed out on any of their scheduled doses this year should receive a letter from Hunter Health concerning catch up clinic at East Maitland on 7th November 2013.

If further doses are required after this one then catch up will be at school next year.

Thanks to all students and parents who have participated in the 2013 Vaccination Program at Rutherford High School.

### **P & C NEWS**

There will be a combined November/December meeting for P&C. This will be held on Tuesday 10 December at 6pm. All welcome! We would love to see some new faces. We are also in desperate need for some canteen volunteers. Please contact Jenny Brazier in the canteen if you are interested.

### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS**

#### **WHO HAVE SELECTED VET COURSES FOR 2014.**

Letters have been posted to parents/caregivers of year 10 students who have enrolled in Vocational Education and Training Courses here at RTHS for 2014. These courses include: Business Services, Construction, Hospitality, Metal and Engineering, Primary Industries, Retail Services and Sports Coaching.

Due to the high cost of materials and services in these courses, it is essential for students to pay fees for the courses. Students who have selected these courses must pay by the 22nd November, 2013 unless prior arrangements have been made with Mr Olsson. Students who have not paid by that date will be forced to select another subject for their Year 11 studies.

There are two other requirements determined by NSW DEC and Federal WHS. Students must wear fully enclosed leather shoes and protective clothing and Work Placement is compulsory for all VET subjects

**COUNT ON INDUSTRY**

On Tuesday, 12 November 2013, all year 9 students will participate in a workshop in the MPC.

The workshop is called "Count on Industry" and explores the mathematical skills required to work successfully in a wide range of industries/professions.

Representatives from the following companies will be working with small groups of students as they rotate around the "hands on" workshops during the day.

WesTrac	Varley Group
BHP Billiton, Mt Arthur Coal	Coal and Allied
Hunter V-tec	Muswellbrook TAFE
AMP Control	NSW Minerals Council
SandviK	TAFE Animal Attending
Ausgrid	The Mutual
Xstrata/Glencore	Hair and Beauty TAFE
Childcare/Aged Care TAFE	Construction TAFE

This is a joint initiative between Rutherford Technology High School and Youth Express.

**IMPRESSIONS 10 - MOCK INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 10**

Preparations are well underway for Year 10 students who are participating in the Impressions 10 on Wed, Thurs, and Fri 27-29th November.

At this stage every student has an interview time which has been posted home and is also placed on the Science staffroom window.

Forty nine panels are functioning with a community member, staff member and Year 9 student on each panel. Fifty one Year 9 students have volunteered to be part of the panels and their contribution is appreciated. A training lesson will be available for them in mid-November. The panel roster for Year 9 is also on the Science staffroom window.

During PBL, Career and two HSIE lessons Year 10 students will be further prepared for the interview process. Students are expected to bring to the interview at least 4 items: their resume, a cover letter for a job application, their latest school report and at least one task they have completed in a subject - this could be an assignment, a research project, work completed in an elective subject, an assessment test, their subject book - something that can demonstrate their work in class.

Further information is available from: Ms Clarke, Mr Butler, Mr Olsson, Ms Porter

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:**



**MASTERS HOME IMPROVEMENT  
AND  
SADDINGTONS OF RUTHERFORD**

A big thank you to Masters Home Improvement Store at Rutherford for supporting and encouraging our students to care for their school environment. They have supplied plants and potting mix to renew the large pots at the entrance to the school office and a new garden around the new school sign.

About 30 students have been working on the school bush garden and have planted a new herb garden in the Agriculture area. Mrs Hull and her work groups are looking at planting other areas around the school. By involving the students we will hopefully encourage them to maintain and care for their school environment.

With the support of our local business, our students can be involved in improving the environment of their school.

Once again a big thank you to our sponsors, Masters Home Improvement and Saddingtons of Rutherford who supplied the soil.

Julie Hull  
Science /Agriculture

Kamryn Ford, Year 8, planting the pots  
at the front of the school office.



## **Senior Study**

Our new Year 12 students started using the Senior Study for timetabled study periods last week – so far the majority of students have shown a great deal of maturity in using this time productively to complete homework and assessment task work. Please encourage your child to make the most of this initiative by using their study periods effectively.

As we move towards the second half of the term most students will have a number of assessment tasks due. It is extremely important that students complete and hand in assessment tasks on time – late tasks are awarded zero and still must be completed to meet the HSC requirements. Students are advised to complete ‘Illness and Misadventure’ forms if they have a reason why the task cannot be completed or is late. The orange ‘HSC Assessment Booklet’ given to all students at the start of this term contains detailed information relating to assessment procedures and tasks.

Attendance can impact significantly on a student’s ability to keep up with the demands of the HSC – regular attendance is extremely important for students in Year 12 and also helps with establishing good habits in preparation for life after school.

### **Year 12 Assessment Tasks**

The table below outlines the assessment tasks due for Term 4 2013:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Exploring Early Childhood	Promoting Positive Behaviour – Story Book	L Wicks	Week 5 4/11/13
Retail	Event 7	T Butler	Week 5
Legal Studies	Crime -In class exam	A Machen	Week 6
Biology	First Hand Investigation	A Young	Week 6
Sport Coaching	Coaching Fundamentals	L Miller	Week 6
Ancient History	Pompeii and Herculaneum	B Boughton	Week 7
IPT	Project Management Simulation	G Buckie	Week 7
Food Technology	Food Manufacture	C Rasmus	Week 7 (Theory) Week 8 (Practical)
Photography	Wet Photography	B Wolff	Week 7 Week 11
Physics	Secondary Source Investigation	E Basedow	Week 7
SLR	First Aid and Sports Injuries - Scenario	D Thomas/M Judd	Week 7
Advanced English	Romulus My Father	J Blackwell	Week 8
Standard English	Billy Elliot Speech	B Kovats/A Rutherford/J Lacey	Week 8
English Studies	Film Review	E Voorbij/J/Ford/M Morgan	Week 8
Industrial Technology Wood	Folio Progress Checkpoint	G Barker	Week 8
Senior Science	First Hand Investigation	L Wells	Week 8
Society & Culture	Oral Presentation on PIP	B McCallum	Week 8
Work Studies	WHS Report	C Olsson	Week 8
Business Services	Environmental Report & Poster	M McKenna	Week 8



Hospitality	Café Culture	L Smailes	Week 8
Business Studies	Operations	A Machen	Week 9
Community & Family Studies	Option – Interview and Report	M Thompson/M Keys	Week 9
Chemistry	Secondary Source Investigation	S Edwards	Week 9
Advanced Maths	In class test	G Archbold	Week 9
Extension Maths	In class test	P Forbes	Week 9
General Maths 1	In class test	N Charlish/C Jackson	Week 9
General Maths 2	In class test	K Watson/P Forbes/D Carratt	Week 9
Music	Viva Voce and practical piece based on Topic 1	L Hornery	Week 9
Textiles & Design	Investigation of a Designer	C Weber	Week 9
Construction	Levelling Exercise	J Taylor	Week 9
Visual Art	Body of Work – Review 1	M Fean	Week 9 Week 10
Modern History	World War 1	J Kachel	Week 10
PDHPE	Core 1 Research Project	D Thomas	Week 10
Agriculture	Land & Water Management – Part A Power Point and Aural Presentation	B O’Leary	Week 11
Design & Technology	MDP Research Report	M Robinson/K Sheldon	Week 11
Design & Technology (Multimedia)	MDP Research Report	G Buckie	Week 11
Retail	Event 9	T Butler	Week 11
Drama	Workshop – directing and acting	A O’Callaghan	Week 11

Supporting your child during their final year of school is very much a team effort. We look forward to working in partnership with both parents and students. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress in their HSC year please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kris Turner

### **The Gametraining Roadshow is returning to RTHS!**

After a very successful show last year, where RTHS students learned a number of skills needed to produce commercial quality games, the Roadshow will be returning to offer both a beginners' course and an advanced course on the 13th of November.

This is an excellent programme, which allows students to develop their understanding of ICT Skills in a fun, familiar environment. The cost of both courses will be \$40, and will offer students the show itself, and a variety of resources that they can use to create their own custom games, as well as ongoing support and video tutorials.

For more information or a permission note, see Mr. Buckie in the ICT faculty .





## **Welfare**

### **Peer Support**

On Thursday and Friday of Week 3 a large number of Year 10 students participated in a 2 day Peer Support Leadership training program. The 56 students were divided into 4 smaller groups and during the 2 days worked their way through a range of activities which were aimed at developing their leadership, teamwork, problem solving and communication skills. As a result of participating in this program students are able to apply to become Peer Support Leaders. Students who go on to become leaders will work with Year 6 students during the transition and orientation activities which are planned to take place throughout the remainder of this term. Next year these students will also co-lead a small group of Year 7 students and run 8 Peer Support sessions, which will take place during Term 1 on a weekly basis. This is a valuable learning experience for our Year 10 students and will also assist our incoming Year 7 students to smoothly transition to the high school setting.

Thanks must go to those Year 10 students who participated in the training program for their commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to be part of a new initiative at RTHS. Thank you also Mrs Clarke, Mr Buckie, Ms Thornton and Mr Miller for leading each of the Year 10 groups and a special thank you to the Maitland Baptist Church community for allowing us to use their facility free of charge to run this program.

### **Cyber Bullying**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November students will attend an ‘Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying’ presentation. This presentation aims to equip young people with the skills and knowledge to enable them to use the internet safely, whilst making them aware of their rights and responsibilities in the cyber world. The program imparts awareness, empowerment and self-esteem giving basic messages of safety and responsibility. The program will touch on topics including:

- Internet and mobile phones
- Cyber bullying
- MSM messenger
- Chat rooms
- Social Networking Sites
- Online Gaming
- Virtual Reality
- Identity Protection

An information sheet which outlines important points to consider with regards to safe internet practices has been included in this newsletter.

### **Term 4 Welfare Programs**

During Term 4 a variety of programs are running to support students. A number of Year 8 girls are participating in the ‘Shine’ program which is run by Mrs Jessica James (Assistant Year 8 Adviser). Mr Blair Newham (Year 8 Adviser) is working with targeted Year 7 and 8 boys as part the Boys Engagement program. The Plan-it Youth mentoring program also continues to run this term with a small number of Year 10 students.

Kris Turner and Louise Smailes  
Head Teacher Welfare

# A Student Leaders' Guide to Internet Use

CONTROL TECHNOLOGY - MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICES!

**As a student leader I understand that...**

- The internet is the most public place I will ever be, the cyber world will never be my own private world
- Others may treat me harshly for poor online choices and judge me for who I portray myself to be online
- Online decisions I make can effect my future as the internet is permanent
- When I upload, post or send I lose control of what others can do with that information or how it is used
- The physical world and cyber world aren't separate, it's the one world as we are dealing with the same people
- I am bound by rules and laws as much online as in the real world
- Expectations placed on me and others in the real world do not change just because I'm behind a screen
- By trusting my instincts, and making choices based on what I believe to be right I will be rewarded by avoiding real world issues



GOOD ONLINE CHOICES = **GREAT** ONLINE EXPERIENCE

WHEN I TRULY UNDERSTAND THE CYBER WORLD IT GIVES ME REASON TO PRACTICE THE FOLLOWING:-

I will...

1. Be a true reflection online of who I am in the real world
2. Let others know where I stand - be an individual
3. Make decisions based on what I know is right and follow rules and boundaries
4. Protect those around me, not be a bystander
5. Set a positive online example for my peers
6. Condition myself to consider "why am I doing this?" prior to sending/posting



This Student Leaders' Guide to Internet Use is provided with compliments of Brett Lee from Iness and Netbox Blue



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The Rutherford Technology High School newsletter is issued fortnightly via email. The newsletter contains important information for parents/families. To ensure that you receive your copy please advise your email address on the form below. If you prefer to have the newsletter mailed home to you, please let us know.

I would like to receive my copy of the school newsletter by:                      ☐ Email                      ☐ Normal Mail

Parents/Carers Names: .....

The Uniform Shop is located adjacent to the Library –  
**PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE ON ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**

You can now purchase uniforms 3 different ways:

- To assist parents with the purchase of uniforms , you will be able to browse the Catalogue. Payment is by PAYPAL or credit card via an online account. Confirmation will be sent via email. Please print your order receipt for proof of purchase. Orders are available to collect on the shops next opening day.



**RUTHERFORD**  
**MECHANICAL REPAIRS**

**4932 5982**  
Proprietor: David

**27 John Street, RUTHERFORD 2320**

**Fleet Card**

Link: <http://www.facebook.com/RutherfordTechnologyHighSchool>

Students are asked to have mobile phones switched OFF during class time, and out of sight. Students phones **will be confiscated by the teacher if found out during class time.**

Parents are asked NOT to contact students on their mobile phone during school hours. In case of emergency, please contact the school directly on 4932 5999.

Students are asked to follow correct procedures if sick or needing to go home. They must notify class teacher / obtain note/ report to sick bay. The front office staff will phone caregiver.

**STUDENTS ARE NOT TO CONTACT THEIR PARENTS USING MOBILE PHONES**

If a student needs to leave school early, we ask that a note from parent / caregiver be taken to the Admin office to collect an Early Leavers Card. Unscheduled collection of students can be disruptive to classes. Parents will be asked to wait until the end of a lesson for a student to be called to the Front Office.

The school does not accept nor take responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of any device at school or school associated event.



**CANTEEN ROSTER—Term 4**  
**4 November to 15 November 2013**

4 November — K Cresswell  
5 November — Volunteer Required  
6 November — Volunteer Required  
7 November — Volunteer Required  
8 November — S Clark  
11 November — K Cresswell  
12 November — Volunteer Required  
13 November — A Hudson & S Tuff  
14 November — Volunteer Required  
15 November — Volunteer Required

**If you have a few hours a week free and would like to volunteer for the canteen, please contact Jenny on 49325 999**

**TELARAH POST OFFICE IS NOW OPEN 6 DAYS**

MON - FRI 7AM - 5.30PM SAT 8AM - 12PM

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# **2013 School Magazine**

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ONE  
EVER...**

"The best school magazine ever"- Mr Whiting

"Inspirational"- Ms Marshall

"A great momento to remember your time at school"-Ms Clarke

"Highly inappropriate"- Ms Hornery (\*taken out of context )

"A tour de force of digital mastery"- Mr Fean

"OMG", "YOLO", "LOL", "Totally Rad",

"Fully sic- bra" -students

"If you don't read this magazine, you will be devo"  
-more random students

"One small step for man, one giant leap for  
Rutherford High"- Neil Armstrong