

**RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
COMMITMENT**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

27 January - Staff return

30th January - Yrs 7, 11 & 12 commence school

31st January - Yrs 8, 9, & 10 commence school

9th February - Swimming Carnival at Maitland Pool

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Please be aware the office is open 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.

**P & C
Meeting**

Our P & C meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings take place at 6 pm in the interview room at the Front Office. We welcome any new or existing parents to attend and become involved with the school.

RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



16th December 2016

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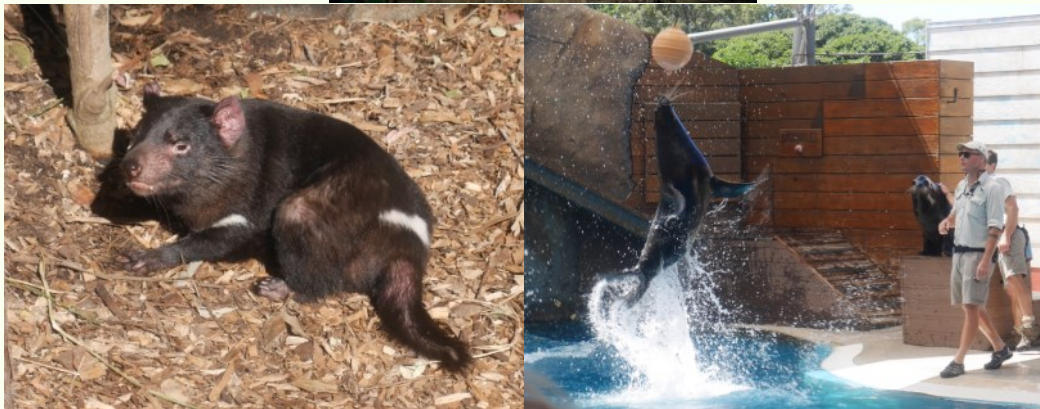
ZOOSNOOZE!

This year the Support unit headed to Taronga Zoo in Sydney for our end of year excursion. It wasn't just a standard day visit though! We stayed the night inside the zoo. Yes! That's right!

We slept in bunks next to many animals including . Snakes and spiders! We were very brave, especially some of the teachers.....

We were lucky enough to have a close encounters session where the students learnt cool facts about a tortoise and various other reptiles. The behind the scenes tour of the Tasmanian Devil and the seal show were the two highlights of this very enjoyable and educational trip! There are lots more photos on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Tim Penny
Support Unit Teacher



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

We have so many people who have contributed to the positive learning programs at RTHS in 2016. I thank the many people who help make my job easy and this the great public school that it is.

- The many sponsors that enable so many programs to run in the school.
 - The P&C, and Jenny in the canteen for being the great people you are and helping to resources many things in the school.
 - Our Partner primary schools.
 - The many business and community partners that support the school.
 - Parents and Caregivers.
 - The great, hardworking staff both teaching and non-teaching we have in the school. Thank you.
- I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe festive season.

REPORTS

Reports for Years 7-10 were issued on Tuesday. They can be collected from the front office if students were absent.

PRESENTATION DAY

Congratulations to all our award winners and performers from our presentation day on Monday 12 December. It was great to see so many academic, cultural, citizenship and sporting achievers.

Thank you to all our guests for the support on the day and the many staff involved in the organisation of the day.



YEAR 6-7 ORIENTATION

There have been numerous activities occurring this term to assist Year 6 transitioning into Year 7 next year. This culminated in an orientation evening on Monday 5 December and the new Year 7 students attending classes and peer support activities on Tuesday 6 December.

MADD NIGHT

What talented students we have in the CAPA area. It was great to see so many performers in front of a fantastic crowd.

FAREWELL

Unfortunately, we are saying farewell to a number of staff at the end of the year. Long-term staff Mrs Brooke McCallum (HSIE), Mrs Jessica James (HSIE), Mrs Emma Skinner (Mathematics), Mrs Nella Clarke (CAPA) are moving on and we thank them for their tireless efforts in educating students at RTHS. We wish them and their families all the best into the future.

Thank you also to Mr Brett Garrard and Mrs Lyn Wicks for their work as temporary placements in the school.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

It was great to see so many students involved in our end of year activities on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to Mr Robinson and Mrs Skinner for the organisation of the days.

HOLIDAY UPGRADE WORK

Many things happening in the holidays:

- Drainage and grounds work
- New carpet in A Block and B Block
- New blinds in A Block and the senior study
- Re-furbishment of the Library
- Re-furbishment of the STEM area.

BACK TO SCHOOL 2017

STAFF : Friday 27 January

YEARS 7,11 & 12 : Monday 30 January

YEARS 8,9 & 10 : Tuesday 31 January

Michael Whiting
Principal



TRANSPORT NEWS



Students have been using their Opal cards since the beginning of the year. Recent correspondence from the Regional Operations Manager of one of the bus services we use highlighted a number of key issues.

- Students are required to tap on and off every day when travelling to and from school on any school bus or train they board during the course of their journey
- Students are asked to have their Opal card out and ready before they board to eliminate delays
- The data collected from this process determines the demand and what level of service and bus allocation will be provided to particular areas.

If you require a replacement Opal card please log on to www.transportnsw.info/school-students to request a new card. When you have printed out the application form please hand it in at the Front office . The form will be endorsed and mailed to the Transport Office. If you have any further questions please phone the school on 49325999, or Transport NSW on 131500.



MUSIC EXCURSION

Last week music students from RTHS travelled to Newcastle TAFE to participate in a music recording and song writing workshop. Working with industry professionals the students gained insight and experience into electronic music production, studio recording and song writing. A great time was had by all students that attended.

Bradley Delforce
Targeted CAPA/ Music Teacher



YOUTH EXPRESS

The annual Youth Express Robert Beggs Memorial Awards for Vocational Education were held on 8th December. A student and also a staff member from RTHS were rewarded for their efforts. Jake Basista of Year 12 won the major student honour and Mr Tim Brown was the runner-up in the teacher category. A massive congratulations to both Jake & Tim!

Scott Cromarty
HT TAS



Mr Cromarty, Mr Brown, Jake Basista and Mr Whiting



IMPRESSION 10

On Monday 21st to 23rd of November the annual "Impression 10" Mock Interviews were conducted as part of the Year 10 Careers Program. All students who participated in the interviews conducted themselves in a very professional manner and feedback from Staff, Community and Business leaders was very impressive.

An enormous thank you to the many community members and business leaders that supported the school. These include:

Peter Blackmore from Maitland City Council (Lord Mayor); Peter Marquet and Renee Hudson from The Greater Building Society; April Dent and Cheryl Mate from Maitland Tutorial Centre; Cree Sweetman, Denise Rafferty and Jane Thompson from Youth Express; Nick Swanson from Harvey Norman Maitland, Chris Walmsley, Judy Brown from Brown Assurance Services, Robert Parsons, Angus Webster, Carolyn Gibbs, Michele Williams and Julie Price from The Mutual, Henry Meskauskas JP – Councillor, Wendy White, Matt Jones and Jade Grant from Bunnings Maitland, Lynne Swanbrough and Bernadette Bilney from Hunter New England Health, Judy Harris from Lions Club, Craig McGregor - Hunter Recruiting Group, David Robertson – Westnet, Sarah Fenton from MTA Travel, Kay Pritchard, Eve Nesmith from Fairfax, Maitland Mercury, John Power from AVE Technologies and Amy Heinzl from McDonald's Rutherford.

A big thank you needs to go to Loretta Wells, Year 10 Advisor hosting the event and hospitality staff Ms Weber, Ms Keath and the Year 11 Hospitality VET class for the non-stop supply of morning and afternoon tea delights. A big thank you to the twenty-six Year 9 students who volunteered to be involved in the panels.



Beacon Workshops

On Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th November selected students from years 9, 10 and 11 participated in the Beacon Foundations High Impact Programs. These programs provided students with an opportunity to help them prepare for a successful transition from school through the development of competencies in a range of 21st Century Skills such as communication, collaboration, initiative, leadership, teamwork, networking and social skills.

Business leaders also attended the event and provided students with a valuable opportunity to develop connections with local people and practice the newly acquired skills learnt over the course of the morning in a real world setting.



We would like to thank the following people for attending the program:

- Nick Swanson, Harvey Norman Maitland
- Eve Nesmith, Maitland Mercury
- Sarah Fenton, MTA Travel
- Doug Galloway, Hunter Valley Training Company
- Catherine Crowley, Mai-Wel group
- Lynne Montgomery, The Mutual
- Peter Marquet, Greater Bank
- Aaron Duffie, NET



ASPIRE WORKSHOPS

On Friday 25th November our Aspire Ambassadors from Year 11 visited Gillieston Public School to undertake the 'Little Aspirations' workshop with Year 4 students. The workshop has been designed to create career awareness and develop employment skills such as problem-solving, personal presentation, communication and self-promotion for primary students. RTHS students have also been given the opportunity to improve their leadership skills through facilitating the workshop.

Students from Gillieston Primary Schools had a lot of fun and enjoyed the workshop activities, showing great enthusiasm and interest at all times.

Special thanks go to the Aspire Ambassador Team who have donated much of their own time to make this program possible. These students are Brandon Currie, Lachlan Sim, Georgia Horne, Courtney Martin, Tiffany Burbage, Zoe Fletcher, Sophie Curry, Timothy Hackett, Ash Fry, Jordan Christenson, Shaun Hawker.

Mr Toby Butler
HT VET



ATTENDANCE EXCURSION

On Friday 25th November, 28 students spent the day at Treetop's Adventure Park Minmi, where they braved the high ropes course. This excursion was organised for those students whose attendance has been excellent throughout 2016. It was a fun day and it was amazing to see students pushing themselves out of their comfort zone, and encouraging each other to complete the course.

I would like to congratulate the students who attended this excursion as they were exemplary ambassadors for our school and hugely impressed the supervising teachers with their manners and excellent behaviour. Well done to all those students who attended this excursion and thank you to Mr O'Leary, Mrs Wells, and Mrs Smith for their assistance on the day, and their great barbequing skills.

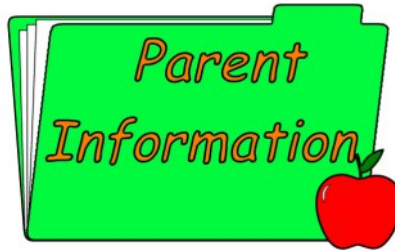
There is an 'Attendance Team' which meets regularly throughout the year – we are always looking for new ideas and strategies to encourage excellent attendance. Any parents who would like to contribute ideas please do not hesitate to contact the school. Your ideas would be valued!

Kristine Turner

Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing



Happy Holidays!



HELP FOR PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S eSAFETY COMMISSIONER

The Commonwealth Government's Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has developed a resource for parents – iPARENT – which is designed to help parents learn how to be safe and secure with the connected devices in their children's lives.

iPARENT – found at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent> - provides facts and stats about Australian children online, managing technology in the home and strategies used by parents to keep children safe online.

A Parent's guide to online safety can be downloaded from the site and a range of useful information is available. For example parents can access information about cyberbullying including:

- how to talk to your child;
- a parent's guide to responding to cyberbullying;
- what to do if your child is being cyberbullied or cyberbullying others; and
- sources of professional support and help.

Information is also available for parents about unwanted contact, inappropriate, offensive or illegal content and sexting.

You may like to check out the Office of the Children's e-Safety Commissioner's **eSafety Christmas Gift Guide**, if you are contemplating buying technology for your children this year.

The Department of Education also has a cyber safety resource for parents on its website – Raising Good Digital Citizens which is accessible at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>.

Check them out when you get the chance.



2016 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

MAITLAND

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

REAL LIFE CHURCH

Christmas Lunch - Lots of food and great company!

When: Sunday 25 December 2016, 11.30am

Where: Real Life Church, Ken Tubman Dr (near cinema) Maitland

Additional Info: Bookings recommended. RSVP via phone 02 4933 8055 or drop in to the Real Life Church. Open: 9.30am – 3.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Sunday service 10.00am

ST PAULS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Free Christmas Lunch

When: Sunday 25 December 2016, 12.00 - 1.00pm

Where: St Pauls Anglican Church, Corner of Lawson Ave & Beresfield St, Beresfield

Additional Info: For more information please call 02 4964 1506

BOXING DAY LUNCH

DARCY'S PLACE

Free Boxing Day Lunch

When: Monday 26 December 2016, 11.00am

Where: Currency Lass, 205 High Street Maitland

Additional Info: RSVP via text on 0402 096 267

NEWCASTLE

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS LUNCH IN THE PARK

When: 25 December 2016, from 11.00am

Where: Newcastle Foreshore Park (next to Customs House)

Additional Info: There will be plenty of festive food, friendship and entertainment for all ages!

Just turn up on the day, or contact Samaritans 49607100 for more information

SINGLETON

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

CHRISTMAS LUNCH IN SINGLETON

When: 25 December 2016, from 11.00am

Where: Senior Citizens Centre, Bathurst St Singleton

Additional Info: There will be plenty of good food, friendship and entertainment for everyone!

Just turn up on the day, or contact Alison Stevenson for more information on 0427 633731.

Transport available.

EMERGENCY RELIEF SUPPORTS & MEALS IN MAITLAND

Maitland Neighbourhood Centre (*Rutherford & Woodberry Locations*) 02 4932 0950

Rutherford Community Centre, Arthur St Rutherford

- Christmas Hampers *conditions apply: must live in the Maitland LGA, not receiving a hamper from another service (will need to provide consent to check register) and did not receive a hamper in 2015
- Emergency Relief by appointment only
- Breakfast on a Thursday morning from 8am-9am – *Gold coin donation*
- Dinner at Rutherford on a Thursday night 5pm-6pm - *Gold coin donation*
- Breakfast at Woodberry on a Tuesday 8am-9am - *Gold coin donation*
- Maitland Neighbourhood Centre – Rutherford: Open 9:30-1pm then 2pm-4pm Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & 9:30am-1pm Tuesday
- Maitland Neighbourhood Centre will close from the 23rd December and reopen on the 3rd January 2017

Carrie's Place 02 4934 2585

- Carrie's Place provides emergency relief in the form of groceries, pharmacy vouchers, and shopping vouchers – primarily for people who are/have experienced domestic violence, and/or is homeless or at risk of homelessness.

St Peters Samaritans Emergency Relief East Maitland 0407781515

Bank St, East Maitland

- Food relief / emergency relief. No appointment required
- Thursdays 10am – 1pm
- Closed December 29 2016 – January 5 2017. Will reopen for emergency relief on January 12 2017

Munch Program - Uniting Church 02 4933 9059

Uniting Church hall on Ken Tubman Drive, Maitland

- Food hampers, counselling, Monday & Wednesday free hot two course meal 5pm-5:45pm; Wednesday 3:30pm Coffee and a chat (closed school holidays)

Thornton Church of Christ 0409 649 874

34 Government Road, Thornton 2322

- Friday Night BBQ Free for young people (10-18 years old)

Ozzie Care 02 4915 6631

Thornton

- Open Tuesday 4-7pm and Wednesday-Friday 10am-1pm
- Groceries heavily discounted

Maitland Seventh – Day Adventist Church, Gillieston Heights Community Centre 0450 757 806

Cessnock Road, Gillieston Heights

- Food rescue (approximately \$5 per tray of food)
- Thursdays at 3pm

St Pauls Anglican Church 02 4964 1506

Corner Lawson Ave & Beresfield St, Beresfield

- Free Lunch on Sundays 12-1pm (Including Christmas Day)

St Vinnies East Maitland 024961 6885

99 High Street, East Maitland

St Vinnies Beresfield, Tarro & Thornton 02 4966 1817

11 Beresfield Avenue, Beresfield

Samaritans East Maitland 024934 5303

47 William Street East Maitland

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS

Link2Home – Homelessness Line 1800 152 152 (free call)

- If you are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, call link2home from anywhere in NSW
- You can speak with someone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
 - o From 9am to 10pm daily, Link2home provides information, assessments and referrals to homelessness services across NSW
 - o Between the hours of 10pm and 9am, Link2home provides information, assessments and referral to emergency services if required. Referral to accommodation and support services is not available during these hours
- For interpreter assistance, please call 1300 652 488

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES WHEN IN NEED OF URGENT ASSISTANCE

Emergency 000

- If life is in danger, always call 000

National Relay Service 133 677 (voice calls)

- Provides service access for people who are deaf or have hearing loss
- SMS relay 0423 677 767

Translating and Interpreting Service 13 14 50

- Immediate phone interpreting, pre-booked phone interpreting and on-site interpreting services available
- TIS National's immediate phone interpreting service is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year by calling 13 14 50

Lifeline 13 11 14

- Online chat and support at www.lifeline.org.au
- No one needs to face their problems alone – help is available: Lifeline is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention services

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

- Anytime, Any reason: Support over the phone and online (webchat or email) for children 5 – 12 years old and teens and young adults 13 – 25 years old
- Information and tips available online for parents at www.kidshelpline.com.au

Parentline NSW 1300 1300 52

- Weekdays 9am to 9pm
- Weekends 4pm to 9pm
- Parent Line is a telephone counselling, information and referral services for parents, carers and grandparents of children ages 0 to 18 years who live in NSW
- Website www.parentline.org.au for more information

1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732

- 24/7 national sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service
- If you're feeling unsafe right NOW, call 000
- Online counselling support is also available online 24 hours a day at www.1800respect.org.au

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1800 799 7233

- 24/7 confidential service for anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship
- Another way of getting in contact with the service is online through live chat, every day from 7am – 2am CST www.thehotline.org
- If you're feeling unsafe right NOW, call 000

Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

- Free phone, video and online counselling for anyone affected by suicide - whether you are feeling suicidal, you are worried about someone or have lost someone to suicide
- For video and online counselling support, visit www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Mensline Australia 1300 78 99 78

- Mensline Australia is a professional telephone and online support and information service for Australian men
- 24/7 telephone support service
- There are also the options of online counselling, video counselling and forum online at www.mensline.org.au



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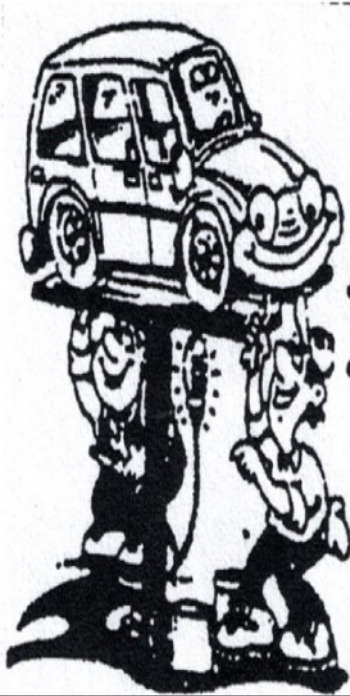
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Cynthia Culhane your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 4032 4703 / 0418 699 646
or cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au

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We will be using the Facebook page to keep everyone informed about events at the school, important dates for your diary, and general information about the school.

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



Bakers Delight
We're for real.

The staff and students who are involved in the Breakfast Club would like to acknowledge the generosity of 'Bakers Delight' at Rutherford who now provide us with bread. There are many local businesses who donate their time, service or products to our school. We express our appreciation and hope our school community can reciprocate.

RUTHERFORD High School

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

2017



THURSDAY	19 JAN	9 - 2
FRIDAY	20 JAN	9 - 2
MONDAY	23 JAN	9 - 12
TUESDAY	24 JAN	9 - 2
WEDNESDAY	25 JAN	9 - 2
THURSDAY	26 JAN (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)	CLOSED
FRIDAY	27 JAN (PUPIL FREE DAY)	9 - 2
MONDAY	30 JAN (Yrs 7, 11, 12 RETURN)	8 - 2
TUESDAY	31 JAN (Yrs 8, 9, 10 RETURN)	8 - 2
THURSDAY	2 FEB	8 - 12

NORMAL TRADING HOURS RECOMMENCE ON 2ND FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 8.00 – 12.00

THURSDAY 8.00 – 12.00

PRICE LIST / ORDER FORM ON THE BACK

MASTERCARD, VISA & EFTPOS ACCEPTED

Uniform Shop: Contact Kylie 0478 920 262 during business hours

**happy
new year!**