

**RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
COMMITMENT**

21,22 & 23 November - Impressions 10 Mock Interviews.
22 November - Yr 12 Weathertex excursion
22 November - MSC Computer Tutoring.
25 November - Attendance Reward Excursion to Treetops.
25 November - Motivate Program GENESIS.
28,29 November - Beacon Workshops at Maitland City Bowling Club.
29 November - MSC Computer Tutoring.
30 November - MADD Performance MPC
2 December - Motivate Program at GENESIS GYM

**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.



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



18th November 2016
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FANTASTIC WORK BY STUDENTS IN THE RUGBY LEAGUE TSP

Over the past few weeks, students in the Rugby League Targeted Sports Program have been undertaking their Level 1 referee's qualification as a part of sport on Thursday's. A total of 19 students, both male and female, completed three sessions that included compulsory online modules, revision of game rules and modified rules for younger age groups, as well as a practical field session. All the students gained a new perspective and respect for how challenging it can be to referee a game. Throughout the course our students displayed a fantastic attitude, representing the school in a very positive manner, and worked hard to acquire the skills to be an assertive referee. The buzz amongst the students was exciting to see. After completing their practical assessment in the near future, these students will be qualified to referee on weekends and at gala days. Students will use their sport lessons on Thursday's to continue practicing their refereeing skills.



A big thank you to Mr Rob Bowen from NSW Country Rugby League for coming to the school each time to conduct the sessions with our students and for guiding them through so that each student understood what it takes to be a referee. Also a thank you to Matt Sharman from the NRL for his assistance in organising this course.

Josh Potapczyk
Rugby League Coordinator



SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

The end of the year is fast approaching and I am hoping parents and students have had a satisfying and valuable year. For staff, this heralds the start of our data collection in terms of our academic, social and cultural achievements (as per our School Plan 2015 – 2017).

It is with both excitement and sadness that we farewell our Year 12 of 2016. They have completed all examinations and have celebrated their time at Rutherford Technology High School attending their Formal at the Crown Plaza, Hunter Valley. They will receive their well earned HSC results in the first week of December.

We continue to have very productive community partnerships with our annual Business Breakfast, Impressions 10 and Plan-it Youth mentoring programs. Our community actively supports the school through school improvement and the assistance and support of young people.

The uniform shop will be open during the holiday period, please check the school webpage. If you are looking to buy shoes for your child in the Christmas vacation, please remember that shoes must be black leather. Both Athlete's Foot and Johnston's Shoes in Maitland have a full range and are aware of the standards required by the school.

Taking your child out of school for holidays or for any extended period of time requires you to apply for an exemption for attendance. You need to phone the school and ask the Attendance Office for the necessary paperwork to complete this process.

The school year ends, for students on December 16th. Students are expected to be in full attendance until the last day of school.

Many years ago a high percentage of students left school at the end of Year 10. In some schools a "formal" was held to farewell these young people. In more recent times the majority of students stay on to complete Year 12, and at the completion of their studies a formal farewell is held to honour their graduation.

Whilst we have not had a school endorsed Year 10 Formal at Rutherford Technology High in many years; we have been made aware that some students and their parents have decided to go ahead and organise a function. We have notified the venue that this is not a school endorsed function. It is important that the school's name or crest is not used under any circumstances when booking or promotion, as any such event would be a private function with all liability and complaints delegated to the parent organisers.

I have included a link to a parent fact sheet on Helping Teenagers Celebrate Safely and information on Alcohol, parties and the law from NSW Department of Education.

http://www.youthsafe.org/images/factsheets/2008_11_safe_celebrating_factsheet.pdf

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/alcohol-parties-and-the-law>

Simone Hughes
Deputy 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.

TAS NEWS

It has been a very busy time for TAS over the last term. One of the great events of the year is the annual Business Breakfast. Our Home Economic Teachers, Hospitality Students and kitchen assistant have always shown their dedication to the school and local community through their hard work and this year was no different. The organisation and preparation started well in advance of the actual event. The ordering and organisation of the food, furniture and decorations is a large task and our staff and students have shown that they are up to the challenge once again.

It was fantastic to see both staff and students working together to cater for, and service, a large number of local business people, community members and also students and staff. The professionalism that was shown across all persons involved was impressive and once again demonstrates the quality of education offered at Rutherford Technology High School.



Another highlight of the year was the completion of the Industrial Technology Timber Major projects. The practical work completed was of a high quality and the students and teachers should be extremely proud of the results that have been achieved. There were many extra hours involved in the production of these projects. This also involved extra time spent in the holidays by both staff and students.

Scott Cromarty
HT TAS



WELLBEING NEWS



PLAN - IT YOUTH

Recently, seven students from Year 10 successfully completed the 10-week Plan-it Youth program. Plan-it Youth has been running at Rutherford Technology High School for over 8 years and is a program that links individual students with a volunteer mentor. The program gives students the opportunity to discuss and develop goals, especially in the area of school to work transition. Wednesday 9th November was the last session of the current Plan-it Youth program and was celebrated by the students involved being responsible for planning and running an event, to which they invited family and friends. This gave the students an opportunity to demonstrate some of the skills and knowledge they have developed as a result of participating in this program. It was also a way of saying thank you to the wonderful mentors that generously give up their time every Wednesday morning to come into our school and work with selected Year 10 students.

Listening to the students give their final speeches it was clear to see how much they have benefited from taking part in Plan-it Youth. I would like to congratulate the following Year 10 students for successfully completing the program:

Bowen McFadyen
Jazmyn McGoldrick
Katlyn McGoldrick
Jessica Nazzari
Kaelan Thiessen
Michael Wilde
Alex Ditz

RTHS is very lucky to have such a dedicated group of mentors who willingly give up their time each week to meet with our students. Thank you to our mentors Jane, Kai, Lorri, David, Jan, and Kay for supporting our school and our students.

Kristine Turner
Plan-it Youth Coordinator



WELLBEING NEWS (cont'd)

YEAR 9 PEER MEDIATOR PROGRAM

On the 15th November, 11 Year 9 Students completed training for the RTHS Peer Mediation Program with their Year Advisor Mrs Basedow and Head Teacher Wellbeing Mrs Turner. All of the students showed exceptional maturity and enthusiasm for this very important role in our school.

Peer mediation is a process where trained students act as mediators in disputes between other students. The purpose of this program is to help our students deal with conflict. Students who attend peer mediation report that they feel more confident about settling their own disputes and feel they can talk more openly about their problems with people closer to their own age.

After taking part in the training all of the students have agreed to take on the role of a peer mediator within the school. In this role they will be assisting students in Year 7, 8 and 9 who are experiencing situations where conflict needs to be resolved and harm needs to be repaired.

Congratulations to the following students for the commitment during their training. The Head Teachers of Wellbeing at RTHS look forward to working with them next year.

2017 RTHS Peer Mediators:

Lonnie Ashe	Christine Kimber
Emily Playford	Amy Arnold
Ebony Thompson	Brooke Moore
Alana Buscombe	Bronte Moy
Capree Sales	Jessica Milligan
Christine Kimber	Katherine Barwick

YEAR 6 TRANSITION PROGRAM

This term the 2017 Year Adviser (Mrs Hedges), the Assistant Year Adviser (Mr Marselos), and the Learning and Support teachers have visited all of our feeder primary schools, meeting with Year 6 teachers and getting to know Year 6 students. These visits enabled Year 6 students to learn a little about what to expect when starting high school, and gave students the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Approximately 40 Year 6 students from our feeder primary schools are attending an intensive transition program conducted by the Learning and Support teachers from Rutherford Technology High School. The program will be conducted over three consecutive Thursdays, and has been developed in order to provide additional support to targeted Year 6 students as they make the move from primary school to high school. The program aims to familiarise students with the high school environment and its new routines. Year 6 students participating in this program have been expertly supported each Thursday by our newly trained Year 10 Peer Support leaders, who have guided them as they took part in a range of activities.

On Tuesday 6th December approximately 200 Year 6 students will spend the day at high school, undertaking peer support activities and taking part in taster lessons as part of the orientation program. Year 10 peer support leaders will lead some of the sessions on this day, and will assist teachers with all aspects of this day.

Head Teacher Wellbeing

Kristine Turner Years 7, 9, 11

Louise Smailes/Brooke McCallum Years 8, 10, 12



REPTILE FUN IN THE SUPPORT CLASSROOM

During the week a staff member arrived at school with a blue tongue lizard. The support unit students were allowed to hold and observe the lizard during the visit. The students were very calm and caring as the lizard crawled onto their shoulders and sat quite happily until it was passed onto the next student. Lots of the students broke through their own fear of reptiles and actually loved how the lizard felt when they touched it.

The students sat around watching the lizard and talked about how it moved and felt. The time with the lizard was given as a reward for the students hard work and good behaviour and the children responded well. Perhaps next time a snake!

Alice Walters
HT Support



EVERY DAY COUNTS.....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but.....

If your child misses.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	And from Kindy to Year 12 that is.....	Which means the best your child can achieve is.....
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

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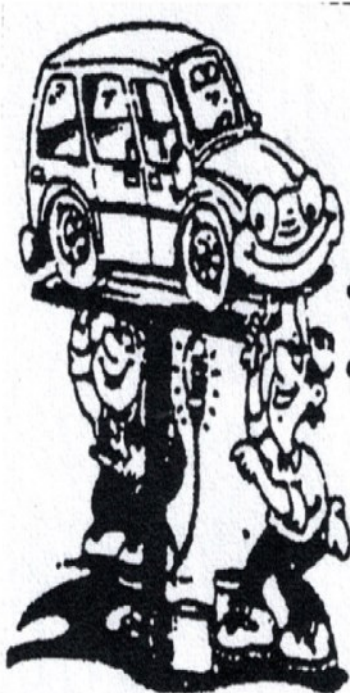
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Girls				
Jnr Blouse Sky	28.00			
Snr Blouse Lemon	28.00			
Jnr/Snr Girls Shorts	35.00			
Jnr Skirt	48.50			
Snr Skirt	48.50			
Bootleg slacks	39.00			
Boys				
Jnr/Snr Boys Shorts	35.00			
Jnr/Snr Trousers	39.00			
Unisex				
Fleecy Jacket	40.00			
Jnr Polo	29.00			
Snr Polo	29.00			
Elastic Waist Everyday Black Shorts	35.00			
Elastic Waist Everyday Black Long Pants	39.00			
Jumpers				
Jumper	72.00			
Sports				
Jacket	65.00			
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Trackpant	38.00			
Sports Polo	35.00			
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Scarf	20.00			
Socks 5pr	20.00			

OPENING HOURS:

TUESDAY
THURSDAY

8:00am - 12noon
8:00am - 12noon

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



CANTEEN ROSTER 2016



November	21	Volunteer needed
November	22	J Lintott
November	23	Volunteer needed
November	24	J Lintott
November	25	Volunteer needed
November	28	Volunteer needed
November	29	Volunteer needed
November	30	J Lintott
December	1	K Hobbs
December	2	Volunteer needed

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.



THANK YOU TO McDONALDS RUTHERFORD.

McDonalds Rutherford continues to support our school in many ways.



RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

CANTEEN MENU

Effective from Term 2 2016



ITEM	PRICE		DRINKS	PRICE
Salad Roll	\$4.30		Moove Milk 500ml	\$3.00
Chicken Salad Roll	\$4.80		Moove Milk 300ml	\$2.20
Ham Salad Roll	\$4.80		Juice 300ml/375ml	\$2.30
Corn Meat Salad Roll	\$4.80		Water 600ml	\$2.00
Chicken Salad Sandwich	\$4.30		Small Water	\$1.00
Salad Sandwich	\$3.70		Soft Drink 600ml	\$3.50
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich	\$3.70		Quench	\$2.00
Curried Egg Sandwich	\$2.90		Plain Milk 600ml	\$2.00
Vegemite Sandwich	\$2.90		Focus Water	\$2.00
Cheese Sandwich	\$2.90		Hot Chocolate (term 2 & 3)	\$1.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00			
Cheese & Tomato	\$2.70			
Corn Meat & Pickles	\$3.00		SNACKS	
Meat Sandwich	\$2.90		Fresh Fruit Salad (Term 1 & 4)	\$2.50
Chicken Salad Wrap	\$4.80		Fresh Water Melon (Term 1 & 4)	\$2.50
Thai Chicken Salad Wrap	\$4.80		Deli Rock Chips	\$1.00
Salad Wrap	\$4.30		JJ's Chips	\$1.00
Meat Salad Wrap	\$4.80		Eucalyptus Drops	.50c
Salad Box	\$4.90		Muffins	\$1.60
Salad Box (small)	\$3.60			
Chicken Salad Box	\$5.90		Finger Buns	\$1.60
Chicken Caesar Salad Box	\$6.00			
Caesar Salad Wrap	\$5.00			
Chicken Tender Salad Wrap	\$5.00			
EXTRAS				
Bread Roll (extra)	.90		Banana Bread	\$2.60
Butter Bread	.90			
Toasted Sandwich (order)	.50			
Extra Fillings	.40			
Butter/Mayo or Mustard	.20		ICE CREAMS	
HOT FOOD			Billabong	\$1.60
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$2.20		Paddle Pops	\$1.60
Hot Dog	\$2.50		Frosty Fruits	\$2.00
Pizza Rounds	\$2.30		Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.80
Chicken Burger	\$3.60		Vanilla Buckets	\$1.20
Chicken Burger w Salad	\$4.30		Paddle Pop Lemonade Twist	\$1.20
Plain Pies	\$2.70		Juice Ice Block	\$1.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.60		Milo Cups	\$2.90
Cheese & Bacon Pie	\$3.00		Moosies	\$1.00
Potato Pie	\$3.00		SAUCES	
Mamee Cup Noodles	\$2.20		Tomato	.40c
Chicken Gravy Roll	\$3.60		BBQ	.40c
Cheese Burger	\$3.60		Sweet & Sour	.40c
Chicken Chippies (6)	\$3.00			
Chicken Nuggets (6)	\$3.00			
Garlic Bread	\$1.10		NEW	
Meat Ball Subs **NEW**	\$3.60		Watch our noticeboard	
Pizza Rounds	\$2.50		for daily \$3 hot dishes	