

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

21st March - Harmony Day
21st March - MSC Computer Tutoring
22nd March - Plan - It Youth
28th March - MSC Computer Tutoring
29th March - Plan - It Youth
29th March - R.T. Bald Portrait Prize
29th March - Parent Teacher Evening
30th March - Open Rugby League at Aberglasslyn
31st March - Interact Conference
2nd April - State Swimming at Homebush

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 next P & C meeting will be held on 21st March 2017 at 6pm. This will be our AGM that was held over from February to allow our new members to become financial and eligible to vote. We welcome any members of our school community to attend.

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RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TSP FOOTBALL CHARITY MATCH

On Friday the 3rd March, alumni of the TSP football program (2011 - 2016) were invited back into the school for an exhibition charity match against the Open Boys Football team. The junior TSP classes were invited to watch the match and in excess of \$300 was raised to support ex student Kalan Egar in his ongoing cancer treatment costs. The Open Boys Football team took a 3 - 2 lead early in the second half before the Old Boys got their passing game together after some stern words from special guest coaches Greg Archbold and Glen Barker. The Old Boys ran out 7-3 winners featuring a dynamo goal scoring performance from Old Boy - Luke Geipel. The occasion was well supported by all participants in the school's TSP Football program and the match will now become an annual event.

Thanks to all involved, yours in Football

B Newham.
TSP Football Coach



SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

Please take the opportunity to come along on 29 March to meet your child's teachers and discuss how they are progressing.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kris Turner has been relieving in the role of HT Wellbeing for the last few years and doing a fantastic job. This was recognised recently with her successfully being promoted to the position full-time. I am sure everyone who deals with Kris would congratulate her on how well deserved this is.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.

Our Head Teacher VET Toby Butler and all the VET teachers in the school undertook a two day audit last week to ensure we are meeting industry standards. The team was praised for the quality work that is occurring in the vocational education programs at RTHS.

N AWARDS YEARS 10, 11 AND 12

A reminder to Year 10, 11, and 12 students of promptly catching up with work if they receive a course warning letter. It is crucial that this is rectified so that RoSA or HSC completion is not put at risk.

ROAD WORK IN AVERY ST

There will be on-going roadwork in Avery St during March and April. Please take care when dropping off and picking up students. Police will be doing regular checks on parking, etc.

UNIFORM

The school uniform has been great this year. Our greatest challenge is school jumpers when the cold weather arrives. Get in before the holidays and purchase your school jumper, so we look great to start the term.

YEAR 9 NAPLAN AND THE HSC MINIMUM LITERACY AND NUMERACY STANDARD (INFORMATION FROM NESA, FORMERLY BOSTES)

Stronger HSC Standards reforms announced by the NSW Government require that from 2020, Year 12 students must reach a minimum standard of functional literacy and numeracy for award of the HSC credential.

Students can demonstrate they have met the standard by achieving a pass in new online reading, writing and numeracy tests, first available to students in Year 10 in 2018.

The standard is set at a practical level, mapped against the Australian Core Skills Framework Level 3 - a nationally agreed standard of functional literacy and numeracy.

Students may prequalify for the minimum standard by achieving Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests. Students will only need sit an online test in the area in which they have not yet prequalified or met the standard.

Students undertaking Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017 (the Year 12 HSC students of 2020) will have the first opportunity to prequalify for the minimum standard.

NESA does not expect all students to achieve Band 8 or above in Year 9 NAPLAN tests.

Students will have multiple opportunities to achieve the standard through the online tests. The tests will be available for students to sit at least twice a year in Years 10, 11 and 12 and for up to five years after starting the HSC.

Students will not be excluded from the HSC on the basis of their results in Year 9 NAPLAN or subsequent online tests.

NESA does expect the vast majority of students to meet the HSC minimum standard by the time they complete Year 12.

Mr Michael Whiting
Principal



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Education
Centre for Education
Statistics & Evaluation

***Tell Them From Me* student survey:
Information and consent form for
parents and carers**



Dear Parents and Carers

In Term 1 2017, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will **not** be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by Tuesday 21st March 2017

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Michael Whiting
Principal
Rutherford Technology High School
Evaluation

Dr Jenny Donovan
Executive Director
Centre for Education Statistics and
Evaluation

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2017 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 9-11 May 2017.

TUESDAY 9 MAY	WEDNESDAY 10 MAY	THURSDAY 11 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading test	Numeracy test
Writing test		

In the numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be one numeracy test with two parts: Part A calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 12 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, **or**
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

WELLBEING PLAN-IT YOUTH

The Plan-it Youth mentoring program started a few weeks ago with nine Year 10 students now meeting their mentors on a weekly basis. Plan-it Youth has been running at Rutherford Technology High School for many years and is a mentoring program for young people in Year 10. The program links students with a member of the community who volunteers to act as a mentor. Throughout the program the students involved will spend time developing goals and researching career information.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. It's a day where school communities across Australia 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence.

On Friday 17th March a whole school assembly was run by SRC students to promote the anti-bullying message. At this assembly all students were given a 'Bullying No Way' wrist band which they wore to demonstrate that they are committed to stamping out bullying.



Definition of bullying

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an **ongoing misuse of power in relationships** through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite

isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Rutherford Technology High School is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

We have a number of programs and initiatives in place to counter bullying and conflict. These include PBL lessons for all students in Years 7 and presentations for Year 7 and 8 students conducted by the Police Youth Liaison Officer. We also have a small number of Year 10 students who have completed peer mediation training and act as peer mediators at 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.

The National Day of Action is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities. The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! Website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/NationalDay>

STUDENT ATTENDANCE: IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!

AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY!

ON TIME EVERY DAY!

Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success, while absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement. Regular school attendance will help your child to achieve in later life, makes learning easier for your child, and helps children build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents can help to promote the value of education by making sure that your child goes to school regularly and arrives on time. If your child starts missing school, work with the school to put things right by contacting the school and speaking with a year adviser or the Head Teacher Wellbeing.

Kristine Turner

Head Teacher Wellbeing (Attendance)

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
Give your child every chance to succeed....				
Every day counts!				

GIRLS GET ACTIVE DAY

On Thursday 9th March, Miss Crump and twenty four girls attended the Girls Get Active Day at Maitland Park. Kylie Hilder (Australian Touch/Rugby League), Maddison Elliot (Paralympic Swimmer), Kellyann Grayson (Netball), Lisa Steane (AFL), Lauren Colthorpe (Football) and Kate Jenner (Hockey) have all played and succeeded at an elite level in their chosen sport and the girls had the opportunity to be inspired and tutored by them. A favourite was the karate workshop but all our girls enjoyed participating in the variety of sports offered.

Christine Crump

PDHPE Dept



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8 March
2017





A list of the students that received Vivo awards for Term 1 2017. Well done!

YEAR 7

Jhett	HEMMINGS	<i>Respect</i>
Leeza	GOYAL	<i>Respect</i>
Cody	HIGGISON	<i>Respect</i>
Juliette	KOSTALOVA	<i>Respect</i>
Olivia	ROSER	<i>Respect</i>
Jorja	BARSLEY	<i>Responsibility</i>
Kyle	LONGLEY	<i>Responsibility</i>
Cody	HIGGISON	<i>Responsibility</i>
Tyler	RUMBEL	<i>Responsibility</i>
Riley	BAJRIC	<i>Responsibility</i>
Jason	FOOTE	<i>Commitment</i>
Marnie	KEMSLEY	<i>Commitment</i>
Natasha	Germon	<i>Commitment</i>
Amber	SUMNER	<i>Commitment</i>
Chloe	CROSER	<i>Commitment</i>
Brandi	Duke	<i>Deadly</i>
Sumara	HILL	<i>Overall</i>
Phonnapha	PHANMANI	<i>Overall</i>

YEAR 8

Nicolas	Knight	<i>Respect</i>
Jacob	PEMBERTON	<i>Respect</i>
Oscar	WHIPPER	<i>Respect</i>
Charleigh	OLIVER	<i>Respect</i>
Byron	WINKLER	<i>Respect</i>
Jataya	Wilson	<i>Responsibility</i>
Liam	COTTEN	<i>Responsibility</i>
Lachlan	BRAZIER	<i>Responsibility</i>
Amelia	JOHNSON	<i>Responsibility</i>
Mathew	BLACKWELL	<i>Responsibility</i>
Joshua	Sales	<i>Commitment</i>
Jarred	Weston	<i>Commitment</i>
Brodie	Higgison	<i>Commitment</i>
Matthew	Houghton	<i>Commitment</i>
Jason	DIMMOCK	<i>Commitment</i>
Nicolas	Knight	<i>Deadly</i>
Emma	BLUNT	<i>Overall</i>
Jonah	BETTERIDGE	<i>Overall</i>

YEAR 9

Hossain	PATWARY	<i>Respect</i>
Khadejah	Date	<i>Respect</i>
Hayden	Darcy	<i>Respect</i>
Owen	Donald	<i>Respect</i>
Dylan	MANNING	<i>Respect</i>
Natalie	JONES	<i>Responsibility</i>
Tyelah	JORY	<i>Responsibility</i>
Mitchell	EYB	<i>Responsibility</i>
Jordan	Braneley	<i>Responsibility</i>
Stryder	BROAD	<i>Responsibility</i>
Karisma	Robinson	<i>Commitment</i>
Ebony	Kelly	<i>Commitment</i>
Owen	Donald	<i>Commitment</i>
Lylah	Kershaw	<i>Commitment</i>
Jordan	Braneley	<i>Commitment</i>
Jordan	Braneley	<i>Deadly</i>
Hossain	PATWARY	<i>Overall</i>
Olivia	RACHUBINSKI	<i>Overall</i>

YEAR 10

Dion	Oliver	<i>Respect</i>
Skye	ALDOUS	<i>Respect</i>
Rowan	Tonkies	<i>Respect</i>
Chloe	JOHNS	<i>Respect</i>
Beth	WAEGER-SEYMOUR	<i>Respect</i>
Rowan	Tonkies	<i>Responsibility</i>
Daniel	Edwards	<i>Responsibility</i>
Khobi	Smith	<i>Responsibility</i>
Olivia	CONNOLLY	<i>Responsibility</i>
Bailey	CHALLENGE	<i>Responsibility</i>
Corey	Wilson	<i>Commitment</i>
Jacinta	MANGNALL	<i>Commitment</i>
Emilie	HAMER	<i>Commitment</i>
Monique	JONES	<i>Commitment</i>
Emily	CALDWELL	<i>Commitment</i>
Hakeem	Torrens	<i>Deadly</i>
Dion	Oliver	<i>Overall</i>
Corey	Wilson	<i>Overall</i>

YEAR 11

Cameron	HALL	<i>Respect</i>
Joanna	REBB	<i>Respect</i>
Emily	PRYOR	<i>Respect</i>
Jahleasha	Waters	<i>Respect</i>
Deja-Anne	Draper	<i>Respect</i>
Chloe	KOCISZEWSKI	<i>Responsibility</i>
Jordan	FRASER	<i>Responsibility</i>
Jackson	TAYLOR	<i>Responsibility</i>
Brandi	FENWICK	<i>Responsibility</i>
Paige	THOMPSON-SCARD	<i>Responsibility</i>
Beau James	Woods	<i>Commitment</i>
Ethan	Haidinger	<i>Commitment</i>
Brad	Foote	<i>Commitment</i>
Jordan	FRASER	<i>Commitment</i>
Lachlan	FORBES	<i>Commitment</i>
Jahleasha	Waters	<i>Deadly</i>
Bryce	Keogh	<i>Overall</i>
Rozelle	KLEYN	<i>Overall</i>

YEAR 12

Jasmine	FOHMSBEE	<i>Respect</i>
Nicholas	MARQUET	<i>Respect</i>
Hayley	WATSON	<i>Respect</i>
Shari-Lea	FREEMAN	<i>Respect</i>
Sarah	McFarlane	<i>Respect</i>
Emily	HOULAHAN	<i>Responsibility</i>
Tristen	HABGOOD	<i>Responsibility</i>
Cameron	VINCENT	<i>Responsibility</i>
Brianna	COTTEN	<i>Responsibility</i>
Meri	BARBIE	<i>Responsibility</i>
Sarah	McFarlane	<i>Commitment</i>
Gabriel	Cerqueira	<i>Commitment</i>
Kianah	REDMAN	<i>Commitment</i>
Caleb	Wood	<i>Commitment</i>
Zoe	FLETCHER	<i>Commitment</i>
Skye	McGrady-Munro	<i>Deadly</i>
Sarah	McFarlane	<i>Overall</i>
Jasmine	FOHMSBEE	<i>Overall</i>



THE RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH LEARNING COMMON

Living Books

The Rutherford Technology High Learning Common is planning to hold a Living Books afternoon next term. A living book is a person who may be borrowed out like a traditional library book and are willing to verbally share an inspirational or interesting story with a small group of students then answer questions they may have about their story. Student groups would have an opportunity to engage with several living books in the one afternoon. This event would encourage students to engage with people as sources of information, building on the connections they make to the world beyond school. If you know a community member who may be willing to partake in this event or if you feel that you could share a story with our students, please contact me.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Jo-Anne Ford.

(Teacher-Librarian)



HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE LaST (Learning and Support Team)

COMMUNICATION and THINKING

Often learning at school is thought of in terms of subjects and content. Perhaps a more relevant way to view the learning experience of students is in terms of communication. Communication is an essential component across all the Key Learning Areas. It is important for students to be effective communicators to function productively and effectively.

Students are expected to know:

- **What to say** (content)
- **How to say it** (terminology)
- **When to say it** (context) where "say" may mean read, draw, write, speak (relevant to the subject)

Proficient literacy skills equip students with the tools to demonstrate their knowledge in all subject areas and to verbally reflect and evaluate their progress. In this way students are encouraged to think deeply about what it is that they are learning.

We will look at this in more detail in the next newsletter. Encourage your child to think about the knowledge, skills and understandings that are essential to their learning and cross subject boundaries. This will engage them and help them to be more pro-active in the learning process.



On Tuesday 28 February 2017 a number of RTHS students represented the school at the Regional Swimming Carnival held at Maitland Pool. All students represented the school with great pride and displayed excellent commitment and sportsmanship. We extend our congratulations to all involved and would like to thank Mrs Playford for sending us the photograph of Olivia Playford & Shay White on the day.

SKOOLBAG APP

We have the Skoolbag App, so, if you haven't already, go to the App Store and download it. The App is fully operational with ALL versions of the App available to download (iPhone/iPad, Android & Windows). Skoolbag is a school Mobile App that communicates directly with iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows Phone devices. You may or may not be familiar with this App but it is another form that provides schools with an easy way to tell parent/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications. School newsletters, school notices and alerts are communicated directly to the parent smartphone through the Skoolbag School Mobile App.

Instructions for installing the Skoolbag App are on the next page.

AUSLAN COMMUNITY COURSE

An Auslan Community Course is being introduced in the Maitland/Hunter Valley Region.

The course is for people who are learning Auslan (Australian Sign Language) for the first time or wishing to practice further on their current basic signing skills. You will develop communication skills in Auslan, learn how to fingerspell and how to communicate with deaf people in Auslan.

The course will be run over 14 weeks on a Wednesday from 4:00pm to 5:00pm commencing Wednesday 17 May 2017 and cost is \$130.00

For expressions of interest, enrolment or further information please email michael.healy8@det.nsw.edu.au by Friday 5 May 2017.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Hallelujah the hot weather is over, our school jumpers can come out and our school still looks groovy in our uniform as a whole. To recognise students within the school who display our core values we had our Vivo assembly, which students within the SRC ran, and some SRC members who had never spoken before got up in front of the whole school and did a terrific job (massive shout out to the Year 8 leaders) As the end of the term is quickly approaching, we're organising our first fundraiser for 2017 which will be held on the 4th of April to support The Reach Foundation. Encouraging year groups to work together to create a better school environment, further information will be at our weekly assembly on the theme and purpose! Have a fantastic week :)

Anton and Ashley

PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Peer Support Program has been conducted for the past 8 weeks each Tuesday for all Year 7 students and their trained Year 11 Peer Support leaders.

The program is a peer led, skills based learning program that empowers young people to support each other and contribute positively to society. Peer Support has provided students with a supportive learning environment in which to develop the skills, understandings, attitudes and strategies to improve their transition to high school. Many of the activities have helped develop key skills in resilience, assertiveness, decision making, problem solving and leadership.

Congratulations to the Peer Support leaders who have done a fantastic job in supporting and guiding our Year 7 students. On Tuesday 14th March our final session involved a competition with two of the favourite challenges – the balloon challenge and the tennis ball challenge. A sausage sizzle was enjoyed by all and many firm friendships have developed over the past 8 weeks.

*Louise Smailes
HT Wellbeing*





How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

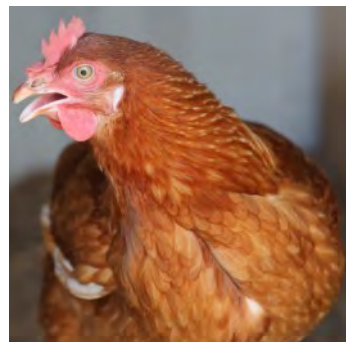


SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

The Sydney Royal Easter Show will be held from 6 to 19 April 2017. As part of the show there are a number of school competitions that are open to schools with facilities for keeping poultry. Rutherford Technology High School has nominated into two of the school competitions with students working very closely with Ms Hull in preparation for the upcoming events. The competitions we have entered are: 2017 Steggles School Meat Bird Paris Competition & Hy-Line Brown School Egg Laying Competition.

2017 Steggles School Meat Bird Paris Competition

Students are presented with one dozen meat bird chickens which they will rear over the course of six weeks. The competition provides a glimpse into the Poultry Industry and works to dispel the myth that hormones are used in the production of chicken meat. Final judging will take place at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.



Hy-Line Brown School Egg Laying Competition

Students must raise six pullets and select their best three to compete at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Eggs from the exhibits will be collected across the first ten days of the show and judged according to commercial Egg Laying Industry Standards. Quality and quantity are key to winning the competition.

In preparation for the events the Pullets arrived last November at 7 weeks of age whilst the Meat Chicks arrived on 23 February 2017 at 1-day old. Our Year 9 Agriculture Class have been taking care of the Meat Birds and are also doing a project on feed consumption and growth focusing on meat production. Students from Year 7TM Class are taking care of Egg Producing Chickens and are working on a project on egg production and feed consumption.

We wish the students and staff involved with the competitions the best of luck and we look forward to reporting on their results early next term.

Julie Hull

Science Dept

HARMONY DAY

Rutherford Technology High School will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Tuesday 21st March, 2017**. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The colour orange is used to celebrate Harmony Day because orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations.

Students are asked to **wear orange** on Harmony Day to celebrate the cultural diversity in our school community. No donation is required. Students are to ensure orange clothing is appropriate for school (no thin straps, revealing clothing etc.) and enclosed school shoe are mandatory.

For more information about Harmony Day celebrations, please see Miss Rooney (**MATHS**) or Ms McKenna (**HSIE**).



CANTEEN NEWS

In accordance with the Department effective 24 February 2017 the revised 'Healthy School Canteen Strategy' replaces the previous 'Fresh Tastes@School Strategy' in all NSW Schools. The strategy focuses on increasing the availability of healthy food and drink options in school canteens and is consistent with the 2013 Australian Dietary Guidelines.

Included in this newsletter is a copy of our canteen menu effective Term 1, 2017. We also have daily/weekly specials so ensure you take a look at our blackboard! Currently we are investigating options for Online Ordering. A reminder that we are not able to accept \$50.00 notes before lunch.

We would like to say thank you to all our volunteers for their time and work however we are always looking for anyone that can join our team. Volunteering your services in the canteen is a valuable contribution to the school. If you are not available for a full day, we would love some help in either the morning or afternoon, even if it is just for an hour. Of a morning it is extremely busy preparing for the day and the afternoon is just as crazy with cleaning up and getting ready for the next day so an extra hand at any of these times would be greatly appreciated. We your time is valuable but if you can spare any time and would like to join our team, or if you have any further questions, please contact Jenny our school canteen manager via the front office on 43325999.

Volunteer Opportunities



Where:	Rutherford Technology High School Canteen
When:	As often as you can, part or full day!
Hours:	9:00am till 3:00pm (or any part of the day you can manage)
Experience:	Not necessary – everything you need to know can be learnt within a short space of time
Salary:	Plenty of tea and coffee (or juice) and the best of all friendship
Bonus:	Your child/children are happy to see you in their school. You get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community!
Applications close:	NEVER ☺



TRANTER LAWYERS WILL DONATION PROGRAM

This year Tranter Lawyers have introduced a 'Will Donation Program' where they will donate \$25.00 to any organisation of their Clients choice when they have a new Will prepared.

We would like to thank Tranter Lawyers for their support of the local community by introducing the program and also say thank you in advance to their clients who nominate Rutherford Technology High School as their chosen organisation.

R.T.Bald Portrait Prize 2017

**Rutherford Technology
High School Library.**

**Entries by
24th
March
2017.**

Years 6,7 and 8
1st = \$60 2nd= \$30
3rd = Art Prize pack.
Years 9 and 10
1st = \$100 2nd= \$80
3rd = Art Prize pack.
Years 11 and 12
1st = \$150 2nd= \$80
3rd = Art Prize pack.

**Entry forms
available from
VA Staffroom.
1 Entry per person.
Drawing/paint only.**

**Open to all students
of Rutherford Technology
High School 2017.
And year 6 students from
local Primary Schools.**



**WORK HARD
IN CLASS.
THEN WORK
HARDER
IN-CLUB**



Students can get their education in fitness, anytime...

Sign up at ANYTIME FITNESS RUTHERFORD and receive 20% discount on memberships!!

We think all students should have the chance to be healthier and happier, so we've created an awesome deal just for you. We know students already work hard, but we want you to work even harder.

Join us now to push yourself to be the best you can be. You can achieve greatness! Ask in - club today about our student offer. MINIMUM AGE 16.

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80+ Contemporary Dining Offers!	EDWARDS \$35 value	Hammam Outdoors \$40 value	Sprout \$40 value	THE BRISTOL PAVILION \$40 value	tabulah.. \$30 value	silo \$40 value and many more...
180+ Casual Dining Offers!	Goodtime BURGERS 2 for 1	Hindys & Co \$40 value	NEW SHANGHAI \$25 value	THE LOCALE \$30 value	the HOOD \$30 value	snows artisan bakers \$25 value and many more...
160+ Takeaway and Attraction Offers!	crust Grand Pige Bar 25% off	McDonald's 2 for 1	SUBWAY 2 for 1	Knights 2 for 1	St. James 2 for 1	Gardens 2 for 1 and many more...
2,000+ Retail and Travel Offers!	mantra rooms, resorts, apartments	Woolworths	CHEMIST WAREHOUSE DISCOUNT CHEMIST	DAVID JONES	Emirates	Hertz Discounting all hire fleets to 10% off! and many more...

Up to 50% off Retail, Travel, Leisure and Accommodation

Every sale contributes to our fundraiser, so purchase yours today!

Rutherford Technology High School P & C Association

Contact: Lexi Fitzgibbon Phone: 0249325999 Email: lexi.fitzgibbon@det.nsw.edu.au

To order your Book or your Digital Membership securely online visit: <http://www.entbook.com.au/3k4872>

Alternatively, please complete your details below

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

The 2017/18 Newcastle, Central Coast and the Hunter Edition is \$65 each including GST

I would like to order: ☐ Book Membership # _____ ☐ Digital Membership # _____ = TOTAL \$ _____

Payment type: ☐ Cash ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa (Credit Card payments will incur a 1.25% processing fee)

Credit Card number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry date: _____ / _____ CVV*: _____
*CVV is the 3 digits on the back of your credit card

Cardholder's name: _____ Signature: _____

Pre- Purchase before 1st April 2017 to receive Early Bird Bonus Offers you can use straight away! (Subject to availability)
20% from every membership sold contributes to supporting our School.

Order your new
Entertainment™ Membership
today to receive these great
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Valid from now to 1st June 2017



Order your new Entertainment™ Book
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Membership and your Early Bird Offers
will be loaded straight to your phone!



OR



* Example only: participants subject to change

Supplies are limited so pre-order now!

Games Club

Looking for something to do at Recess?

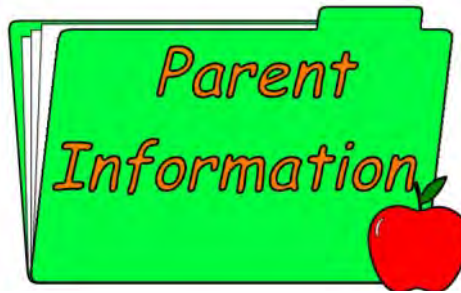
Would you like to make some new friends?

Come join your Teacher Librarian, Mrs Ford, and your Student Support Officer, Mary-Kate, for some Board Game Fun!



When? Monday and Wednesday Recess

Where? In the LIBRARY



RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Respect Responsibility Commitment



30 Avery St. Rutherford 2320

Phone: 49325999

Fax: 49328166

Email: rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Many Thanks

Lexi Fitzgibbon

School Administration Manager

02 4932 5999

Everything you ever wanted to know about Kids ,Drugs & Alcohol

A one-stop shop for Parents/Carers

and anyone who works with kids.

Rutherford Technology High School

and Maitland/Dungog CDAT (Community Drug Action Team)

**Invites all community members to a FREE interactive forum about
Drugs and Alcohol**

Wednesday 29th March, 2017 6-8pm

FREE light supper provided

Rutherford Technology High School

Topics covered include:

- **What drugs are out there in our community?**
- **What are the legal implications for parents and children found in possession of drugs and alcohol?**
- **What treatment options and services are available to help?**
- **What can I do to help my child make good choices?**
- **What happens if your child overdoses or binge drinks?**
- **The link between mental health and alcohol and drug use**

**Speakers include NSW Police, NSW Ambulance Services, NSW Health,
Youth Development Officer Maitland/Dungog, Good Sports, Local Barrister.**



Maitland/Dungog

CDAT

We're stronger together

For more information call Mary-Kate Ferguson at RTHS on 4932 5999

Talking points for ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY helps with costs for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians who are studying or doing an Australian Apprenticeship. You may be able to get ABSTUDY if you are:

- an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian
- enrolled in an approved course or apprenticeship, and
- not getting any other government help to study or do an apprenticeship or traineeship.

ABSTUDY payments

- **Parents or guardians of students younger than 16 and living at home** may be able to get ABSTUDY Schooling Allowance.
- **Full-time students who are 16 or older and living at home** may be able to get ABSTUDY Living Allowance. The amount you get may depend on your parents' annual income.
- **Full-time tertiary or preparatory course students and other secondary students** may be able to get ABSTUDY Living Allowance. The amount you get may depend on personal, parental or partner income.
- **Full-time Australian Apprenticeship, traineeship or trainee apprenticeship students** may be able to get ABSTUDY Living Allowance. The amount you get may depend on personal, parental or partner income.

Applying for ABSTUDY

To claim, call the ABSTUDY line on **Freecall™ 1800 132 317**. You can submit supporting documents online at **humanservices.gov.au/submitdocumentsonline**

If you can't claim over the phone, you can get a claim form at **humanservices.gov.au/abstudy**

How long it takes to assess your claim depends on how complex your situation is.

Get in early and submit your claim up to 13 weeks before you start your course or apprenticeship.





Rutherford Technology High School UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS:

**TUESDAY
THURSDAY**

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

ITEM	PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL INCL GST
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			
Sports Shorts Std	25.00			
Trackpant	38.00			
Sports Polo	35.00			
Others				
Scarf	20.00			
Socks 5pr	20.00			



RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

CANTEEN MENU

Effective from Term 1 2017



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		
Meat Sandwich	\$2.90	SNACKS	
Chicken Salad Wrap	\$4.80	Fresh Fruit Salad (Term 1 & 4)	\$2.50
Thai Chicken Salad Wrap	\$4.80	Fresh Water Melon (Term 1 & 4)	\$2.50
Salad Wrap	\$4.30	Deli Rock Chips	\$1.00
Meat Salad Wrap	\$4.80	JJ's Chips	\$1.00
Salad Box	\$4.90	Eucalyptus Drops	.50c
Salad Box (small)	\$3.60	Muffins	\$1.60
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		
HOT FOOD		ICE CREAMS	
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$2.20	Billabong	\$1.60
Hot Dog	\$2.50	Paddle Pops	\$1.60
Pizza Rounds	\$2.30	Frosty Fruits	\$2.00
Chicken Burger	\$3.60	Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.80
Chicken Burger w Salad	\$4.30	Vanilla Buckets	\$1.20
Plain Pies	\$2.70	Paddle Pop Lemonade Twist	\$1.20
Sausage Rolls	\$2.60	Juice Ice Block	\$1.00
Cheese & Bacon Pie	\$3.00	Milo Cups	\$2.90
Potato Pie	\$3.00	Moosies	\$1.00
Mamee Cup Noodles	\$2.20	SAUCES	
Chicken Gravy Roll	\$3.60	Tomato	.40c
Cheese Burger	\$3.60	BBQ	.40c
Chicken Chippies (6)	\$3.00	Sweet & Sour	.40c
Chicken Nuggets (6)	\$3.00		
Garlic Bread	\$1.10		
Meat Ball Subs **NEW**	\$3.60	NEW	
Pizza Rounds	\$2.50	Watch our noticeboard	
		for daily \$3 hot dishes	

PLEASE NOTE-

NO \$50 notes will be accepted before lunch.

FAMILY



FUN NIGHT

for
Rutherford Technology High School

At

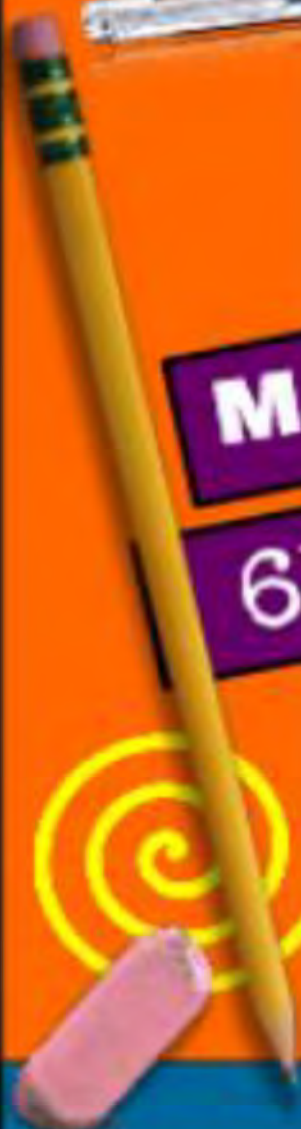
McDonald's Rutherford

MARCH, 28

6PM - 7PM

10% of Sales from
Front Counter,
Drive Thru, McCafe
will be donated to
RTHS

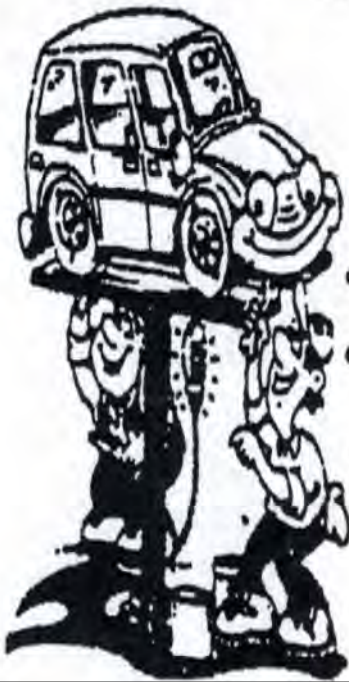
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Rutherford Technology High School has an Official Facebook Page – just go to Facebook and look for “Rutherford Technology High School NSW Official Site” and click on “Like”.

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.

***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by Tuesday 21st March 2017

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.**

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carer

Signature of parent/carer

Date

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