

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**7th March** - MSC  
Computer Tutoring  
**8th March** - Plan It  
Youth  
**8th March** - Rugby  
League Accreditation  
(Hexham)  
**8th March** - VIVO PBL  
Assembly MPC  
**9th March** - Girls Get  
Active Day (Maitland  
Park)  
**14th March** - MSC  
Computer Tutoring  
**15th March** - Plan It  
Youth  
**17th March** - 'Bullying  
No Way' Day

## 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 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.

**RESPECT  
RESPONSIBILITY  
COMMITMENT**

# RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3rd March 2017

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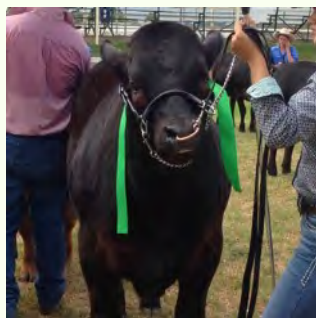
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## RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY SHOW TEAM

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February the Show Team went to Maitland Show to attend the Hunter Cattle Clinic. The new members of the Show Team had their first experience in judging steers, heifers and bulls and watching parading. Everyone did well especially Joanna Rebb who was lucky enough to be chosen to do an oral speech on the order she placed the bulls. Joanna was awarded a highly recommended ribbon. The whole Show Team enjoyed the Cattle Clinic, learned new skills and gained experience in judging.



Thank you to Mrs Hull for taking us and to the following sponsors and supporters for making the Cattle Clinic possible.

- Edward Throsby, Singleton Abattoirs (E.C. Throsby Pty Limited): Sponsor - Paraders and Major Sponsor
- Hicks Hay and Grain, Woodville (Ross and Lexie Hicks): Sponsorship – Steer section
- Peter Randall, National Australia Bank Business Banking, Maitland Business Centre
- The Ball Family (Greg and Leonie Ball)
- Tocal College – Beef Cattle Section (particularly Bruce West)

**Joanna Rebb and Emily Pryor**  
**Show Team Members**



## SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

In my ongoing efforts to fight off the effects of getting older, I find myself in the gym gasping for breath and going red in the face. All around me on the walls are motivating slogans to spur me on such as no pain no gain, some people want it to happen some wish it would happen and others make it happen and to achieve something you've never had before you must do something you've never done before. I love reading these quotes every day as they serve as a point of inspiration.

The message is always the same: to achieve takes sacrifice and pain. Essentially we need resilience and discipline. I'm hopeless when it comes to chocolate – one square turns into four, which turns into a whole block. I know I have a weakness in this area so I just say no, which is a huge battle in the mind and a form of discipline I try to live out. Our PBL core concepts- Respect, Responsibility and Commitment rely on every one of us living out the concept of discipline in our lives in order to build our character. Maybe this will be to watch just a little less TV and read instead, go for a 30 minute walk a couple of times a week; maybe it will mean changing the language that we use or for our students to gain more sleep on a daily basis. All little steps of sacrifice to introduce discipline into our lives so we can give ourselves the best chance of going to the next level in our life. What will you sacrifice this year?

## PARENT PORTAL AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Emails have been sent to all parents regarding our parent portal. If you have not registered, please do so. If you have registered last year you will not have to register again. Our parent portal is used for parent teacher interview bookings. Parent teacher night is on the 29<sup>th</sup> March. More information will come home in the coming weeks. If you have difficulty registering for the portal or did not receive an email, please call the school office.

## YEAR 5 AND 6 TRANSITION NIGHT

On the 28<sup>th</sup> February, we welcomed our Year 5 and 6 students along with their parents and carers to our open night. The night was extremely successfully. On display were all of our subjects including Targeted football, league and CAPA. Of particular interest was STEM, Agriculture, and visual arts.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Summer uniform has looked fantastic this year. We would like all of our students to look just as great during the winter months. A reminder that the school uniform jumper can only be purchased from the school uniform shop. If families require assistance with uniform please see Ms Young in the science staffroom, a Year Adviser or Deputy Principal.

## P&C

At last month's P&C we welcomed many new members. I encourage parents and community members to attend these meetings. We value your input and suggestions. The P&C meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 6pm in the front office. Our AGM will take place on 21st March, hope to see you there.

**Kylie Fabri**  
**Deputy Principal**

## EXECUTIVE REPORT

Homework is very important in Mathematics. Students who complete their homework on a regular basis are much more successful than those that do not. Mathematics homework is an opportunity to practise the skills learnt in class, and like anything, the more you practise the better you get.

Mathematics homework is given regularly at RTHS. What form it takes is determined by individual teachers.

However, every Mathematics teacher will: issue homework; check and record homework; provide feedback to students and contact parents / caregivers when necessary.

Apart from set homework, it is also a very good idea for students to revise their schoolwork regularly. This helps develop a good study routine and a positive work ethic. It is highly recommended that at the end of each school week, Mathematics students of all ages should ask themselves two questions:

1. Is all my work up to date and
2. Do I understand everything I was taught this week?

If the answer is NO - do something about it....find the time, make the effort and above all **ask for help** (when needed) Please note that every student at RTHS has been provided with a Maths Online account (an online tutorial program) but can also be used extensively at home to consolidate class work and for extra tuition.

**THE BOTTOM LINE IS, IF HOMEWORK AND REVISION ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, RESULTS IN MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT TASKS WILL IMPROVE.**

As parents, I ask you to be involved as much as possible and encourage your child to complete all homework on time - working together, I know we can make a difference. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Mathematics teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns regarding our homework policy.

**Craig Trotter**  
**HT Mathematics**



# THE RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH LEARNING COMMON

The new Learning Common is now open, so come in and explore the new spaces! The Learning Common staff are happy to help you with any questions you may have.



## THE TECH TABLES

These tables are designed for students to complete collaborative learning tasks, sharing content from their devices with others on the TV screens and enabling peers to provide quality feedback to one another. This learning zone is ideal for the delivery of class presentations and group work.

## THE COMPUTER PODS

This bank of thirty computers enables classes to access learning material via quality websites. Students are able to conduct group and independent research to enrich their course knowledge and IT skills.

## STUDY CENTRAL

This group of whiteboard - top tables allow groups of students to gather to work collaboratively. Concepts can be shared through drawing or writing with a whiteboard marker on the table top and then erased when the surface is needed for another activity. These versatile tables are suitable for a number of learning opportunities.

## STUDY BOOTHS

These funky retro learning booths are ideal for senior study time. The benches allow groups of students to discuss work and complete work in small groups. These booths are also used for the Learning Common Board Games Club which runs every Monday and Wednesday at recess.

## THE CAMPFIRE

This vibrant work space is perfect for maximum student choice and engagement. It is ideal for small class performances and targeted discussions.

## THE THINK TANK

This quiet room is designed for independent or small group learning. The tech table allows a single group of students access to a TV screen that will connect with their devices so work can be shared with peers. The lounge and lap-top tables enable several students to work independently in a comfortable and quiet zone. This room provides a silent atmosphere for maximum concentration and engagement in learning activities.

## THE BREAK-OUT ROOM

This zone houses the Learning Common fiction collection. The butterfly lounge and the bean bag arm chairs offer students a variety of seating from which to enjoy reading a good book. The variety of sensory boards provide tactile opportunities for students and are a great tool when down time is needed.

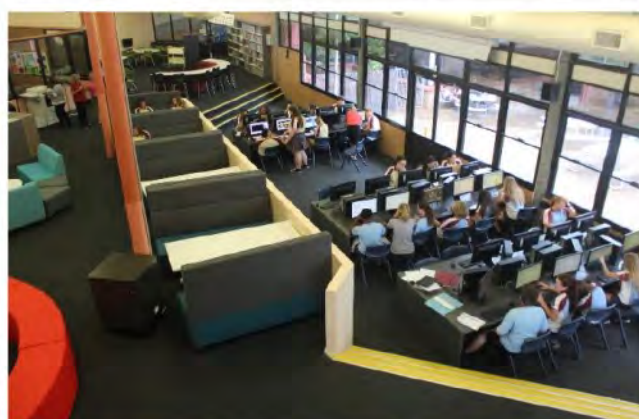
## THE GAMING STATION

This zone has been created to offer students the opportunity to play games at recess and lunch in a social context. A PS4 and an X-Box will be available along with a variety of games which are appropriate for a secondary school age range.

**Jo-Anne Ford**  
(Teacher Librarian)



# RTHS LIBRARY UPGRADE





# 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



### **CERAMIC BASED ART PROGRAM**

Mr Richards, who is an expert in the ceramics field, has decided to put a program together to work with students who are interested in design and the manufacture of ceramics based art.

This will run during a lunch time once a week. If students are interested, they can see him in the Art Staffroom. All students from Year 7-12 are invited to participate.

### **SCHOOL BAND**

Rutherford Technology High School has had a band running since 1986. It is a music ensemble for students who play, or are interested in learning and playing, instruments in a group. It is run by all three of the music staff and is timetabled for Period 4 and Lunch every Wednesday.

We do have some instruments available for hire including trumpets, clarinets, flutes, saxophones and trombones.

As of this year, we will be collaborating with Telarah Public School who will be joining us for band every week.

If students are interested, they are encouraged to speak with the Music staff before school or during breaks.

### **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](mailto:michael.healy8@det.nsw.edu.au) by Friday 5 May 2017.

### **AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2017**

As this newsletter is published 14 students are embarking on the Challenge.

This involves trying to solve 6 questions over a 3 week time-frame.

This year we have three students from both Years 7 and 8, and four from Years 9 and 10.

As you can imagine the students are not looking at easy questions; they are designed to stretch their minds and give themselves a challenge of thinking outside the box.

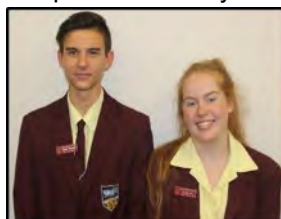
We wish them well in their endeavours.

**David Carratt**  
*Challenge Co-ordinator*

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS .....**

Things are well and underway already within the SRC! With successfully helping with the year 5/6 information night, to clean up Australia day on the 3rd of March and setting a date for our fundraiser for the term! Everyone's enthusiasm and dedication has been commendable especially when electing specific roles within the SRC. With the end of term quickly approaching we would love to make sure we hear feedback from all year groups to their year leaders and remind everyone we're always an open ear for any ideas regarding school improvement. That is another fortnight wrapped. We're over and out :)

**Anton Osborne and Ashley Fry**  
*School Captains*







## 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.



## FORMER STUDENTS NEWS

We were delighted when our recently graduated Year 12 students contacted their teachers in the new year to let us know of their university offers. Mrs Young has heard from Grace Quilty who will be doing a Bachelor of Science at The University of Newcastle. Mrs Basedow has heard from Jocelyn Ware and Eula Pacamalen. Jocelyn has accepted an offer to study a Bachelor of Science majoring in Astronomy and Astrophysics at Macquarie University in Sydney. Whilst Eula has gained entry to a Bachelor of Mathematics at The University of Newcastle.

Congratulations also to the following students who have accepted offers from The University of Newcastle: Emily Lambourne will be studying Early Childhood and Primary School Teaching, Jared Hughes will be doing a Bachelor of Communication and Liam Faustini will be studying a Bachelor of Science. Also, Bella Diaz has accepted a place at the University of Western Sydney to study Forensic Science. In addition, there are a number of students undertaking the Newstep program at The University of Newcastle this year.

We are very proud of all of you and pleased to see that your hard work during the HSC course has paid off. On behalf of all of your teachers at RTHS, we wish you all the best with your tertiary studies and future careers.

If you would like to share your post-HSC news, we would love to hear from you! You can contact your teachers by email or call the school office.

## OPEN NETBALL GIRLS GALA DAY

Congratulations to our Open Girls Netball Team who represented our school today at the Coalfields Netball Gala Day at Maitland Fed Centre. The girls demonstrated great skill and outstanding effort throughout the day. Well done girls!

**Michelle Keyes**  
**PDHPE Teacher**



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Rutherford Technology  
High School Library.

# Portrait Prize 2017

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.



## INTERACT NEWS

Late last year, Rutherford Technology High School Interact Club collected non-perishable food and preloved toys from the entire school to be donated to Maitland Hospital for the children that were sick and couldn't be at home for Christmas.



The Interact Club also distributed mince pies and Christmas puddings to the Rutherford Retirement Village located near the Rutherford Shopping Mall. These items were kindly donated by the Rutherford -Telarah Rotary Club. Last week the Interact Club got the whole school involved in the Burrumbuttock Hay Run, which involved approximately 320 trucks loaded with hay and dog food travelling to Northern Queensland to give the farmer's working dogs and livestock much needed food while they are enduring a very bad drought.



Local trucks departed our area on Wednesday 22 February, they travelled to Cobar NSW to join the convoy. The convoy is expected to be 60km long. On Friday 24 February the convoy departed Cobar and travelled to Wyandra, QLD before arriving at Muttaborra, QLD on Saturday 25 February 2017, this was the drop-off destination. The Club asked the entire school to donate wet and/or dry dog food to the cause and we are happy to say we received an overwhelming response with a substantial amount of food loaded onto the truck and sent on its way. We would like to pass on our thanks to everyone who donated and helped. We are very appreciative and hope that you will continue to support us in our future endeavours.

**Tiffany Burbage**  
**RTHS Interact Club Member**

## **YEAR 8 REPORT**

Year 8 have an exciting 2017 ahead with multiple opportunities available throughout the year for students to be rewarded for their positive behavior. The Great Aussie Bush Camp will be occurring during Term 3, which is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop team building skills and positive relationships with their peers. All students are encouraged to attend and participate in this great event, with further information available soon.

During Term 4 a rewards excursion will be running for students who have continued to demonstrate our core values of **Respect, Responsibility and Commitment**. Year 8 will have the option to attend either Luna Park or Wet and Wild for the day.

Our current top 5 Vivo leaders for the term so far are Shay Ditton, Brodie Higgison, Mathew Houghton, Tyler Gardiner and Jacob Robbs. Year 8 are to be congratulated for earning over 750 Vivo points throughout the term so far, placing them in first position against any other year group. Well done to students who have already redeemed their points for prizes, keep up the good work.

Finally, it has been great to see majority of students dressed proudly in their school uniform. Parents and caregivers are reminded that students are required to wear the correct uniform daily as it is an important aspect of being part of the school community and uniform is recorded on report cards.

**Miss K Grant**  
**Year 8 Assistant Year Adviser**

## **YEAR 10 REPORT**

Wow! 2017 has been in super speed mode, it's already March. Welcome to the new year, I am Mr Robinson, the new assistant Year Adviser to Year 10. Mrs Basedow (Year Adviser) is excited for the year ahead and looking forward for another amazing year with a lot of great activities planned. Just like last year Mrs Turner is the Head Teacher Wellbeing and Mrs Fabri the Deputy for support in any issues that may arise.

It has been fantastic to see so many of you enjoying the start to Year 10 in a positive way. I have spoken to a number of students who have said that they have enjoyed using some of the new learning environments within the school and focused in all learning activities. Uniform so far has been phenomenal with many students wearing it with pride and respect. As winter arrives, it will be getting colder, which means that school jumpers must be worn and can be purchased from the uniform shop. Students are to be reminded that if they do not wear the correct uniform, then uniform infringements can occur which means that you will not be eligible to attend representative sporting teams and excursions. So make sure you have a note if you cannot be in proper uniform, and must be of a reasonable cause.

During the first five weeks of the school year there have been many VIVO's handed out to students for their increased efforts and determination to do their absolute best within the classroom and school environment. With all the VIVO's that have been given, there will be a lot of prizes that students are able to purchase and more certificates will be handed out in recognition of the amazing work our students have achieved.

As many of you will be aware, we are going to Luna Park or Wet n Wild on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December this year as a reward excursion, which will be a very exciting time for everyone. All students are encouraged to start saving the \$\$\$ so that everyone is able to attend and share in the fellowship and fun with your fellow peers. One of the biggest differences between Yr 9 and Yr 10 is that students can be issued with an N-warning for assessment tasks that are missed or not handed in. It is really important that all homework and assessment tasks are handed in on the due date, so it is a good idea to keep a diary or a planner to keep track of your assignment due dates to ensure that you have a successful year of learning and are ready to progress to Yr 11 next year.

Later in the year, Yr 10 will have Impressions 10 which are interviews conducted at school to help prepare the students for applying for jobs. Students will need to present a portfolio which is to include work samples from school. It is very important to keep all assessment tasks that are issued on green paper along with the feedback from your teacher to include in your portfolio.

Well done to all Yr 10 students that attended and swam at our swimming carnival. Many of our Yr10s also have been busy competing in a lot of representative school sports which include Volley Ball, Rugby League, Football and Basketball where they have competed to the best of their ability in bringing success and honour to our school. The cross country/colour run will be taking place early in Term 2. We look forward to seeing all of Yr 10 participate on this fun day.

I will look forward to working with Year 10 this year and excited for what the year ahead will bring.

**Mr M Robinson**  
**Yr 10 Assistant Year Adviser**

## **YEAR 12 REPORT**

It's been a busy time for Year 12. Boy, it really feels like I start everything I say about Year 12 with that line, but once again, it's true. Year 12 have hit the ground running in Term 2 of their HSC and have been working hard in class and in the study to get themselves prepared. Fundraising activities at the Swimming Carnival and for Valentines' Day were a huge success.

Jersey preparations are well underway, with orders having been finalised and jerseys getting ordered this week. They're currently expected to be delivered mid Term 2. Please remember that students will not receive their jersey until all of their Year 11 fees have been paid at the front office.

**Graeme Buckie**  
**Yr 12 Year Adviser**



## YEAR 11 REPORT

Year 11 have had a positive and productive start to their preliminary studies. I welcome all of our new enrolments and hope you are settling in well. Many students have taken the opportunity to step up into leadership roles within the school, including the SRC, and our team of Peer Support Leaders who have been assisting our new Year 7 students transition into high school. These leadership roles are extremely valuable within our school community and I congratulate you on your commitment.

So far this year students have engaged in classes, TAFE and VET (Vocational Education and Training) courses with great enthusiasm. All subject changes have been processed and students are now studying subjects they will continue with for their HSC. To achieve to the best of their ability in the HSC it is important for students to set up a good study routine now, if they haven't done so already. As a guide, it is recommended that half an hour study every night is completed for each 2 unit subject. If work has been completed for subjects, students should spend time revising and reading through class notes from previous lessons, or developing summaries of course content to assist with examination preparation. Please encourage students to utilise study periods at school to the best of their ability, time management and forward planning is the key to success. Please encourage your child to seek help from teachers, Year Advisor and the Wellbeing team if he or she is having difficulties with subjects, study organisation, as well as feeling stressed or anxious about work load, assessment tasks and examinations.

Please contact us should you have any enquiries, or if we can help to support your child in any way.

**Mrs Loretta Wells**

**Year 11 Advisor**

## HUNTER YOUTH MENTORING COLLABORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Through the Plan-it Youth program Rutherford Technology High School has developed links with the Hunter Youth Mentoring Collaborative.

This organisation supports young people in the region by providing mentoring and youth development opportunities. This year they have awarded 26 educational scholarships to students across the region, providing financial assistance to students who are continuing on to Year 11 and 12. Students are able to use their scholarship funds to assist with educational expenses, including school excursions, internet access, computers, school uniforms, and study materials.

Congratulations to Alex Wynne, who yesterday attended the presentation ceremony which was held in Newcastle. Alex is in Year 11 at Rutherford Technology High School, and participated in the Plan-it Youth mentoring program last year, which made them eligible to apply for one of these scholarships. Alex is pictured below, receiving her scholarship.

**Kris Turner**

**HT Wellbeing**



**Congratulations!**

## HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE LaST ( Learning and Support Team)

Word Attack Skills help readers unlock new or unfamiliar words, or words not understood. Below is a list of ways that might help you. Word Attack skills are essential to becoming a good reader. Look at these simple things that you can do to become a more proficient reader.

- Go back and re-read
- Read ahead
- Use context clues by looking at the words around to work out the meaning
- Use picture clues such as illustrations, graphs, charts, diagrams
- Look into the word to find something that you already know such as a smaller word or words
- Look at prefixes, suffixes and root or base word
- Use a dictionary
- Ask a teacher, friend or classmate



## HARMONY DAY

Rutherford Technology High School will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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).



## SPIRIT OF ANZAC CENTENARY EXPERIENCE

Newcastle Entertainment Centre  
29 March - 4 April

Free tickets are now available to Australia's largest and most complex travelling exhibition, the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience.

The Award Winning, interactive exhibition displays over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, which tell the story of our nation's involvement in the First World War.

[You can watch a preview of the exhibition here.](#)

Free Tickets can be booked here: [www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/book-tickets](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/book-tickets)



It really is a once-in-a-lifetime, not to be missed experience.





**Rutherford Technology High School P & C Association is raising funds.  
Here's how you can help...**

Support our School by ordering your NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

"The Entertainment Book is such a great way to try new restaurants. It's also a great opportunity to help community organisations. – Ali M"



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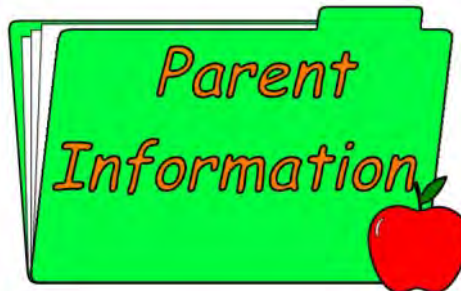
Learn about the Entertainment  
Digital Membership

[WATCH VIDEO](#)



Rutherford Technology High School P & C Association  
Lexi Fitzgibbon  
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



## RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

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### **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**



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## **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017**

### **LETTER TO PARENTS**

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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.

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

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>



## 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](https://humanservices.gov.au/submitdocumentsonline)**

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





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An Australian Government Dental Scheme

### YES WE BULK BILL!!

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For eligibility phone Medicare **132 011**  
**For appointments call us today!**



## Stressed about paying for the tablet on the stationery list?

**You could receive up to \$500  
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Saver Plus matches your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500, for school costs like uniforms, books, excursions, laptops and tablets.

You may eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

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

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in the Newcastle area by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government. Find more information at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au).





## Apply now for Rotary Youth Exchange!

To have the opportunity to study abroad is a life-changing experience. The **Rotary Youth Exchange Program** provides this opportunity.

If you are in year 9, 10 or 11 an opportunity for a Rotary Youth Exchange in 2018 is possible. Secondary school placements are available in many countries of the world.

An Information Session will be held at **Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton** on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017** starting at **6:30pm**.

*Further information is available from:*

**The Chairman  
Denise Parkes  
464 Fords Road  
Limeburners Creek. NSW 2324  
mob: 0417 263 303  
[www.youthexchange.net.au](http://www.youthexchange.net.au)**



**Department  
of Industry**  
Resources & Energy

## Support to Pay Electricity and Gas Bills\*



**Help is available to pay  
your energy bills.**

**For information on  
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assistance go to:**

**[www.resourcesandenergy  
.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates)**

**or phone Service NSW  
on 137 788**

*\* eligibility criteria apply*

# 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!**



**WE WANT YOU**

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**KURRI KURRI WOMENS FOOTBALL CLUB**

**TRAINING—MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 6PM**

**LOCATION: BIRALEE OVAL, KURRI KURRI**

**GAMES: SUNDAY**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**









## Rutherford Technology High School UNIFORM SHOP

### OPENING HOURS:

**TUESDAY  
THURSDAY**

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

ITEM	PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL INCL GST
<b>Girls</b>				
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			
<b>Boys</b>				
Jnr/Snr Boys Shorts	35.00			
Jnr/Snr Trousers	39.00			
<b>Unisex</b>				
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			
<b>Jumpers</b>				
Jumper	72.00			
<b>Sports</b>				
Jacket	65.00			
Sports Shorts Std	25.00			
Trackpant	38.00			
Sports Polo	35.00			
<b>Others</b>				
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	<b>SNACKS</b>	
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		
<b>EXTRAS</b>			
Bread Roll (extra)	.90	Banana Bread	\$2.60
Butter Bread	.90		
Toasted Sandwich (order)	.50		
Extra Fillings	.40		
Butter/Mayo or Mustard	.20		
<b>HOT FOOD</b>		<b>ICE CREAMS</b>	
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	<b>SAUCES</b>	
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	<b>NEW</b>	
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

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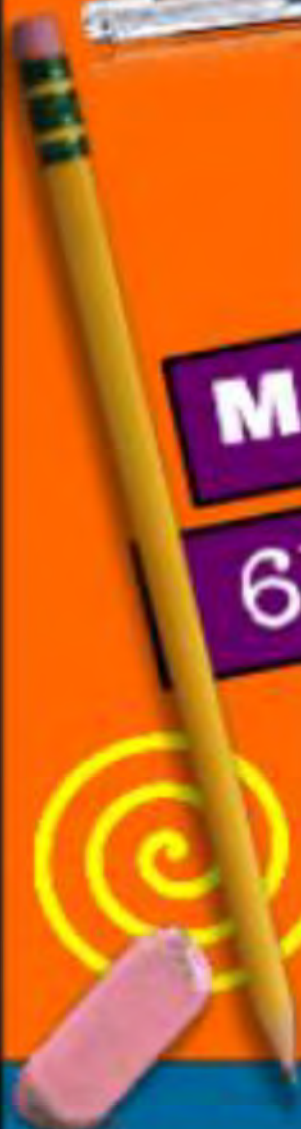
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Link: <http://www.facebook.com/RutherfordTechnologyHighSchool>



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**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.