

# RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**6th August** - Discovery Day at St Mary's Maitland  
**7th August** - Rugby League Kacey Drummond Cup at Raymond Terrace  
**8th August** - RoboCup Junior Comp at UoN  
**8th August** - Lovebites Program  
**8th August** - Education Week Presentation MPC  
**10th August** - Lovebites Program  
**10th August** - LMG Football Gala Day  
**14th August** - Attendance BBQ  
**15th August** - Lovebites Program  
**21st August** - Agquip Excursion to Gunnedah

## OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Please be aware the office is open Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm. 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.



The next P&C meeting will be held 21st August at 6pm in the interview room at the front office. All welcome to attend.

**RESPECT  
RESPONSIBILITY  
COMMITMENT**

## MAITLAND AECG 3 v 3 BASKETBALL

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 students from our school participated in the 3 v 3 Basketball Competition held by Maitland AECG and hosted by Hunter Valley Grammar School. The event was organised to promote reconciliation, with a number of local schools taking part.

Our school had two teams compete, one team consisted of Yr 9/10 students and another of Yr 11/12 students. The Yr 9/10 team played the day with no reserves but still showed great sportsmanship and the Yr 11/12 team, also showing sportsmanship, made it through to the final series.

Our students received the overall award for the day, '**The Champions Award**', which was voted on by many community members. This award is in recognition of sportsmanship, team work, responsibility and respect towards officials, other competitors and spectators.

Well done to all students involved and thank you to Miss Crump for supporting the students at the event.



'The Champions Award'

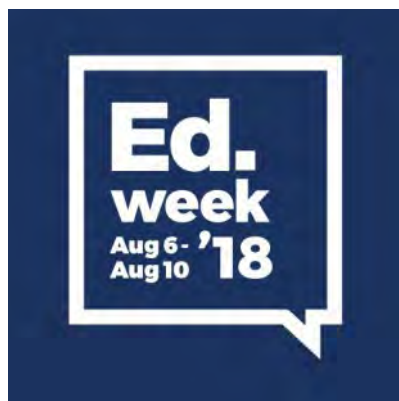


## **SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT EDUCATION WEEK**

Education week is celebrated in NSW public schools from **Monday 6 August - Friday 10 August**.

The theme this year is *Today's schools - creating tomorrow's world*. The theme communicates how NSW public schools are equipping young people with the skills and capabilities they need to thrive in a rapidly changing, globalised world.

We will be celebrating Education Week with our partner primary schools from the Rutherford Learning Community on Wednesday 8 August in the school hall. The evening will start with food at 5.30 pm followed by presentations and performances at 6.00 pm. We will be celebrating the achievements of students, community members, non-teaching staff, teaching staff, and innovative programs in schools. There will also be performances from each school and a combined learning community choir performance. Please join us for the evening.



## ***Today's schools - creating tomorrow's world***

### **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a good break and all students are back eager to learn.

### **REPORTS/ PARENT/TEACHER EVENING**

Reports were handed out in the last week of Term 2 and it was great to see a good turn-out of parents for the Parent/Teacher evening on Wednesday 1 August.

Interim reports for Years 7-10 will, again, be emailed out at the end of this term.

### **HSC TRIAL EXAMS**

Year 12 are doing their HSC Trial exams during weeks 2 and 3.

### **SUBJECT SELECTION FOR 2019**

2019 Year 9 and Year 11 students attended a subject information evening on Wednesday 25 July. Students are now in the process of making online subject selections. If there are any questions, or problems, please contact Mr Butler.

### **YEAR 7 AND 8 GATS SHOWCASE *FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST***

Students will be showcasing semester one projects to parents and staff at 8.00 am with breakfast provided in the GATs double classrooms in K Block. We look forward to meeting with the parents.

### **PISA TESTING**

RTHS was selected as a sample school for PISA testing, to compare educational standards across the globe. A random sample of 30 students in Years 9, 10, and 11 underwent the testing last week.

### **2019 YEAR 7 GATS TESTING**

Year 6 students who have applied for the Year 7 GATS class in 2019 will undergo testing at RTHS on Tuesday 7 August.

### **RUTHERFORD LEARNING COMMUNITY STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY 2**

Student leaders from across the Rutherford Learning Community are coming together on Wednesday 8 August for their second leadership day of the year. The first day was a great success and hopefully the second day will further enhance the leadership skills of this wonderful group of students.



## **BEN HACKETT**

Ben Hackett has returned to FCBEscola Barcelona International Academy Sydney for another semester after in the preseason winning an outstanding award for his outstanding dedication and skill development, as well as the golden boot.

The football school is the first FC Barcelona Academy in Australia. All aspects of the academy, including the technical development, coaching staff, training routines and personal growth are aligned with the FC Barcelona methodology. Players train under the same vision, mission and focus as the club's youth teams.

The FCBEscola empowers young players to successfully overcome future sporting challenges while simultaneously instilling the personal values which the FCBEscola represent: Humility, Effort, Ambition, Respect and Teamwork.

Ben will be representing the Sydney Academy in Brisbane at the end of September for the Barca State of Origin where selected academy students in each age group from the Sydney and Brisbane Academy go head to head representing their state. Ben is very excited to be representing Sydney/NSW in this event.

## **BUSES ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

A reminder that students are still required to catch their designated buses on a Tuesday afternoon. Students are not to leave the school to go to the shops and then come back to school to catch buses.

**Michael Whiting**  
*Principal*

## **WHAT IS PBL?**

Positive Behaviour for Learning is a school-wide program that aims to engage our students in clear behaviours that support their learning and encourage them to meet their potential.

Our key goals are to encourage Respect, Responsibility and Commitment in all our students so that they feel safe, valued and engaged within our school.

Each fortnight we will be focusing on a main behaviour to promote; this week is 'Right Place, Right Time – and we'd love your support. Remind your kids how important it is to be on time so they can hear instructions and get settled in class. Remind them that practising this behaviour will help them later in their lives with appointments, interviews and jobs.

The staff are pitching in by performing a fortnightly skit that shows what NOT to do and students are rewarded with Vivo points for displaying the appropriate behaviour. In addition, they get to have a laugh with their teachers as they act out inappropriate behaviour.

Have you been at the right place and the right time this week?

**The PBL Team**



## **SECRETARY FOR THE DAY 2018**

Sophie Crawley in Year 11 has been selected as one of thirty five students state-wide to be part of a two day student leadership program in Sydney.

The students will work on leadership activities and shadow senior executive members of the NSW Department of Education. Sophie will shadow Michele Hall - Executive Director, Aboriginal Education & Communities.

The program will be held in conjunction with Education Week, which will also give the students the opportunity to attend one of the many Education Week Activities being hosted by schools in the Sydney region.

Congratulations Sophie on your achievement and we trust you will enjoy such an invaluable experience.



## EXECUTIVE REPORT

It seems like the year has flown by - already it is Semester 2 ! So much has happened and this next semester promises to be just as full and productive. One of the biggest parts of second semester is the Trial and HSC exams for Year 12. They now only have a little more time at school, and in study to go before their schooling careers are finally over; we wish them all the best in achieving the goals and dreams they have been working hard for over the last 6 years.

We also have exciting news from some of our junior students. As the debating competition season ends, we are celebrating the achievements of our Year 7 Debating Team, consisting of Chloe Wyborn, Ciena Tipping, Rhylee Grigull, Cody Roberts and Samuel Hamilton and coached by Miss Bartlett. They started as a new team at the beginning of Term 2, with minimal experience and big dreams of success for the school! As they moved through the round robin series, they were met with some challenging topics, and the coin toss seemed to always put them on the negative side of some controversial topics. However, the team rose to the challenge and produced some persuasive and informed arguments.

The team first went up against Hunter River High School, and were tasked with arguing against the scrapping of NAPLAN and standardised testing. The team pulled out some stellar arguments, putting themselves in the shoes of teachers and parents in an attempt to persuade the adjudicator to agree with them. Unfortunately, they went down to the home team, though were praised for their ability to think from varying perspectives. The second and third rounds were then held at Cessnock High School against their two home teams. During the day, our teams drew the negative side first, arguing against increasing the amount of Australian content on commercial television, and then arguing for a mandatory curfew for all teenagers. Our team gained two wins, with adjudicators complimenting their ability to form arguments and their show of good sportsmanship.

The team's run this season has now finished and we are so proud of their efforts and achievements. They represented the school proudly and presented a positive image of our school to the community. Well done!

We are looking forward to new exciting events and opportunities like this in the next few semesters and hope that anyone who is interested in participating in these different events make sure they let their teachers know.

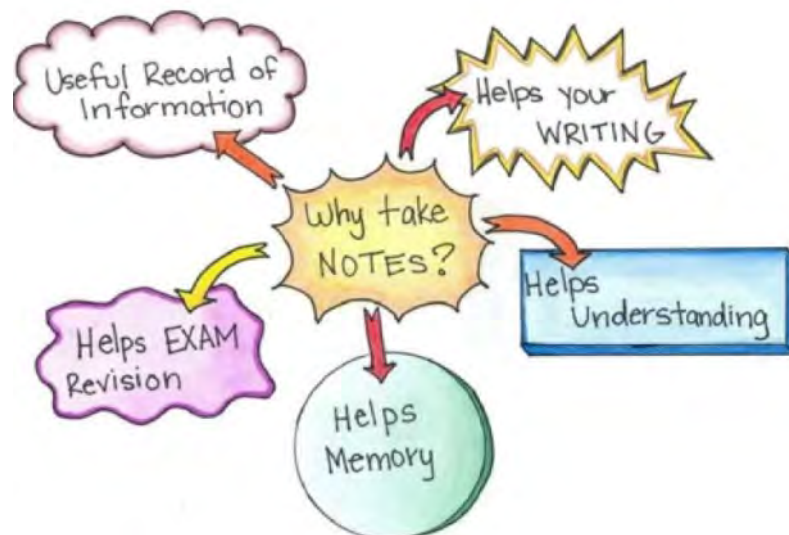
A final note as a reminder for the semester: each term junior classes have an assessment task; this term they will receive a notification between Weeks 3-5 and the task will be due in Week 9. They also have regular homework activities, including wide reading, which has been set for all junior students to complete, as well as individual class homework tasks. If you have any concerns regarding homework and assessment, or student learning, please feel free to contact us in the English staffroom.

**Stephanie Mole**  
HT English

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

### NOTE TAKING TIPS AND TECHNIQUES: GENERAL HINTS

- ◆ **Be an active listener**
- ◆ **Work down middle of page. NO full sentences. Use phrases.**
- ◆ **Record KEY words including technical terms/ subject specific.**
- ◆ **Skip small words like a, the, and, to.**
- ◆ **Use own words/ paraphrase.**
- ◆ **Use headings, sub-headings, numbers, letters, lists, bullet points.**
- ◆ **Indent to distinguish major/ minor points.**
- ◆ **Code notes - colours, symbols abbreviations, acronyms, mnemonics.**
- ◆ **Highlight main points, important information, diagrams.**
- ◆ **Use different colours to link points, concepts, to emphasize.**
- ◆ **Underline, circle, asterisk, star, italic, bold.**
- ◆ **Leave column down one side for notes, vocabulary, clarification.**



## CAREERS REPORT HUNTER VALLEY CAREERS EXPO

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May RTHS took a record number of students to the Hunter Valley Careers Expo. 130 students from Years 10-12 had the opportunity to interact with over 120 exhibitors about post-school education, careers and gap-year programs. As always, our students made the most of the event and conducted themselves impeccably. Thank you to Mr Carter, Mrs Clarke, Mr Walker, Mrs Wood and Mrs Wells for accompanying the students. Also, a special thank you needs to go to our own Mr Hunt who organises the entire event.



## WORLD SKILLS: SKILLS SHOW

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June Year 10, 11 and 12 visited the World Skills: Skills Show at the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour. The students saw the best apprentices in the nation compete in their trade areas and learnt about education and career opportunities in Vocational Education. The students were great ambassadors for our school and had a very enlightening and enjoyable day.

## HUNTER TAFE YES PROGRAM

Throughout Term 2 RTHS was lucky enough to participate in the Hunter TAFE YES Program. This allowed students from Years 10-12 an opportunity to take part in taster programs in areas of their interest. Selected students attended courses in the areas of Automotive, Youth Work, Painting and Decorating, Timber Floors, Music Production, Carpentry and Hairdressing / Beauty. This opportunity has peaked students' interest in many of these areas .



## UoN SCHOOLS VISIT DAY

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July students travelled to Newcastle University and were welcomed and introduced to University life and over 60 degree workshops held across the campus. Students explored the different information stalls, workshops, tours and fun student life activities. Students also had the opportunity to take part in various social activities with a number of clubs and societies. These clubs will included the UON Quidditch Club, St Crispins Medieval Society, UON Cheerleading and UON Drama Society.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

In Term 2, many of our students gained some valuable workplace experience through our work experience program. The students had the opportunity to work in industries that they are interested in and improve their employment skills in this process. A massive thank you to the following businesses for hosting our students.

- Tilly's Childcare
- SNL Building
- TAFE NSW
- Swietelsky Rail
- Greta Pharmacy
- Tank Poll
- Bay Timber
- Hunter Valley Motorsports
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- Coles



[www.jobjump.com.au](http://www.jobjump.com.au)

## PARENT INFORMATION

When you register on JobJump you will receive the News on the Careers your son/daughter likes sent to your home email address. Plus you will be able to use all parts of the JobJump website to help you plan and assist your son/daughter in achieving their Career dreams.

**To register** with JobJump, go to the front screen of the website at [\*\*www.jobjump.com.au\*\*](http://www.jobjump.com.au)

Then in the top right hand side click '**I'm New**'

To begin, **type the first couple of letters** of your school's name in to the first white box and when the full name of your school appears in blue on the screen, simply click on it and it will enter into the first box. Then enter in the next box your School's Password exactly as you see it here with no spaces and all lower case letters:

***rutherford***

There are a few more quick questions and then you are underway to access the site and utilise all of the features listed below. When Careers news does occur related to your son/daughter's interests, it will be emailed to you all the way through their high school years **plus an extra year after their Year 12.**

You can select as many careers as you like from the listing of 112 careers.

If you can't find the career they like from the list, select a career which is in the field they like. For example, they may like the field of Tourism because they like travelling and the idea of having a career in the Tourism industry is not a bad idea. In the listing select 'Travel Agent' because all Tourism careers news will come to you. We also send each week a Careers News Bulletin with all of the current news parcelled into the subject areas taught in your school. This is perfect to help your son/daughter in their career options since you know what subjects they enjoy and in which they do well. Ask your Careers Adviser for this.

**Once you have registered, you can also use all parts of the website to enjoy all of the following:**

- ◆ Year 10 subject selection advice across 112 careers.
- ◆ Writing letters, resumes, what to say to an employer, where to find your future employer.
- ◆ A comprehensive digital ATAR and University Course sorter that works hand in hand with the UAC Handbook making life now a breeze for you to search for your chosen courses.
- ◆ JobJump finds the relevant TAFE courses
- ◆ Job vacancies based on your area location for each of the 112 careers.
- ◆ University scholarships and their direct links
- ◆ Bonus points, Overseas Exchange, Accommodation across Universities in NSW and their direct links.
- ◆ Earnings across 300 careers.
- ◆ EAS information.
- ◆ Find my Career quizzes.
- ◆ Hobby projects across 112 careers to inspire and engage students in their career.
- ◆ Interactive yearly calendar across all news items which can be personalised to your careers of interest.
- ◆ Universities Open Days listing and links.
- ◆ Videos across 112 careers.
- ◆ Gap Year and Volunteering opportunities.
- ◆ Alternative entry to University sorter and links across NSW Universities.
- ◆ Interstate University admissions centres' links.
- ◆ How to obtain your own son/daughter's independent work experience. .... and much more.

**We trust you will enjoy using [www.jobjump.com.au](http://www.jobjump.com.au)**

# Semester One – TSP Football

During Semester One, TSP Football were extremely busy in school lessons and the community.

Students visited our partner primary schools for Taster Lessons; were guest coached by staff from Hamilton Olympic FC NPL; competed in games between year groups and competitive fixtures included Bill Turner Cup/Trophy and Open CHS knockout.

Students who earn the 'Player of the Week' have an individual photo taken which is then displayed for the week on the TSP Football notice board.

Well done to all students in this program and keep up the good work!



## ATTENDANCE

Rutherford Technology High School supports and implements the NSW Department of Education and Communities School Attendance Policy PD20050259, available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>

Click on this link to access the Attendance Policy which sets out the requirements for the attendance of students in NSW government schools.

Research indicates that:

- ◇ Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success, and increase their career and life options.
- ◇ Student attendance has been identified as an important aspect of a student's wellbeing and failure to receive an education has been identified as a risk of harm factor.
- ◇ Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their educational, social and psychological potential and disadvantage them in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations.
- ◇ Communities benefit from students who regularly attend school and are achieving. These benefits include greater student safety, community wellbeing, and a sense of connectedness for all.
- ◇ Schools, families, and communities can work together to send a strong collective message about the importance of going to school.
- ◇ Promoting the benefits of regular attendance to students, teachers, early childhood centre staff, parents, and community groups will help create a culture where regular school attendance is the norm.

Rutherford Technology High School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning School (PBL). Consequently this school is committed to the provision and implementation of a broad range of systematic and individualised strategies for improving school attendance, within a framework of student well-being, to enhance important social and learning outcomes for all students.

Rutherford Technology High School takes a positive approach to improving student attendance. Our school's 2018 Attendance Plan identifies and implements core values, practices and processes that support regular attendance and learning.

### According to Departmental policy:

Parents are responsible for:

- Enrolling their children of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school or registering them with the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling
- Ensuring that their children attend school regularly
- Explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school
- Taking measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children

At Rutherford Technology High School, at the beginning of each day the roll is marked electronically during roll call. This is the official school roll and indicates a student's daily attendance. The roll is also electronically marked each lesson.

After recess each day the school uses a SMS system to notify parents of unexplained late arrivals and unexplained whole day absence. If your child is absent from school, parents are legally required to notify the school, explaining the absence, within 7 days. This can be done in a number of ways:

- **Phone or email** – If you know your child is going to be away from school please contact the school via phone (02 49325999) or email ([rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) to explain the absence.
- **Letter** – on the day your child returns to school after an absence send a note explaining the absence. This note is to be handed in at the school Administration Office.
- **Reply to SMS** - the school sends out an SMS message each day to notify parents that their child is absent. Please reply to the SMS stating if your child is sick or family business.

**Please note** – you can only reply to an SMS on the day it is sent, as the SMS number is only active for that day. Should you require assistance in saying **NO** to your child with regard to any absences other than genuine illness, please contact either Head Teacher Wellbeing or your child's year adviser. Let's work together to make a difference to your child's future.

**Kristine Turner**  
**Head Teacher Wellbeing**



### TERM 3: WEEK 2 ASSEMBLY – VET/LOTE FACULTY PBL AWARDS

#### VET AWARDS

##### Year 11

Kheeleigh-Shae Choidi	Consistency and Effort in Hospitality
Charli Field	Impressive Attendance and Commitment to TVET course
Jack Gibson	Impressive Attendance and Commitment to TVET course
Blake Idstein	Consistent Work Ethic in Business Studies
Timoth Makina	Impressive Attendance and Commitment to TVET course
Regan O'Donnell	Consistent Application in all Aspects of Sports Coaching
Jada Osborne	Impressive Attendance and Commitment to TVET course
Ella Paton	Excellence in all Areas of the Retail Services Course
Capree Sales	Impressive Attendance and Commitment to TVET course
Blake Saxby	Consistent Effort in Primary Industries
Zoe-Lee Slade	Impressive Attendance and Commitment to TVET course
Khobi Smith	Working Effectively Well during Class-Construction

##### Year 12

Brandi Armstrong-Fenwick	Impressive Dedication Toward all Aspects of Retail Services
Thomas Feetam	Consistent Effort in Primary Industries
Ethan Haidinger	Working Consistently Well Every Lesson in Construction
Hayden Kowalski	Excellent Overall Achievement in Sports Coaching
Blake McDonell	Consistent Work Ethic in Business Studies
Jazmyn McGoldrick	Consistency and Effort in Hospitality
Katlyn McGoldrick	Consistency and Effort in Hospitality
Cameron Manning	Being an Exception Ambassador for the School during Work Placement

#### JAPANESE AWARDS

##### Year 8

Lili Botfield	Excellent 'All about Me' Presentation in Japanese
Samuel Brooks	Enthusiastic Application in Japanese
Brandi Duke	Consistent and Enthusiastic Approach to Japanese
Isabella Faustini	Excellent 'All about Me' Presentation in Japanese
Jaiden Grosser	Ongoing Improvements in Japanese
Jayden Harrigan	Enthusiastic Participation in Japanese
Josh Houlahan	Ongoing Improvements in Japanese
Abbey Misson	Consistent and Enthusiastic Approach to Japanese
Curtis Wise-Lancaster	Ongoing Improvements in Japanese

##### Year 10

Tahlia Nairne	Consistent and Enthusiastic Approach to Japanese
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## TERM 2: WEEK 9 & TERM 3: WEEK 1 ASSEMBLY CAPA FACULTY PBL AWARDS

### APPLICATION AND EXCELLENCE IN VISUAL ARTS

Jasmine Beards  
Gabby Belcastro  
Lili Botfield  
Macey Christenson  
Ella Crockett  
Chloe Crosher  
Hannah Evans  
Isabella Faustini  
Alyssa Forth  
Tanneka Goff  
Leeza Goyal  
Lily Greedy  
Indianna Groves-Showman  
Blake Hunter  
Caitlen Jansen

Juilette Kostalova  
Makayla Learoyd-Deville  
Antonie McCuddon  
Destiny Mains  
Tahlia Naire  
Phonnapha Phanmani  
Olivia Rachubinski  
Michael Rashleigh  
Joshua See  
Anthony Twaddell  
Sarah Vokes  
Shennai White  
Machala Widdrington  
Kayla Wright  
Ditch Zielinski

### COMMITMENT TO DRAMA

Lili Botfield  
Cerian Carter  
Ella Crockett  
Tiarna Croft  
Stephanie Kalverla  
Beau Medland

### APPLICATION AND EFFORT IN VISUAL DESIGN

Cerian Carter  
Lachlan Peters  
Sophia Truong



**THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS RECEIVED CAPA FACULTY PBL AWARD FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL MUSICAL – “BACK TO THE 80’S”:**

Jasmine Anderson-Ireland  
Rohan Baker-Wade  
Chelsea Bagnall  
Imogen Bean  
Ava Buckingham  
Noah Curry  
Lily Davies  
Phoebe Densley  
Charlie Dunn  
Isabella Faustini  
Jordan Faux  
Chloe Fedasz  
Millie Gallagher  
Jeremy Gameuda  
Tanneka Goff  
Leeza Goyal  
Katie-Rose Harwood  
Riley Hayden  
Sumara Hill

Amelia Johnson  
Chelsea Joyce  
Grace Kiehne  
Catherine Law  
Clarence Lawrence  
Josie McIntosh  
Emilia McIntyre  
Khyla McPherson  
Bailey Maier  
Emily Marquet  
Maggie Milne  
Phoebe Oldham  
Abigail Owen  
Kaitlyn Parish  
Maddison Parish  
Olivia Playford  
Charli Pluck  
Andrew Powell  
Savannah Pratt

Olivia Rachubinski  
Samantha Rachubinski  
Beckham Robson  
Karisma Robinson  
Zoe Roots  
Bianca Santiago  
McKayla Smith  
Tahlia Smith-Todd  
Annalise Stoessel  
Amelia Sutcliffe  
Kaj Taylor  
Ciena Tipping  
Katelyn Towney-Hooper  
Aimee Turner  
Anthony Twadell  
Aidan Upcroft  
Kayla Wright  
Chloe Wyborn  
Leteah Zwirek





## **YEAR 11/12 CROSSROADS PROGRAM 2018 ROADWHYZ PROGRAM**

"Crossroads" is a compulsory 25-hour course that all students must complete in Years 11/12 to satisfy the Department of Education's requirements.

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 students in Year **11** and **12** will participate in the Roadwhyz presentation. This highly engaging program is an excellent opportunity for students to gain invaluable education and insight into the dangers on our roads and how to prepare for a lifetime of safe driving. The presentation will run from 9:15am to 1pm. Students will need to bring books and equipment to resume normal timetabled lessons for Periods 4 and 5. The presentation will be held at in the school's MPC. Payment for this and other presentations is included in "Crossroads – Road Safety Education" which has been charged to student accounts.

**Please note that this program can be very confronting, students often have an emotional response to the program, however, teachers, the school well-being team and the school counsellor will be on hand to support them throughout the day.**

A detailed information note will be handed out to all students in Year 11 and 12 in relation to the day.



# Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver  
at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

**The next workshop in your area will be held:**

TIME & DATE: <b>Thursday 23 August 2018 6pm to 8pm</b>	VENUE: <b>Meeting Room Maitland Town Hall High St Maitland</b>	BOOK NOW ON: <b>Road Safety Officer 4934 9840 <u>BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL</u></b>
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**Helping learner drivers  
become safe drivers**



**Coolah**

4 Gilmore Street  
Coolah NSW 2383  
Phone: 0263 771343  
Fax: 0263 771877

**Hunter Valley**

PO Box 21 Lochinvar  
NSW 2321  
Phone 0249 306058  
Mobile: 0427 836076

24 July 2018

**Ref: Sexton Coaches**

Attention: The Principal

Dear Sir / Madam

This letter is to advise that Grace Coaches Pty Ltd has taken over the operation of the Transport for NSW school bus route services formerly operated by Sexton Coaches as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

The routes and times of the school bus services remain unchanged and the driver of each service remains the same. The school bus service will continue operate as it has done in the past.

If you could disseminate this information via your social media and school newsletter it would be much appreciated.

The contact details for Grace Coaches are as below.

Brad Barker (Operator)  
Phone: 02 4930 6058  
Mobile: 0427 836 076  
Email: [admin@gracecoaches.com.au](mailto:admin@gracecoaches.com.au)  
Web: [www.gracecoaches.com.au](http://www.gracecoaches.com.au)

For any enquiries we are available on the above numbers at any time and always welcome feedback.

We look forward to servicing your families into the future; please do not hesitate to contact us as required.

Most importantly we wish Colin and Betty Sexton all the very best in retirement.

Kindest Regards

Brad Barker  
Ph: 02 4930 6058  
Mob: 0427 836 076  
Email: [admin@gracecoaches.com.au](mailto:admin@gracecoaches.com.au)

# Could you become a foster carer?

'I feel it is my life's purpose to care for children'

'I want to be instrumental in giving children hope'

'We believe that we can offer a safe and loving home as a family'

'I am passionate about children and have an innate desire to help others'

'I come alive around children. They energise me and make me want to have fun'

'I cannot change the world but I can give a child a home'

'We have a house with so much space now that our children have left home!'

'I have an abundance of love to share and I believe I am very resilient'

'I have a deep understanding of the feelings young people in care can experience'

We'd love to talk to you... call 1800 WE CARE



**BE ACTIVE, STAY HEALTHY - OPEN FOR AGES 6 TO 17**

# **BRANXTON-GRETA LITTLE ATHLETICS**

**MILLER PARK, BRANXTON**

**SEASON STARTS LATE SEPTEMBER 2018  
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 5.15PM TO 7PM**

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**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!!**

**ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER CAN BE USED TO HELP  
COVER THE \$110 COST IF PAID IN AUGUST AND  
GOES UP TO \$120 IF PAID IN SEPTEMBER  
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LITTLE ATHLETICS**



*From us to You*

*From Us to You*

is an organisation that collects formal wear and accessories to give to teenagers for free so they can attend their formal in style and without financial stress.

**And they are coming to  
Maitland!**

The Student Support Officers at Rutherford Technology High School, Cessnock High School and Kurri Kurri High School are working with *From Us To You* to collect donations of formal wear and accessories (bags, jewellery, shoes) to make sure every young person in our community will have the opportunity to attend their Year 12 Formal in style.

The event will be held at **Maitland Basketball Stadium** on  
the **18th, August** from 10am to 2pm



If you would like to make a donation of formal wear you can drop it off at Maitland Basketball Stadium or

Drop off to Mary-Kate at Rutherford Technology High School

Drop off to Stacy at Cessnock High School

Drop of to Megan at Kurri Kurri High School



Donations for both boys and girls are needed and in all shapes and sizes!

Thankyou for supporting our local families!



# RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

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Telephone: 02 4932 5999  
Fax: 02 4932 8166

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Dear Parent/Caregivers

## **PA4E1 Consent Forms/Information Packs in the Mail Early Term 3**

Physical Activity for Everyone or PA4E1 is an Australian first program designed to help keep students physically active and healthy.

Our school has agreed to be part of a research trial of the program, where some schools get the program now and some schools get the program later. This lets the researchers find out if the program works, as they can see what is different between the schools who get the program now and those who get the program later. The researchers are asking Year 7 students if they would be happy to help with finding out if the program works. This will involve completing an online survey, wearing a physical activity monitor or accelerometer and having their height, weight and waist measured in Term 1 or 2 next year (2019).

An information pack will be mailed to all families with students in Year 7. It is in an envelope from Hunter New England Health and contains a letter and consent form. Please read the letter, complete the consent form and return it to Mr Thomas – Head Teacher PDHPE, or use the reply paid envelope provided. If you need another copy of the information pack please contact Mr Thomas.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Whiting', is written over a stylized blue outline of a triangle or a similar geometric shape.

Mr Michael Whiting  
Principal  
Rutherford Technology High School



### **COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL EARLY**

We appreciate and understand that Parents/Carers at times need to collect their child (or children) during class time or earlier than the end of the normal school day. We would like to remind parents/carers of the school procedures in this regard.

We advise Parents/Carers if they need to collect their child then it should be pre-arranged. A hand written note is to be sent with the child detailing the reason for early departure and the time, or alternatively an email can be sent, with the same information, to the school email address:

[rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

- If a parent/carer arrives to collect their child and it has not been pre-arranged, please be aware that it will take at least 15 minutes to have the student located and removed from class, which means the person collecting will have to wait in the front foyer.
- If a parent/carer contacts the school via telephone to inform that they will be collecting their child at a particular time they will be advised that this will not occur until they have actually arrived at the school and again it will take at least 15 minutes before the child will be at the front foyer. This is necessary protocol as the school has experienced situations where parents/carers do not arrive to collect the student at the specified time.
- The front office staff will not locate and remove students from class for collection from 3:00pm onwards unless in the case of an emergency.
- As you would be aware, disruptions to the classroom affects student's valuable learning time and these procedures are in place to minimise this occurring.
- In the case of an emergency, the school has alternative procedures in place.
- If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our School Administration Manager.

***Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this matter.***

### **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ASSESSMENT SUPPORT AT SCHOOL.**

Assessment/Assignment support is now available in the Ab Ed room at the following times:

Monday: Recess

Tuesday: Recess & Lunch

Wednesday: Recess

Thursday: Lunch

Friday: Recess

If you have any assignments/work you need to catch up on such as N Awards or if you would just like some extra assistance with work. Please come and see myself, Aunty Barb or Derek. We are located on the top of A block in the Ab Ed room just down from the Senior Study and the Learning Common.

**Matthew Marselos**

**Learning and Support Teacher**



# RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL



*Respect Responsibility Commitment*

30 Avery St. Rutherford 2320

Phone: 49325999

Fax: 49328166

Email: [rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Year 12 Jerseys - 2019

Each year the Year 12 Student Body design their own Commemorative Jersey – symbolising their final year of secondary schooling.

Each Jersey will have the student's first name on the front under the school emblem, and the student's choice of their surname or a 'nickname' in large font on the reverse. Please note that 'nicknames' must be socially acceptable and not offensive in any way.

As we endeavour to order these in time for the beginning of 2019, which includes a production time of 10 weeks, we are starting the process now to avoid disappointment.

The Jersey is an optional item and can be worn as part of the Year 12 uniform.

**The cost of the jersey is \$90.**

**Please note: All Year 11 ELECTIVE fees must be paid before your child's jersey is ordered.**

**ALL payments MUST be made by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

(No late payments can be accepted)

Payments can be made via cash, EFTPOS, cheque or Parent Online Payment (POP).

Please complete the slip below and return to the office.

Kind Regards,

Emma Basedow

Michael Whiting

Yr 12 Adviser – 2019

Principal

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### YEAR 12 JERSEY – 2019

This note is to be returned to the office with payment of \$90 for Jersey (plus Year 11 elective subject fees, if not already paid).

**Due: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (Last day of Term 3). No late payments or orders can be accepted.**

Student's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Jersey size: (XS-XXL) \_\_\_\_\_

Name you would like on the back (please use block letters): \_\_\_\_\_

Year 11 elective subject fees paid: Yes  No

Parent/carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Tuning in to Teens

## Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting program  
for parents of adolescents aged 12-18years

Where: Rutherford Technology High School  
Avery St, Rutherford

When: 9.15am - 11.15am Monday mornings  
Beginning 30th July for six sessions

Call Mary-Kate on 4932 5999 or email [Mary.ferguson13@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Mary.ferguson13@det.nsw.edu.au) to register your interest

Assisting you to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen
- be better at understanding your teen
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen
- teach your teen to deal with conflict



*Tuning in to Teens* shows you how to help your teen develop *emotional intelligence*.  
Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.



**You must register to attend the course as spaces are limited. It is open to any members of the community.**

# RTHS



# HOMWORK CENTRE

OUR TRAINED STAFF ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!!

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- N-Awards
- Catching up on missed work



WEDNESDAYS  
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# 2018/2019 Entertainment Book



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



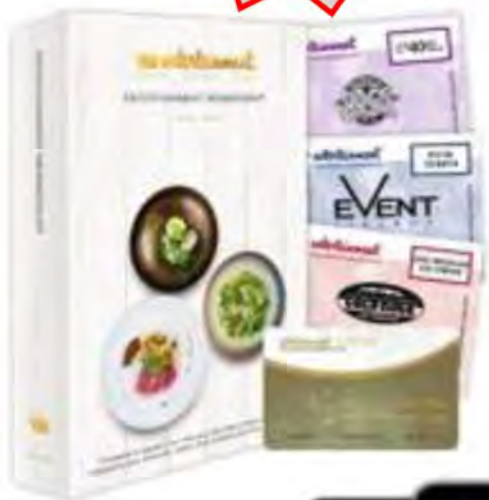
Support our school by ordering your **NEW 2018/2019 Entertainment Book** or **Entertainment Digital Membership** now. You will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

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

**EARLY BIRD OFFERS:** Customers who purchase before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 will receive valuable bonus Early Bird Offers that can start to be used straight away!

Entertainment Book or Digital Membership is only \$65.00. Orders, together with payment (cash only), can be taken at our school administration office or online (<http://www.entbook.com.au/3k4872>)

For further information please contact Lexi Fitzgibbon or Maxine Creek  
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Every sale contributes to our fundraiser, so purchase yours today!

### Rutherford Technology High School P&C Association

Contact: Lexi Fitzgibbon Phone: 02 49325999 Email: rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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Alternatively, please complete your details below

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Cardholder's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre- Purchase before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to receive Early Bird Bonus Offers you can use straight away! (Subject to availability)

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**How to Register:**

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**What Does it Cost?**

**Online Ordering Fees:** \$0.25 per canteen order

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Visa / Mastercard / PayPal – Surcharge of 15c + 1% of your top up value (immediately available on your Flexischools account)

Need assistance registering, topping up your account or placing orders, please call the Customer Service Team at Flexischools on 1300 361 769.

**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 ☺

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>6th August</b>	<b><i>Staff Development day</i></b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7th August</b>	<b><i>Shelly Sinclair</i></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8th August</b>	<b><i>Shelly Sinclair</i></b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9th August</b>	<b><i>Shelly Sinclair</i></b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10th August</b>	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13th August</b>	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14th August</b>	<b><i>Shelly Sinclair</i></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15th August</b>	<b><i>Shelly Sinclair</i></b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16th August</b>	<b><i>Shelly Sinclair</i></b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17th August</b>	<b>D Jones</b>





## Rutherford Technology High School UNIFORM SHOP

### OPENING HOURS:

**TUESDAY  
THURSDAY**

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>SIZE</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>TOTAL INCL GST</b>
<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			

# IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

## ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS

February 2018 update

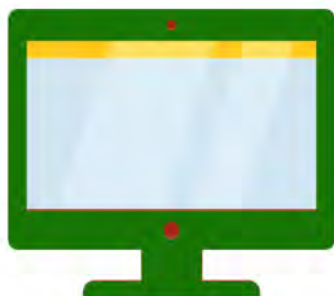
A **minimum standard** of literacy and numeracy is required for your child to receive their Higher School Certificate (HSC).



Meeting the HSC minimum standard will mean that your child has the literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for success in learning and life after school.

### THE ONLINE TESTS

Most students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing minimum standard online tests. Students master basic skills at different stages so there are **multiple opportunities** available to pass the tests, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.



There are three 45-minute online tests:

- ✓ a multiple choice **reading** test
- ✓ a multiple choice **numeracy** test
- ✓ a short **writing** test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt

### 2017 NAPLAN TESTS

If your child achieved Band 8s or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN tests they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

## TEST DATES

Students will have two opportunities a year, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12, to pass each online test.



The online test dates (school days only) for 2018 are:

- Term 1: 19 February to 23 March 2018
- Term 2: 21 May to 22 June 2018
- Term 3: 13 August to 14 September 2018
- Term 4: 5 November to 7 December 2018

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

To help your child understand what to expect in the online tests, they are encouraged to visit [educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard](http://educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard) to:

- ✓ try demonstration questions to get a feel for the test format
- ✓ view sample test questions and answers online

Your child's school may also organise short practice tests.



## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the minimum standard online tests, or an exemption from the HSC minimum standard requirement.

Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers to determine whether they are eligible for provisions. A Disability Provisions, Exemptions and Appeals policy, which contains further information, is available on the NESA website.

## MORE INFORMATION

Contact your child's school principal for more detailed information about the HSC minimum standard or visit the NESA website:

[educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard](http://educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard)

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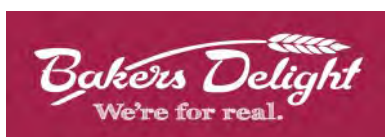
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Rutherford Technology High School has an Official Facebook Page – just go to Facebook and look for "Rutherford Technology High School NSW Official Site" and click on "Like".



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>