**WEEKLY EVENTS**

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**Core Values** - To Create an Environment which Nurtures and Values Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best

### Term 1, 2016

**Week 3**
- **Tue** 9/02/2016: 9:00am AECG Meeting - Hunter Valley Grammar School  
  6:30pm P&C Meeting
- **Thu** 11/02/2016: 10:00am to 2:00pm Maitland Zone PSSA Tennis Trials at Rutherford  
  3:30pm Multicultural Committee Meeting in the Library. All parents & community members are welcome to attend

**Week 4**
- **Tue** 16/02/2016: Scripture commences
- **Wed** 17/02/2016: 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start Maitland Zone Basketball Trials at Maitland Federation Centre
- **Fri** 19/02/2016: 9:00am for 9:30am start - Rugby League Zone Trials at Maitland No.1 Sportsground

**Week 5**
- **Tue** 23/02/2016: Zone Swimming Carnival  
  Hunter PSSA Cricket Trials
- **Thu** 25/02/2016: NRL Blitz Visit
- **Fri** 26/02/2016: Last day of Kindergarten finishing at 2:40pm  
  Hunter PSSA Tennis Trials at District Park

**Week 6**
- **Mon** 29/02/2016: Kindergarten now finish at 3:10pm  
  Hunter PSSA Girls Cricket Trials at Rutherford
- **Thu** 3/03/2016: Hunter PSSA Swimming at Maitland
- **Fri** 4/03/2016: School Cross Country Carnival  
  Hunter PSSA Basketball Trials

**Week 7**
- **Tue** 8/03/2016: 4:00pm Maitland AECG Meeting - Venue to be advised  
  Hunter PSSA AFL Trials at Maitland
- **Thu** 10/03/2016: Selective High School Placement Test

**Week 8**
- **Tue** 15/03/2016: 3:30pm Multicultural Committee Meeting in Library
- **Fri** 18/03/2016: School Athletics Carnival at Max McMahon Oval  
  Zone Netball Trials  
  Hunter Rugby League Trials at Raymond Terrace

**Week 9**
- **Mon** 21/03/2016: Harmony Day Morning Assembly  
  3:30pm Multicultural Committee Meeting in Library
- **Tue** 22/03/2016: Easter Scripture Assembly
- **Thu** 24/03/2016: Zone Winter Trials - Hockey and Soccer
- **Fri** 25/03/2016: Good Friday - Public Holiday

**Week 10**
- **Mon** 28/03/2016: Easter Monday - Public Holiday
- **Fri** 1/04/2016: Hunter PSSA Netball Trials

**Week 11**
- **Wed** 6/04/2016: NSW PSSA Diving  
  NSW PSSA Swimming - Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April
- **Fri** 8/04/2016: Hunter Trials - Hockey and Soccer  
  Last day of Term 1

### Term 2, 2016

**Week 1**
- **Mon** 25/04/2016: ANZAC Day - Public Holidays
- **Tue** 26/04/2016: First Day of Term 2
Welcome

A very warm welcome to all parents, students and staff to the 2016 school year. An especially warm welcome to all new members of our school community. Our school has a proud tradition of excellence in sporting, cultural and academic achievement.

Our priorities for 2016 will include:

- Continuing implementing the L3 program to further enhance teaching and learning in literacy;
- Implementation of the Teaching Efficient Numeracy Strategies (TENS) program;
- Continuing implementation of the new Australian English syllabus;
- Implementation of the Every Student Every School (ESES) program (the new procedures for supporting students with learning difficulties) and;
- Investigate the opportunities to use electronic and social media to improve communication.

These priorities among others will be best achieved with the continuing support of parents and families working with teachers in the best interests of children. I look forward to an exciting and successful year for the students of Rutherford Public School.

Tim Beaven, Relieving Principal

New Staff

This year we welcome Mrs Sharon Dow (5S) and Mr Chris Taylor (4/5C). We are continuing with having a LaST on each stage to work with teachers and students to support them in their academic and social development. This year, the LaSTs are Karen Jackson (S3), Jackie Tsang (S2), Gavin Gillard (S1) and Kate Jones (ES1).

A warm welcome to our new members of staff.

Swimming Carnival

Well done to all Rutherford Public School students at the Swimming Carnival last Friday. A big thank you to Kate Chan for coordinating the day. Thanks are also extended to the teachers and parents that gave up their day to make the carnival such a success.

Overall, it was a great carnival with many records broken on the day.

Class Placement

Children were placed into their 2016 classes on Friday afternoon.

Students have been placed according to the advice of their teachers, their learning and social needs, and where possible, their friendship choices.

There is a high demand for places at our school and we currently have 32 classes this year. At this time, we are unable to accept out of zone enrolments.

School Hours

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Please note there is no supervision after 3.10pm, with the exception of students catching buses.

School Band

School band lessons started back last week. Students are asked to meet in the computer room at 8:30am each Wednesday morning, and bring their instrument, stand and music to participate in band and their small-group lessons later in the day.

To all our new members starting, if you haven’t already, please see Mrs Bowman as soon as you arrive at school (preferably at 8:30am), to receive your instrument and time to come back during the day.

There are still spots available in our band this year, so if your child is interested, please come and see Mrs Bowman or Miss Ward to receive a note about what is available.

Thanks, Kirsty Ward, Band Coordinator

Catholic Sacraments in 2016

Please consider this an invitation to families who would like to prepare their children for the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2016.

If you feel as a family that you are ready to commit to the process, you will be invited to attend the second, parent-only meeting to be held in March 2016. At this meeting a more detailed explanation of the process will be given and resources needed to support you during the preparation process will be given out.

We look forward to meeting you and providing support to you and your children in this very special time in their journey of faith.

Please contact 4933 8918 for any further information.

Yours sincerely, Fr Paul O’Neill and the Sacraments of Initiation Team for the Maitland Area
The Mutual Bank@School

School banking has begun for this term. Banking must be brought to the school office before school each Thursday morning.

Some changes have now been made to how banking is collected. Money and a deposit slip is left

Weekly Assemblies

A whole school assembly is held each Monday morning beginning at 9:10am in the Quad, subject to good weather.

Stage assemblies will begin this week.

- Kindergarten Assembly  Friday  9:15am
- Stage 1 Assembly  Friday  10:45am
- Stage 2 Assembly  Wednesday  1:10pm
- Stage 3 Assembly  Thursday  1:10pm

Gate Entry Throughout the School Day

We would like to remind parents that only one school entry and exit gate will be unlocked between the hours of 9:30am and 2:30pm. The gate at the top of the main pathway leading to the glass entry doors near the Computer Room are the designated entry point to the school during the day. Parents should slide the bolt open to gain access, and slide it shut to latch the gate.

Your assistance is appreciated in ensuring the success of this safety precaution.

Contributions & Levies

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<td>$7.50 per child per term or $30 per child per year (for Year 1 to Year 6 children)</td>
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Kindergarten students are not required to pay the Equipment Levy as they purchase a Kindergarten Pack.

Second Hand Uniform Stall

Mondays

2:30pm to 3:00pm

P&C Shed behind the hall

Volunteers always welcome
Payments to the School Office
As you can imagine, receipting money for a school of 792 children is a massive job. We would like to ask parents to please be aware of the following when sending money to school.

- Please use a separate envelope for each child
- Clip lock bags make an excellent, reusable envelope
- Payments to P&C must be separate from payments to school
- Money (notes ie $5, $10, $20 etc) should be placed flat in the envelope/clip lock bag, not folded
- Our EFTPOS machine and/or accounting software is sometimes unavailable. We apologise for this inconvenience, and hope you understand it is beyond our control.
- Correct money should be placed in the envelopes

School Guidelines and Policy:
- EFTPOS operational times are 8:00am until 12:00pm
- No over the phone, fax or email transactions will be accepted
- No P&C transactions (hats, skorts, socks, stockings, fete, etc)
- No cash refunds or withdrawals
- Minimum transaction amount of $10.00
- Card must be presented with signature verification
The Mutual Student Banking at School

The Mutual visits our school each Thursday and collects the passbooks from the locked deposit box located in the school office. Passbooks are taken to the nearest Mutual branch, updated and returned to the school office the same day.

Students are invited to open a Mighty Mutual account and receive their own passbook to help keep track of their savings. To kick start your child’s savings journey, $10 will be deposited into your child’s account (maximum of $10). The address to open an account online is: www.themutual.com.au/rps

### Canteen Roster - 2016

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