RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

COMMITMENT

CALENDAR

9 April
Parent/Teacher Interviews
3pm – 6pm

12 April
Last day Term 1

1 May
Students Return Term 2

2 May
Athletics Carnival

Office Opening Hours
Please be aware the office is open on Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 8am
and 4pm and on Tuesday between 8am and
3:30pm. 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.

DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY - IT DOES WORK

Towards the end of 2012, Rutherford Technology High School and Genesis Fitness
Club at Rutherford started discussions into
ways that physical fitness could impact on
learning outcomes. This was the start of
the “Motivate” program where a group of
20 students travel to the Genesis gym at
Rutherford each Friday to take part in a
program where they will build resiliency,
develop respect, and experience positive
role models from the community. To
reinforce the importance placed on this
program by the school, Mr Michael
Whiting, School Principal, has also joined
the students in this program each week.

In an exciting development for the
students, John Pirlo, the owner of the
Genesis group of Fitness Clubs, organised
to run a workshop specifically for the
Rutherford students prior to taking them
through a “Shockwave” class. To add to the
excitement and relevance of the day, all
Executive Staff from Rutherford Technology
High School joined in the workshop and
Shockwave class.

John Pirlo is one of the most energetic
presenters in Australia. A master trainer
for Schwinn and Nautilus, he has certified
hundreds of instructors nationally and
internationally. John has also presented for
Adidas in China and has established himself
as a successful club operator/owner over
14 years. His management skills and
experience has given him valuable insight
into how to create successful programs,
which is now being put into place for
Rutherford students.

The partnership with Genesis is a true
demonstration of the way that a
community minded business can work with
a school to improve student learning
outcomes.

(Back Row l to r) Steve Cook (Manager Genesis Rutherford),
Michael Whiting (Principal), John Pirlo (Owner Genesis)
(Front Row l to r) Shelbea Riley, Hannah McDonagh,
Kylie Fabri (Head Teacher Welfare)

Executive Staff and Students listen to John Pirlo
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Our students have continued to accrue positive commendations at an amazing rate. At the end of Week 9 this term, there have been over 1,600 commendations written by teachers to acknowledge student achievement. Our PBL Celebration Assembly for term 1 will be held Monday 6th May where the following areas of student performance will be recognised:

- PBL Bronze/Silver/Gold and Platinum Certificates
- 100% Attendance
- Sports Awards
- Faculty Awards
- School Service

Faculty and Sports Awards are given to those students who best demonstrate the qualities of respect, responsibility and commitment. Students achieve Bronze status after 3 positive commendations, Silver after 6, Gold after 9 and Platinum after 12.

We are pleased to note that the great majority of students regularly observe the school’s uniform code, however a small percentage of the school population are not complying. We are currently enacting measures to manage non-complying students and we ask that parents support our endeavours here at the school, and ensure that students are wearing the correct jumper or jacket as the colder months approach.

And finally, Year 12 will be receiving their reports Friday 5th April.

Regards,
Greg Archbold
Deputy Principal

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Parent Teacher Evening – Tuesday 9 April 2013

We have planned an opportunity for parents to discuss student progress on Tuesday 9 April 2013, from 3pm – 6pm. Unfortunately we are experiencing technical difficulties with the on-line booking system and will therefore revert to manual bookings on this occasion.

The staff and I hope you will take this opportunity to make an appointment with your child’s teachers. If you are unable to attend, please ring the school for an appointment to discuss any issues with your child’s class teacher or Year Adviser.

Students have been issued with a booking form. We hope that you have taken the opportunity to indicate the teachers you wish to meet with and the time that is most suitable. Your child will then take this form to their teachers to finalise appointment times. Each teacher will confirm the appointment time that is suitable, thus avoiding a double booking.

Interviews will be approximately five (5) minutes duration. Early bookings will ensure the time slot you prefer.

We look forward to you joining us on the Parent/Teacher evening.

Michael Whiting
Principal

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RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - EMAIL DETAILS

The Rutherford Technology High School newsletter is issued fortnightly via email. The newsletter contains important information for parents/families. To ensure that you receive your copy please advise your email address on the form below. If you prefer to have the newsletter mailed home to you, please let us know.

The newsletter is also sent out to all student email accounts and is available via the school website at www.rutherford-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

I would like to receive my copy of the school newsletter by: ○ Email ○ Normal Mail

Student Name/s: …………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parents/Careers Names: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

Please send my email copy of the school newsletter to the following email address:
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(print email address clearly)

Please return completed form to the Front office.
**Visits to Ultrafloor**
The Year 10 Work Studies class recently visited Ultrafloor at Rutherford, a privately owned Australian company that provides the Australian construction sector with innovative precast concrete flooring solutions. Ultrafloor manufacture a wide range of precast concrete beams and lintels for residential and commercial projects from houses to high rise and everything in between. Students toured the factory, seeing how the concrete is precast and built to high quality standards. They particularly enjoyed the testing laboratory where the concrete is stress tested to breaking point. Many thanks to the management at Ultrafloor who made this visit possible and took time out of what is a very busy routine to talk with students and explain the manufacturing process.

**Rutherford Student to receive NSW Mining Scholarship**
Rutherford Technology High School student Adam Hart has been awarded a NSW Mining Scholarship from the NSW Minerals Council. Adam, who is in Year 11, was nominated for the scholarship in recognition of his commitment to his Science and Maths studies.

The scholarship will ensure that Adam receives financial support during Year 11 and Year 12, with the potential to continue this support if he studies a minerals related subject at university.

As part of his scholarship Adam has been appointed a company mentor from Integra Coal Operations who will provide industry support for Adam during his senior studies.

NSW Minerals Council CEO, Stephen Galilee, says “Whether you’re a student or someone looking for a new challenge, NSW mining is an exciting and rewarding industry to be a part of with big opportunities, big potential and big careers on offer”. “NSW Miners can live and work in established communities like Rutherford, Maitland, Cessnock and Newcastle and it’s a career that can take you around the world”.Congratulations Adam – this is a great achievement.

**Telstra Foundation – Kids Fund**
Permanent Telstra Group employees can apply for a Telstra Kids Fund grant of up to $1,200 to support a project or activity run by a non profit organisation involving a child aged 18 years or under in their immediate family. This includes a child, sibling, stepchild, adopted child, foster child, niece, nephew, grandchild or child of a de facto partner.

Telstra Kids Fund provides grants for arts & culture, disability, education, environment, health, sport & recreation and valuing cultural diversity. Requests can be for items such as musical instruments, team uniforms, educational resources, sport & recreation equipment, and minor building works such as pathways, covered areas, etc.

If any parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts or uncles of our students are permanent Telstra Group employees we would appreciate if you could contact our Community Liaison Officer, Mrs Maryka Gibson, in order to discuss a possible application under the Telstra Kids Fund program.
Rutherford Technology High School has launched its 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](http://www.facebook.com/RutherfordTechnologyHighSchool)

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**CHESS**

The Chess team, consisting of Sean Haberfield (Year 12), Luke Hall (Year 10), Troy Gibbs (Year 9) and Wade Carter (Year 12), won their first round game against ASC St Josephs on Tuesday. All boys played well and we were very thankful to Wade who filled in at the last minute and secured the win for our team.

**SKATEBOARDS & SCOOTERS**

*ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL, EXCEPT ON THURSDAYS IF DOING SCOOTERING.*

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**KNITTING NEEDLES WANTED**

Year 11 Early Childhood students are about to learn how to knit and crochet. If you, or anyone you know, have any knitting needles, crochet hooks, or wool that could be donated to the school it would be very much appreciated. Knitting patterns would also be useful.

If you are able to donate any of these items, please drop them off at the school for Mrs Lyn Wicks in the Home Economics Department.

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013**

The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program is running again in 2013.

**It’s simple to participate:** from Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths, collect points from the checkout operator and place them on point sheets. There’ll be one point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, place the point sheets in the collection box, either at the school or at your local Woolworths.

**Woolworths** is again partnering with Modern Teaching Aids – Australia’s biggest supplier of resources for schools. Which means the school can choose the resources based on our school needs.

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Students are asked to have mobile phones switched OFF during class time, and out of sight. Students phones will be confiscated by the teacher if found out during class time.

Parents are asked NOT to contact students on their mobile phone during school hours. In case of emergency, please contact the school directly on 4932 5999.

Students are asked to follow correct procedures if sick or needing to go home. They must notify class teacher / obtain note/ report to sick bay. The front office staff will phone caregiver.

**STUDENTS ARE NOT TO CONTACT THEIR PARENTS USING MOBILE PHONES**

Unscheduled collection of students can be disruptive to classes. Parents will be asked to wait until the end of a lesson for a student to be called to the Front Office.

The school does not accept nor take responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of any device at school or school associated event.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be **closed** on Tuesday 30 April, 2013 (Staff Development Day) & Thursday 2 May, 2013 (School Athletics Carnival)

In order to accommodate uniform purchases at the start of Term 2, the uniform Shop will therefore open on Wednesday 1 May 2013 from 8am—12midday

**UNIFORM SHOP – WINTER STOCK NOW AVAILABLE**

A reminder that the Uniform Shop has a good supply of Winter Uniforms. This includes:

- Fleecy Hooded Jackets $40
- Microfibre Jackets $65
- Knitted Jumpers $72
- Track Pants $38
- Long Black Pants $39
- Scarves $20

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday morning during term from 8am—12midday, and on Thursday afternoons from 12.30 pm—4.30 pm.

Payment may be made by cash or EFTPOS/Credit Card – please note that cheques cannot be accepted.
**Senior Study**

With the school holidays only one week away it is timely to remember that Year 12 are now half way through their HSC course and only have 2 terms of school left to go. The school holidays will be a good opportunity for Year 12 to take some time out to relax and recharge their batteries. It is however, important that students spend some time during the holidays ensuring that they are up to date with all classwork and assessment task work. Unfortunately there are a significant number of Year 12 students who have not handed in assessment tasks on time and consequently have outstanding N award warnings. So as not to put the HSC at risk, students with N Award warnings need to complete the outstanding work and submit it to their teachers as a matter of urgency.

Now is also the time to start planning ahead by writing topic summaries for all work completed so far in each HSC subject. This will put students in a much better position when it comes time for trial and HSC exams. Planning ahead and being prepared helps to reduce anxiety and stress.

The following subjects have assessment tasks due for completion:

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If you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress in their HSC year please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kris Turner
Senior Study Coordinator

**BOYS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**

The Boys Engagement Program has two groups of Year 8 and Year 9 boys running this semester. Pictured is the boys’ “Piranha Program” which is coordinated by Mr Newham and student mentored by Nathan Saxby of Year 8.

The boys engage in activities outside of the normal classroom and have so far this year been helping the schools PBL initiative by supporting the schools litter program. The boys have been designing and painting bins to look more aesthetically pleasing in the playground and have recently completed painting the outside wall of one of our buildings.

The program is aimed at enhancing engagement in the school community. The boys are doing a terrific job of displaying the school’s core values of Respect, Responsibility and Commitment.

**CANTEEN ROSTER 2013**

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HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE 10S3 CAR RACE CHALLENGE?

The challenge is out. Which group in 10S3 can make the fastest Lego car?

First step: The planning and the construction phase.
- Ooraya and Tegan
- Skye, Brooke, Shaylee
- Lily and Luke
- Jack, Matthew, Jake, Jed

Second step: The testing stage and collection of data.
- Harry, Jaidyn, Ryan
- Chelsea and Kellie

Third step: Measurement and analysis of the tape to determine the velocity of the Lego car and then to calculate the acceleration.

Fourth step: Announcement of the winners and presentation of the inaugural 10S3 Car Race Challenge Cup.
- Winners to be announced next Newsletter
Mother’s Day at the Sebel
Afternoon Tea Soiree in Manor Garden*
Sunday 12 May 2013

- From 12noon to 3pm
- High Tea style buffet
- Candy buffet
- Gift for all Mums

- Adults $55.00
- Teenagers (13-17 years) $30.00
- Children (5-12 years) $20.00
- Children 4 and under FREE

*Garden location subject to weather conditions.

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Happy Mother’s Day!