SCHOOL MUSICAL

This year over 60 students from Rutherford Technology High School, ranging from Year 7 to Year 12, have been rehearsing for this year’s school musical. The show is called Bye Bye Birdie and has been a major hit on Broadway.

Set in 1950s America, rock’n’roll star Conrad Birdie (Liam Faustini) has been drafted into the army, but before he goes, his agent (Blake Wilkins) has one big publicity stunt left to try. Conrad will sing one last song on national television and kiss a randomly chosen girl (Ashlee Brown) as a symbol of farewelling his fans, then release the record and make millions! Sounds like a good plan, until romance, jealousy and lust get in the way…..

The show stars RTHS talent such as Blake Wilkins, Eula Pacamalan, Zoe Fletcher, Ashlee Brown, Jack Williams, Grace Quilty, Josh Buscombe, Declan Johnson, Kellie Taylor and MANY MORE!

The show is on at 7PM Wednesday 18th June and Thursday 19th June in the RTHS MPC (school hall)

Tickets will be available SOON at the front office:
$8 for student and concession
$10 for adults
$30 for a family of four

We look forward to seeing you all there.
ADMINISTRATION - ABSTUDY UPDATE

Centrelink conducts enrolment checks of students in receipt of student assistance payments from the Commonwealth in each term. The aim of these checks is to identify Centrelink customers who have changes in their enrolment details to ensure prompt student assistance payments.

In order to qualify for payment of Abstudy School Term Allowance, a student must attend school for a minimum of 85% of days in a school term. Calculating the 85% attendance only unapproved and unauthorised absence from school are taken into account.

So it is important to:
Match the name on your child’s school enrolment form to the name on the Centrelink file.
Arrive at school on time and be at Roll Call.
Attend and participate in all classes.
Explain all absences as soon as possible.

If I can help you, please contact me.

Gayle Williams
HT Administration

OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME FOR CODY SWEETMAN & JAC GARDINER

On Sunday, 1st June, Cody and Jac will be throwing their bags onto a bus to head up to the Tweed Valley in northern NSW. They will be spending a week participating in a Youth Leadership Project that will encourage and develop skills in leadership, initiative, resilience, problem solving and team work. Can you ‘see’ Cody and Jac doing these types of activities?

By Monday, 9th June, they might be too tired to come to school after a hectic week. When they do front up, they will have changed. No one, after experiencing an Outward Bound Course, is ever the same as before they went.

Congratulations Jac and Cody on your selection from many nominations throughout the state.
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Kris Turner
Head Teacher Welfare (Relieving)

SENIOR STUDY

Welcome back to Term Two! This will be a very short but busy term with only 9 weeks until the next holidays. Students will have many assessment tasks coming up shortly and should be checking their assessment schedules for the due dates. There is a list below of some of the assessment tasks due in the next few weeks.

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A reminder to students that the Band 6 Strategy tutoring sessions will continue this term. Students need to put their names down on the list in the Senior Study. This is a valuable opportunity for students to receive some extra help, especially in the lead up to the trial HSC exams which will be held in early Term 3. Students are reminded that the Senior Study is a valuable space for completing class work and assessments. Make sure you have work with you to complete and utilise this time well.

There is a mandatory excursion to the 2014 Hunter Valley Career Expo which will be held on Friday 23rd May. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to ask questions about the careers in which they are interested in. The cost is $7.00 and payment is to be made to the front office. Notes need to be returned to Mrs Elliott.

Belinda Boughton
Senior Study
RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

BYE BYE BIRDIE

7PM 18th & 19th June, 2014
Rutherford Technology High School MPC
Tickets available at the Front Office
$8 Student/Concession
$10 Adult   $30 Family of Four
Fire and Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn more about home fire safety.

Should you require further information please visit [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au) or click on this link [2014 Open Day Participating Stations](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au) to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.

**HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE**

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2014, and you'll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family.

Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

**CAREER NEWS**

Hunter Valley Careers Expo is being held on Friday 23 May at Maitland Basketball Stadium, all students in Years 10, 11 & 12 are expected to attend this excursion.

University of Newcastle Summer School

Year 9 students have the chance to experience University life for a week. University of Newcastle Summer School applications are now open. The dates are 7-11 December (Girls), 14-18 December (Boys). If you are interested please see Mrs Elliot Careers Advisor or Mr Newham Year Advisor for applications.

Indigenous Students

If you are interested in Engineering and IT experience Galuwa @ UTS are offering an opportunity of a 5 day program running from 30 June to 4 July, if you are interested please see Mrs Elliott in Careers.

A First Aid course has been arranged for Year 11 & 12 students. Students that are completing the following subjects need to do the First Aid course as part of their modules—Sports Coaching & Hospitality. The First Aid course is on 19 May at school and the cost is $65.00.

*Debby Elliot - Careers Advisor*
SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

Welcome back to term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed the school holidays and the Easter break. This term has many major events occurring in a short 9 week period: our Athletics Carnival, semester 1 reports, NAPLAN, the school musical, our business breakfast, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC celebrations.

As a leader of a school, one of the things I love doing most is learning new things. Much to the embarrassment of my family I ask a thousand questions when I am with someone new or I am in a new place. My mother used to always say that I would never die wondering! As parents we know that when our kids are young they ask questions about everything!! Why is the sky blue, how come tennis balls have fur on them, why do QLD keep winning.

This is the way that children learn and whilst this can be tiring, it is also extremely fun and meaningful to be a part of. It is very sad that the older our children and students get the less inquisitive they become. One of the key learning skills to being an effective learner is questioning - asking why, how come, what if. These are important questions and help us make sense of the world in which we live. As we enter term 2 I would encourage all students to ask more questions and parents around the dinner table. Ask your students what questions they asked in class that day. Then you will know that your child is actively participating in their learning. You as a parent or carer will gain a deeper understanding of the 21st century learning skills that your child or children are learning at school.

School Development Day

Staff undertook an extensive professional development day on Monday 28th April based on “Problem Based Learning.” A number of local businesses were also involved in the day with staff taking a hands on approach to address issues raised by the various businesses. Kylie Fabri and Marilyn Porter must be thanked for their efforts in organising a very rewarding day. Thanks to the following businesses for their support:

List of businesses

- RSPCA
- Harvey Norman
- Clements Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Electrical
- Maitland City Council
- Joyce Mayne
- Kirkwood's
- Bradford Hotel
- Howard’s Storage World
- IGA
- Pure Indulgence
- Maitland Mutual
- Maitland Mercury
- Premier Martial Arts

Parent/Teacher Evening

Thank you to all the parents and staff who gave up their time for the parent/teacher evening in the last week of Term 1. Please provide any feedback on how the evening could be improved to meet your needs. There is a tear off section for feedback at the end of the newsletter.

P&C

A reminder that the school P&C meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6.00pm in the Staff Common Room. It is a great group of people targeting the educational needs of students in the school. Some of the larger items funded by the P&C in the last few years include:

- Stage curtains in the hall
- Technology lab in the Library
- School bus

We welcome any new parents or citizens who wish to attend.
ANZAC Day

On Friday 25th April, a number of students represented our school at various marches and memorial services. We were proud to see so many of our students and families honouring and remembering the sacrifice that our Australian armed forces made. On Tuesday 29th April, a whole school ANZAC ceremony took place. Students demonstrated a high amount of respect and empathy for those who have been affected by war.

NAPLAN

In week 3 students in years 7 and 9 will be sitting NAPLAN assessments. I encourage those students to revise the outcomes they have learned over the last year and if they have any questions then to speak to their teachers. NAPLAN at our school will be organised exactly the same as the practice NAPLAN that students completed at the end of Term 1.

STAFF NEWS

A number of staff are on leave this term and the following changes will take place

Mr Daly will be replaced by Mr Clunies-Ross
Ms Voorbij will be replaced by Ms Dixon
Mrs McCartney will be replaced by Ms Turner and Ms Boughton. Ms Boughton will also be working in the senior study
Ms Boughton will be replaced by Ms Muller

We welcome all new staff to RTHS.

WINTER UNIFORMS

Students have been reminded at assembly of the correct winter uniform. School jumpers are available at our uniform shop. Students are not allowed to wear denim jeans to school. Tights or short shorts for female students are not considered correct or appropriate uniform. If your family is experiencing financial difficulty and would like assistance with uniform please contact Ms Young or Mr Whiting.

There will be extensive uniform monitoring this term and all students are expected to be in full school uniform.

JACKET SALE

Thank you to Daylight Sportswear for placing our "hoodies" on sale for the last 2 weeks of term 1. All students purchasing a jacket were placed in a draw for an Ipod Touch, kindly donated by Harvey Norman. The winner was Reece Threadgate from Year 7.

ATTENDANCE AND LATE STUDENTS. DID YOU KNOW?

Missing one day a week of school from K-10 means missing two years and one term of schooling. There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.

Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers who have to continually re-teach information and skills.

Being half an hour late to school each day from K-10 equals missing one year and one-and-a-half terms of schooling.

Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.

Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.

Students are expected to be at school before 9am. If a student is late he/she must bring a note from a parent or carer. The grandstand opposite the school is out of bounds before school. Students are expected to walk straight to school in the morning.

Kylie Fabri
Deputy Principal (Rel)
YEAR 12 REPORT

Year 12 led by example at the Athletics Carnival. Much success on the day came from their fancy dress, effervescent enthusiasm, barbequing skills and fair play in their win during the staff versus students relay.

The jerseys have been ordered, and will not be issued until they are paid for in full.

The Formal is underway and it is important that all paperwork relating to this and other matters is returned when requested. Please continue to pay fees and revise work regularly.

Some students have volunteered to give blood - a very commendable act indeed.

Well done Year 12 - keep up the excellent effort!

Kevin McMullen
Year 12 Advisor

WELFARE NEWSLETTER

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Head Teacher Welfare (Relieving)
RYDA ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION - YEAR 11 FIELD TRIP
On Friday 20th June 2014, students in year 11 will have the opportunity to participate in the Ryda Road Safety Education field day at Tocal College.

A kind sponsorship from Maitland Lions Club means the cost per student is only $15 (actual cost is $60). This highly engaging and interactive program is an excellent opportunity for your child to gain invaluable education and insight into the dangers on our roads, and how to prepare for a lifetime of safe driving. Further and more detailed information has been handed out to all Year 11 students in a permission note.

Please note that this program qualifies towards the compulsory 25 hour “Crossroads” course that all students must complete in Year 11.

Dave Thomas
HT PD/HPE

VACCINATIONS

Vaccination Day for Year 7 Girls and Year 9 Boys will be Wednesday 21st May 2014 in the library. Attendance on this day is essential in order to complete your vaccination program this year. As usual any student who is a little anxious is advised to come to the library early (after 8.30am) to have their vaccination done. Any student who has not returned their form please do so or see Mrs Young in the Science faculty.

Anne Young
Girls Advisor
A recent article published in The Sydney Morning Herald revealed an alarming snapshot of the mental health of high school students, with one in three girls and a quarter of boys depressed, with many turning to violence, alcohol and unwanted sex to cope with problems.

The study of almost 4500 year 7 to 12 students also revealed that 34 per cent of girls and 30 per cent of boys felt constantly under strain and unable to overcome difficulties. The findings, from Resilient Youth Australia, have prompted calls for the federal government to make emotional resilience lessons part of the national curriculum.

Other findings revealed more than half had low levels of resilience and of those, 43 per cent felt violence was an appropriate way to solve relationship issues, a third were drinking at dangerous levels, and one in four lacked the confidence to say no to unwanted sexual experiences, while 16 per cent feel it necessary to carry a weapon.

Andrew Fuller, a clinical psychologist and director of Resilient Youth Australia, said many young people lack the basic skills of impulse control, conflict resolution and relationship-building to help them cope with life's challenges.

Emerging research suggests teaching children how to regulate their emotions not only helps reduce stress and anxiety but can boost academic performance. By teaching emotional resilience, schools can educate the whole child, rather than just focussing on a narrow band of literacy and numeracy, by emphasising factors such as good relationships with adults, engagement at school and a sense of empowerment which protect them against engaging in violence, alcohol abuse and dropping out.

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**Pilates Ball & Band**
- Build core & pelvic floor strength
- Achieve tone & definition
- Improve flexibility
- Correct posture

Classes run for 45 minutes in duration at Telarah Lagoon every Thursday at 4pm. They are suitable for all fitness levels at $15 per person or you can purchase a 10 class pass for $100! If you would like to attend please call or text us on 0458 096 705 to secure a spot ASAP as class numbers are limited.

Class time/ day not suitable?? That's ok… organise 3 or more friends, family members or work colleagues to join you & we’ll run one to cater specifically for you in your home or venue of choice!
ROTARY AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND STUDENT EXCHANGE
2015 PROGRAM EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN

This program is designed for 14-16 year old students (In Year 8, 9 or 10 in 2015) to experience a true ‘exchange’ with a family in New Zealand.

Local Students are matched with a New Zealand student and the New Zealand student will attend school in Australia during Term 2, 2015. Both students then return to New Zealand and attend school there for Term 3, 2015.

The students’ family hosts the NZ student and includes them in their normal family life. This is an exciting way to experience another culture with the support of Rotary.

More information and expression of interest forms can be found at www.ranzse.org

Expressions of interest close 30 June 2014

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UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop has plenty of stock for the cooler mornings, winter jackets, trackpants.

Online ordering is available through the school website. Click on the Daylight logo to enter and you pay via Paypla or Credit card. Orders can be picked up from the Uniform Shop, also phone orders are welcome.

Hours of Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.00am to 12 noon
Thursday 12.30pm to 4.30pm

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Parent/Teacher Evening Term 1

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   Comment: ____________________________________________________________

3. I prefer the on-line booking system  Yes/No
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4. Thoughts on improving the evening.
   Comment: ____________________________________________________________

Thank you