



Our mission is to provide children with...

- a love of learning
 - a pride in achievement
 - a respect for themselves and others
- ...in a safe and happy environment

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Messages from Mr Gadd

Welcome to School Disco

Unfortunately due to inclement weather we were unable to proceed with the welcome to school disco last week. As it turned out the weather was alright in the afternoon but in the morning, when we needed to make the decision it was not looking that way.

At this stage there has not been a new date selected for the disco and BBQ as we are struggling to find a suitable time when there is not something else happening either in the school or community. We will discuss this at the next P & C meeting and keep you informed.

Class Rules

An important part of managing classrooms is explicitly teaching students the expected behaviours that make each class run smoothly. Starting in the next fortnight each class will be adding some new, simple class rules to their daily routines and teachers will be explicitly teaching students what each of these behaviours looks like and sounds like. Our aim is to have a consistent approach across the school that is easily supported by all members of the school community. Each class will have some very simple posters as reminders for the students and teaching resources for the teachers. Many of our students already have these skills, but for those who don't or just need a reminder this system works very well. An example of the posters that you will see in each class is below. This programs is not replacing any other programs, it is simply supporting them.



Hand up and wait



Listen



Stay seated



Work quietly



Respect

Thank You Highway Ford

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Highway Ford for their donation of \$200 to our school. Highway Ford donates an amount of money for every car they sell to someone who mentions our school. We appreciate their wonderful support and would like to encourage families to please support businesses that support our school.

Maroon Day

Thank you for the wonderful support last week for Maroon Day. Our school managed to raise \$402.55 to support the Queensland flood victims.

Thank you, Tony Gadd

2011 Calendar

Wednesday 23 February	Kindergarten Photos for Mercury
Friday 25 February	RTHS Principal Visit
Tuesday 1 March	RTHS Information Night
Thursday 3 March	Badge Presentation, The Magic Words Performance
Friday 4 March	Slice Drive Orders Due
Tuesday 8 March	P&C AGM
Wednesday 9 March	Read With Me
Friday 18 March	Slice Drive Delivery
Friday 1 April	School Photos
Monday 4 April	School Photos
Friday 8 April	Last Day of Term

Visit From Mr Michael Whiting, Principal Rutherford Technology High School

An invitation is extended to all Year 6 parents to meet with Mr Whiting regarding Year 7 plans for 2012. The visit will be on Friday 25 February at 9.30am in our school hall.

Rutherford Technology High School Year 6 Information Night

The Principal and Staff at Rutherford Technology High School are delighted to invite Year 6 students and their parents to attend an Information Night on Tuesday 1 March from 5.00 – 6.00pm in the Main Hall at Rutherford Technology High School.

You will hear about the school, the subjects offered, and how your child will be assisted in the transition from primary to high school.

Badge Presentation

On Thursday 3 March at 9.30am will be our Badge Presentation. Students elected as House Captains, Student Council and Library Monitors will be presented with their badges. All parents are invited to attend.

Visiting Performance

On Thursday 3 March Brainstorm Productions will be visiting the school to perform "The Magic Words" for all classes.

The play will focus on issues of the giving and receiving of respect and will assist students to discover that feeling proud of your actions and cooperating to reach a goal is important in our lives. The show involves a spectacular finale with singing and dancing from around the world which will reinforce the message that wherever you are, some words have powers that can change people's attitudes and the way teachers, parents and others relate to you!

The cost will be \$4.50 per student payable to your child's class teacher. Permission notes will follow next week.

Year 5 Camp

Notes for the Year 5 Camp were given to students last week. Please see the office if your child did not receive a note. All medical, consent and participation forms need to be returned to Mrs Dorrian as soon as possible. A deposit of \$50 needs to be paid by Friday 25 March. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gadd or Mrs Dorrian if you have any concerns regarding the camp.

Read With Me

All parents / grandparents are invited to attend Read With Me to be held on Wednesday 9 March at 9.20am in their child's classroom. Please come along and support your children's reading at school and encourage reading at home. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Hats and Water Bottles

Please remind your children to bring their hat and water bottle to school every day. Remember, No Hat No Play.

Head Lice – Monday Night is Nit Night!

Could all parents please remember to regularly check your child's hair for head lice. If you find any lice please treat your child's hair immediately before they return to school.

Bus Pass – Year 3

If your child is in Year 3 this year they will need to reapply for a bus pass. Please see the office for further details.

Student Emergency Contacts

All students should have received their new Emergency contact sheet last week (orange). It would be appreciated if parents could complete the form (double sided) and return as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Student Absences

A friendly reminder that all student absences must be explained. Parents are able to phone the school or send a note to the class teacher explaining why their child was absent from school. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Asthma

If your child suffers from Asthma a new information sheet needs to be completed. Please see the office for further information.

P&C AGM

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 8 March at 7.00pm in the old school library. All parents are invited to attend.

P&C Supa Slice Drive

Each family should have received their Supa Slice Drive Order Form last week. All orders and money need to be returned to the office by Friday 4 March. The delivery date is Friday 18 March. If you did not receive an order form please see the front office.

P&C Subscription

Each family will be receiving a P&C Subscription Card in the next few days. The annual subscription fee is \$1.00 and this enables you to become a financial member for the P&C. This entitles you to attend all meetings and to have an input into how the Association is conducted and how funds are raised and utilised. You are invited to become an active member and to take part in all the activities for the year. Please return your P&C Subscription Card to the front office.



Maitland Hockey
Hotline - 0421 831 309
www.maitlandhockey.org.au



Hook n2 Hockey
Only \$40
Includes all equipment to keep
+ 2 Week skills introduction
Wed. nights - 5pm from Feb 23
Register online or by phone



Kookaburras
Under 7's & Under 10's
Only \$60
Includes rego. and all games
Wednesday nights from March 16

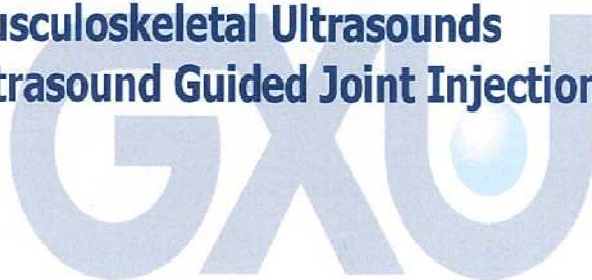
Under 13's and 18's – Mixed
Tues. & Wed. nights from 6pm
Women's Comp. – Sat. from noon
Men's Intercity Comp – Weekends



Greenhills X-ray and Ultrasound is located directly across the road from Stockland Greenhills Shopping centre with free parking on site. We offer a wide range of x-ray and ultrasound procedures, most of which are bulk-billed, which means **FREE OF CHARGE** to you!!

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Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

Do you have a Health Care Card or a Pension Card?

If you answered yes to these two questions then you could be eligible for the Saver Plus program.

The Smith Family is now offering the Saver Plus program in your area.
To find out more, phone 1300 610 355.

You can also contact, **Christine Buckley**, the Saver Plus Coordinator, on **4927.8385** or email christine.buckley@thesmithfamily.com.au.

