



## *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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We have received advice this week that there is to be a change in our school counsellor. Rebecca Moore has been the counsellor at our school for the last 8 years and will now be moving to work at Kurri Kurri and Nulkaba Public Schools. She will remain on our local counselling team continuing to work with students and families at the Maitland Tutorial Centre and Rutherford Technology High School.

Our new Counsellor will be Emma Martin, she will start working with us from next Term. Rebecca will be supporting Emma and the school in the transition between the counsellors.



The first day of Term 2 is a staff development day for all staff and is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Students are to return on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Staff development days are very important to us and ensure that we are all working together to deliver quality teaching and learning experiences to our students.

In Term 2 our focus will be to review our systems that support student welfare at our school including the positive reward system, individual education and behaviour plans with a particular focus on catering for the needs of each individual student. We will also be taking the opportunity to learn more about the technology we have at our finger tips to support students in the classroom.



Our school Anzac Service will be held on Thursday 28 April at 10.00am. This is the students first day back in Term 2 and is an important part of their learning about ANZAC Day.



Our annual Easter Hat Parade will take place in the hall on Friday 8 April at 10.30am. The P&C raffle will be

drawn at the end of the parade at about 11.20am. We hope to see many parents and supporters on Friday.



Brendon (Bumpy) Crouch has been successful in gaining selection in the Hunter Regional Boys Hockey side to contest the NSW PSSA State Carnival later in the year. Bumpy joins Bryce Pratt as our second regional representative in 2011. Bryce is a member of the Hunter PSSA Tennis Team.



## **2011 Calendar**

<b>Tuesday 5 April</b>	<b>Wetlands Excursion, P&amp;C Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday 6 April</b>	<b>Wetlands Excursion</b>
<b>Friday 8 April</b>	<b>Easter Hat Parade, Last Day of Term</b>
<b>Wednesday 27 April</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
<b>Thursday 28 April</b>	<b>Students Return Term 2</b>
<b>Wednesday 4 May</b>	<b>Mothers Day Stall</b>



Highway Ford has very kindly donated a further \$100 towards supporting our students. Highway Ford donates \$50 from each sale when people mention our school!



Students in Years 1 and 2 are off to the Hunter Wetlands at Shortland on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please pack plenty of good food and water, a hat and a raincoat... just in case.



We have had a great time over the last couple of weeks getting into some serious debating! At the time of going to print we know that 2B won the hard fought Year 2 competition. Other grades are still arguing furiously to decide on the grade champions. Medals will be awarded to the winning teams at a short assembly on Thursday at 12.30pm.

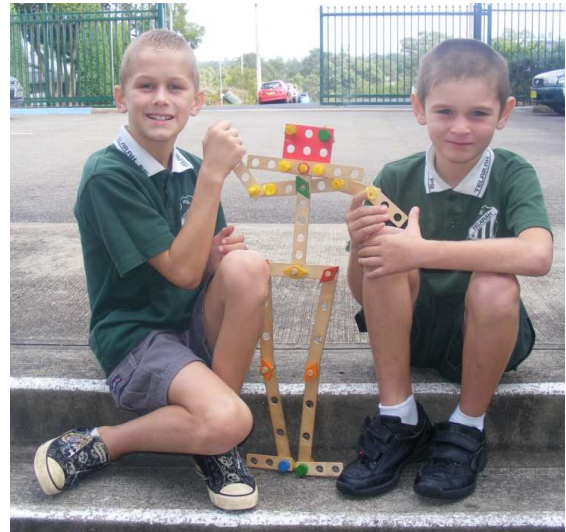
Special thanks to Mr Thompson and the students from Rutherford Technology High and Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Elizabeth Bowyer and Mrs Fleming for their support. Also special thanks to our team of adjudicators from 6K.



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.



Congratulations to Tyler and Jake for their fantastic work these past weeks with Mary. "This is our robot man we built using wooden mecano". Well done boys, keep up the good work next term!



Remember Monday night is nit night where we ask parents to 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.



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.



Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 April at 7.00pm in the old school library. All parents are invited to attend.



All students should have received their Easter Raffle Tickets. More tickets are available from the front office. All tickets need to be returned by Thursday 7 April. Our Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.



On Wednesday 4 May the P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall. Gifts range from \$2 to \$5 each. Students are able to purchase one gift each. Any remaining gifts will be sold on Thursday 5 May out the front of the hall.

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**HUNTER REGION  
Newcastle Area**



**Wild wild world  
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**Awabakal Nature Reserve**  
Amphibians are an amazing ancient group of animals that can survive in a variety of environments. Listen and look for some local frogs and discuss ways in which you can attract frogs to your own garden and how to recognise the invasive Cane Toad.

When: Wed 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Time: 4pm-6pm Grade: Easy  
Meet: End of Boundary Street, Dudley  
Cost: \$8 child, \$10 adults, \$28 family  
Prepayment essential!

**Junior Ranger  
'Shake-a-leg & story time'**  
Join an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger and learn about some of the stories and dances of the Awabakal nation at.....  
**Blue Gum Hills Regional Park**  
When: Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Time: 1pm-3pm  
Meet: Carpark, off the Mimmi Road, Mimmi &  
**Hunter Wetlands National Park/  
Ash Island**  
When: Tues 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Time: 10-12pm  
Meet: The Jetty picnic area, Ash Island  
Cost: \$10 child, adults FREE if accompanying child.

For all activities  
**PLEASE.....**  
bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, water, snacks and fully enclosed footwear.  
**It's for your safety!**

**Creatures of the Night**  
**Glenrock State Conservation Area**  
Join a Discovery Ranger in search of our elusive, nocturnal Australian animals. You may be lucky enough to see Ring-tailed possums, Gliders and Powerful and Tawny Frogmouth owls as they are waking up! Please bring a small torch or headtorch and wear fully enclosed footwear.

When: Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Time: 5:30-7:30pm Grade: Easy  
Meet: Start of the Yulebaan track, Burwood Road, Kahlbah.  
Cost: \$6 Child, \$10 adults, \$28 family.  
Prepayment essential!

**Bushart  
Hunter Wetlands National Park/  
Ash Island**  
Join us and try your hand at some Aboriginal painting and learn about the cultural significance of art. Fun for the whole family! Be inspired to create your own art work to take home!

When: Fri 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Time: 2-4pm  
Meet: The Jetty picnic area, Ash Island  
Cost: \$8 Child, \$10 adults, \$28 family  
(All paints and materials are included)

**BOOKINGS  
ESSENTIAL  
for all NPWS  
tours**  
Please call  
49848200

**DISCOVERY**  
HUNTER REGION

**Junior Ranger  
Wild wild world of Water**  
**Hunter Wetlands National Park/  
Ash Island**  
Join us and the water watch team for some fun & games; this has lots of hands on activities to help us discover the wild world of water.

When: Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Time: 10-12pm  
Meet: The Jetty picnic area, Ash Island  
Cost: \$10 child, adults FREE with kids

For more information on tours conducted at Kooragang Wetlands (Ash Island) please contact the Kooragang Wetland Rehabilitation Project on 4964 6303.

 Hunter-Central Rivers


For bookings and information call:  
Hunter Region NPWS on 49848200

**St Luke's Anglican  
KIDS CRAFT CLUB**



**Junior Craft Club  
Monday Nights  
4.30 – 6.00 pm**  
For children 6 – 14 years

**St Christopher's Church Hall  
92 Gillies St, Rutherford  
\$3.00 per night.  
All materials supplied.**




**St Christopher's  
Chess Club**

When: Wednesday Nights  
Time: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm  
Where: St Christopher's Church Hall  
92 Gillies Street  
Rutherford

Cost: \$3.00  
Beginners to experienced...  
From 8 - 18 years...  
All players welcome!

A group of the Anglican Parish of Telarah-Rutherford  
**For More Information**  
Contact Janice Fleming  
4932 4336 or 0402 239 813



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**Every Thursday**

Please be reminded that Bank@School continues each Thursday at the school. Students can make their deposits by placing their passbooks in the secured school banking box at the School Office. At the allocated time a Mutual representative will arrive to process transactions. Any students not currently enrolled in Bank@School should see the office for an application.