Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all the parents who attended both the Infants Water Day and the Primary Swimming Carnival. The children love having someone there to cheer and support them. A big thank you to the parents who helped out by timekeeping.

Two of our students have qualified to compete at the Maitland Zone Swimming Carnival. Congratulations. The principal of Rutherford Technology High School, Mr Michael Whiting, visited our school on Tuesday to talk to our seniors about their future. They have information about other meetings where parents can find out more about transitioning to high school.

Tomorrow is our first P&C meeting of the year. I look forward to meeting many new faces as well as the familiar ones. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend at 9:15am in the hall.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal

Congratulations to our new House Captains. These students were elected by their houses to lead them in sporting activities. They were presented with their badges on Friday and began their role at Monday’s swimming carnival.

From the Principal
GREVILLEAS

Mrs Chapman has been away this week. We have been working hard with Mrs Clark, enjoying reading, writing and maths groups.

ACACIAS

The Acacias have been putting together cut up sentences. The kindergarten children have put together simple sentences and checked to see if it made sense. Year 1 students had a bit of a challenge as they put sentences together that made up a poem.

BLUEBELLS

In class this week we have been learning about setting goals and trying to work toward achieving outcomes. We have done this in maths and reading. Learning about patterns we have worked on understanding the meaning for odd and even numbers and discussing strategies we can use to find out a missing number in an algorithm, e.g 7+ _ = 11.

Canteen News

Our canteen is currently open every day but will soon change as we need more parent helpers urgently.

If you are able to assist, please contact the school office on 49 327 542.

Please watch on Skoolbag App and school Website for changes.
ORCHIDS
My stinky monster lives under my pink bed. Spikey has a brown face and likes to eat boogies and drink blood. The scary monster enjoys scratching pictures into the floor. Lara

My gross monster is scary because it has razor sharp teeth. He is really messy, grubby and likes to burp whilst playing with toy cars under my bed. Drew O

The gross, foul smelling monster lives under my bed and has rotten horns that poke me at midnight. It is called putrid Harrison and eats my socks I kick off onto the floor. Cooper

The vomit monster lives under my bed and smells like putrid tuna. He has long black nails, eight eyes and snores like a fire-breathing dragon. Haydn

My terrifying monster smells nasty from yellow ear slime dripping out of her mouth. She breaths out flies and will eat you up. Kyra

Please check for head lice regularly.

WARATAHS

Last week in maths groups we made groups of 10 using bears, blocks and counters. One group made enough to count to 300 by 10’s. We also completed patterns using different shaped blocks.
CALLISTEMONS

Callistemons are now all settled in to their new classroom and their new routine. We have all set an individual learning goal which we are working hard to accomplish this year. We were very excited to have our first Callistemon auction on Friday and we are all working hard to earn Callistemon cash for this week’s auction!

SILVERTAILS

SUN

Sunglasses on the beach

SUMMER

Umbrellas while the rain drips

MOVIES all day long

MUSIC playing in my ears

Eating ice-creams while watching movies

Running races make me sweat

By Baylee C

SUMMER

Sand burning against the sun

Unbelievable things happening

Music through my ears

Mum making delicious food

Ear raising noises from the ocean

Rising from the sun

By Alyssa—Jane F

Rutherford Technology High School principal, Mr Michael Whiting visited our senior students this week to talk about transitioning to high school.

Year 6 students will receive more information soon.

Book Club

ORDERS ARE DUE

Friday February 13th.
Bring your money and orders to the School Office.

We are safe, respectful learners.
THE PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL DAY
THE INFANTS WATER FUN DAY
## Diary Dates

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### ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS
need to have completed the new Working With Children Check.


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### SKOOLBAG APP

Did you know you can send an absentee note through this App. Use the Parent eForms.

“Save time do it online!”

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### Just For Fun!

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### TEACH YOUR KIDS TO SWIM...IT’S GREAT!!

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**www.kidsalive**

We are safe, respectful learners.
School Banking Starts next week. Make sure you bring your deposit books to the Office on Monday morning! If you are not currently banking at school and would like more information you can collect it from the office.

**School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.**

For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

**Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015**

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

**You could win a family trip to Disneyland**

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.


**Things to know before you Cam:** Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 27/1/15 and ends, 11.59pm AEST 18/12/15. Entry is open to all YouthSaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in Commbank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12:30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $22,245. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 20/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 123 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857; ACT Permit No TP14/04545; WA Permit No 14/5966; SA Permit No T14/2327.