



## Calendar

6 November	Mrs Leary Back! Kinder Orientation 9:00am–12pm Parent Information Session 11:15am-12pm
7 November	Swimming P&C Meeting 8:15am Library
8 November	Staff Professional Learning @ 3.30pm- Rutherford PS
13-15 November	3-6 Canberra Excursion
17 November	2/3 Assembly
20 November	4/6 Smart City Stem Expo Day
22 November	EV Mini Solar Car Challenge
24 November	Colour Explosion

## Working BEE!!



The working bee will run throughout Week 8 during school hours. There will be numerous jobs to assist with, including varnishing/oiling furniture, mulching, weeding, planting and painting. Working hours are flexible and if you can assist for any length of time, it would be greatly appreciated.

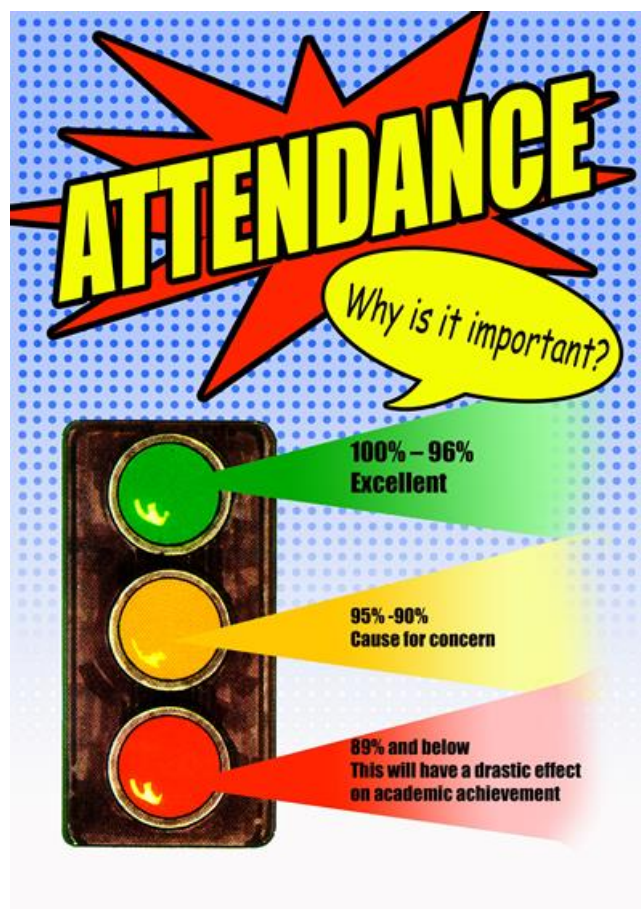
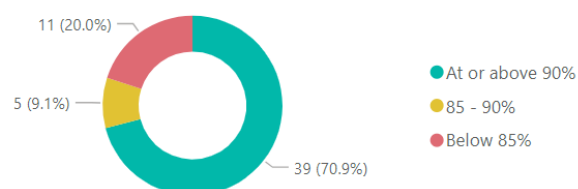
## Student Invoices

Statement of accounts have been sent home with your child today. Please make sure all payments are made by 30 November.

## Attendance

### School Attendance Level

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## Professional Learning

All teaching staff are attending professional learning at Rutherford Public School on Wednesday 8 November at 3:30pm. We ask that your child / ren be picked up promptly on this day. Thank you!

## Colour Explosion



### Canberra Camp

Yrs 3/4/5/6 leave for Canberra next Monday. Just a few reminders....if you require medication please bring it in to Mrs Mahony ASAP.

We are also collecting the \$3 in a labelled snaplock bag if you want to purchase the souvenir coin from The Royal Australian Mint. We are also collecting your money for afternoon tea on Wednesday (McDonalds) in a separate labelled snaplock bag.

Please remember to bring a packed lunch for Monday.

Please read your Canberra - What to pack note that was sent home in Week 3, it outlines all important details. We are starting to get very excited!



Lakai will be 9 on 7 November  
Adharsh will be 9 on 8 November  
Keziah will be 8 on 17 November

## AWARDS WEEK 4

### Merit Awards

**K/1**

**Cameron** for using great expression in his reading

**Owen** for his excellent work in Maths using Polypad

**2/3**

**Theo** for working more independently during writing time

**Stella** for excellent work in lessons on fractions

**4-6**

**Eleanor** for striving to complete her maths mental

**Harry** for fantastic problem-solving skills in Maths

### Health & Safety

**Ivy** for conducting herself in a responsible way

### Sport

**Lucy** for consistent displays of sportsmanship during oz-tag

### Peer Nominated Citizenship

**Elliot** for consistent leadership

### PBL

**Caleb** for always keeping his hands and feet to himself

**Imogen** for always demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship values

**Emma** for participation – always having a go!

**Adharsh** for being polite and treating everyone with respect

### Home reading

**100 nights** – Theo

**125 nights** – Theo

**150 nights** – Theo

**175 nights** – Tom Vollmer, Lucy

**200 nights** – Georgie

### Class News

**K/1**

The hard work continues in the Waratahs classroom as we march through the last term of 2023! We have been busy getting through our new unit of work in English, looking at the story 'Amy and Louis', while exploring how illustrations and colour can help show the emotions of characters at different stages of the book.

In Maths we have been enhancing our skills with technology while using the online interactive tool 'Polypad' (with the help of Mr Tarry), while looking at quantifying, organising and representing large numbers in different ways.



This week, we began Kindergarten Orientations for 2024. This year's kindy stayed in the classroom to help the new children who will be joining us next year and enjoyed Monday and Wednesday morning showing the new students around while completing some fun activities. While this was happening, our year one students spent some time in the 2/3 classroom which they absolutely loved. On Friday, we had a special guest in Mr Burgess's mum come into the classroom to help us in reading groups. It certainly is a busy time at the moment but the Waratahs are smashing it out of the park!



## 2/3

We can't believe how fast Term 4 is going. The Dolphins are continuing to work hard in all subjects. In literacy we have learnt how to use speech correctly in our stories and we have added adverbs to describe verbs in our writing tasks. Students have been planning a short speech in class for a formal speaking assessment – they have enjoyed planning this and they are looking forward to presenting their “Would you rather.....” speeches to their peers.

In Mathematics we have been continuing our work on fractions and have been finding fractions

of a group using the bar model. Mrs Baxter has been working on 3D objects and their attributes. In Science lessons we have experimented with water and have been learning about what happens to water, from when it falls as rain until when it gets to our taps.

The Dolphins are loving drama lessons where they are playing lots of games.







#### 4-6

And just like that we are almost at the halfway point!

The G.O.A.T.S have been busy this fortnight. In English, we have been exploring how hybrid texts and the effectiveness. Students have been reading and analysing *Desert Lake – The story of Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre* by Pamela Freeman. Students have been given excerpts from the text and were asked to determine if their text fragment was informative or narrative. This is through the analysis of the different vocabulary choices from the Author.

In Maths students have just finished their revision of 3D Shapes from Term 1. Stage 2 students have been working on drawing 3D prisms and pyramids, while stage 3 students have been consolidating how to draw 3D nets of shapes and then build. Many students had to remember that the measurements of objects can also change when we draw them to scale.

A group of students have also been working with Mr Gliddon on their EV Car challenge. The prototypes can be seen zooming around the school from time to time.

The G.O.A.T.S are approaching the final weeks of our Smart City STEM project. The students are very excited to see all of their hard work starting to come together. We will be presenting our project at Hunter Valley Grammar School on 20 November. Keep an eye on Sentral for permission notes.

During Kinder Orientation Yr 6 have had the chance to work with Yr 3 students on a variety of STEM challenges. On Wednesday they were asked to create the slowest marble run they could with the marble landing in a cup at the end of the table. They were given a table top, a marble, blocks and bluetak. It sparked many meaningful conversations while working as a team.

*Will - "The higher the table, the faster the speed, we need the table higher to get the marble through the top part of the maze"*

*Harry M - "We need to make it steeper, we need initial momentum"*

*Adharsh - "We need more momentum"*

*Zac - "I think we need to open this part up more, slow this part down and put more obstacles in"*

*Logan - "what about using this block so it bounces off it and slows down"*



#### P&C Meeting

Tuesday 7 November – 8.15am





## Nutrition Snippet

### WHAT'S IN SEASON FOR SPRING?

Buying seasonal fruit and veg is cheaper, tastier and better quality.



The change in seasons brings a plentiful supply of veggies such as zucchini, spinach and tomatoes. Give these recipes a go:

- Zucchini and corn fritters
- Homemade tomato pasta sauce

Find these recipes and more on our seasonal blog at [healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/whats-in-season-for-spring/](https://healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/whats-in-season-for-spring/)