Welcome to Term 4.

We have some very major projects happening at the moment and in the pipeline. Some of these involve joint initiatives with P&C and Asset Management etc. Over the vacation period we have begun the installation of our new bell, intercom and speaker system that was initiated by the P&C. We are part way through the removal and pruning of the dangerous trees (including the tree that fell in the last storm). Mr Cassidy installed our slab for our new shed (donated by Bunnings) with the very capable support of his family. We have had a site review to consider upgrading our front sign to include digital signage. We have begun the initial inspections for the possibility of upgrading classroom demountable accommodation.

Throughout 2012 – 2014 we have been working towards the following Purpose and Strategic Directions. It has now come time to revisit these and consider our directions and targets for 2015.

Overall Purpose: To build a culture supporting engaged and inspired students through collaborative and consistent pedagogy.

| Strategic Direction 1: Consistent, collaborative, current & high standard educational practices across the school. |
| Purpose of Strategic Direction 1 |

Pedagogy - HOW WE TEACH

Each family will be sent home a survey sheet and will need to be returned to school by Friday 17th October.

This is an opportunity for you to have input into the School Plan and the Purpose of your child’s time at East Maitland Public School. I know that the language used in this document is full of “Edu-speak”, but please take the time to complete and return the survey.

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School News

Banner Winner
Congratulations Coen Morgan

2014 Premier’s Spelling Challenge
A BIG congratulations to our school representatives in the 2014 Premier’s Spelling Bee.

After winning the East Maitland Public School heat of this Challenge Taylah Darcey, Jeremy Boardman, Jasmine Johnson and Ellie Hill travelled to Tenambit Public School to compete in the Hunter Central Coast Regional Final. All students did extremely well and made it through several intense rounds of spelling before facing some very tricky words. All at East Maitland Public School are proud to have been represented by such excellent students. Well Done Taylah, Jeremy, Jasmine and Ellie.

SPiNS - Speech Pathologists in Schools
In collaboration with the University of Newcastle, the Speech Pathology in Schools (SPiNS) program has commenced at East Maitland Public School and will run in Terms 3 and 4. Experienced Speech Pathologist Thizbe Wenger and her team of University students, Jodie Reid, Sophie Simmons, Gemma O’Brien and Madeleine Sonnichsen will be based at our school every Thursday to provide speech and language support to selected students and groups.

The SPiNS program has been very successful at other schools and we are looking forward to seeing great results at EMPS!

Please make sure you welcome our fantastic team!

Out of Uniform Day THIS FRIDAY 10th October.
In support of Ronald McDonald House students are able to be out of uniform this Friday.
Cost = Gold Coin Donation and all money raised will go directly to RMH.
Please Note: students are not to wear singlet tops, midriffs or thongs on the day.

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Uniform Shop

Please note change to Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop will go back to being open on Thursday mornings 8:30-9am only in term 4.

If you would like to put your name on the roster, please pop into the shop and let us know.

EFTPOS is **NOT** available, cash or cheque only. Please make your cheque payable to: East Maitland Public School P&C Association.

If you can't make the opening time of the shop, leave your order with payment in an envelope at the front office and have your items either delivered to your child's classroom or left at the front office for you to collect. Your order will be processed on a Thursday morning.

**Uniform Shop Prices:**
- Hats $14
- Navy Shorts $15
- Tri-Coloured Sports Shorts $20
- Shirts $20 (2 for $35)

Pre-loved uniform donations are always welcome. Please ensure the clothing is washed and in good condition.

**Term 4 Roster**
- 9/10 Kerry & Deslie Groves
- 16/10 Kerry & Jodi Smith
- 23/10 Kerry & Melissa Farmer
- 30/10 Kerry & Alison Morgan

Kinder Orientation Roster (1st week)
- 21/10 Kerry, Jo & Deslie

Sick Bay Linen Roster

**TERM 4**
- 10/10/14 - Joy Edwards
- 17/10/14 - Michelle Dickson
- 24/10/14 - Noelle Green
- 31/10/14 - Joy Edwards
- 7/11/14 - Jodi Smith
- 14/11/14 - Kimberely Taylor
- 21/11/14 - Kellie Heydon
- 28/11/14 - Katie Brown
- 5/12/14 - Bronwyn Guy
- 12/12/14 - Courtney Earsman
- 19/12/14 - Joy Edwards

Canteen Roster

**TERM 4**
- 13/10 - Georgia Fletcher  **HELP NEEDED**
- 14/10 - Adora McDonald  Fiona Daley
- 15/10 - Sara Kasteel  Petina Bulmer
- 16/10 - Emma Johnson  Judy Drap  Bev Johnson
- 17/10 - Michelle Dickson  Karen Dodd  K Pearson-Kime
  Toni Walsh

Any problems please phone Jacki - School 4933 7524 or Home 4932 7226

**BANK@SCHOOL**

Every Wednesday

For more info, visit: www.bankatschool.com.au

**HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY**

2014

"Increase your child's communication skills, self-confidence and creative talents."

MAITLAND DRAMA CLASSES PRODUCTION TERM

PRIMARY: 7 – 12 Years

YOUTH: 12 – 16 Years

VENUE: Maitland Public Hall (Grant St)

Enquiries now being taken for PRODUCTION TERM

I (Established over 20 years in Public Hall)

Principal: Shane Mony

Ph: 02 49 823399 for details - dramaacademy@supersite.com

[Image of the drama academy flyer]
Next P&C Meeting to be held on Thursday 16th Oct at 6:30pm all welcome to join us at the East Maitland Bowling Club in upstairs meeting rooms.

Items on agenda will be:
- Kinder Orientation and Parent Buddy Morning Tea
- Market Day
- Carols Night
- Review of P&C roles and function within the school, communication and participation in P&C for 2015
- Operations of the P&C in 2015

Tuesday 4th Nov - Kinder Orientation
Parent Buddy Morning Tea.
We are asking for anyone interested to come along on this day and introduce yourself to new families who will be joining the EMPS school community next year. The Parent Buddy initiative will allow new members of the school community to feel welcome and ask questions of parents who are familiar with the school. Just as the kids can feel anxious about starting school, parents can also feel anxious and by being a parent buddy you can assist in making this transition easier.

Volunteers required from approx.
10am till 11:15am
Melbourne Cup lunch to follow for those interested.
Venue to be advised.

EMPS P&C Christmas Market Day
In response to a request from stall holders and the community the P&C will be holding a Market Day in the grounds of the School on Saturday 22nd Nov. Funds raised from the stall fee, BBQ and raffle on the day will go directly to the school.

EVENT DETAILS
Date: Saturday 22nd November 2014
Time: 9am till 2pm
Location: East Maitland Public School
(William Street East Maitland)

Interested stall holders please email eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com for a booking form.

Food stalls will require food handling certificates and all stalls will require own insurance. Details are listed on booking form.

Information available on facebook page https://www.facebook.com/EMPSmarketday

Types of stalls expected – Crafts, Gifts, Hair Accessories, Clothing, Nutrimetics, Snow Cones, Jumping castle, Dance Performances, Face painting, Colour Hair Spray, Scrapbooking, Isagenix,

What has been happening at the School during the Holidays?
AVE Technology have been working hard during the holidays to install cabling for the new bell and speaker system around the school. This project has been possible due to joint funding by the P&C and the school. This is a major project for the school to upgrade their facilities for the children and the teaching staff.

Thank you to the families and the school community for their support of fundraising efforts this year to enable this project to take place. Thank you to the P&C members for networking and assisting with fundraising efforts. Without the support of the P&C committee and their dedication to this project it would not have been possible.

As you take note of the upgraded facilities around the school please think of the hard work involved and the role the P&C has played in making this happen.

EMPS P&C Christmas Market Day

Don’t forget to download your FREE Skool Bag app
“The skoolbag app is great it sent me an instant message about the book parade on Sunday so I didn’t forget about the costume”
“This app is great it reminds me when things are on and it even puts them in my calendar”
“I remember to read the newsletter each week because I receive an instant message. The newsletter is important to read as it has all the information in it about what’s happening”

“Hi I just wanted to let you know I am so pleased with the use of the skoolbag app. I can’t wait until we are able to get our notes, permission slips etc. accessible this way too. :)”

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** Year 1-Year 6 students return to school – Wednesday 28th January, 2015
** Kindergarten start – Monday 2nd February, 2015
East Maitland Public School
Swimming Scheme 2014

Our swimming scheme starts next Monday 13.10.14 and runs for ten days until Friday 24.10.14. Each lesson is for 45 minutes. Students must bring their swimming gear each day even if it is raining in the morning.

Our lesson will take place in the afternoon session (1:00 – 1:45pm). Students will be supervised by Mrs Blain and Mrs Allen as well as qualified instructors.

Transport to Maitland Pool is by bus. We will depart EMPS at 12.30pm and return by 2:30pm each day.

If your child has a current season pool pass for Maitland Pool it will need to be shown at the pool on the first day of lessons.

What to bring each day:

➢ Swimmers/bathing suit
➢ Rash or sun safe shirt
➢ Towel
➢ Water bottle
➢ Sunscreen
➢ EMPS school hat
➢ Warm clothing on a cool day
➢ Plastic bag for wet swimmers

IMPORTANT: Children will need a sturdy bag to carry their belongings to and from the pool each day (not their school bag). For personal comfort and hygiene students should not wear their swimmers to or from the pool, they will need to change at the pool only. PLEASE label all items.
McHappy Day
Saturday 18th October 2014
McDonald’s East Maitland
presents...
FROZEN

Be here for the arrival of ELSA - 12.30 PM

Meet all the characters from FROZEN
*Elsa*
*Kristoff*
*Sven*

Hey Kids! ...Come dressed as your favourite character from 'Frozen' and 'The Lego Movie' and join the fun

THE LEGO MOVIE
Meet *EMMET* - 12 noon
"Everything is Awesome"

Poster Competition
Make a ‘FROZEN’ or ‘LEGO’ A4 poster with name, age, contact number
Bring entries into McDonald’s East Maitland by Thursday 16th October
Winners will receive their Prizes from Elsa and Emmett at McHappy Day

Dance Displays from 10.30 am
*All Shook Up* "Zumbo" by Anytime Fitness "Tiny Tutus"
*Karpath Public School* *Attitude Dance Centre*
*Evolution of Dance* *Newcastle Contemporary Dance Academy*

*Chris Frazier - Majestic Mobile Music*
Fun with balloons from Matt the 'Balloon Bloke'
"Ruby the Clown" *Roving Entertainers*
Face painting by "Erin's Party Faces" "Flicka the Fire Fairy"

*Monster Raffle*
Raising money for our local ‘Ronald McDonald House Newcastle’
There is a special reason to join us on McHappy Day
Date
Dear
My son/daughter __________________ of class ______ was absent from school on
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Sign ____________________

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