Letters have been distributed to parents and carers for the students receiving awards at our Annual Presentation Day. While this is a time to celebrate the achievements of some of our students, there will obviously be disappointments for others. It is important that all families talk to their children about this to put it into perspective. Teachers agonise over these awards as they could give reasons why the majority of children in their class are deserving of an award, but unfortunately they are restricted and can only hand out a small number. While we also have awards presented at the K-6 assembly in the following week, there are still children who may miss out – we certainly don’t think they are undeserving, it is just a matter of fact that there will be some children who again miss out due to the limitations of what we can recognise. I can assure all parents that we have had a fabulous year, and it is the diligence of every child that has helped make it so.

Please ensure you have taken note of the following dates for your calendar:

**Wednesday 3rd Dec** – Helpers Morning Tea

**Friday 5th Dec** – Presentation Day

**Wednesday 10th Dec** – K-6 Major Assembly

**Thursday 11th Dec** – Carols Night

**Monday 15th Dec** – Party Day

**Tuesday 16th Dec** – Year 6 Farewell

As a staff we have spent considerable time reflecting on our student achievement data, and are building a strategy that will be implemented next year to assist us in our teaching and learning. This will continue on Thursday 18th December and Friday 19th December at the staff development days. Thank you to those parents who were able to complete the strategic planning surveys distributed recently, these have also been used to guide our discussions.

**Banner Winner**

Congratulations Breanna Birrell
**School News**

**EMPS HELPERS’ MORNING TEA**
Thank you to our wonderful friends who have already responded to the morning tea invitation. Please return your acceptance note to your child's classroom teacher by this **Friday 28th November** for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing many of you there next **Wednesday 3rd December** so we can express our appreciation of your efforts with EMPS this year.

**Library News**
This week is the last week of borrowing, well done to all the students throughout the year for trying so hard each week to remember their library bag. If you have some overdue books, please return them ASAP.

**Band News**
Well done to our School Band, you sounded fantastic on Saturday at the Market Day! There were some great comments from the public about your performance and how great you looked. Tomorrow the School Band will be performing for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the hall. This will give all students a chance to hear all the different instruments and ask any questions relating to joining the band next year. Mr Ward will also be offering a trumpet scholarship for next year, see details below.

**Trumpet Scholarship 2015**
Mr Ward is offering one student a scholarship in 2015 learning the trumpet. If you think you would like to learn the trumpet next year and join our School Concert Band please write, in 100 words or less, why music is important to you. Entries will close on Friday 12th December and the successful entry will be announced on Tuesday 16th December, good luck!

**Skoolbag App**
We have a lot of families who are using the Skoolbag App. The app is not only for receiving information from the school but is also used to notify the school of your child’s absences or any detail changes. If you have not already downloaded the app please look in to it as it is a great time saver and very useful.

**Leadership for 2015**
Congratulations to the Year 5 students who were chosen by their peers last Friday to become Leader Nominees for 2015. These students will present their election speeches next Tuesday 2nd December at 10am in the EMPS hall. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

Names - Amity Petersen, Georgia Green, Jesika Young, Julian Connell, Ashton Proctor, Max Crowe, Jack Brown, Jay Boyd, Jackson McNamee, Lucinda Burgess, Imogen Pickard-Ling, Charli McNab, Claire Williams, Jonah Dowde, Josie Morley, Zane Estatheo and Cooper Edwards (absent in photo)

**Statements of Accounts**
Statements of accounts for your children's fees were sent out a couple of weeks ago. Please come in and settle your account.

**Samaritans Christmas Food Appeal**
We are supporting the Samaritans Food Appeal this year. We are taking donations of goodies that you would expect at this time of the year, tinned ham, custard and puddings. This is a great charity and will help families in need.

Don't forget to download your FREE Skool Bag app
This Week's EMPS Award Winners

KG: Kara McInnes Kaleb Whitehead
KL: Cooper Ebbril Kadie Reis

KN: Aiden Johnson Dekota Scott-Droad
KR: Sunny Palmer Mia Gunther

1A: Millie Newberry Curtis Moretti
1L: Jack Bourke Mackayla Morris

1S: Zack Mulligan Blake Delamere
2A: Lachlan Meredith Charlie Williams

2B: Zane Hardy Mackinley McNab
2N: Allie Dever Arabella Lane Sophia Brace-Thomson Cohen Peterson Alex Fean Coen Morgan

3S: Joshua Lorenz Gemma Bailey Jackson Whyte Southcombe
3T: Elektra Holbrook Joseph Proctor Oscar Affleck

3/4P: Kasey Biflin Emily Slater Ellie Doran
4E: Dylan Wells Chloe Graham Chelsea Hill

4W: Zac Van Maastricht Kalisha Buck Jordan Studdert
5B: Kurt Woodward Millie Emanuel

5M: Georgia Green Jackson McDonald Megan Pearson
5S: Jay Boyd Shenay Masters Isaac Redding

6D: Henry Wolters Emily Davidson Dylan Stanbury
6T: Drew Mulligan Caitlin Oakley Kaylee Nicholas

SCO: Lachlan Fittler-Bailey

Principal’s Award
Ben Ferguson - Honesty
Zoey Groves - Super Homework Habits

Sick Bay Linen Roster
28/11/14-Katie Brown
5/12/14-Bronwyn Guy
12/12/14-Courtney Earsman
19/12/14-Joy Edwards

Canteen Roster

1/12: Philippa Smythe HELP NEEDED

2/12 HELP NEEDED
3/12: Josie Harring Sue-Anne Carroll
4/12: Noelle Green Joy Edwards
5/12: Sarah Davis Meg Vile Kylie Potter HELP NEEDED

Uniform Shop Open
Thursday Mornings 8:30am till 9am

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 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
- 27/11 Jodi & Bronwyn
- 4/12 Kimberley & Noelle
- 11/12 Kerry & ? (Last Trading Day & Stocktake)

Any problems please phone Jacki - School 4933 7524 or Home 4932 7226
A Big THANK YOU to everyone involved in the success of the Market Day.
To those who assisted in the general organisation, those who gave up their time on the day to assist with the BBQ, raffle and the chocolate wheel.
We have made a good profit from the day that will go back into resources for the school.

Congratulations to the winners of the Market Day Raffle
1st Place – Paige Twaddell
2nd Place – D Boswell
3rd Place – Aki Newberry
4th Place – Rhiannon McDonald
5th Place – Keisha Joy Atkins

Prizes can be collected from the School Office.
Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets

Carols Night - Thursday 11th December
This year the P&C will be offering Pizza as a meal option at Carols.
Pizza will be available in individual boxes – a ¼ slice.
Flavours available will be
Meat Lovers
Ham & Pineapple
Cheese
Roast Beef Rolls will also be available as well as cans of drink.

Meal tickets will be sold as you enter carols and pizza will be delivered and handed out between 5:15pm and 5:30pm – Additional pizzas will be ordered as needed and delivered within 15min approximately. Volunteers will be required on the night to assist with sale of tickets and handing out pizza. Our aim is to have everyone’s order filled prior to the children performing so that everyone can enjoy the night.

Please email the P&C at eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com to advise your time to volunteer. The more volunteers the less time people will be required. If you can spare 15 minutes it would be greatly appreciated.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
Friday 28th November 2014
Gold Coin Donation
Wear your Christmas Shirts or Casual Clothing
No singlet tops or thongs.

Carols Night Volunteer Return Slip
Please return slip to office ASAP or email the P&C to advise. Thank you

I am able to assist at Carols on Thursday 11th December between 4:30pm and 6pm:
Name: _______________________
Contact Number: _______________________
Preferred Time_____________________

If you would prefer to email your preference please do so to eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com
Holiday Camp for kids

19th to 23rd January 2015

Camp program for children from Year 5 - 8 in all close challenges,

includes, bunk beds, 24 hour on duty personnel.

It's either the Top Tree and sheep or a pony or games for dinner. If you

want to be part of a pony or games for dinner, call 1300 887 717.

The Great Aussie Camp

Survival is an option

Secure your place now! Call 1300 887 717

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Kids Club

FREE // DAILY 9:30-12 // K-9

Games - Drama - Craft - Fun

13-16th January 2015

EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

REGISTER ONLINE

MAITLAND ALIVE

CAFE CONNECT

Guest Speakers // Free Coffee // Personal Stories

9:45 - 12 Daily // 12-16th January

FREE CRECHE 1-6 YRS

At East Maitland Public School

MONDAY

Everyday Fitness for Every Body

TUESDAY

Money Matters: Driving your Dollar Home

WEDNESDAY

Easy Entertaining: Cooking Demo

THURSDAY

Love the Home You Have: Decorating on a Shoestring

FRIDAY

What is Living Life to the Full?

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RAFFLE FOR ELLIE HILL

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
$2 PER TICKET

1st Prize: Signed Knights Jersey (Full Team and Wayne Bennett)
2nd Prize: Retro Bike
3rd Prize: $280 Family Portrait Shoot
4th Prize: $270 LMG Beauty Therapy Voucher
5th Prize: $250 Huge Pool Toy Hamper
6th Prize: 55 cm TV/DVD
7th Prize: $200 Fitness Membership
8th Prize: Term of Art Lessons
9th Prize: Art Supply Hamper
10th Prize: Xmas Cutout

+ Heaps more Food/Wine and Beauty Vouchers and Other Prizes to be drawn out as well.

Raffle Drawn 1PM on Saturday 6th December
@ The Rainbow Room – Bero Bowlo.

All Money Raised from the Raffle Will Go Directly to the Ellie Hill Fundraiser Event

For Tickets Please See
Brett Hill 0402739338

Or
Sara at Little Miss Gorgeous - Lawes Street E.M.

Or
Online at
http://bisonit.wix.com/elliehillfundraiser