My messages over the next few weeks may be short as I have said most of what needs to be said.

As a staff we are concerned about the increase in sun-related illnesses and diseases, so despite our belief that the children need to get out and run around we will be enforcing a NO HAT (school hat) – NO PLAY policy over the final weeks of this year. Please note that this includes all play areas including the shelters.

I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students over the coming weeks, but reinforce that we are very proud of EVERY child and thank them for the positive input into our school.

We recently received a glowing report from Mr Andrew Eastcott, Director Public Schools NSW, regarding East Maitland Public School. Following is just a snippet of what he has said. Thank you EVERYONE for helping to make this happen...

"I note that you have been making considerable progress towards your goals and targets set in you school plan and Annual School report. I note also that you have been trialling the 5 P Planning model as a result of your involvement in the 229 pilot. I commend your leadership team for the progress on your first strategic direction "Consistent, collaborative, current and high standard educational practices across the school".

Banner Winner
Congratulations Angus Taylor, Byron Hookway and Bailey Catt.

Presentation Day – Friday 5th December

REMINDERS
• All students and all staff will be attending our EMPS Presentation day this Friday. Please make sure you have signed your child’s permission note and sent the bus money to school by Thursday.
• Buses leave the school at 9am so students need to be at school before the 9am bell goes.
• Students are to wear full school uniform, black shoes and no sports shirts or Year 6 t-shirts.
• There is limited seating at the Federation centre therefore parents might like to BYO chair.
• If you are taking your child with you after the Presentation ceremony you will need to see the class teacher to sign your child out. Early leavers please consider your child not taking a bag to school, as the children are not taking anything with them on the buses.

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WEEK 9:
- Nominee Leader Speeches
- Helpers Morning Tea
- P&C Meeting
- Presentation Day

WEEK 10:
- Life Skills Market
- K-6 Assembly
- Carols Night
- Reports go home
  + Choir perform at Greenhills
  + Special Unit Excursion
**School News**

**Year One Choir Excursion**
- Date: Wednesday 26th November 2014
- Venue: Sydney
- Event: Aria Awards
- Contestants: 2014 ARIA Recipients

Wow!! The similarities for our Stage 1 choir performances just keep going....excitement....tension.

Who will we see at our very first gig?

Our transport!! The Funcouch 4U (even Katy Perry wasn't transported in a cool pink mover like this).

The crowd!! Lots and lots of people in a festive, happy mood who were entertained and treated with a rocking performance. The group blew the audience away with songs from their Frozen album.

The presentation!! For our outstanding showcase of songs we learnt this year, not an Aria Award, but a generous drink and lolly bag. Simply the best!

Finale!! A picnic in the park.

Congratulations students who performed, you were recognised for your outstanding talent and hard work.

"The Unknown Artists" would like to thank their manager Mrs Hookway for making the day a great musical experience.

Mrs Hookway, who knows what's ahead for this talented group?? ...sold out venues....sponsorship....extended tours overseas???? Album of the year???

Mrs Allen

**International Children's Games**

Henry Edwards is 1 of 14 children representing Maitland at the International Children's Games Dec 6-11, 2014 at Lake Macquarie. He is competing in the 100m & Long Jump on Monday Dec 8th at Glendale. He will be competing against children aged 12-15. As part of Team Maitland he will be staying in the Athletes Village at the University of Newcastle for the duration of the games.

The Opening Ceremony is on Sunday the 7th at Speers Point Park where they expect a crowd of 25,000. This is the first time it has been held in the Southern Hemisphere. Henry will have the opportunity to meet children from all over the world. He is looking forward to this international experience that might only come once in a lifetime.

Congratulations Henry!

**1H's Writer of the Week**

Christmas

Christmas looks like presents scattered in my Christmas sack.

Christmas smells like everyone having hot coco.

Christmas sounds like a Christmas party at my Nan's house.

Christmas tastes like delicious desserts.

Christmas feels like baubles everywhere.

-Ben

**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 into it as it is a great time saver and very useful.

Don't forget to download your FREE Skool Bag app


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

Canteen Roster

8/12 Georgia Fletcher  HELP NEEDED
9/12 Adora McDonald  Fiona Daley
10/12 Sara Kasteel  Petina Bulmer
11/12 Emma Johnson  Judy Drapp  Bev Johnson
12/12 Toni Walsh  Michelle Dickson  Kim Pearson-Kime  Karen Dodd

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Canteen News
Last day for lunch orders is Friday 12th December.
Party Day 15th December will only be open at lunchtime.
Last day of canteen is Tuesday 16th December.

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

THANK YOU
To everyone who has ever helped me with the Sick Bay Linen or made donations over the many years I have been involved with this service at the school. Also Thank you to the Office ladies for making sure the roster makes into the Newsletter every week.
A big Thank You to Katie Brown who has volunteered to take over the Roster for next year. Please let her know if you can help in 2015. Phone 0437343447.
Wishing everyone a Festive Season spent with your Family.
Joy Edwards

Lifeskills Auction/Lucky Dip Winners
Worm Farm (Auction) - Jack York 17000M
Pen (Lucky Dip) - Charlize Bell
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.

P&C End of Year Meeting and Lunch
Thursday 11th December
12:30pm till 2:30pm – Hunter River Hotel
Please RSVP by email.

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 with payment in an envelope at the front office and have your item 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
4/12 Kimberley & Noelle
11/12 Kerry & ? (Last Trading Day & Stocktake)

UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE ON TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY
To ensure you are prepared for the return to the 2015 school year the Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 27th January from 10am till 12noon.
Please ensure you have cash or cheque on the day only as we do not have eftpos facilities.
Volunteers required to assist on the day – please email the P&C if you can assist.

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
Well it is that time again and the students and I are very eager to raise funds for families around the world who do not have the same benefits we have living in this wonderful country of ours.

This year the students in IL will be organised into groups of two and three. Each group will be assigned a grade and will regularly go to all the classes in that grade to ask for small change donations towards their individually chosen goals.

If every child in this school donated as little as 50 cents then we could easily reach our targets. So please talk to your children at home about whether you would like them to give a small change donation to our unwrapped gifts appeal.

Instead of giving your child extra money some of you may discuss the option of children giving up 1 packet of chips, or 1 small amount of lollies on just one day and then putting that money towards the donations. This helps children to internalise the act of giving in a more meaningful way. Students who have a strong social awareness and feel the need to donate larger amounts from their own pocket money are welcome to do so and can come directly to me. I can arrange for them to receive the recognition card for their charity.

During this time when excess is a little too prevalent children should spend some time reflecting and acting to help others less fortunate.

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DATE YOU WISH TO ATTEND (PLEASE CIRCLE)  Day 1 Day 2 Both Days

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OF WHICH WE SHOULD BE AWARE

Please hand in your Application Form and payment in all the office of Marlow Basketball, 10 Bent Street, Marlow or post to Marlow Basketball, PO Box 200, Marlow 3500. Further information, please contact Marlow Basketball Association’s office on 4394 3600

Risk Warning: There are risks of injury associated with playing most sport. Risks will vary in the context of the type of injury, falling, tripping, tripping, and getting injured player. When we are working with risks, it is not possible to eliminate them all.

Name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________

AMOUNT PAID: $____________ PHONE: ____________________________ OFFICE USE ONLY: ____________________________ DATE OF PAYMENT: __________

RECEIPT NUMBER: ____________________________ RECEIVED BY: ____________________________
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**FESTIVAL FROM 1PM, CAROLS CONCERT 7PM**

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Post: PO Box 2141 Grendons, 2323.
Web Site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

When: 12th, 13th, 14th JANUARY
(Mon, Tues, Wed)

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre

Cnr Page & Lavers St East Maitland

Times: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

Price: $50.00 for 3 days per child (family discounts available)

Age: 4 years to 14 years

Standard: Beginner to Intermediate

Name (1).………………………… D.O.B.……………………

Name (2).………………………… D.O.B.……………………

Name (3).………………………… D.O.B.……………………

Address……………………………………………………………………

Phone (Home).………………………… (Mobile)……………………

Email……………………………………………………………………

BOOK NOW: PH 49315016, 612182065 or
Online @ www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

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