Yesterday Miss McKinnon organized a debating workshop for our 2014 debating teams. This was a Maitland Area initiative involving several schools from across the area to promote debating skills. Hopefully this holds us in good stead for the up-coming competitions!

Congratulations to our boys cricket team who have progressed to the next round of the State Knockout Competition!!!

Congratulations to our swimmers who were selected to represent Hunter/Central Coast Region at the State Swimming titles in April.

We are going to implement a new newsletter distribution system beginning next week. While we understand that many of our friends and families enjoy receiving a paper copy of the school news each week, we are mindful of the cost as well as the environmental impact of distributing so many copies. Please complete the form below if you would like to continue receiving a paper copy, otherwise it will be available on the school website:

http://www.maitlande-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
or via our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/EastMaitlandPublicSchool

I would like to receive a newsletter each week.

Name: ___________________________
Child's Name: ___________________________
Child's Class: ___________________________
School News

Year 7 2015
Expression of Interest forms for year 7 2015 have been sent home, these need to be filled in and returned to school by March 21st.

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If you are interested in your child/children taking part in these competitions please return your money and note by 1pm Friday 14th March. We are unable to take any late payments.

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STAFF PROFILE

My name is Beth Harkness and this year marks my 20th year at East Maitland where I have taught mostly in the Kinder to Year 2 area. This year I have a Year 1 class. I am enthusiastic about working with young children and love watching students in my class develop the knowledge and skills that will help them to be life long learners.

I became a grandmother nearly a year ago and am enjoying the new stage of my life. Isla is a delight! It is exciting to be part of a school that is always moving forward and I enjoy working with the Staff, parents and students of our school.

Stewart House
Stewart House envelopes have gone home today, this is a great organisation that helps children in public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope and return to school by Friday 9th May. Not only does this assist Stewart House but you also go in the draw to win a $4000 holiday.

Library News

The Book Fair is not far away! All the books are arriving this week which will allow students time for browsing before the day. The fair will open from 9am, students must line up as usual and have their roll marked before visiting the Book Fair with their Grandparents or parents. I look forward to seeing everyone there, it's always a massive day.

Another date to add to your diaries is ‘The Newcastle Writers Festival’, 4th-6th April, at Newcastle City Hall. There is a fantastic children's program, go to http://www.newcastlewritersfestival.org.au/kids-program-2014/ for more details. Ted Prior will be making an appearance (5th April, 12:30pm) for stories, art and games in the company of lovable Grug, Wacky Wombat and a Giant Fish.

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

17/3  Jenni Blais     Phillipa Smythe
18/3  Leanne York     Kylie Smith
19/3  Leighsa Cox     Melissa Farmer
20/3  Emma Johnson    Judy Drap     Margaret Mosses
21/3  Naomi Priest    Tracey Ritchie G Fitzgerald

I am looking for volunteers to assist with the school’s sick bay linen roster.

The linen can be changed on Friday afternoon or Monday morning of your nominated week. For further information I can be contacted on 0422027745.

If you are sending a message please leave your name and your child’s name and class. If I get enough volunteers then each person will only need to change and wash linen 3-4 times a year.

Thanking you
Joy Edwards
P&C News

P&C AGM is on tomorrow night.
6:30pm East Maitland Bowling Club. Scarborough room 2 upstairs.
Come along and find out what's happening around the school. Put your hand up for an executive position for 2014.

POSITIONS VACANT FOR P&C TEAM 2014
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Uniform Shop Coordinator
Fundraising Coordinator
Canteen Bookkeeper

All positions will be nominated and accepted at the AGM. If you are unable to attend but are still interested in a position please send your details to eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

To vote at the AGM you need to be a financial member prior. Membership is $0.50 for the year. Please email eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com and we will arrange a membership form for you.

Notice of Motions for the P&C AGM Thursday 13th March 2014

- Operation of School Uniform Shop – It is proposed that the School will run the Uniform shop in 2014 - Should the position of Uniform Shop Coordinator not be filled at AGM.
- Should the Canteen Bookkeeper position be volunteer or paid position
- Canteen Supervisor Role in conjunction with bookkeeper
- Night Time Meetings vs Day time meetings
- P&C Life Membership Criteria
- Change to date of AGM – make end of year

The above items will be raised and voted on at the AGM if you have an interest in these items please come along and have your say.

A family photo session and enlargement for only $20.
Saturday 22nd or Sunday 23rd March.

Money raised going to support P&C activities in your school. You are also able to purchase additional photographs from Michelle-leigh Photography.
Contactleighsa@michelle-leigh.com.au or phone 0421034805 for more details or look on the school website for a copy of the flyer.
$20 payment must be made to school office no later than one week before photo sessions to confirm the booking otherwise the allocated time may be given to someone else.

Shhh...
Don't tell Mum!
Mothers' Day Stall

Don't forget to get your orders in for Mothers' Day.
We have extended the cut off day to Thursday 20th March, please fill in your order form and return to school.

Uniform Shop News
The position of Uniform Shop manager will become vacant as of March, so it will be needing someone to take over.
Please give some thought as to whether this would be suitable for you and something you would like to do to contribute to the school community.
Come along to the next P&C meeting on the 13th March to find out more information.
The school's EFTPOS system is no longer operational for Uniform Shop customers.
You will have to pay by cash or by cheque only until further notice.
Please make your cheque payable to: East Maitland Public School P&C Association.

Uniform Roster
Week 7
13/03 Kerry McFerran, Kylie Edwards
Week 8
20/03 Kerry McFerran, Melissa Farmer
Week 9
27/03 Kerry McFerran, Volunteer Required
Week 10
3/04 Kimberley Taylor, Noelle Green
Week 11
10/04 Kerry McFerran, Kylie Edwards

You should have received your Raffle Tickets last Friday.
Donations of eggs, baskets and other Easter items are required to make up the prizes. Please drop your items into the office or give to class teacher.
Raffle Tickets and money to returned by 28/03/14. Easter Raffle will be drawn on April 3rd due to Yr 6 excursion in the last week of Term 1.
EASTER
EGGSTRAVAGANZA
P & C FUNDRAISING

Yes, our EGGciting Easter Guessing Competition is here again.

Last year we were able to give away over 100 prizes to 100+ lucky ticket holders.

To help us achieve this EGGstraordinary goal again, we are asking for donations of Easter eggs, soft toys and baskets. This will enable us to have as many prizes as possible this year. Donations should be left at the front office before Monday 31st March.

Tickets will be sent out later this week, while we do not wish to offend anyone this is the most convenient method of distribution. If you do not wish to buy tickets please return to office unsold.

TICKETS DUE BACK
Monday 31st March

The Guessing Competition will be drawn
Thursday 3rd April

Thankyou Fundraising Committee

Joy Edwards

WHAT ARE JOEY SCOUTS?
Joey Scouts are the youngest section of the Scouting Movement, specifically designed for 6 and 7 year old girls and boys. A similar section has run for many years in other countries.

WHAT IS A SCOUT GROUP?
A Scout Group can consist of the following sections: Joey Scouts 6-8 years, Cub Scouts 8-10 1/2 years, Scouts 11-14 years, Venturers 14-18 years and Rovers 18-26 years.

WHAT DO JOEY SCOUTS DO?
Joey Scouts make new friends, learn new things, play games and make things. But most of all they have fun.

HOW OFTEN TO JOEY SCOUTS MEET?
Joey Scouts meet once a week during the school term. Your local Scout Group is one of many that make up a 'Scouting District' and there will be times when your Joey Scouts will meet for joint activities either within the District or wider but still within the Region.

WHAT DOES IT COST?
There is a once only joining fee in all Scouts which registers our Scouts as a member of the World Scout Organisation. There is a yearly registration fee which covers both Scouts and Leaders for insurance purposes. Group fees cover hall costs, Leader training plus expenses for the section.

If you are interested or need any more information contact
Maitland Football welcomes you to the 2014 season
Contact Evelyn on 0432 945 237 before registering online at www.myfootballclub.com.au

All players not previously registered with Maitland Football must bring a birth certificate
For further information please contact Evelyn on 0432 945 237
It's disco time...

When: Wednesday 12th March.

Infants (K-2): 5pm-6pm
Primary (3-6): 6:10pm-7:30pm

There is NO theme for this disco.
Where: School Hall
Cost: $4

There will be a selection of chips, lollies and drinks available for sale.
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