With less than three weeks to go until the end of term, it certainly has been a manic start to 2014. We have so many new initiatives underway, and have established a solid foundation for a fantastic year. I would like to remind all parents that the Interview Date for Semester One is Wednesday 25th June – please SAVE THE DATE.

Our proposed changes to the newsletter system appears to have gone smoothly, with many parents opting out of receiving a paper copy. This is much more efficient for us, as it saves many hours of printing off the document as well as saving both paper and printing costs – while helping the environment.

Thank You!

We have a new phone system installed at school, which includes a ‘friendlier’ on-hold message. No more do callers have to listen to the chimes while they wait, but instead have the pleasure of hearing about our school and all it has to offer. This may be a little disconcerting to begin with, but is a positive promotion of what we have to offer. This system also means that if you call outside school hours you will be informed that the office is closed and you will be asked to call back on the following school day. Just so you don’t have to spend 3 minutes on hold I have included the script of our message…

Thank you for calling East Maitland Public School - Respect, Participation, Learning, Responsibility, Cooperation... Please continue to hold, our team know you’re waiting ……

Give your child an excellent education... in a nurturing environment – at East Maitland Public School. Offering quality teaching and learning programs... we believe safety... challenges... and stimulation... are essential for every child... embodied in our commitment to making a difference... when you enrol with us. Find out more on line at: maitland e dash p dot schools dot nsw dot edu dot au.

Short Musical Interlude...... We appreciate your patience; we won’t be long...... Short Musical Interlude

Providing a disciplined and rewarding learning environment... supported by current technological trends – your child will perform to the ‘best of their ability’... with our outstanding educators. From public speaking and debating... to homework clubs and individual support – East Maitland Public School also has a recognised arts program... and opportunities in both band and choir. So make an appointment to see us – when you come off hold.

Short Musical Interlude...... Thank you for calling; we’ll be with you in just a moment...... Short Musical Interlude

At East Maitland Public School – we understand that each child is an individual learner. From Kindergarten to year six - we challenge our students... and encourage them to make the most of their unique talents. Offering before AND after school care... and a strong sporting culture... your child will receive a ‘well-rounded’ head start in life. At East Maitland Public School... our core values are respect, participation, learning, responsibility and cooperation.

Short Musical Interlude...... We do value your call; we’ll be with you as soon as we can...... Short Musical Interlude

Set your child up for success... when you enrol them here at East Maitland Public School. We’ve been educating the local community since 1864 – proving you’re guaranteed a brilliant education. Look on line at: maitland e dash p dot schools dot nsw dot edu dot au.

Short Musical Interlude......Thank you for your patience; we’ll be with you shortly...... Short Musical Interlude

Trust in East Maitland Public School for an outstanding education. You’ll find us conveniently located on William Street in East Maitland. Alternatively, you can email us your enquiry to: maitland e dash p dot school at det dot nsw dot edu dot au. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter – to stay up to date with all our latest news and information.
Helping your child to become a good speller
What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.

Motivating lazy children
All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.

Homework for little kids
Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child’s teacher.

Dad and son time
A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship.

Homework Club
All students in Stage 2 and 3 were given an expression of interest note on Monday for Homework Club which will start in Term 2. Please return these expressions of interest to Mrs Hookway in the library.

Cross Country
Last Wednesday, EMPS students participated in our annual Cross Country Carnival. Students remained at school and ran on a track around our school grounds. Well done to all the students who took part in the event. You all demonstrated our value of PARTICIPATION to the best of your ability and showed great sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students who helped with the running of the day.
The Maitland Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held at Tocal on Thursday 3rd April. Congratulations to the following children who have qualified to compete at the Zone Carnival.

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My name is Bryson Swab. I am currently teaching year 5. I try to be the best at everything I do, something I try to instill in the students I have the pleasure of working with. I appreciate the camaraderie of my colleagues both socially and professionally.

After growing up in Tamworth, I moved to Newcastle and attended university. I loved the area so much I didn't want to leave.

This is my 4th year at the best school in the land and have been teaching year 5 classes for the past 3 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with students, staff, and the wider community. It has been both challenging and rewarding.

I like sports and am involved in many of the sporting events held at this school. I believe that sport helps students grow and to learn resilience which will help them to become confident young adults. Personally, I enjoy playing and watching sport, I have a passion for horses that includes owning a share in a racehorse 'Frilly Curtain' at the moment – let's hope she is as successful as Mr Foulstone is at beating me in Fantasy Football each weekend.

I look forward to the year at EMPS and hope to see you around.

Cheers
Go the sharks

I am married and have two teenage daughters, who attend Maitland Grossman High School. I have been teaching at East Maitland Public School since 2006. This year I have been given the exciting opportunity to work with all the teachers in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two providing support and guidance with the implementation of the new National curriculum.

I also have the responsibility of working with all teachers in the development of their classroom practices. While I really miss the day to day interaction with 'a class of my own' I love working with teachers in their classrooms, helping them to become better teachers. I fully intend to get back into the classroom shortly, but in the meantime I am satisfied that I can make a difference to a large group of teachers, and thus influence many more children in a positive way.

I am proud to be part of the staff at "The Best School in the Land".

This is my second year at EMPS, and also my second year on Stage 2, teaching a year 4 class. I have really enjoyed my time at EMPS so far with all staff, students and parents making me feel very welcome.

I graduated from University in Coffs Harbour in 2010 and moved down to Newcastle with my wife Brooke, as we wanted to be closer to our families. This has been a wonderful time as we welcomed our first child Finn, into the world last October. He is keeping us nice and busy and it's been amazing watching him grow up...which is way too fast I might add!!

When not teaching and spending time with family and friends, I enjoy surfing, fishing, watching sport and playing AFL and cricket.

I look forward to meeting you all throughout the year and helping your child achieve their dreams.
**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 have been sent home, 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

**THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO GET YOUR TICKETS AND DONATIONS IN!!**

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**Library News**

**Thanks For Your Support!!**

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Book Fair on Friday. It was a huge success with nearly $10,000 in sales. Our school will receive 20% of the total sales, which will be put towards valuable resources for the school. Another big thank you to all the families who donated books to our library on the day. These books will be loved by all the students at EMPS.

Many thanks to the families of these students:
- Jason Kuszelyk SCJ
- Emily West KN
- Jordan Willis KG
- Izabella Betteridge KL
- Austin Andonovski 1H
- Lauren Kirme 1H
- Briana Radford 1H
- Cora Hadjar 1H (Donation of 2 books)
- William Passfield 2NJ
- Oshay Betteridge 2A
- Zane Hardy 2B
- Ethan Radford 3S
- Jackson Whyte Southcombe 3S (Donation of 3 books)
- Paige Andonovski 4E
- Imogen Burton 5S
- Jorja Dickson 6T
- Ricco Vile 6T
- Hamish Blain (Donation of 2 books)
- Declan Donnelly
- Happy reading to all!

Mrs Hookway

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**P & C News**

Thank you to Leighsa for donating her time to do Family Portraits. The weather was fantastic and should make for some great photos.

Thank you to the families who supported this event.

**Next P&C meeting**

10th April 6.30pm at the East Maitland Bowling Club

**HELP NEEDED**

We will be needing volunteers on **Wednesday 2nd April** at 9am in the staffroom to sort & wrap prizes for the Easter Guessing Competition.

Joy Edwards

on behalf of the Fundraising Committee
This Week’s EMPS Award Winners

KG  Dylan O’Brien
     Kianna Webb

KL  Ebony Meredith
     Ben Bukkontor

KN  Lewis Thomson
     Isabelle Poole

KR  Ayden Clay Stewart
     Mia Gunther

1A  Brandon Farley
     Lewis Collins

1H  Hayden Roberts
     Briana Radford

1L  Hayden McIntosh
     Makayla Morris

1S  Jamie Brown
     Max Carter

2A  Eric Barlow
     Sophie Roy

2B  Cameron McDeed
     Isabella Threlfo

2N  Riley Roberts
     Joel Thompson
     Ella Brewer

2NJ  Connor Clague
      Bailey Hucket

3S  Chase Corry
     Millee Grover
     Rowan Connell

3T  Alexander Coming
     Jayden Miles
     Charlotte Gillespie

3/4P  Emily Slater
      Lachlan Stig
      Sienna Flynn

4E  Theophile Buck
     Jackson Williams
     Chloe Graham
     Talia Waqa

4W  Jordan Studdert
     Lachlan Stig
     Jack Brown

5S  Amber Brown
     Callum Stevens
     Julien Connell

5M  Emelia Mann
     Jayden Straker
     Bryce Tinsley

6D  Emily Davidson
     Kobe Van Maastricht
     Caleb Fean

6T  Luke Eveleigh
     Taylah Darcey
     Jorja Dickson
     Sophie McIntosh
     Jack Graham
     Jacob Green

SCO  Aleisha Cedergren
     SCJ  Toby Raiston
     Molly Ryan

Principal’s Awards

Henry Wolters
Riley Mitchell
Nathanuel Payne
Kobe Van Maastricht
Grace Diamond
Jack Windon
Eliza Bolton
Chantel Tuivaiti

Thank you for assisting on Grandparents’ Day

Canteen Roster

31/3  Georgia Fletcher
      Robyn Williams

1/4  Adora McDonald
     Fiona Daley

2/4  Sara Kasteel
     Petina Bulmer
     Melissa Farmer

3/4  Emma Johnson
     Judy Drap
     Bev Johnson

4/4  Michelle Dickson
     Karen Dodd
     Toni Walsh

Kim Pearson-Kine

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

Canteen News

There is no Sausage Sizzle on RED Day
Thursday 27th March.

We will have a small variety of sweets available.

Sick Bay Linen Roster

28/3/14 - Bronwyn Guy
4/4/14 - Courtney Earsman
11/4/14 - Joy Edwards

Uniform Shop

Thank you for your patience if you have been
waiting on a new school hat.
The new hats are finally here!

The school’s EFTPOS system is no longer
operational for Uniform Shop customers.
You will have to pay by cash or by cheque only.
Please make your cheque payable to: East Maitland Public School P&C Association

Roster

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27/03 Kerry McFerran, Jodi Smith
Week 10
3/04 Kimberley Taylor, Noelle Green
Week 11
10/04 Kerry McFerran, Kylie Edwards
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GRANDPARENTS' DAY
### Tennis Timetable

**Term 2, 2014**

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