It has been raised by a number of community members and teachers that many people are using the bus zone as a drop off and collection point. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS ILLEGAL** and that if it continues infringements will be issued. **ALSO NOTE** that it is not the school or teachers’ responsibility to speak with parents about parking illegally etc. The bus company has also contacted us as they are concerned about the safety of the students entering and leaving the school.

Next week it should be a lot quieter around the place, with Year 6 away on their annual Canberra excursion. It's probably not the missing kids that will decrease the noise level, but rather that Mrs Mather, Miss Duffield and Mr Taylor will be accompanying them. I am sure they will have a fantastic trip, I know the teachers are looking forward to it.

Congratulations to our boys cricket team, who progressed to the next stage of the knockout competition with a win over Tenambit.

Our banner board is slowly filling up, and I am sure that it will be full by the end of the year. Congratulations to the students who have reached this milestone in Term One. It is a great reflection on the standard of behavior here, that our focus remains on the majority of students receiving positive awards, and so little time is having to be spent dealing with negative behaviours!

I know a lot of weekend sports begin this weekend, good luck to all the kids who are starting up their 2014 seasons.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter - in the next little while we will be sending out information regarding our Voluntary Contribution. The funds that we raise from this fee help us to provide important resources in your child's classroom so we would be extremely grateful if all parents could consider paying this.

**Black Shoes are P&C and school Policy**
There is a growing trend of brightly coloured footwear creeping into the school uniform. This is a reminder that fully-black school shoes are P&C and school policy. Sports day footwear must be predominately white.

Any type of enclosed footwear is permissible, as long as it is fully-black. Some acceptable examples are provided below.
P&C Meetings have been changed to night time to try and cater for most people. Meetings will be held 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Meetings are held at either the East Maitland Bowling Club or Golf Club. Membership is 50c for the year and can be paid at any general meeting.

Please note that any matters for discussion at a meeting should be received by the secretary 7 days prior to the meeting so that it can be advertised on the agenda. We welcome new items for discussion and the P&C provides an avenue for Parents/caregivers to communicate with the school community.

If you have anything for discussion at next weeks meeting please contact the P&C via email eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

**Agenda items for meeting 10/4/14**
- Appointment of P&C Bookkeeper
- Fundraising Calendar for 2014
- Safety of Students at school events

**Action Items currently underway**
- Installation of new hand dryers in toilets
- Installation of new Soft fall
- Pressure Cleaning of Cola area
- Removal of Trees
- Quotes for upgrade to school Siren and PA system
- Purchase of Uniforms for sporting teams
- Shirts for band

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**
Mother's Day stall will be held at the School on **Thursday 8th May 2014**.

Thank you to those who have donated items towards the stall. Donations are still being received via the office. Children who have placed an order will receive a slip from their class teacher to attend the stall and pick their gift. Where there is more than one child per family to attend the stall the eldest child will collect their brother or sister to attend the stall with them.

Volunteers are required on Thursday 8th May to assist with stall setup, serving the children and packing away. If you are able to assist on this day please contact Jamie Hanna on 0403590226.

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**Easter Guessing Competition**

Thank you for all the lovely donations, there will be some wonderful prizes won. Don't forget the Easter Competition will be drawn **tomorrow at 2.00pm** under the shade cloth.

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**P&C Bookkeeper Position**

East Maitland Public School is in need of a bookkeeper to manage the financial operations of the P&C. This position will require approximately 3 hours per week during school terms.

The P&C Bookkeeper will be responsible for all financial reporting including, payroll, BAS statements, long service leave, income and expenditure reports and reconciliation of bank statements.

A requirement of this position is that the applicant be a registered BAS or Tax agent.

(If a P&C Association engages a person to provide BAS services for a fee – they will be required to be a registered BAS or Tax agent with the Tax Practitioners Board.)

This position requires you to work closely with the canteen manager, uniform shop manager and P&C treasurer. If you are interested in this position please send your expression of interest to eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

Remuneration will be negotiated dependant on the applicants' experience.

Applications will be received up to 4th April 2014 then reviewed by the P&C Executive and voted on at the next available P&C meeting. This position is applicable to the 2014 P&C operating year only.

Angela Manson (EMPS P&C President)
My name is Daniel Payne and I am teaching 3/4P and also Assistant Principal for Stage 2. I have been working at East Maitland PS since 2013 and really enjoy working with so many fantastic students, families, and teachers. I started teaching in 2006 and have worked at a number of schools in both Primary and High School settings. I encourage the students to express their individuality and take responsibility. I enjoy teaching the students new skills both in and out of the classroom. I believe it is important for schools to not only teach students the curriculum but also help to shape well rounded individuals socially as well. I feel privileged to do my Assistant Principal ‘apprenticeship’ under such great leaders at East Maitland and I am learning lots, while hopefully adding my special insight into education through the executive team. I am really looking forward to another great year at EMPS.

Hi! My name is Conni McKinnon and I have been lucky enough to have spent the last nine years working at EMPS. Since about the age of 5 when I was teaching my dolls and stuffed animals, I knew I wanted to be a teacher. I grew up in North Haven (near Port Macquarie) and moved down to attend University in Newcastle. I graduated with a Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts in 2004 and worked as a casual teacher in several schools before settling at EMPS in 2005. I started here as a casual on a Year 4 class and since then have been involved in many different teaching roles. I have been the class teacher of grades 1-6, taught in an RFF capacity (K-6), taught ESL and worked in the Multi-categorical unit. This year I am teaching 5M. I have been enjoying the experience of getting to know my students and all the different personalities that make up the best class in the school! I thoroughly enjoy teaching Year 5 as I am able to guide my students and watch them mature into future leaders of EMPS.

I have been the EMPS Sports Coordinator for 2 years now and love all the challenges it brings. I'm a big Rugby League fan (Go the Knights!) and have the privilege of coaching the EMPS Rugby League side. This year I am taking on a new challenge – Public Speaking and Debating. I am looking forward to coaching my debating teams and overseeing the upcoming speech competitions. I have big shoes to fill! My life outside school… I live with my partner Guy and newly acquired pet ferret, 3 mins from EMPS which is very handy. I enjoy going to the footy and beating Mr Swab and Mr Foulstone in Supercoach! I love animals – particularly turtles. Anyone who has been in my classroom over the past 3 years will have met Turtie, Ernie and Squirt.

For as long as I can remember I have always wanted to be a teacher. In 2002, I was one step closer to my childhood dream when I commenced my teaching degree at Newcastle University. In 2006, I completed my internship at EMPS and started working as a graduated teacher the following year. In my time at EMPS I have worked from kindergarten to year 6, as an RFF and classroom teacher. These roles have given me the opportunity to work with students at all stages of their learning journey. I am grateful for the experiences and opportunities I have had at EMPS. On a day-to-day basis I am surrounded by teachers who I look up to and are committed to public education. The students that I teach are our future and each child has the potential to bring something unique and special to the world. I hope to ignite a love of learning and a passion for acquiring new information in all students that I teach.

I love my family (including my dog Ruby) and friends, and in my spare time I enjoy spending time with them, especially my nephew Ollie. I like to travel and I’m looking forward to visiting Perth in the Easter holidays to see my partner, Matthew, who is currently working in Western Australia.
This Week’s EMPS Award Winners

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Canteen Roster

| 7/4 | Billie Morrow | Carly Bailey |
| 8/4 | Heather Buck | Carolyn Burgess |
| 9/4 | Josie Harring | Natalie Callman Sue-Ann Carroll |
| 10/4 | Judy Drap | Linda Boardman |
| 11/4 | Lara Chapman | Kylie Potter | HELP NEEDED |

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

Sick Bay Linen Roster

4/4/14 - Courtney Earsman
11/4/14 - Joy Edwards

Principal’s Awards
Byron Hookway - Honesty

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Maitland Mutual Bank
The winner of the Mutual draw is:
Ayden Clay-stewart - KR
Finn Schumacher - 2B

Uniform Shop
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.

Please note that the Uniform Shop is looking for additional Volunteers to assist in the shop. Please see Kerry in the shop on Thursday or email the P&C at eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com. If volunteers are available on other days or would prefer afternoons please let us know. If we have enough volunteers we can be flexible with opening days and times.

Uniform Roster
Week 10
3/04 Kimberley Taylor, Noelle Green
Week 11
10/04 Kerry McFerran, Kylie Edwards
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Australian Football League
With the help of the Holland Saints

Registrations are open now
Aussick (4 to 7 years)
Under 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s and 17s
Girls 12 to 15 (starting in May)
All are welcome.
Season starts April 6.
Contact Dave Tilbridge on 0411239814
or at registrar@hollandsaints.org.au
Juniors play Sundays!

GIVEAWAYS

UNDER 12 CLINICS 2014

WHERE: Maitland Hockey Centre
WHO: Under 12 Players - Born 2002 - 2004
WHEN: 28th April
TIME: 10am - 4pm
REGISTRATION CLOSES: 7th April
COST: $53
REGISTER: Link can be found at ‘maitlandhockey.org.au’ or Hockey NSW

Sydney Royal Easter Show Bus Trip

The Softfeather Bantam Club is running a bus trip to the Sydney Royal Easter Show on the opening weekend of the Poultry Show 2014. This is a key fundraiser for the Club and your support is much appreciated.

A Sexton’s Coach will depart Paterson and stop at several pick up spots on the way to the Freeway and deliver guests back that evening. The pick-up/drop off points will be determined when numbers have been finalised.

Morning Tea will be supplied and lucky seat prizes and raffles will also be taking place, so bring those gold coins with you!

COST: $30pp, paid prior to departure date

DATE ATTENDING SHOW: Saturday 12th April 2014

CONTACT/RSVP: Brod Vaillance 0417406842 or email brodvaillance@yahoo.com.au by 30/03/14

Note: Tickets for the Show are 20% cheaper when booked online or over the phone.
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