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Time to purchase your 2014/2015 
Entertainment Book

The books can be purchased here at school or you can purchase a digital copy.

The cost is $60.00 and is a great way to save money.

Canteen Roster

5/5 Billie Morrow Carly Bailey
6/5 Heather Buck Carolyn Burgess
7/5 Josie Haring Natalie Callanan Sue-An Carroll
8/5 Judy Drap Linda Boardman
9/5 Lara Chapman Kylie Potter

HELP NEEDED

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

Sick Bay Linen Roster

TERM 2
2/5/14 - Michelle Dickson
9/5/14 - Noelle Green
16/5/14 - Donna Burton
23/5/14 - Jodi Smith
30/5/14 - Kimberely Taylor

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.

Remember you can order any time through the office using the order form available on the school website. Your order will be processed on Thursdays and given to your child to bring home or left at the office for you to collect. This service allows access to the uniform shop for everyone.
School News

Changes to Before School Playground
In the morning before school there will now be only two playground areas open.
**Kinder and Stage 3** are to play under the COLA
**Stage 1 and Stage 2** under the shade cloth area.
The area around the rotunda is closed and all grass areas, children can order their lunch but must return to their respective areas.
Just a reminder that students who arrive before 8:30 are still to sit on the silver seats outside the library until the 8:30 bell rings. Please make sure you have signed an indemnity form if your child does arrive before 8.30.

Homework Club
Homework Club will begin on Monday 5th May. Make sure you bring all necessary equipment to complete your homework including passwords for Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

Starstruck
A reminder to parents that we have our first Newcastle Rehearsal THIS FRIDAY the 2nd May from 10am to 2pm at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium. Students are to wear their sports uniform and meet Miss Lewis at the stadium at 9.45am.
Miss Lewis

ANZAC Day
Our captains, Chantel Tuivaiti and Will Stoneman represented the school with the appropriate sense of occasion and dignity when they read the poem 'The Soul Of Australia' at the packed St Peters church last Friday as part of the ANZAC Day commemoration service. Thank you also, to the children who attended the service at the Church. Thank you Mrs Blain for organising the children at the church, and Mr Eddy for organising our school banner. The traditional march from the Fire Station to the Cenotaph outside our school had to be cancelled due to the poor weather conditions. I know many other children intended to march but the weather prevented that from happening. Even though ANZAC Day was last week, the school believes that a recognition ceremony is important for our students so we will be having a service during school time this week.

Kindergarten News
Miss Noble & Kindergarten have developed a web page to keep Kindy parents up to date with what is going on in their classrooms and the school.
It looks fantastic and I would encourage all Kindy parents to use this a point of reference for their child.
http://kindergartenemps.weekly.com/

Tennis
Next week we start the tennis program
Thursday - K,1,2, 3S, SCO
Friday - Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5, Yr 6, SCC, SCJ

P&C News

Join the EMPS P&C
Meetings held second Thursday of Each Month at 6:30pm
Next meeting Thursday 8th May
2014 @ East Maitland Bowling Club
Contact the P&C via email
eastmaidlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

If you have anything for discussion at the next meeting please contact the P&C via email
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INSTALLATION OF NEW SOFT FALL – HOORAY we have new soft fall.
Thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication to this project.
I’m sure the children will enjoy the new colours and design.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL- Change of Date
Due to Year 4 Excursion the Mother’s Day stall will be held at the School on Friday 9th May.
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.

Due to the supplier selling out of some items we have had to substitute. The items received are of great quality and there is a large selection of items to choose from.

Volunteers are required on FRIDAY 9th 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 or via email. The stall will run from approximately 10am till 12noon.
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EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL STEPS UP TO THE PITCH FOR PINK STUMPS DAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION

Pink Stumps Day has been helping the McGrath Foundation hit a “six” since it began in 2011 with over 2,500 clubs, schools, communities and businesses, raising over $2.3 million for the McGrath Foundation. But this year it’s going to be even bigger and pinker than before with the McGrath Foundation aiming to raise a staggering $1 million through communities right across Australia.

Each year, Pink Stumps Day demonstrates the power of communities coming together to achieve something quite extraordinary and thanks to this support the McGrath Foundation is proud to have hit its maiden ton this summer with 100 McGrath Breast Care Nurses working nationally.

With these McGrath Breast Care Nurses providing an invaluable service for families experiencing breast cancer and the McGrath Foundation is working to ensure every family experiencing breast cancer in Australia has access to a breast care nurse, no matter where they live or their financial situation.

EMPS is holding a Pink Stumps Day on Friday, 9th May.
On this day students will come out of uniform in PINK and are asked to bring a gold coin donation.
We will be holding a Teachers v Year 6 cricket match with our new pink gear during lunch time.

All proceeds from the day will help the McGrath Foundation see their vision become a reality, ensuring every family experiencing breast cancer has access to a breast care nurse, no matter where they live or their financial situation.

Ready Steady Go Kids has arrived and is now running classes at Maitland Indoor Sports Centre! It is Australia’s leading preschool sport and exercise program for children aged 2.5 to 6 years. Ready Steady Go Kids is a multi-sport program that has been designed by a physio and it teaches the fundamentals of 10 different sports as well as enhancing gross and fine motor skills in a fun, social and non-competitive environment. It is a great way for your children to learn a variety of sporting skills but also helps to prepare them for school.

Free Trial Classes are available so visit www.readysteadygokids.com.au or call 1300 766 892. Classes are running on Friday and Saturday mornings at Maitland Indoor Sports Centre, right near Harvey Norman in Rutherford. Classes are filling up fast so don’t miss this great opportunity!
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program toward those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and was factored onto the cost of the excursion.

Information for Local Residents

RAIL/BRIDGE MAINTENANCE WORK
(Night Work Included)

The Australian Rail Track Corporation is undertaking essential rail maintenance to ensure the safety and reliability of the rail infrastructure. Further bridge renewal work will be conducted at Melbourne Street, East Maitland during the times indicated below. Uses of detonators for rail safe working will be required along the rail corridor between East Maitland Station and Maitland Station.

The areas affected are:

Railway Underbridge Renewal at Melbourne Street, East Maitland NSW
7.00pm Friday 16th May to 5.00am Monday 19th May 2014
Continuous—Day and Night works

During this period Melbourne Street will be closed at the bridge site with a traffic diversion in place. A courtesy bus will be provided at the bridge site to transfer pedestrians from one side of the rail corridor to the other. Unfortunately there will be some noise and possible light spill associated with this work, however this will be minimised wherever possible. There may be associated noise and/or light spill for the 24 hour period before and after the abovementioned times, due to loading and unloading of plant. We regret any inconvenience this work may cause.
STUMP UP FOR THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION.

WE ARE HOSTING A

PINK STUMPS DAY

STUDENTS WEAR PINK & BRING
A GOLD COIN DONATION

WHO:  EMPS Students & Staff
WHERE: East Maitland Public School
DATE:  Friday 9th May

CONTACT: Miss McKinnon

All proceeds on the day will help the McGrath Foundation support all women experiencing breast cancer who are unable to access a wobble or mammogram, no matter where they live or their socio-economic status, in accessing breast cancer treatment.

Miss McKinnon
mckinnon@eastmaimail.com.au