Farewell Jude Hamilton

Today the school farewells our school counsellor Jude Hamilton as she retires from teaching. Jude resides at our school for a number of days each week as we share her with a few other local schools. She is also the District Guidance Officer for the area which means she is the supervisor of all other counsellors in the district. Not everyone involved with the school may necessarily know Jude but those who have needed her services for their children will know of the dedication she has shown the children of East Maitland Public School. Jude’s knowledge of her job and the experience she provided in the service of children has helped uncountable families over her career. Jude has assessed, diagnosed, advised and counselled a myriad of children during her time and has always had that essential quality as a counsellor - she genuinely cared for the children and families she assisted. We wish Jude well on this next part of her life journey and we know if karma really exists then she has much to look forward to.

Goodbye Jude.

ANZAC DAY March Details

ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays this year. It is on the last Friday of the holidays. The school has been invited to be involved once again in this important ceremony. We will be marching from the fire station on the highway down to the cenotaph outside our school. All children are welcome to participate. Please wear school uniform. There will be teacher assistance for those attending. The march will commence from the fire station at 11.20am for a cenotaph service outside our school at 11.30am.

Banner Winners

Jude Collier, Imogen Burton, Nathan Boardman, Mackinley McNab

Jorja Dickson, Samantha Taylor, Ella Regter
School News

Homework Club
Students in Stage 2 and 3, who expressed interest in Homework Club, will begin on Monday 5th May (Term 2, week 2). Make sure you bring all necessary equipment to complete your homework including passwords for Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

Cross Country
Last Thursday 31 of our students, from years 2-6, went to Tocal for the Zone Cross Country. It was a tough course and to make it worse it was a really warm day. All students tried their hardest in the conditions and represented the school with great pride. Sebastian Rodet and Josie Morley came second in their age groups so they will be going onto the regional carnival next term. Great work Josie and Sebastian and well done to everyone.

Regional trials
On Friday 5 students went to Hunter sporting teams trials. Jake Collins, Will Stoneman, Zane Estatheo and Josie Morley, for soccer, and Josh Magann for Hockey. It was tough day of competition and all students tried their best. Well done to Josie Morley who has made it into the Hunter girls soccer team and to Josh Magann who has made it into the Hunter Boys Hockey side. These two will be attending a state carnival sometime next term.

Well done to all these students on their sporting achievements. Having this much sporting talent in the school is another reason why we are known as the best school in the land.

Rugby
On Monday the 7th of April two East Maitland rugby union teams went to Marcellin Park to play a rugby knock out comp. Both teams played 4 games each. Team 1 beat St Johns, the other East Maitland side and Singleton Public School. There were 13 teams competing on the day. Team 1 came 4th and team 2 came 7th. Team 1 will be going through to the Newcastle comp next term.

THANKS!!! MR TAYLOR FOR A GREAT DAY OF RUGBY.

By Jared and Coby 5S.

State Swimming
This week some very talented swimmers will be competing for our school and the Hunter at the PSSA State Swimming Carnival. The carnival is held at Homebush, in Sydney.
Daniel Taylor, Arielle Taylor, Libby Carey, Jessica Curtis and Imogen Pickard-Ling will all be swimming as fast as they can.
We wish all these students the best of luck in their races, and will let you know of their results as soon as possible.

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28/4  Pupil Free Day

29/4  Adora McDonald  Fiona Daley
30/4  Petina Bulmer  Sara Kasteel  Melissa Forrester
1/5   Emma Johnson  Bev Johnson  Judy Drap
2/5   Michelle Dickson  Karen dodd  Toni Walsh

Kim Pearson-Kime

Sick Bay Linen Roster

11/4/14 - Joy Edwards

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 eastmaitlandpublicschool-pandc@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 11
10/04 Kerry McFerran, Kylie Edwards

It is that time of the year again....
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.

Maitland Mutual Bank
The winner of the Mutual draw is:

Kianna Webb - KG
Harmonie Toomey - 1A
YMCA at St Pauls Rutherford.

It quickly approaching the end of term with Holidays starting. Need care for your child/ren or are they looking for something to do during the holidays. We have some great excursions which include going to the Museum in Sydney to see the Dinosaur Exhibition, we are going to Treetop Adventure which is like a an outdoor recreation centre. Then the second week we are going on an excursion and doing barefoot bowls and also going to the movies. When we are not out and about on an excursion we are having them days at the centre the theme days include Bring bikes and having a bike & Wheels Day, Having a Magic Tricks day, having treasure hunt day and on the pupil free day having an Art Frenzy Day.

We have plenty of Spots available so come in to the centre and collect a form to fill in on download a form from www.oshc.ymca.org.au

Or call 0408587421 for more information.

Thank you Libby, Carol and Rebecca

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Thank you to all the families who contributed to the Easter Raffle with donations and or buying tickets. The result was EGGSELLENT. Thanks to your generosity over 170 prizes were given out in very warm conditions last Thursday afternoon to some very EGGSITED children.

A personal thank you to the Office Ladies who always help in the collecting of prizes and tickets and Kim’s help with Newsletter information.

Thank you to all the mothers and grandmothers who helped organise & wrap the prizes. The mothers who counted money & folded raffle tickets every week especially Noelle and Jodi. Thank you to Noelle who stepped in when I was unable to run the prize giving last Thursday due to Zone Cross Country.

Joy Edwards
on behalf of the
P & C Fundraising Committee.