Despite the number of years I have been working in schools I am still astonished by how busy it gets sometimes. At the moment we are in full swing with our sporting knockout competitions, debating, public speaking competitions, Athletics Carnivals as well as the regular weekly activities, like sporting programs, Active After Schools, Band, Choir, Fund-raising and excursions. This coincides with things like NAPLAN and our Semester Reporting and Parent/Teacher Interviews! No wonder we all feel like we need a good holiday…oh well only about 5 weeks to go until the July School Vacation.

A reminder that we have opened our books for Kindergarten 2015 enrolments. These are filling fast, and it is important that we gather as much information from you as possible so that we can best plan for next year. If you haven’t enrolled or know of somebody that may not of, please encourage them to drop by and give us some information so that we can include them in our 2015 structure.

We are currently undergoing an analysis and review of our school to ensure that East Maitland Public is the best option for primary schooling for all our students and families. As the relationship between all members of the school (parents, students and staff) is critical I felt it was valuable for you to have the opportunity to see what we are doing. Following are some of the ‘targets’ that we are aspiring towards…..

This school is driven by a deep belief that every student is capable of successful learning. A high priority is given to building and maintaining positive and caring relationships between staff, students and parents. We are building a strong collegial culture of mutual trust and support among teachers and school leaders and parents are treated as partners in the promotion of student learning and wellbeing. The school works to maintain a learning environment that is safe, respectful, tolerant, inclusive and that promotes every individual child to achieve their best. We can see this through these sort of things...

...the school promotes and maintains an environment reflective of its high expectations that all students will learn successfully;
...the staff of the school demonstrate an understanding of the importance of positive and caring relationships to successful learning, and work to build mutually respectful relationships across the school community;
...interactions between staff, students, parents and families are caring, polite and inclusive;
...the school views parents and families as integral members of the school community and partners in student learning;
...the school places a high priority on student and staff wellbeing and has processes in place to provide both academic and non-academic support to address individual needs;
...the school appreciates and values students’ varying cultural backgrounds and works to build the cultural competence of school staff;
...the school has clear strategies to promote appropriate behaviour - including agreed responses and consequences for inappropriate student behaviour - and the school provides sufficient support for teachers to implement these policies;
...the school works to create an attractive and stimulating physical environment that supports and encourages learning;
...the school promotes a culture of inquiry and innovation, where creative exploration and independent learning are valued; and
...all students and staff have an obvious sense of belonging, all parents are welcomed and all staff, students and parents speak highly of the school.
School News

Swimming Champions
Last Thursday the following students Amity Petersen, Bec Davey, Daniel Taylor, Jessica Curtis, Jack Brown and Will Dyson were presented with their swimming trophies. All students should be very proud of their achievements.

Horse Sports Day
Logan Richardson and Charlotte Gillespie attended Horse Sports Day in Singleton last Friday. Both girls did extremely well placing in most events. Both girls won their rider classes in their age groups. Pictured are Logan on her pony 'Ausden Kandyman', but commonly known as 'Alfie'; and Charlotte on her pony 'Yartarla Park Louis Vuitton', but simply known as 'Louie'. Congratulations girls on a terrific achievement!

Debating
Congratulations to our 2 debating teams who competed well against Minmi Public School yesterday. Our Year 6 team the 'The Dominators' was successful, while our Year 5 team, 'The Convincers' narrowly lost. Well done, kids!!

Infants Athletics Carnival
This Friday the infants will be attending their athletics carnival at King Edward Park. The students will be walking and therefore need to have a general permission note signed.

Students in Year 1 & Year 2 have been given the general permission note which needs to be signed and returned to school before Friday.
Kindergarten students were given this note on enrolment and therefore do not need to sign it again

Banner Winner
Congratulations Ethan Montgomery

Monday 19th May Tuesday 20th May Wednesday 21st May Thursday 22nd May Friday 23rd May
WEEK 4 Debate vs Minmi National simultaneous story time Peer support Tennis Bond Infants Athletics Carnival
Multicultural Public Speaking – Stage 2&3 Tennis

Monday 26th May Tuesday 27th May Wednesday 28th May Thursday 29th May Friday 30th May
WEEK 5 National Sorry Day Girl’s Soccer Knockout Girl’s Netball Starstruck Under 10’s Knights Knockout Peer support Tennis Bond Tennis
Any problems please phone Jacki -
School 4933 7524 or Home 4932 7226

Sick Bay Linen Roster

TERM 2
23/5/14 - Jodi Smith
30/5/14 - Kimberley Taylor

Canteen Roster

26/5  Georgia Fletcher  Robyn Williams
27/5  Adora McDonald  Fiona Daley
28/5  Petina Bulmer  Sara Kasteel
29/5  Emma Johnson  Bev Johnson  Judy Drap
30/5  Michelle Dickson  Karen Dodd  Kim Pearson-Kime

Toni Walsh

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P&C News

The Uniform Shop will now be open each Tuesday afternoon from 2:30-3pm as well as Thursday mornings from 8:30-9am.

If anyone would like to put their name down to help, please see Kerry in the Uniform Shop.

We need to have another pair of helpers (at least) who would be willing to be put on the Thursday morning rotation;
this means that the current volunteers aren't on the roster as often.
Please consider pairing up with a friend and giving 30-45 mins of your time once or twice a term.
I am more than happy to run through the procedures with you :) 

EFTPOS is NOT available, please use cash or cheque only.
Please make your cheque payable to:
East Maitland Public School P&C Association

Remember the convenient ordering system; leave your order and money in an envelope at the front office (you can have the order delivered to your child's classroom or you can collect it from the front office).
All orders will be processed and delivered on a Thursday morning.

PRICES:
Fleecy Zip Jackets $20
Fleecy V-Neck Jumpers $20
Track Pants $20
Waterproof Fleece-Lined Weather Jackets $35
Hats $14