It feels a little funny wishing everyone a safe and happy vacation as I have just returned from 2 weeks long service leave. This is the first time I have taken time off during the school year, and it was a little bizarre not turning up for work each day.....but I got over this pretty quickly. But seriously, I hope everyone has a great mid-year holiday and refreshes and replenishes ready to begin 2nd Semester. The calendar is very full so you and the students will need all the energy they can get! Students return on Tuesday 15th July.

This afternoon we are holding our parent/teacher interviews in the school hall. It is the first time for many years that we have held interviews this way, and we are hoping that it provides a chance for you to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss how you can best work together to continue their academic and social growth over the next six months.

Next term we will have 4 of our temporary staff who have been successful in gaining a permanent position.

Congratulations to Mrs Tracey Hookway, Miss Shae Duffield, Mr Bryson Swab and Miss Sally Roe. While we won’t notice any difference as they will remain in the same roles and on the same classes that they are currently working on, the permanency of their positions is a very important step in their careers.

We also welcome Miss Liz Sharkey onto our staff in a permanent capacity next term. Liz is currently working at Kearsley Public School, and is really looking forward to starting here!!

At the beginning of next year we will welcome Ms Britteny Callaghan who is currently working at Tenambit Public School on a temporary block until the end of 2014. She is very excited about also beginning her permanent career at East Maitland Public, the best school in the land.

Stay Safe,
Ian Foulstone

Skoolbag
Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “East Maitland Public School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. On page 6 of the newsletter there are more in depth instructions.

This initiative has been made possible by the fundraising the P&C does throughout the year. The P&C has made a commitment to fund this project and I’m sure you will all reap the benefits.
School News

Last week the stage 3 girls netball team played the 3rd round of the PSSA knockout netball competition. They played against Bellbird at Kurri Kurri netball courts. Unfortunately the girls lost but played a great game showing great sportsmanship. Thankyou to Angela for umpiring and to parents for helping with transport. Also a big thankyou to Miss Duffield for training the girls, we all appreciate it very much.

By Giaan and Gindah.

Band News

Don’t forget EMPS Band parents that our concert is on tomorrow. The students have been working extremely hard to get to this stage, well done to all of you. If your child is interested in learning an instrument next term please come and see me or give Allan Ward Music a call: Ph- 49676000.

Mrs Hookway

Library News

All students will have the opportunity to borrow an extra book this week for their holiday reading. This holiday will be an excellent time to read some more Premier’s Reading Challenge books. All students from Years 3 to 6 must complete this challenge themselves, reading a total of 20 books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge selection (5 of these may be personal choice). Students can access the Premier’s Reading Challenge site through their student portal to see if books they have read are included in the challenge. Book Week is happening next term, look out for information next term regarding a special performance for Book Week.

P&C News

Are you an electrician?
The P&C are looking to anyone in the school who is an electrician and could assist with the purchase and installation of hand dryers in the toilets. We have an idea of what is needed but require assistance to know if these products are suitable and what the cost would be to install. If you can assist please email eastmaitlandpandc@gmail.com or give Angela a call on 0413789154.

The Uniform Shop opening hours
Tuesday afternoon from 2:30-3pm as well as Thursday mornings from 8:30-9am.
EFTPOS is NOT available; please use cash or cheque only.
Please make your cheque payable to:
East Maitland Public School P&C Association
We have new school pants available! Come in and take a look at the range of samples for girls and boys.

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

Roster
Thurs 26/06 Courtney McNab & Melissa Farmer (& Kerry ~stocktake~)

P&C Fundraising
As this term has come to an end we wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generous support of the Easter Guessing Competition.
We were very fortunate to raise $1581.00 that will directly benefit the children of EMPS.
This Week’s EMPS Award Winners

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Canteen Roster

| 14/7 | PUPIL FREE                     |
| 15/7 |                               |
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Sick Bay Linen Roster

TERM 3
18/7-14: Joy Edwards
25/7-14: Michelle Dickson
1/8-14: Noelle Green
8/8-14: Donna Burton
15/8-14: Jodi Smith
22/8-14: Kimberley Taylor
29/8-14: Courtney Earsman
5/9-14: Katie Brown
12/9-14: Bronwyn Guy
19/9-14: Courtney Earsman

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

Maitland Mutual Bank
The winner of the Mutual draw is:
Kianna Webb—KG
Finn Schumacher - 2B

This Week
23rd June

WEEK 9
leaders photos
support unit
museum excursion
parent interviews
Band Concert
Tennis
Last Day of Term

TERM 3 WEEK 1
PUPIL FREE DAY
Students return
Netball Gala
P&C Meeting
NAIDOC Day
Last Thursday EMPS participated in the Commonwealth Games day hosted by 'Be Skilled, Be Fit'. Every student got put into a country and marched in the opening and closing ceremonies while in between playing fun games such as oz tag, tug a war, obstacle course and many more. The poor infants students had to put up with the freezing cold weather while the primary students had the beautiful sun. After recess the students had the closing ceremony. The winning country was Samoa who won by 2 points. Very close! All the students had a really fun and active day which is all that matters!

By Zane Estatheo and Jak Redding

On Thursday EMPS had a Commonwealth Games Day. All students were given a country. Macey’s was Kenya and her favourite game was tug a war. Abbie’s was Wales and her favourite game was soccer. Sophie Davis got to run around the school with a baton in her hand. Samoa came first place. We had a great day!

By Macey Streeter and Abbie Jenkins
**HELEN O'GRADY**
**DRAMA ACADEMY**
**2014**
**MAITLAND**

"Incorporate your child's imagination, skills, self-confidence and creative talents.
(Speech, Improvisation, Movement, Scriptwriting and Productions.)

**DRAMA CLASSES:**

Maitland Polish Hall - Thursdays
(Established for 20 years in Maitland)

**PRIMARY:** 7 - 11 YEARS
**YOUTH:** 12 - 16 YEARS

Enrolments now being taken for 2014 Term 2
(Class size limited, previous year full enrolment)

Principal: Michele Lessar
Ph: 04 49 38 2525 for details.
Email: dramacorp@bigpond.com

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**HEALTHY DADS HEALTHY KIDS**

It is an exciting time for the HDHK Team as the new and improved community program will be delivered across 5 locations during 2014.

Maitland, Cessnock, Singleton, Muswellbrook and Scone will be receiving this award-winning program.

The Team have refined and improved HDHK to align with previous participant feedback to provide communities with the best possible program. I know a lot of you will be happy to know that questionnaires have been significantly reduced and will be completed online.

**WHO** ANY father / father figure (Uncle, Grandad, Guardian) and their primary School aged kids

**WHAT** Healthy Dads Healthy Kids is a 9 session award winning program where Dads:

- Spend quality time in fun physical activities with their kids that lead to optimal physical, mental, and socio-emotional health
- Shed kids without giving up the things they love
- Learn how to transform the dinner table from warzone to peace train
- Get active, fitter and healthier with their kids.
- Receive the latest information on physical activity and nutrition

**WHEN** Wednesday nights in Term 3, 2014. Commencement date 16th July.

**WHERE** Maitland Christian School (Your children do NOT have to attend this school to attend the program)

**CONTACT** Craig Shaffer on 0421549975 OR email c.shaffer@maitlandc.newcastle.edu.au to register or for further information!

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**Hunter Region Botanic Gardens**

**Port Stephens Examiner's**

**Children's Discovery Day**

**Release the kids into the wild**

**Tuesday 1st July 2014**

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**Our thanks to Port Stephens Examiner, advertising sponsor for Children's Discovery Day**

Contact Lynda for more information
Hunter Region Botanic Gardens FOE Pacific Highway NEATHOPEMERE NSW 2315 north of Pokolbin Bridge
Ph 4987 1851 Fax 4981 1440 admin@hunteergardens.org.au www.huntergardens.org.au
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

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4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
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6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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