To begin with I would like to thank and congratulate all the students, parents and teachers for the wonderful effort made with our Book Week parade. Despite the dodgy weather everyone turned up in FANTASTIC costumes, and Mrs Hookway was delighted with the proceedings!

Our Year 5 students head off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp this morning. There were some very excited students all packed and ready to go, and I am sure they will have a great time.

Just so you know, we have had the aborist assess the tree situation at school. They have tagged a number of trees for removal that should begin shortly. I am still working with Transfield on the removal of the mess at the front of the school, where the tree fell in the last strong winds.

It was fabulous to see so many pre-schoolers turn up for our first Open Classrooms for Kinder 2015. We have our Parent Information session this evening, and then our next Open Classrooms next week. We will begin our Formal Orientation program in week 2 next term that will run for 3 consecutive weeks. If you know of anybody who has a child that should be starting Kinder in 2015 and they haven’t contacted the school yet, could you please remind them to do so. Our books are getting very full and it is vital that each child has the opportunity to participate in Orientation.

Congratulations to Joshua Lorenz and Katie Slater.

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Reminders
- **Walkathon** money due Friday 22nd August.
- **Kinder Zoo** excursion money is due Friday 22nd August.
- Payments for the **Graduation Bear or Ball** are due by Friday 12th September.

Sick Bay Linen Roster

- 22/8/14 - Kimberely Taylor
- 29/8/14 - Kellie Heydon
- 5/9/14 - Katie Brown
- 12/9/14 - Bronwyn Guy
- 19/9/14 - Courtney Earsman

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop needs your help on a Tuesday or Thursday—just an hour of your time once a term would be great. Pop your head into the shop and see Kerry—she will answer any of your questions.

Uniform Shop opening times:
- Tuesday 2:30-3pm
- Thursday 8:30-9am

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

Leave your order with payment in an envelope at the front office and have your items either delivered to your child’s classroom or left at the front office for you to collect.

We have new school pants available! Come in and take a look at the range of samples for girls and boys—$20-$25 each.

Tri-Coloured Sports Shorts are in—we have a new supplier—MR SPORTS in Maitland—$20 each.

Uniform Shop Prices:
- Hats $14
- Navy Shorts $15
- Shirts $20 (2 for $35)

**TUESDAY**
- 19/08 Kerry & Dea
- 26/08 Kerry & Deslie
- 2/09 Kerry & Fiona
- 9/09 Kerry & Kylie
- 16/09 Kerry & Jo

**THURSDAY**
- 21/08 Kerry & Melissa
- 28/08 Kimberley & Noelle
- 4/09 Kerry & Deslie
- 11/09 Jodi & Bronwyn
- 18/09 Kerry & Katie

Canteen Roster

- 25/8 - Billie Morrow  Carly Bailey
- 26/8 - Heather Buck  Carolyn Burgess
- 27/8 - Josie Haring  Natalie Callanan  Sue Ann Carroll
- 28/8 - Linda Boardman  Judy Drapp
- 29/8 - Jenee Binnie  Lara Chapman  Kylie Potter

Judy Lawler

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

Canteen New
If you are unable to attend your shift in the canteen, could you please ring so that other arrangements can be made.
Thank you

School News

**1H’s Writer of the Week**
Frogs
Frogs are amphibians.
Frogs can change colour.
Frogs can live in rainforests and swamps.
Frogs like to hop and swim.
I love that frogs can change their colours.

**Hunter Valley Grammar Inter School Championships**
Logan Richardson in Year 6 & Alfie had a fantastic day at the Hunter Valley Grammar inter-school championships, winning reserve champion prelim dressage, reserve champion 65cm show jumping, reserve champion primary rider and champion primary show jumper.

**Zone Athletics.**
Last week in the Newsletter I named those students going to Regional Athletics next Friday. I forgot to mention Samantha Taylor who will be competing in the JNR Girls Discus. I apologise Samantha for this. Good luck to Sam and the rest of the students attending.
School News

Denver Ross
As my family are from Victoria I have always played AFL. I started in Auskick when I was three and now play Under 11’s for Port Power.
In May this year I represented the Hunter Valley at the AFL State Championships in Sydney.
After this mum received an invitation for me to try out for the 2015 Under 11 Sydney Swans Academy program. Mum, Dad and my two sisters came to Sydney on the afternoon of the Athletic Assessment day. We were all given numbers and put into groups of 25. There were 10 groups of 250 boys. We were assessed on 8 different skills; Stationary kicking, On the run kicking, AFL Ball movement, AFL marking, Speed & Agility, Hand/eye coordination & Body movement. The selectors told us that we would be marked out of 5 for each skill, 5 being excellent & 1 being poor. These results were going to be posted to us along with a letter to inform us whether we were successful or not. Out of the 250 boys only 40 would be chosen.
On Wednesday 13th August the letter arrived…….

It read:
Your athleticism, commitment and positive attitude throughout the trials highlighted you have what it takes to be a Sydney Swans Academy player and we are delighted to congratulate you on your selection for the 2015 Under 11 Academy Program.
My mum cried and then rang every person she knows. My scores were awesome. I received 4 x 4s and 4 x 3s.
The Sydney Swans Academy is a specialised, innovative program that is tailored specifically for my age group. As an academy member I will have the opportunity to be supported by the academy coaches and train regularly with the best players in the academy zone.

In February I will start the program which goes for the year, three 8 week terms. We will train at Newcastle No.1 Sports Ground every Monday from 5pm – 7pm and then every second Wednesday in Sydney 5pm – 7pm.

The academy program goes up to Under 18s and because I have been successful I will be apart of the program until under 16s when the next stage of my future AFL career begins.

Ronald McDonald House Excursion and Donation

Last Thursday, 14th August, students from EMPS visited the Ronald McDonald House in Newcastle to deliver a donation of $300 from money raised through Life Skills recycling. The money was raised through the recycling of 275kg of ring pulls, topped up with money raised from recycling aluminium cans. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to see the fruits of their labour and the value of donating our time and resources to worthy causes such as this. EMPS students, parents and wider community should be proud of their contribution and continue to recycle through the Life Skills program to provide these resources for worthwhile causes. The value placed on the contribution of any money can be summed up by one of our students “I would rob a bank to help these kids”. Whilst not recommended, this highlights the learning experience the students had and how proud they were to be helping in some small way.
P&C News

Your Children’s Class needs your help
Each class is asking for at least 2 helpers for the following Events. If you are able to assist please let your classroom teachers know or email the P&C at eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

- Father’s Day Gifts’ – Assistance with taking photos, printing and framing. Please let your class room teacher now if you are able to help out for about 1 hour to print and frame Father’s Day photos. Photo’s need to be ready by 3rd Sept to go home in time for Father’s Day.

- Kindy Orientation – Why not become an EMPS Parent Buddy – If you are interested in helping out new families to our school with becoming familiar with school life please let your class teacher know or email the P&C.

A morning tea will be held during orientation for new families to our school with becoming familiar with school life.

Thank you to all who supported the 100 club and raffle at the Book Week Parade.

Congratulations to Melissa Threlfo who won the $100.00 First Prize – Michelle-Leigh Photo session was won by Kylie Gunther.

Second Prize – Hunter Valley Gardens Voucher was won by Tracey Jamieson.

Thank you to Michelle-Leigh Photography for your donation.

Thank you to Donna Burton for your Donations

Thank you to all who assisted at Book Parade with canteen, raffle, 100 club.

What does the P&C do at the School?
The P&C can help you get answers to your questions by seeking information on your behalf, putting you in touch with the right people and providing opportunities for you to get together with other families and compare experiences.

Isn’t it all fundraising and meetings? Well yes...and no! The P&C’s primary focus is on building strong partnerships with the school leadership and promoting a sense of community at EMPS.

We also try to do a bit of fundraising throughout the year that can be invested back in the school for the benefit of all children.

Fundraising activities and P&C meetings provide great opportunities to meet new families and share ideas.

The P&C meets on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are relaxed and informal and sometimes even fun! The school principal attends and it’s a great opportunity to find out what’s happening at the school.

How can I get involved?
Any way you like! Everyone has different ideas, skills and time available. The P&C encourages all parents to be involved in some way, be it large or small. The EMPS community is a great place to be engaged and involved: meet new families and work together in supporting our children.

You could:
- sign up to the P&C mailing list by email eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com
- come along to one of our meetings, provide suggestions or feedback via the email address
- turn a sausage at the next BBQ or Volunteer for an upcoming fundraiser
- help out in the canteen
- help out in the uniform shop
- assist with the sick bay linen roster
- volunteer to coordinate a P&C activity

Remember we are all one team working for the same cause. The Children and the School Community.

"You can do better with your team than you or I could do it alone.
Here's to your--and your team’s--success!"

What are we Fundraising for?
From recent P&C Meetings in consultation with Ian Foulstone the current requirements are:
- Drainage for the Oval – approx. 10k
- Upgrades to Bell system and intercom for classrooms – sourcing quotes
- Digital Signage for the highway – quotes required
- As you can see nothing comes cheap – The P&C are looking for Suppliers to assist in these costs or joint funding opportunities or community grants. We appreciate this is an expensive wish list and will be looking at all avenues to try and make it a reality.

Thank you to everyone who help out behind the scenes. To those who have an interest in the ongoing development of the school and who can offer assistance in anyway the P&C would love to hear from you.

Don't forget to download your FREE Skool Bag app
"The skoolbag app is great it sent me an instant message about the book parade on Sunday so I didn't forget about the costume"

"This app is great it reminds me when things are on and it even puts them in my calendar"

"I remember to read the newsletter each week because I receive an instant message. The newsletter is important to read as it has all the information in it about what's happening"

"Hi I just wanted to let you know I am so pleased with the use of the skoolbag app. I can't wait until we are able to get our notes and permission slips etc accessible this way too.

http://www.skoolbag.com.au/"
Father's Day 2014 Funny Photo's

Students will be creating a memorable funny photo of themselves as a Father's Day Gift.

Photos will be created using a suitable app in class then framed to be sent home.

Photos are $5.00 each and are to be pre ordered/pre-paid.

Pre-Payment to be made no later than 29th August 2014

Please use a separate order form for each child

Please return order form and correct money to Office by 29th August 2014.