Welcome to the second exciting week of our new school year at East Maitland. It has been a great start to the year with Kindergarten settling quickly. We would also like to thank all the new parents who are helping us greatly by doing the quick drop off and leaving on the bell. It makes the transition into class so much smoother for all students. It has been a pleasure seeing all of our “old” students settling so quickly and excitedly talking about their holiday break and their enthusiasm about being back at school.

The start of a new year is a great time to revisit taking pride in our school uniform. Just like your favourite football team’s uniform, our uniform makes us instantly recognisable as East Maitland Public School. Sometimes the one forgotten item that needs replacing is your school hat. It is very important that all East Maitland Public School students are both Sun safe and representing our school with pride. Many hats become worn out or just too small as they are worn every day. Please have a good look at your hat and if it needs replacing you can do so by filling out the order form attached to this newsletter. Hats can then be delivered to children in class. East Maitland Public School is a hat wearing school.

Parent Teacher Meet and Greet is approaching fast so just a reminder to hop on line, www.schoolinterviews.com.au, to book your time or pop into the Office.

An apology to Kindergarten Parents, especially those eager beavers who have booked an interview time, you do not need to attend this Meet and Greet session as you have already completed this in the first week of school when you sat down with your child’s teacher. Kindergarten teachers will send home a letter to you explaining this and we will remove these classes from the schedule.

School News

3 Gorton’s Writer of the Week
Tami and Zara crept slowly up to the front door of the haunted mansion and grabbed on to the door knob. "Should we open it?" asked Zara. "No" said Tami “the evil old lady ghost could catch us!" Zara convinced Tami. "Ok but I will leave if we see ware wolfs, vampires or ghosts" said Zara. They walked in to the haunted mansion. They climbed up the massive, creaky steps. They kept climbing and climbing up the steps. "Ha Ha Ha you’ve fallen into our trap" screamed the evil, old lady ghost. Tami and Zara ran as fast as they could to get out but the door slammed shut. Suddenly they got saved by a girl called Millie. She flew down on a rope and grabbed hold of them. She smashed through a window and they were both saved.

- Millie

Band News
The East Maitland Public School Concert Band would like to welcome another three members: Regan Dodd, Sophia Brace-Thomson and Hayden Blais, all from Year 3. We had a great start last week with some very excited students receiving their instruments! Their first song for practice was ‘Traffic Jam at Greenhills’, hope you’ve been practicing?
Remember to bring your instruments tomorrow; meet at the hall at 8:30am.
Any problems please phone Jacki - School 4933 7524 or Home 4932 7226

Canteen Roster

16/2   Jenni Blais    HELP NEEDED
17/2   Leanne York    Kylie Smith
18/2   Renee Conibear  Jessie Wright
19/2   Emma Johnson    Margaret Mosner    Judy Drap
20/2   G Fitzgerald    Judy Lawler    Tracey Van Tol

Sick Bay Linen Roster

13/2   Katie Brown
20/2   Grisel Milford-Chilvers
27/2   Jo Proctor
6/3    Jodi Smith
13/3   Sarah Davis
20/3   Donna Burton
27/3   Noelle Green
3/4    Katie Brown

Thank you to all the lovely ladies who have volunteered to assist with the linen roster this term. Your help is greatly appreciated.

I will give you a text as a friendly reminder the week before you’re rostered on.

More volunteers would be appreciated so if you are able to help out, please contact me on 0437343447.

Thank you

Katie Brown

Uniform Shop Roster Term 1 2015

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Agenda

- Introduction of P&C Office Bearers
- Positions to be declared open for AGM
- Set Date for AGM
- How can you be involved in your children’s school and education?
- Principal to advice teachers for 2015 and who is teaching what year.
- How does RFF teaching work?
- Date for Election Day BBQ – Volunteers
- Easter Raffle Dates

Love to see some new faces and ideas.

Membership for the P&C is 50c for the year. Only Financial Members are able to vote on P&C matters raised at meetings and vote for positions at the AGM. You do not need to be a financial member to volunteer throughout the year. If you are interested in attending the AGM and monthly P&C meetings please come along on Thursday 12th Feb at 9:45 and pay your membership fee. You can also grab a membership form from the office at any time.

First Meeting for 2015 – Meet and Greet
Thursday 12th February 2015
9:45am till 10:45am Staff Room
Morning Tea will be provided.
eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE EVERY
Monday afternoon from 2:00pm till 3:00pm
& Thursday mornings from 8:30am till 9am
Please ensure you have cash or cheque on the day only as we do not have eftpos facilities.
Uniform Shop Orders can also be placed at the office on any school day.
Orders will be filled on a Thursday and delivered to Children's classes.
Link to Uniform Shop Order Form and Price list.

Adjustment – Polo Shirts $20.00 each no discount for 2 shirts
Hats are now $15.00 each
Thank you to those who have offered to help out this term in the Uniform Shop.
If you are interested in helping out in the Uniform shop this year please email the P&C or drop into the shop and leave your details.
Thank you to Jacquie Linde and Karen Atkinson who will be managing the shop this year.

Parent Helpers needed at the swimming carnival on Monday 16th February.
We have had a fantastic response for volunteers at the swimming carnival.
Thank you all very much your assistance is greatly appreciated.
Please come to the recording table at the shallow end of the pool on Monday 16th Feb from 9:15am and a job will be allocated to you.

Hat Order

Name__________________________ Class__________________________
Qty________ Size________ Money Enclosed________
MAITLAND FOOTBALL CLUB
Registration Dates for February 2015 at Fieldsend Oval
Thursday 12, 19, 26 - 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Saturday 14, 21 - 11am - 3pm
Sunday 15 - 11am - 3pm
Registrations must be completed on myfootballclub before attending Fieldsend Oval
All NEW players to Maitland Football must provide a copy of either a birth certificate, passport, drivers licence or proof of age card when attending Fieldsend Oval to complete the registration process
To register on myfootballclub use the link below
CONTACT Evelyn on 0432 945 237 if any problems with registration

(Performance Education & Employment for Women)
Skills for Work & Training - Certificate II
Course code: 10080NVQ
This is a 12 week course designed to build confidence, investigate and make informed decisions about career options and help you gain the skills to either enter the work force or return to study.

Build confidence and skills in a friendly group

MONDAY to WEDNESDAY (15 school hours)
Inclusion, Career / Job seeking skills, Introductory Computing, English & Maths for the Workplace, Environmental Science, Humanities and Work Experience

Information & Enrolment sessions
Tuesday 17th February - 1.15pm
Maitland Campus
Block C, Level 1, Room 21
To secure your place
Contact Course Coordinator - Donna Clark
Ph: 4922 6326 or Email: donna.clark@nec.edu.au

Course starts 24th Feb 2014

HOCKEY
CLUB: Maitland Hockey
CONTACT NAME: Ross Sherlock
CONTACT NUMBER: 0418 212 449
LOCATION: Maitland Hockey Centre, Elgin St, Maitland, NSW 2320
START DATE: Wednesday 25th February 2015
TIME: 5:00pm
EMAIL: rss@me.com
WEB: www.maitlandhockey.com.au
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Also on facebook, Maitland Hockey Association