Congratulations to Mr Swab on his coordination of the Zone Swimming Carnival and the success of our WONDERFUL students in being crowned Zone Carnival Champions!! Good luck to those students who were fortunate enough to progress to the Regional Carnival.

Our Teacher Meet and Greet is on this evening and the teachers are really looking forward to catching up with parents. A quick reminder that we had to postpone Mrs Blain’s interviews at the last minute, please fill out the form sent home yesterday. Also sorry for the confusion for Kindy parents, even though they were initially included on the booking form, this was a mistake as their meet and greet was held during the first week of school.

I wish I’d said that......
Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.
Henry Ford

Here’s something to think about from an article written by Damian Perry, ICT Learning Area Coordinator, St James College, East Bentleigh, Victoria. I am sharing the beginning of it as it made me think - life for us and our children is so different that what it was when we went to primary school 10, 20 or 30 years ago. Our challenge is to not only learn to use the technology but also to guide our students in the effective (and appropriate) use of it to become efficient 21st Century Learners and Citizens.

I started university in 1993 - a Bachelor of Computing. On my first day, our mentor took us into the computer lab, where most of the computers were taken by students playing a MUD (Multi-User Dungeon) called Discworld. I looked over one guy’s shoulder as he played. Every time he chatted with somebody, he’d end with a strange character combination. Eager to learn, I asked “So, is that a sign off symbol or something?” Everyone laughed and my mentor said “Turn your head sideways.”

That was my introduction to emoticons and, more specifically, the smiley :) Since then, I’ve progressed from MUDs to MMORPGs, from YTalk to Skype and from newsgroups to Facebook (although ‘progressed’ might not be the right word here). In 20 years, technology has progressed into Star Trek territory before my eyes. Think about it: You are most likely carrying in your pocket a computer that outstrips the power of a desktop from maybe five years ago. You can communicate with anyone connected to the internet, anywhere in the world. You can pay for coffee, board an aeroplane, buy and watch a movie, even watch (pun intended) your health with a linked device. And so are 90 per cent of your students.

Library News
Well done to the following Year 6 students:

Abbie Moir-Turner
Tara McKewin
Jasmine Farmer
Tahlia Burns
Adele Cochrane
Lorcan Atkinson
Brandon Gilford
Isabella Dixon
Hannah Jones
Kyle Barnes

These students will fulfil the role of Library Monitor throughout 2015, they are already showing great responsibility and leadership, keep up the great work! Badges for these students will be presented at this week’s Thursday assembly (1:15pm).

3 Gorton’s Writer of the week
The Beach
The beach smells like chips being eaten.
The beach sounds like seagulls squawking.
The beach tastes like salty sand mixed with water.
The beach feels like soft sand.
The beach looks like water splashing on the sand.

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

Uniform Shop Roster Term 1 2015

### Canteen Roster

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**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.

School Skorts are now available at the uniform shop.

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**Sick Bay Linen Roster**

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

Thank you

Katie Brown
AGM Agenda

- Pass Minutes of Prior AGM
- Financial Members list
- Audit Report
- Reports from President, Bookkeeper, Principal, Fundraising, Canteen, Uniform Shop
- Positions Vacant and to be filled at AGM, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer,
- Pass P&C Constitution
- Approval of Uniform shop operations
- Approval to continue Bookkeeper as paid position
- General Business

If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to have an item listed on the agenda please ensure your communication is received to the P&C email address 14 days prior – eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to make a nomination or absentee vote please send to the P&C email address 14 days prior to AGM date.

As many of the current P&C members will be leaving the school at the end of 2015 we would like to encourage new members to take on an Office Bearers position this year. Current members are willing to assist new members in their role as a transition period. Additional information regarding Office Bearers Roles and Responsibilities can be located here http://pandc.org.au/index.php/publications

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. If you are interested in attending the AGM and monthly P&C meetings please come along on Thursday 12th March at 6:00pm and pay your membership fee. You can also grab a membership form from the office at any time.

Second hand Uniforms Available

Thank you to those who have donated a large number of quality second hand items to the Uniform Shop. There are a number of jumpers, jackets, tunics and some summer dresses as well.

If anyone has coat hangers they no longer need and could donate to the uniform shop it would be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off on Monday afternoons or Thursday mornings.

P&C AGM
Thursday 12th March 2015
6pm East Maitland Bowling Club
Everyone Welcome
eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

Fundraising

Leighsa from Michelle Leigh Photography has kindly offered to assist with a Fundraiser for the School as she did last year. The feedback from Families who participated last year was that they would like to have another done this year as the quality of photos was fantastic.

Thank you Leighsa for your support.

Michelle-Leigh Photography Session EMPS Fundraiser will be held on Saturday and Sunday 28th/29th March.

Bookings direct to Michelle Leigh Photography – Leighsa on 0421034805 or email leighsa@michelle-leigh.com.au

Sitting fee of $20.00 to be paid at the school office to secure your spot by 23rd March.

Included is a 20min family photography session and a 8x12 enlargement. Further photographs and enlargements available for purchase.

Funds raised from this event will go towards resources for the school such as home readers, sporting equipment etc.

VOTE 1 EMPS Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall. Saturday 28th March 2015
Bacon and Egg Rolls, Sausage Sizzle, Drinks
Volunteers needed for the day.
If you are able to assist please email the P&C with your preferred time.
MINI SESSIONS
20 min photo session +
8x12 inch enlargement
ONLY $20
(All Session fees go to School P&C Fundraising)

Saturday & Sunday
28th & 29th March
MORPETH
8am till 6pm

Michelle Leigh
Fun, Natural, Creative Photography

Extra images available to purchase
Viewing session in studio-
32 Belmore Road Lorn.

For bookings & information contact Leighsa
leighsa@michelle-leigh.com.au or 0421034805