Well it certainly has been an eventful beginning to term! It was great to see the kids back on Monday, yet I couldn’t help noticing the grins on the faces of the mums and dads who may have had enough of them after 3 weeks of wet weather.

School is definitely operational and despite a couple of new landmarks (fallen trees) and renovations (flooded carpets removed) we are back to normal. These couple of slight mishaps will be remedied as soon as possible. Thank you to all the very patient parents and tolerant teachers who have helped minimise the disruption from this disaster.

Dungog Appeal
Combined Hunter Valley Public Schools Disaster Appeal - Dungog Public School
As we all are well aware, many communities have been severely affected by the recent floods throughout the Hunter Valley. Many have had difficulties sourcing essentials, in particular when cut off from shops by rising waters.

We as a collective group of schools across the Hunter Valley would like to start up a collection for Dungog Public School (DPS) and the community of Dungog.

The Principal of DPS Mr Steven Richard, has stated that his community is struggling to acquire items such as:

- School shoes
- Casual shoes (Adults and children)
- Socks
- Adult work clothes
- Blankets
- Towels
- Small children’s underwear
- Disposable nappies
- Baby formula (suitable for 6 month old babies)

NOTE: please ensure that these items are no less than good to great quality!!!!

With most schools in operation as of Monday 27th April, we will begin collection ASAP. Any items can be sent to Mr Black's Office. I will coordinate a drop at Rutherford Public School on Friday 1st May for Mr Richard to collect for his community and distribute the following week.

We may well need to coordinate similar ventures for other school communities who are nowhere near even being able to access their schools yet. The Dungog community would greatly appreciate your support.

"Thank you for the response to the Donation Drive for the Dungog Shire, below is a list of the items currently needed. Items needed in Dungog 25/4 – 3:45 PM Liquid Pool Chlorine – as per the “Staying Healthy during and after floods” guidelines. Bleach Combs and Brushes Hair Elastics and Clips Shovels Rakes Hoses Pasta Fresh Vegetables and Fruit Fruit Juice Pet Food Washing Up Detergent Sweet Biscuits Crackers UHT Milk – Full and Light Hand Soap Rubber Gloves Disinfectant Glad Bags Vegemite and other spreads (Peanut Butter, etc.) Chocolate Insect Repellant Sunscreen Sweets (Lollies) Tea and Coffee Kitchen Utensils and Appliances Frypans and Saucepans Headbands Buckets Thanks” Steve Richard - Principal Dungog Public
Well Done Will Dyson!
During the Easter holidays Will Dyson competed in his second solo dance eisteddfod ever, the Ritz & Glitz Dance Challenge. Ritz & Glitz attracts dance schools from all over NSW and interstate, with a strong contingent from Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Central Coast and Sydney. Although competition was fierce, with more than 30 competitors in some of his sections, Will was very successful, winning all five sections that he danced in. He received excellent marks and fantastic reports from the adjudicator. Well done, Will, we look forward to hearing about more of your success stories!

Newsletter
Last year we decided to reduce the amount of photocopying we were doing and with technology now such a major part of our lives most people are now receiving the newsletter via email, the Skoolbag app, our school website or viewing it on Facebook.

As of this term the few students who still receive a paper copy will need to come to the office and collect it for themselves in their own time or if you prefer to collect it yourself, which ever suits you. No newsletters will be distributed to the classrooms.

Change of Details
It is very important that we have correct contact details at all times. If you have had any changes to any details please let the office know.

East Maitland Rotary Club support
Thank you to East Maitland Rotary club who removed graffiti from our highway fence during the holidays. Their graffiti removal team spotted the vandalism and got to work removing it. Such a good job was done that there is no evidence that it even existed. It's great to have support from a community group that shares similar values to EMPS.

Banner Winners
Congratulations Isaac Collins & Ben Collins.

Guessing Competition
Jennifer Scott was the winner of the guessing competition from Book Fair Day, congratulations!

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)
Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

ANZAC Day
Thank you to all students who were able to march with the school or other community groups last Saturday. Our students looked fantastic marching in school uniform and demonstrated the proper respect for the occasion at all times.

Thanks to families for your support. Our school leaders showed exceptional sense of occasion when reading special passages at the cenotaph, and when laying a wreath on behalf of our school. Thank you to Mrs Blain and Mr Howell for your organisation on the day.
This Week’s EMPS Award Winners

Canteen Roster

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

Canteen News

We now have a variety of gluten free products.

Sandwiches check menu for varieties

Gluten free nuggets and Gluten free fried rice

Gluten Free snacks

Frozen jelly sticks 10c

TNT snappy ice blocks 60c

Ice cream buckets $1.60

Billiens yogurt lollies 5c

Zombie Chips $1.00

We have a few new foods available for lunch purchase

Aussie slider burger dinner roll size. Beef Patty, lettuce, tomato, cheese sauce or relish $2.50

Garlic Bread 4 slices 60c

Reminders

**Mother’s Day Stall** - 8th May 2015

**Great Aussie Bush Camp** - Deposit for camp is due Friday 8th May. Full payment by Wednesday 5th August. Instalments can be made also.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the linen roster last term. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you to the new volunteers.

If you are unable to change the linen on your allocated date let me know and I will arrange a swap.

Thank you

Katie Brown (0437343447)
What would I find out at a P&C meeting?
P&C meetings are a place to find out what is happening in the school, gain a better understanding about curriculum, school policies and activities, make a comment, raise a concern or ask a question, and get to know other parents.

How do I find out what is happening when at the School?
Find us on Facebook - [https://www.facebook.com/EastMaitlandPublicSchool](https://www.facebook.com/EastMaitlandPublicSchool)
Make sure you have the latest version to receive all the features.

Attend a P&C Meeting! – 2nd Thursday of the Month. Dates will be advised in newsletter.

Parking
East Maitland Public School has designated “No Parking” Zones near the school. These are designed to leave spaces for parents wanting to drop off and pick up their child without having to get out of the car. Effectively this is a “kiss and drop” zone. Parents/carers are asked not to park in these areas- even if you do not get out of the car.

The RMS website advises that that parking zones are areas where:
“...You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle.

Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only. Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to five minutes”

We understand that it is frustrating for parents who cannot find a park right out the front of the school- but there are 600+ students leaving the school at the same time! By parking a little bit further away, you will be parking legally and not stopping other parents who want to use the No Parking Zones for the intended purpose.

We are having a Mothers Day Stall next Friday 8th May. Gifts range from $3 to $5 **cash only on the day.**

As we have gone with no pre order this year there is a limit of 1 gift per student. If we have gifts left once all of the classes have been through we will re open at lunch time for extra purchases.

Help will be required on the day between 9 and 12 if you can help at all between these times SMS Kym 0412898158.

What is Skoolbag?
Skoolbag provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications.

No more lost paper in student school bags! School newsletters, school notices and alerts are communicated directly to the parent smartphone through the Skoolbag school Mobile App.

Skoolbag is school Mobile App that communicates directly with iPhone, and Android devices.
Big Night Out
“Safari Party”
Friday Night - 1st May 6 - 9 pm
For kids kinder to year 6
Cost $12 includes dinner
Fancy Dress prizes
Living Hope Church of Christ
1 Garnett Rd East Maitland
Contact Judy Cripps: 0407 586 899

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Inquiries:
Branch Instructor
Jeff Dunbrell
0423 875 500
www.rhee-tkd.net
### East Maitland Public School Canteen Price List

#### Term 2

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Aussie beef slider dinner roll beef burger tomato lettuce cheese sauce or relish $2.50
Sauce tomato bbq/ sweet & sour 30c
Before school Hot chocolate $1.00 Hash Browns 60c

#### Drinks

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