By the time most parents read this our Year 3 & Year 5 students will be well on the way to completing their NAPLAN testing. On Friday you may hear a big sigh of relief as we complete this for 2015.

Our K-2 Athletics Carnival is scheduled for 22nd May (with the 5th June as a back-up day in case of bad weather) at King Edward Park. Year 6 have organised a sausage sizzle on this day to raise funds for their end-of-year activities.

Our 3-6 Athletics Carnival is scheduled for 19th May (with the 2nd June as a back-up day in case of bad weather) at Smythe Oval. It has been moved from Number One Sportsground due to the recent flooding. There are no canteen facilities at Smythe Oval so we are currently investigating our lunch options.

Reminder that we have our Football Jersey/Colours Day for Nate this Friday. Please remember to wear your favourite team colours and bring along a gold coin donation.

Congratulations to some of our teachers that were recently recognized for their work through nominations in competitions/awards. Miss Roe and Mrs Creighton were both nominated for the New FM Apple for the Teacher Competition - Kim, Sarge & Steve St John are on the search for Newcastle’s Most Popular Teacher! They want to reward Newcastle’s hardest working primary school teacher and give them the recognition they deserve.

Mrs Mather was nominated for the Positive Teacher of the Year 2015. The Positive Teacher of the Year Awards are proudly supported by: NAPSI (The National Australian Positive Schools Initiative). Just to be nominated is an enormous accolade and she should be very proud.

In his new book, Raising Kids Who Read, Daniel Willingham wants to be clear: There's a big difference between teaching kids to read and teaching them to love reading.

And Willingham, a parent himself, doesn't champion reading for the obvious reasons — not because research suggests that kids who read for pleasure do better in school and in life.

"The standard things you'll hear about why kids should read I actually don't think are very strong arguments," he says. "Because if the goal is to become a good citizen or the goal is to make a lot of money, I can think of more direct ways to reach those goals than to read during your leisure time."

Willingham wants his kids to love reading because, he says, "for me it's a family value. It's something that I love, something that I find important. I think I gain experiences I wouldn't gain any other way by virtue of being a reader. And so naturally I want my children to experience that."

The professor of psychology at the University of Virginia uses his new book to map out strategies for parents and teachers hoping to kindle that same passion for reading.

What are a few things we can do when kids are young to set them on a path to being passionate readers?
Before preschool, probably the most important thing you can do is to play games that help your child hear speech sounds: rhyming games, reading aloud books that have a lot of rhyme in them and other types of wordplay, like alliteration. That’s helpful.

Once they get that basic idea, you can get a little fancier. And these are the games that kids really love — where you play around with speech sounds.

If you had a child named Billy. You could say, ‘Daddy’s name is Cory. What if we took the first sound in Billy’s name, and my name is now Bory.’ That kind of stuff is comic gold for kids. I talk with a lot of kindergarten teachers who say it’s hard to get kids to stop doing stuff like that.

**Banana-fana-fo-fana…**

Exactly. You know, Dr. Seuss is full of that. Nursery rhymes are full of that. And it’s been known for a while that kids who grow up in homes where they are exposed to nursery rhymes learn to read more readily than other kids.

**But how do you foster a love of reading in young children?**

The most obvious is to be a model of someone who loves reading. One of the things I hit hard in this book is the idea of creating a sense in the child that this is what we value in our family. I think a lot of parents don’t appreciate what a powerful message that can be for kids — like the things that are on your wall, the rules you set in your household, who parents talk about as the people they respect.

You should model reading, make reading pleasurable, read aloud to your kid in situations that are warm and create positive associations. But also setting a tone where our family is one where we like to learn new things. We like to learn about the world, and a big part of that is reading. Developing a sense in the child that I am in a family of readers before the child can even read.

The second big piece I would recommend is you have to make reading the most appealing thing a child can do. It’s not enough that the child like reading. If they like reading but there’s something else available that they like more, they’re going to choose that. The easy way to start is to put books in places that your child would otherwise be bored. The most obvious one is in the car. Part of that is also making sure you’re not providing other types of ready entertainment at every moment.

**My wife put a basket in our bathroom, full of kids magazines. My 6-year-old reads them voraciously, and now his 3-year-old brother copies him.**

My 9-year-old is a very passionate reader, and I think her younger sister is too. But I think it’s in no small part that she grew up watching her older sister do this.

**Do you think digital devices are a) keeping us from reading and b) keeping us from being able to focus?**

There’s no evidence they’re keeping us from being able to focus. If you look at the way psychologists typically measure span of attention, there’s no evidence that it’s really declined in the last 50 years or so. The brain is plastic, but I think attention is so central to so much of what we do that it seems pretty improbable to me that attention span could shrink significantly. If it did, either we would all get really stupid or lots of other cognitive processes would have to adjust in some way.

I think there is something to what parents and teachers think they’re seeing. They feel like kids are more distractible than they were 10 years ago, and they blame digital devices. What all these digital devices have in common is they provide instant entertainment. And the entertainment they provide requires very little effort from me. It’s always available. There’s pretty much endless variety. So the consequence may be that span of attention hasn’t shrunk but rather what’s changed is our attitudes and beliefs. And our attitudes and beliefs are, ‘Bored is not a normal state of affairs. I really should never be bored.’

**What’s your point of view when it comes to rewarding kids for reading?**

Rewards have the real potential to backfire. You communicate to your child, ‘This is not something I expect you to do on your own.’ You pay people to do things that you think are unpleasant and that they wouldn’t do if you weren’t paying them. So, by paying your child for reading, you’re very clearly communicating to your child, ‘This is not something that I expect you to do on your own.’

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There is good empirical evidence that, when you pay people to do something, if you find the right reward they will do more of it. But once the reward stops, they will quite possibly do less of it. The reason being, they have a different attribution for why they were doing it in the first place. So the child who wasn’t paid looks back and says, ‘I’ve been reading this book because I’m the kind of kid who likes books.’ But if, instead, the attribution is, ‘I was reading this book because Dad paid me,’ now, if Dad is no longer paying him, he has no reason to read this book. That said, my recommendation is that a reward not be the first thing you try. But, if it is the only way to get a kid to read, then I would certainly consider it.

Cory Turner
17/3/2015
School News

Pictured is Tyler Miles from Year 6 with his trophies from the recent NSW Mini Trots Championships. Tyler, and his faithful steed Yogi Bear, placed first in the final at Gunning. Tyler is an up and coming racer who is achieving highly in his sport. Congratulations Ty!

Bus Changes

Hunter Valley Buses have reviewed services from first term 2015. Morning shift 224 which services your school from the Ashtonfield area has recorded no patronage. As students have services 144 & 225 available from the Ashtonfield area, TfNSW have agreed 224 should cease on Friday 15th May 2015 inclusive.

School Photos

School leaders, Sport House Captains and Vice Captains, Library Monitors and Band Members were all given order form for photos.

Please place your order by 29th May, any orders after this date will incur and $20.00 late fee.

Banner Winners

Congratulations Ethan Bradley, Cora Hodder, Tyler Miles, Jackson Whyte Southcomb

Band News

A big welcome to Breannah Taylor from 4/5 Fraser to our band. Breannah has started her musical journey with the flute and will be a wonderful addition to our band.

Save the date band parents!— Thursday 25th June (Week 10) 9:30am, you are invited to our first concert of the year in the hall, more details will follow.

Mrs Hookway

Regional Cross Country

On Friday the 8th of May, Ariel Taylor, Josie Morley and Imogen Pickard-Ling went to Newcastle Racecourse to compete at the Regional Cross Country. All of the girls represented the school with distinction. Ariel competed in the 10 year girls and did very well placing 34th, Imogen competed in the 11 year girls and did a great job placing 32nd while Josie competed in the 12 year girls and had a great run coming 5th. This means that Josie is off to represent the Hunter at the NSW State Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek in Sydney in July. Congratulations to these three wonderful athletes who competed and represented East Maitland so well.

Imogen Pickard-ling and Josie Morley

Reminders

Great Aussie Bush Camp - Full payment due by Wednesday 5th August. Instalments can be made also.

Football Jersey Day - 15th May 2015

Primary Athletic Carnival - 19th May 2015

Infants Athletic Carnival - Friday 22nd May
Any problems please phone Jacki - School 4933 7524 or Home 4932 7226

Canteen Roster

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Canteen News

Volunteers needed for the **19th May**, Primary Athletics Carnival.

Due to no canteen facilities at Smythe Field there will be a limited supply of food.

- Sausage sandwiches - $2.50
- Egg & bacon rolls - $3.00
- Drinks - $2.00

The canteen will run as normal at school for infants on Tuesday the **19th May**. It will not be opened at recess.

TERM 2 SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER

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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)
Next P&C Meeting Thursday 14th May
9:15am at EMPS staffroom
Children are more than welcome to come along with mum or dad - ipads, colouring in and books available
Please email eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com any items that you would like added to the agenda or if you have any questions.

Agenda

Coffee & Tea

- Welcome to new members
- Financial induction

Previous minutes

Feedback from:
- Treasurer – current financial position
- Secretary - correspondence in Fundraising feedback
- Canteen
- Uniform Shop feedback

Presidents Welcome

Matters Arising & General Business

- Fundraising – Future Plans and New Ideas
- Health and Safety Issues – Hand washing facilities at school

Principals Report

Important Dates

Come along and join in or just sit, relax and have a cuppa and learn a bit about your school.
You might even meet some new peeps/mates/friends/people.

https://www.facebook.com/EastMaitlandPublicSchool

Skoolbag

Make sure you have the latest version to receive all the features.


UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday 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.


Uniform Shop Roster Term 2 2015 (still to be confirmed-watch this space for changes)

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Are you able to help out in the Uniform Shop for Term 2?

Please let Jacquie Linde know in the shop on Monday afternoon or Thursday Morning if you are able to assist or email the P&C.

eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

A HUGE thank you to all the lovely volunteers who helped with the Mother’s Day Stall.
The stall was a great success with the children very excited to pick their items (hands up who received their gorgeous presents 3 pm Fri from too-excited-to-wait-until -Sunday-kids
Keeping Kids Healthy (& yourself sane!)

While there is a natural tendency to focus on your child's reading, writing and number skills, a fundamental aspect of school success is your child's physical, mental and social development. Why do some children lead a lazybones life, while others tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical?

Children's exercise specialist from Melbourne's RMIT University Dr Jeff Walkley says while everybody is born active some children learn a few lazybone habits early on, and in those cases parents can play a vital role in helping those kids to get moving a little more.

A really successful sofa extraction also requires some active parenting to keep kids moving. Parents can help encourage exercise by limiting those activities that revolve around sitting and watching screens. Any more than two hours of small screen time a day can have a significant impact on health. Recent studies found that regular exercise fights depression in both adults and children. Some ways you might consider getting out there and moving may be:

- Choose activities that your child already has some skill in to build confidence, eg don't choose tennis if they have difficulty with ballgames.
- If they don't like traditional sports, try recreationally focused activities such as skateboarding, cycling or flying a kite.
- Organize occasions where your child can be active with or around other children so they can experience some success among their friends and develop confidence.
- Drop the kids off two blocks from school and walk them in. You won't have parking issues and you all get some fresh air and exercise!
- Build physical activity into the daily routine, eg active travel, or 30 minutes of physical activity before starting homework.
- LEAD BY EXAMPLE! No use telling them to go and play while you sit on the lounge! Kids love seeing their parents getting involved. Anything is better than nothing. Try wearing red – everyone knows it makes you go faster! You might even enjoy yourself.

Upcoming events, outings that might take your fancy and useful(less) fact

Maitland Gaol will open its gates to the public for free from 9.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 17 May. An exciting range of activities will be taking place. These include:

- Mini Tours (Available for $10 per person, see the Tickets page for more details or to make a booking)
- Kids games including monster Chess & Connect Four
- Jumping Castle
- Battlezone demonstrations
- Needlework and quilting demonstrations
- Vintage car displays

Visitors will also get the opportunity to be one of the first to experience the new interpretive Maitland Gaol hospital display, an area of the gaol opening for the first time since the gaol closed in 1998.

For more information please contact Maitland Gaol by calling 02 4936 6482, or by emailing info@maitlandgaol.com.au
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