Next week is Education Week, and we will be celebrating this on Tuesday with an assembly at 9:30am, followed by an opportunity for parents and friends to drop in and visit classrooms. Parents and friends are welcome to stay and share a ‘picnic’ lunch with their children, or perhaps you might like to order something hot from the canteen menu. Please make sure that if you are ordering from the canteen you put all orders in first thing in the morning so that we can ensure we have enough food heated up. After lunch we will be heading across to King Edward Park for our A-Thon. All the money raised from this will go towards the purchase of a DIGITAL SIGN to replace the current notice board on the corner of William St and the New England Highway.

The benefits of moving to electronic signage are:
- **Reduced costs** - While the initial outlay for the sign may be a lot more than what a printing would cost, the money will be saved on printing costs further down the line.
- **Web connectivity** - Digital signage can be connected to the web which allows school news feeds, weather updates and more to be incorporated into the display.
- **Attracts attention** - An efficient way to grab the attention of passersby as well as share urgent messages.
- **Content is easily updatable** - In addition to cost savings one of the great advantages behind digital signage design is the ability to update content at the click of a finger (or rather a mouse button).
- **Platform to showcase work** - High quality signage can incorporate images which may showcase our school.

**REMINDER** – Interviews are on this evening in the hall from 3.10pm – 6.50pm. If you have not booked and still wish to meet with your child’s teacher then please contact the teacher directly to make a time with them. Please Note that Mr Taylor’s and Mrs Newman-Jennings interviews will all be scheduled shortly.

**FRIDAY** is Beanie Day - After the success of last year, ‘Wear a Beanie for Brain Cancer Awareness’ is back, and we are participating. It’s fun, easy and anyone can participate. All money raised goes straight into Brain Cancer research, which is desperately needed - by wearing a beanie during the fundraiser you are helping to raise awareness of Brain Cancer in our community. Your gold coin donation helps MHF continue their ongoing support of brain cancer research.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the LMG Education Week Award Recipients. Next Wednesday evening the following staff, students and friends of the school will be recognised at Maitland Grossman High School for their contribution to our school.

**Student Achievement**
Charli McNab

**Non-teaching Staff**
Trish Brown

**Excellence in Teaching**
Denise Buckley

**Community Member Award**
Angela Manson

**School Achievement Award**
Band – Tracey Hookway & Howard Ward

**Banner Winner**
Congratulations Samuel Mulligan.
3 Gorton’s Writer of the Week
Mr Black Visits 3 Gorton
It all started when Mr Black walked into the classroom on Thursday morning. It was during a lesson so the teacher was not happy.

First, he wrote ‘Mrs Eagleton wears gumboots to bed’ on the whiteboard. Luckily it was not permanent marker because it was bad handwriting!

Next, he threw his half eaten banana on the classroom floor. Then he headed for the door and stole Noah’s hat and put it in lost property.

It was very funny and 3 Gorton was laughing to the rooftops. This means WAR Mr Black!!
-James

Netball
On Thursday 16th July the girl’s netball team travelled to Singleton to participate in the Netball NSW Schools Cup Gala Day. Throughout the day the girls played 4 games winning them all. Once again they did an outstanding job representing the school, displaying EMPS values and great sportsmanship. The team will now progress onto the next level of the competition and participate in another gala day to be held at Maitland on the 5th August.

While at the gala day the girls were lucky enough to get a picture with the Netball World Cup.

Thanks again to all of the parents who helped with transport and came to support the girls in the chilly weather. We wish them the best of luck in the next round.

A Big Thank You
Thank you Hayley Lindsay, Maria Stimson, Kath Cant, Karen Montgomery, Suze Hamilton, Carmella Viterale, Narelle Tilden, Renee Renehan, Connie Kavanagh and Hayley Lindsay.

These wonderful ladies have been very busy covering a large amount of readers for our kindergarten classes.

Head Lice
While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

- Head lice are only found on the human head.
- Head lice and nits live in long, short, curly, straight, clean or dirty hair.
- They are not found on family pets.
- Shaving your child’s head is radical and unnecessary!
- Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment.
- Head lice don’t leap or jump. They crawl from hair to hair, from one head to another.
- Treating anything other than the human head does not get rid of head lice.
- There is no way to prevent your child from getting head lice.
- You may be able to help reduce transmission by tying girls’ hair back and braiding it.
- Never use insecticides, methylated spirits or kerosene on your child’s head.
- Some essential oils, including tea tree oil, can trigger a reaction in some people. Tea tree oil is a proven antiseptic, but its effectiveness as a head lice treatment has not been demonstrated.
- You don’t need to use an expensive commercial product.

If you do decide to use a commercial treatment on your child’s head, read the instructions very carefully.

Uni NSW Science Competition
Thirty children participated in this competition earlier last term. The Science Competition challenges children to demonstrate their understandings of science education in the areas of observing/measuring, interpreting, predicting/concluding, investigating and reasoning/problem solving.

The most successful children were:

Certificate of Distinction
(top 10% of entrants in NSW)
Owen Cox Year 2
Cohen Petersen Year 3
Kaiser Janssen Year 5

Certificates of Credit
(top 20% - 30% of entrants in NSW)
Lauren Kime Year 2
Mackenzie Kirk Year 2
Mackenzie Mears Year 2
Zane Williams Year 3
Shreyash Karajagar Year 3
James Williams Year 3
Hayden Grainger Year 4
Emily Slater Year 4

Certificate of Merit
William Hall Year 2
Cora Hodder Year 2
Jacobi Irvine Year 2
Finn Schumacher Year 3
Travis Cady Year 3
Caitlin Card Year 4

Congratulations to these children and all who entered.
**This Week's EMPS Award Winners**

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**Canteen Roster**

| 27/7 | Nina Maunrerc | Carly Bailey |
| 28/7 | Heather Buck | Meg Vile |
| 29/7 | Josie Houring | Leighsa Cox |
| 30/7 | Judy Drap | Emma Johnson | Renae Reneham |
| 31/7 | Tracey Van Tol | Lara Chapman | Megan Streeter |

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

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**SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER**

| 24/7 | Grisel Milford-Chivers |
| 31/7 | Jo Proctor |
| 7/8  | Sarah Davis |
| 14/8 | Deslie Groves |
| 21/8 | Donna Burton |
| 28/8 | Noelle Green |
| 4/9  | Jodi Smith |
| 11/9 | Bronwyn Guy |
| 18/9 | Katie Brown |

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)

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**Reminders**

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

**Book Week** - Money due **Tuesday 25th August**

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**BANK@school**

Every Tuesday.

Please be reminded that Bank@School continues each Wednesday at the school. Students can make their deposits by placing their pouches in the second school banking box at the School Office. At the allowed time a partner representative will come to process transactions. Any students not enrolled in Bank@School should ask No Base for an application.
WALK-A-THON is nearly here! Next Tues 28th is walk-a-thon day and we hope to see many of you come out in the sun (I’m being highly optimistic I know!) and join in /cheer on your kids. The BBQ is no longer happening – we felt everyone was ‘all-snagged-out’ with all the BBQs of late. Parents/grandparents/cheer squads are most welcome to bring your own picnic lunch or even better – to put in an order at the canteen in the morning of the 28th for a hot pie ($2.50), sausage roll ($2) or party pie ($1.30). There are plenty of order bags at the canteen, just come around and fill in an order and place it in the box on the canteen counter. That will ensure you get a nice hot order by lunch! Speaking of hot pies ;) we wanted to say a HUGE thankyou to Kylie for working in the canteen in Jackie’s absence. We would all be eating cold pies without you! We all really appreciate your hard work.

We will also be having a raffle and a guessing jar competition on walk-a-thon day. The raffle has some FANTASTIC prizes in it, thanks to P&C members’ hard work & donations by members of the business community so bring your spare coins or raid the kids’ money boxes. Or even better – bring the grandparents. Some prizes ‘may’ involve eating fabulous food with or without children, or serious shopping sprees, or some well-deserved pruning (of the hair not the garden)

Reminder next P&C meeting is at 9:20am 13th August School Staff room. New members most welcome – the more the merrier.

If you have and questions please email us on eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com or hayleypresidentpandc@outlook.com.

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


UNIFORM SHOP
Reminder: please bring cash or cheque as there is no eftpos. Orders can also be placed at the office as per normal. Don’t forget there has been a marginal increase of prices of items. The updated price list can be found on the school website. The Roster for Term 3 is below: please email us or contact Jackie Linde at the school if you can’t make it or able to swap etc.

PROUD PARENT MOMENT
Meet Sienna Starkey (first on the left) from K-Violet. Sienna LOVES to dance.

Over the school holidays she represented East Maitland Dance Headquarters as a part of a Popstars Show team. She was one of 5, five year olds competing in an 8 and under category. They were awarded a 'Highly Commended' which was a fantastic effort, as they competed against girls 3-4 years older than them.