We have had another full week at East Maitland Public School. The beginning of the year is a busy time setting up classrooms, devising programs, establishing new relationships and getting all of those extra-curricular events and initiatives up and running again. I attended my first P&C meeting last week where I met another new lot of parents which was terrific. The P&C are working hard supporting the school in a variety of ways and it was fabulous to see so many parents at the meeting. I trust that all of the students are settled back at school ready for a productive and rewarding year.

Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thank you to everyone who made an appointment to meet with their child’s class teacher/s this week. We are all looking forward to seeing you this evening.

Swimming Carnival
I was fortunate enough to be able to drop by Maitland Pool yesterday to attend a small part of the swimming carnival. Congratulations to all competitors on their participation and behaviour. You make us all very proud. Thank you to all of the friends and family who attended to support and to the teachers who worked hard to make the carnival happen.

Kindergarten Drop-Off
Whilst it is lovely that our Kindergarten parents are keen to see their children off in the morning and we certainly welcome you to school, it is important that you allow your child to develop the independence of lining up, joining in morning assembly and walking to class with their friends and teachers. We ask that once the bell has gone in the morning that parents immediately say goodbye and exit for the day. This assists with the development of an independent school routine and ultimately reduces any anxiety associated with separation. It also assists us to establish an effectively and undisrupted morning routine for all our K-2 students. If your child has a particular need that you feel prevents you from exiting school at bell time, please discuss it with your child’s class teacher.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.
University Competition
The competition is open to years 2-6 only. Notes and money must be returned to school by Friday, 11 March 2016.

Swimming Carnival
On Monday, we had over 100 students participate in our school swimming carnival. The students swam extremely well and it was wonderful to see the support given by our students and also parents/grandparents. A special thank you to all our parent helpers on the day. We survived an extremely warm day with your assistance!

Congratulations to all our swimmers for demonstrating excellent participation and sportsmanship.

Your child will be advised this week if they will be representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival held on Tuesday, 23 March 2016 at Maitland pool.

Photo Day
Wednesday, 9 March 2016 is photo day. Envelopes were handed out last week, if your child has not bought one home they need to come to the office.

A reminder
• NO sports uniform is to be worn on this day.
• We do not do family photographs.
• Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only.
• Payments can be made online
• Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however each child needs to have their own envelope on the day.

Canberra Excursion
Instalments can be made towards the Canberra excursion. The final payment is due Thursday, 24 March 2016.

Life Education Van
Notes were handed out this week for the Life Education Van visit. The cost is $5.00 and needs to be paid by Wednesday, 16th March 2016.
If you are unable to come on your day please phone or msg Jacki - School 4933 7524 or mobile 0419143528

Canteen Roster

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Uniform Shop

Please note the uniform shop will no longer be opening Monday afternoons. We will only be opening Thursday mornings 8:30am-9:00am or you may place an order with the office. HOWEVER if we get more volunteers we may be able to open twice a week on a nominated Morning 8:30am-9:00am. If you are able to help please email us your details.

Roster for this term is below. We need volunteers to fill our current gaps. If you can help please contact us via email or leave your details with the office. This role only takes 45 minutes between 8:25am and 9:10am on Thursdays.

The uniform shop has no ETFPOS facilities so please bring cash.
Thank you to all the parents and carers that came to our first meeting of 2016. It was great to see so many new faces. If you couldn’t make it to the meeting, you are more than welcome to come to our next meeting. It will be our AGM where a new committee will be nominated and voted in. Only financial members are able to vote, so if you would like to become a member the cost is $1 and the membership forms are located in the office.

Our AGM will be held on 10th March 6.30pm location TBA. During this meeting all members need to be financial to vote. New members MOST welcome!

How can you help?
Begin by simply emailing us on eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com, leaving your contact details with the lovely office ladies or popping into the meeting next week! You don’t have to volunteer for roles, you can just turn up to some meetings and keep up to date with what’s happening in your school’s community, it’s up to you. We NEVER knock back new members.

Bookkeeper Position Available
Sadly our awesome current bookkeeper will not be involved with the school next year. We are in need of someone to take over and Kris has kindly offered to give as much help as needed to the new position holder for the remainder of the year.

The position covers the canteen, uniform shop and fundraising activities and the person would need competency with MYOB or similar to complete entry of income and expenditure, bank reconciliations, payroll, BAS, monthly management reports and yearly payment summaries. Also superannuation reporting procedures, preparation of workers’ compensation documentation and insurance renewals, and the preparation of financial reports to present to monthly P&C meetings.

The operation of our wonderful P&C relies on this position for our day to day running, so if you are interested then please apply in writing to Hayley Lindsay at eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com by 1st March 2016. Any enquiries in regards to the duties may be directed to Kris Redding 0414 714 141 or the email above.

Other News
The upgrade of the outside area of the multi categorical unit is still underway. We are still looking for donations of good condition used or new outdoor toys like Tonka trucks, diggers and sandpit equipment. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. See Mrs Coleman or the office.

Parking
Please be careful and considerate where you park your car. The city rangers are constantly checking and warning that the grassed section in the middle of the two roads is NOT a safe or legal parking area. Parking illegally compromises the safety of our kids. The cars parked there restrict the view of the children crossing the road. PLEASE PARK IN THE APPROPRIATE PARKING AREAS. There are plenty of legal parking spots. Or make use of the safe drop off zone out the front of the school in the mornings.

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DATE: Sat 31 Mar, 2012
TIME: 10am - 12pm
COST: FREE
WHERE: Inner Health Centre, 31-35 William St, Maitland

Getting kids to eat food that is good for them doesn’t have to be the Mount Everest of parenthood!

Jane (nee) Holmes has spent her entire adult life in the food industry. She and her husband, Ben, are also keen skiers and love spending their time outdoors. In Supercharged Food, Jane breaks down the myths about superfoods and helps families make better food choices.

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND SIGNING ON THE DAY.

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Every Tuesday
You are reminded that Bank@School continues each Tuesday to the school. Students are able to deposit by playing the usual school busker, the school office. In the absence of a busker, a school busker will arrive to process transactions. Any student not present in Bank@School should see the bank for an application.

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Kids Matter

WORKING BEE

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2016
TIME: 5.00PM TO 7.00 PM
WHERE: NUTCOTE GREEN - The garden area outside the Uniform Shop

COME ALONG FOR AN HOUR OR TWO TO HELP GIVE THIS AREA A MUCH NEEDED FACELIFT FOR OUR STUDENTS TO ENJOY

All teachers will be working from 3:15pm until at least 4:00pm.

In return for your hard work a sausage sizzle will be provided by the Kids Matter Team.

Please let us know if you can help us out by filling out the form below and returning it to school by Friday, 3rd February 2016.

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EMPS WORKING BEE

NAME: ________________________________
NO. OF SAUSAGE SANDWICHES: ________________________________

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WE WANT YOU!

This year The Earth Savers will be running Master Classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime (11.25am-12.05pm). Master Classes are a time for parents, grandparents or family members to teach children some new things. Any type of skills are welcomed. Arts and crafts, knitting, woodwork, languages, dancing and technology are just a few examples.

We are after parents, grandparents or family members to come in and teach our students this term. All materials will be supplied by the school and a teacher will be present to assist you.

If you are interested please fill in the form below and return it to Mrs Eagleton or Miss Noble. We can’t wait to hear from you!

If you would like further information regarding these classes or the Earth Savers program please contact Mrs Liz Eagleton or Miss Kim Noble.

NB: All Participants must have completed a Working with Children Check. Details are available at www.kids guardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check

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Name_________________ Contact number ________________
Child’s name________________ Relationship to child___________
What would you like to teach?______________________________

Please circle the dates that you are available

17/2/16  18/2/16  24/2/16  25/2/16  2/3/16  3/3/16  9/3/16  10/3/16
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