MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

These are our five school values. There is an expectation that all students are aware of these values. Whilst students will be at various levels of understanding as to how they demonstrate these values at school, they are the cornerstones of our school community and form the foundations upon which we build a positive place of learning where all students can thrive. It is not only the expectation that students are aware of these values but that they strive to achieve demonstration of these values in all aspects of their schooling.

Process for School Communication
From time to time matters arise that parents feel the need to bring to the attention of the school. If you wish to discuss a matter or raise a particular issue regarding your child/ren, please bear in mind the following process.

1. Your first 'port of call' is the classroom teacher. Often matters can be resolved quickly and easily by the classroom teacher, who usually has the most knowledge of your child and any day-to-day happenings.

2. After speaking with the classroom teacher, should further follow-up be necessary, the stage Assistant Principal is your next contact. (ES1: Mrs Mather, S1: Mrs Newton, S2: Mrs Linnane, S3: Mr Payne, Support Unit: Mrs Coleman).

3. If you require additional assistance, after contacting the stage Assistant Principal, the Deputy Principal is then the person you would need to speak with. (K-2 and Support Unit: Mrs Mather, Years 3 – 6: Mr Black).

4. Finally, if after consultation with the Deputy Principal, the matter is still unresolved, the Principal (Miss Dudgeon) should then be consulted.

Through due process, often matters are discussed with executive staff before getting back to parents and consultation at varying levels has occurred.

We also ask that should you wish to discuss a matter with any member of staff, that you make an appointment, either via the school office or by writing a note to the staff member concerned. If appointments are made, appropriate attention can be given to any discussion.

We welcome your communication and encourage your engagement with your child/ren's learning, however, to maximise effectiveness and efficiency we ask that you follow the process outlined above.

NAPLAN
Parents of students in Years 3 & 5 will soon receive a letter regarding this year’s NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). NAPLAN will be conducted from Tuesday, 10 May 2016 – Thursday, 12 May 2016. All students are expected to take part in NAPLAN, however, if you wish to discuss your child’s participation, please make an appointment with me via the school office.

Clean Up Australia Day
Thank you to everyone who ‘rolled up their sleeves’ and pitched in to clean up East Maitland Public School last Friday. It is important that we all take pride in, and responsibility for, our environment and that we participate as active school and community citizens. Let’s work hard to ensure that our school remains as clean as it can be.

Absent from School?
Just a reminder that any (partial or full) absence from school must be explained within seven (7) days. You will find a note at the end of the newsletter that may be used for this purpose.

Kim Dudgeon
Introducing the School Opal card
The School Opal card gives eligible school students free travel on public transport between home and school on trains, buses and ferries within the Opal network. The School Opal card replaces the old paper School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel passes.

Who can apply?
Students need to live a minimum distance from their school to be eligible for a School Opal card, as follows:

- **Years K-2 (Infants)**
  - There's no minimum distance.

- **Years 3-6 (Primary)**
  - 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.

- **Years 7-12 (Secondary)**
  - 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Who needs to apply?
Many students will receive a School Opal card automatically. It will be sent to their school at the start of the 2016 school year. However, you will need to make a new application if:

- Applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility (joint custody) situation

University English/Mathematics Competitions
This is the final week to get money and notes in for the competitions. The competitions are open to Years 2-6 only. Notes and money must be returned to school by **Friday, 11 March 2016**.

Save the Date - DISCO
On Wednesday, 16 March (Week 8), we will be having a school disco. K-2 students 5:00-6:00pm and 3-6 students 6:15-7:30pm.
Entry is $4.00. There will be lollies, chocolate, chips and drinks available to buy. Prices will be 50c to $2.00. Make sure you bring your dancing shoes.

Life Education Van
**When:** Tuesday 29 March - Friday 8 April  
**Where:** At school  
**Who:** All students  
**Cost:** $5.00 per student. Please pay by Wednesday, 16 March 2016.

Book Fair
Our annual Book Fair will be held on Friday, 18 March in conjunction with Grandparents’ Day. This is always a very busy and exciting day for the school; it would be great to see you there!

All students will view the books for sale next week. If you will not be able to attend, students may place money in an envelope with their name, class and book they would like written clearly on the front. Alternatively, parents may pay online, recording their receipt number on the envelope. Purchases on the day can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Books can also be purchased as a donation to our school library with your child’s name recorded on the inside front cover of the book. The school will receive a percentage from the sales on the day. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Hookway

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Swimming

The past few weeks have been very busy for the swimmers of EMPS. We had a very successful school swimming carnival with over 110 students competing with 20 students selected to attend the Zone Swimming Carnival.

At this carnival our school achieved some great results. East Maitland Public School won the overall points for the whole carnival beating the other schools in our zone.

Jack York and Josh Lorenz were awarded the Junior Boys and 11yrs Boys champions respectively. Arielle Taylor broke the 11yrs girls 50m Butterfly record which has been held since 1994.

Many other students were very successful on the day with lots achieving personal bests in their events. This is a massive achievement from our school and all students should be very proud of themselves.

Last Thursday Jack York, Jessica Curtis, Arielle Taylor, Joshua Lorenz, Jack Cliff, Harry Hookway, Alex Murphy, Laura Stimson and Hayley Prentice attended the Hunter PSSA swimming trials held at Maitland Pool. All these students swam their fastest with them achieving more personal best times. From this carnival three students were selected in the Hunter team for their chosen events.

Josh Lorenz: Boys 11yrs 50m Breaststroke
Arielle Taylor: Girls 11yrs 50m Butterfly
Jessica Curtis: Girls Senior 50m Freestyle and Girls all age 100m Freestyle

They will be attending the State PSSA swimming carnival held at Homebush, Sydney. The carnival is held in the last week of this term so stay tuned for their results.

Below is a picture of Jack York and Joshua Lorenz with their zone swimming champion medals.
**This Week’s EMPS Award Winners**

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| Blanca Stewart  | Elwood Samuels      | Zane Williams    |
| Karthe Stephens |                     |                 |

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**Canteen Roster**

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If you are unable to come on your day please phone or msg Jacki - School 4933 7524 or mobile 0419143528

**Canteen News**

**Grandparents’ Day Friday, 18 March.** We are needing volunteers for Grandparents’ Day. If you are able to help on this day please contact Jacki.

**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.

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The uniform shop has no ETFPOS facilities so please bring cash.
We have made it to Autumn, let’s hope that those 40 degree days have passed or our Easter Eggs will start melting! Yes, it’s that time of the year again, you will soon receive a sheet of Easter raffle tickets. Purchase as many or as few as you like. Your neighbours, work mates or friends may be interested too. Feel free to photocopy the sheet if you would like more tickets. Money and tickets are due back on Monday, 21 March.

Money raised from this raffle will help us subsidise the cost of the Healthy Life van which is visiting our school towards the end of term. We are also in need of donations of all things Easter. Eggs, baskets and stuffed toys would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the school office.

We have locked in Sunday, 3rd April for the Masters BBQ. This is a great fundraiser for the P&C, and any help in the form of BBQ skills would be appreciated. We will be sending a form home soon which will allow you to enter your availability to help or feel free to email us your details and availability. We need 3-4 people on the stall at all times and are hoping to offer only 30 - 60 minute time slots per person. Whatever time you can help will be fantastic.

Just a reminder
Our AGM will be held on Thursday 10 March 6:30pm at East Maitland Bowling Club. During this meeting all members need to be financial ($1) for 2016 voting.

All current executive positions President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, will be passed in and nominations and voting will occur during the meeting for 2016 executive positions.

New members are MOST welcome. Membership forms will be available at the meeting, or prior at the school office.

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 next meeting. 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 require:

- Competency with MYOB or similar to complete entry of income and expenditure, bank reconciliations, payroll, BAS, monthly management reports and yearly payment summaries.
- Superannuation reporting procedures, preparation of workers’ compensation documentation and insurance renewals.
- 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 8th March 2016. Any enquiries in regards to the duties may be directed to Kris Redding 0414 714 141 or the email above.

eastmaitlandpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/EastMaitlandPublicSchool

Please make sure you have the latest version to receive all the features.
EMPS P&C Association is registered to host a

MASTERS BBQ SUPER SAUSAGE SIZZLE

on Sunday, 3rd April 8am - 4pm

and we require your help and BBQ skills!!

We need 3-4 people per hour to make it work...

approx 24 volunteers but the more the merrier!

1 or 2 to cook... 1 or 2 to serve... one to handle the money$$

Are you able to spare an hour or two??? Please

All funds raised go back into the school to help lower costs and provide items.

If you can help, please fill in the hours you are able to work and return the slip below to the school office by Wednesday 23rd March

or contact Hayley on 0402021567 or Kym on 0412698158

Thank you!

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MASTERS BBQ VOLUNTEER

Name ____________________________

Contact Number ________________________

Hours I am able to assist with BBQ

- 8am - 10am
- 10 - 12pm
- 12pm - 2pm
- 2pm-4pm
YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

BOOK FAIR!

Friday 18th March 2016

9am-2pm - In the Library

A huge selection of affordable books for every reading level.

A great chance to donate a book to the School Library for all students to use.

SCHOLASTIC

MAITLAND TENNIS CENTRE

2016 APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Pro Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055
Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhill, 2323
Web Site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

When: 11th, 12th, 13th April

(Mon, Tues, Wed)

Where: Maialand Tennis Centre

Car Park & Lowes St East Maialand

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

Price: $50.00 for 3 days per child (Family Discounts Available)

Age: 4 years to 14 years

Standard: Beginner to Intermediate

Name (1).................................. D.O.B..........................

Name (2).................................. D.O.B..........................

Name (3).................................. D.O.B..........................

Address.................................................................

Phone (Home)........................... (Mobile)..................

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BOOK NOW: Ph 49345016, 0421888967 or

Online @ www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

DON'T MISS OUT

BANK@school

www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

Every Thursday

Please be reminded that Bank@School continues each Wednesday at the school.

Students can make their payments by placing their payments in the secured school

banking box at the school office. Or the allocated time a local representative will

order to process transactions. All students are required to Bank@School for the

school fees for an application.
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My son/daughter __________________ of class ______ was absent from school on
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