DATEs TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 26th February
Maitland High Yr 6 Info night: See note

Wednesday 27th February
PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Thursday 28th February
Scripture starts
PSSA Zone AFL trials

Tuesday 12 March
Yr 6 Leadership Day at Maitland High

Friday 15th March
School Cross Country Carnival

Friday 22nd March
Rewards BBQ - Winning class only

Thursday 28th March
Easter Hat Parade

Swimming carnival

Last Tuesday our students, 8 years and older, attended Maitland Pool for Morpeth PS's annual swimming carnival. The carnival was a great success with some outstanding individual and team performances and an impressive commitment to participation from our students. In what was one of the most closely contested carnivals in many years, Sturt House narrowly won on the day from Eyre. Well done to all of our competitors for making the carnival a success. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Petersen for her great organisational skills and to the large gathering of parents who provided fantastic moral support.

Age Champions

Congratulations to our age swimming champions for 2013; Isobel and Finn (8 years), Morgan and Cooper (9 years), Eliza and Toby (10 years), Katelyn and Cooper (11 years) and Claudia and Tyler (12 years).

Zone Representatives

We are also proud to announce that Isobel, Sharlotte, Eliza, Connie, Tahlia, Claudia, Rachael, Cooper, Willow, Toby, Kye, Cooper, Thomas, Cameron and Leighton will be representing our school at the Maitland Zone swimming carnival on Wednesday. Congratulations and best of luck to you all.

Afternoon tea

Thank you to the group of parents who attended Friday's afternoon tea for our 'new' kinder parents. The day provided a great opportunity for our parents to 'meet and greet' other kinder parents and also other members of our school community and many stayed to attend our whole school assembly that followed. Thank you to our P&C for organising the delicious food. Unfortunately the food on offer was extremely tempting, causing my current diet plan to take a severe beating!

School Photos

Although the weather was threatening on Thursday, we were able to get all of our school photos completed on schedule and in style! Once again the photographers from MSP were extremely professional in their approach and I’m sure our parents will be very pleased with the results. It was great to see Miss Webster come to the school on the day to be involved in our staff and her class photo. Thursday is not a work day for Miss Webster (Mrs Nielsen teaches 1/2W on Thursday and Friday) and she made a special effort to drive from her home in Newcastle to be involved. A big thank you to Miss Webster for her commitment and also to Matt (partner) for looking after baby Max on his birthday during the 'shoot'.

Sound of Music

We have an opportunity for our stage 2 and 3 students to attend a Sound of Music performance at the Civic Theatre on 20 June. Mrs Tuyol our music co ordinator has arranged the visit and, in readiness for the concert, she is teaching our students music from the Sound of Music. Tickets will be $20 and we will be able to take approximately 55 students.

Art Gallery Visit

On Friday students from stages 2 and 3 have been invited to attend Maitland Art Gallery where they will be able to hear well known children's author, Marguerite Tierney, speak about her work. We apologise for the short notice, but this is an excellent opportunity and we would like to make it available to our students.

PSSA Cricket

Also on Friday, our senior boys will be playing Bolwarra PS in Round 1 of the PSSA cricket competition. Coach, Mr Hamilton, has assembled a talented team and I’m sure they will provide a tough game for the boys from Bolwarra. Good luck boys!

If there are any issues you would like to discuss, please contact me - Peter Edmonds
Students in years 3-6 have the opportunity enter the 2013 Australian Schools Competitions. The Australasian Schools Competitions are the largest external schools assessment programs available in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Region. They provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. Students who participate will each receive a certificate and a detailed results letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, identifying the skill tested in each question and highlighting student strengths and weaknesses.

The competitions are offered in the subject areas of:

- Computer skills
- Science
- Mathematics
- Spelling
- Writing
- English

If you would like your child to enter, please indicate which competition/s on the form below and return to your child’s class teacher. Entry forms must be returned to school before the competition closing entry date and please include payment to cover the cost of the competition.

Students entering competitions will receive a reminder two days prior to the competition sitting date.

Jane Fincher - ICAS Co-ordinator

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**Australian Schools Competitions**

**Entry Form 2013**

Students name: ____________________________________________________   Class______________________

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** Entries cannot be submitted until payment has been made.**
Canteen News

**Week 5 - Term 1, 2013**

- Monday 25.2.13  Jo Kennedy, Nicole Hanson
- Tuesday 26.2.13  Belinda Duffey **HELP NEEDED**
- Wed 27.02.13  Natalie Hutton, **HELP NEEDED**
- Thurs 28.2.13  Petah McGaw, Louise Vercoe
- Friday 1.3.13  Tanya Piggott, Belinda Duffey

**Week 6 - Term 1, 2013**

- Monday 4.3.13  Sally Godwin, Natalie Hutton
- Tuesday 5.3.13  Helen Sinclair, **HELP NEEDED**
- Wed 6.3.13  Aileen Robb, **HELP NEEDED**
- Thurs 7.3.13  Natalie Carpenter, Kellie Upton
- Friday 8.3.13  Marney Winter, Ros Hay

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**GUITAR & DRUM LESSONS**

Starts this week - **PAYMENTS NOW DUE**

Please see the office for a participation note

In the event that your child is absent from school, feel free to use the form below. This can be copied as many times as necessary.

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**STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE** - Please return to class teacher

**CHILD’S NAME**: ................................................................. **CLASS**: .................................................................

**Absence Dates**: ........................................................................................................................................

**Reason for Absence**: ...................................................................................................................................

**Parent Name**: ........................................................................................................................................

**Parent Signature**: .................................................................  **Date**: .................................................................

Volunteers needed

Please contact the Canteen Committee if you are able to help

Student Banking

**Wednesday this week**

For new accounts please visit your local Commonwealth Bank or get an application form from the school office.

Please note that applications through the bank are instant whereas processing through the School Office will take one month.
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Please support these businesses, as they support our school.
P&C Fundraising 2013

This year the P&C will again be holding numerous events to raise valuable funds for our school. Please find below details of some of the upcoming events. Volunteers are always required to assist with each of these events and are very much appreciated. If you are able to assist in any way it would be great to see you at our next P&C meeting or otherwise please contact Ben Mate on 0407 822 441.

Entertainment Books

This year the P&C will be selling Entertainment Books. The books provide a large range and quantity of discounts and 2-for-1 offers from many of Newcastle and the Hunter’s restaurants, hotels, accommodation, attractions and activities. Books will be sold for $60 each and will generate $12 to the school for each book sold. Books will be available in March for use until June 2014. Pre-orders for books will be available to be placed in the coming weeks. For those who purchase books please encourage your family, friends and work colleagues to purchase these books through our school to assist in raising valuable funds for our children.

Easter Raffle and Out-of-Uniform Day

We will again be holding an Easter Raffle in conjunction with the Easter Hat Parade to be held on Thursday 28th March. Students will be invited to donate an Easter egg for the raffle at an out-of-uniform day also to be held in March. In the coming weeks, families will be provided with a book of raffle tickets to sell. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated and will make this an enjoyable event for our children.

Ipod Raffle and Disco

The Term 1 school disco will be held on Thursday 11th April. In conjunction with the disco, we will be running an Ipod raffle. In the coming weeks, families will be provided with a book raffle tickets to sell. We are hopeful that the following prizes will be available –

- One Ipod touch for any ticket buyer
- One Ipod touch for students who sell a complete book of tickets (winner to be raffled from participants)
- One Ipod touch for students who attend the disco (winner to be raffled from participants)

Tocal Field Days

This year the P&C will again be running food and drink stalls at the Tocal Field Days. This event runs over 3 days from the 3rd to 5th May. We will be selling a range of gourmet BBQ products and drinks including milkshakes. This event requires significant input and as such it is anticipated we will require between 40 and 50 volunteers over the 3 days. As substantial planning is required for this event it would be appreciated if those willing to volunteer could pencil the above dates into your calendar and also advise your availability to the P&C asap. Last year this event proved to be a great fundraiser for the school raising in excess of $5000. So that the workload for this event can be shared it would be great to have as many volunteers as possible. Please contact Ben Mate on 0407 822 441 to advise your availability.