Easter Hat Parade
Our annual Easter hat parade on Thursday was an outstanding success. The morning started with a combined scripture service held in the MPC. At the conclusion of the service, our students returned to their rooms to collect their hats for the parade. A huge number of parents and family members attended the parade, along with a surprise visit from the Easter bunny, and the room was filled with a sea of Easter colour. Parents and students then enjoyed a picnic lunch in the school grounds as our raffle was drawn. It was a great day made very special by the contributions of parents and teachers and the fantastic behaviour of our students. Thank you.

Rugby League Development Day
Tomorrow morning Kasey Drummond, who is a development officer with the National Rugby League, will visit our school to run a series of workshops for our students. Kasey will work with students from K-6 in 30 minute sessions where she will show our students some of the important skills and drills of the game. Rugby League is extremely popular at our school and are looking forward to competing in upcoming gala days and competitions.

Piano lessons
I have been contacted by a local piano teacher who has recently moved to the area. Pamela Lee is highly qualified and experienced to teach the instrument and she is able to provide lessons catering to beginners through to advanced musicians. She can be contacted on 0414 670 150 or via email at pianopam1@hotmail.com

ANZAC Day
ANZAC Day, 25 April, will fall on the second Thursday of our school holidays. I had the pleasure of attending last year’s service and march in Swan Street and was extremely impressed by the large number of students and their families who attended. I am sure we will have an equally impressive number at this year’s ceremony. Our students will assemble at Campbell’s Store (corner of Tank and Swan Streets) at 10:45am in readiness for the parade that will begin at 11am. The march will continue along Swan Street to the War Memorial where the service will commence at approximately 11:15am. Students will be expected to wear full school uniform on the day. Hope to see you there!
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

$40 per year - $10 per term
Families who have paid for the entire year ($40) prior to the end of term will go into the draw to win $100 Reading Movie Money Voucher
School Contributions assist in the running costs and resource purchases for schools each year. Your support of this state initiative is greatly appreciated.

STUDENT BANKING

Could all students who bank please include with this weeks banking a note with your preferred prize token - this will allow us to pre-order the items and have them ready for when you have collected all your tokens

PAVING PAINT NEEDED

The P&C are organising to repaint the artwork on the concrete in the playground. We are applying for paving paint donations at 6 local businesses. If any families having paving paint that they wish to donate please contact Jodi on 0438 131 447 or leave at the Office.

SPORTS SHIRTS - WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS

New sports shirts are now in stock
Winter Uniform orders are currently being taken. Order forms are located on the school website or from the Office. As we are only able to stock a small number of each uniform item we request that families pre-order to avoid disappointment.

Canteen News

Week 10 - Term 1, 2013

Monday 1.4.13  Easter Monday - No school
Tuesday 2.4.13  Helen Sinclair, Petah McGaw
Wed 3.4.13  Natalie Hutton, Jodi Lovell
Thurs 4.4.13  Maiva Metcalf, Mel Anderson
Friday 5.4.13  Tanya Piggott, Fiona Emmett

Week 11 - Term 1, 2013

Monday 8.4.13  Jo Kennedy, Mel Battle
Tuesday 9.4.13  Belinda Duffey, Rob Hanson
Wed 10.4.13  Aileen Robb, Prue Wolfe
Thurs 11.4.13  Petah McGaw, Louise Vercoe
Friday 12.4.13  Good Friday - No school

Eastside Uniting Churches     Holiday Kids Club

Who? Children from Kindergarten to Year 6
When? Thursday, 18th April - 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Where? Uniting Church Hall, William St, E. Maitland (Opposite East Maitland P.S)
What? Stories, songs, games and craft
Morning tea A lunch provided
Cost? $12 per child - $30 per family of 3 or more
For registration forms phone: Lesley - 49996307     Registrations close: Monday, 8th April
CSIRO Science Show
Our school will be hosting a science show courtesy of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) on Thursday. The highly regarded show promises to be entertaining and informative and I’m sure our students K-6 will enjoy the day. Thank you to our families for supporting the performance - all outstanding money and notes to be returned tomorrow to ensure that students do not miss fantastic opportunity.

Zone Cross Country
On Thursday Mr Hamilton will be accompanying a group of 32 students to the Zone cross country carnival at TOCAL. Our team was selected after our very successful school carnival held at Morpeth Manor. We have some outstanding athletes who I’m sure will perform impressively at the carnival. Thank you to our parents who have kindly volunteered to assist with transport on the day.

If there are any issues you would like to discuss, please contact me - Peter Edmonds

GUITAR & DRUM LESSONS
WILL BE RUNNING AGAIN NEXT TERM
NEW STUDENTS WELCOME - PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE FOR A PARTICIPATION NOTE
EXISTING STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A NOTE DURING THEIR LESSONS ON THEURSDAY

April school holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

School calendar
What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.
Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&catid=2&viewType=yearView

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.

STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE - Please return to class teacher

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

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