Cross Country Trials
On Friday afternoon students aged 8 years and older, attended our annual Cross Country Carnival. The event, held at the picturesque Morpeth Common, required our 8,9 and 10 year olds to run 2 kilometres while our senior students ran the 3 kilometre course. Placegetters will represent the school at the upcoming Zone carnival on Thursday 4 April at Tocal. The carnival was a great success and a big thank you must go to Mr Hamilton and Mrs Petersen for their organisational skills and to the large contingent of parent supporters who supported our students.

Class BBQ
On Friday our class of the term BBQ will be held. The winning class will be announced later in the week, with voting very close between classes. Students in the winning class will receive a delicious sausage sizzle lunch and a drink, once again prepared by, the legendary Chef Harmes.

Room makeover
Inspired by current television shows, the room outside my office is currently undergoing a makeover. I have decided to turn the space into a meeting room by enclosing the area. In the coming weeks the room will be freshly decorated, so if you have some creative ideas, please let me know!

Gymnastics Day
On Wednesday 27 March (week 9) our year 6 students will be attending a gymnastics afternoon at Maitland High School. The day will provide an opportunity for our students to visit the school and become familiar with its surrounds, meet students from other local feeder primaries and also meet some staff from the school. The gymnastics afternoon promises to be a fun day. We have arranged for a bus to transport students to and from MHS. There is no cost for the day.

Assembly on Friday
Just a brief reminder that our fortnightly assembly will be held this Friday. As well as our usual class awards, we will also be presenting our 2013 Library monitors with their badges. We would love to see lots of parents and friends of the school join us on the day. The assembly will commence at 2:15pm in the MPC.

Pie Drive
Orders for our Pie Drive need to be placed this week. If you would like to place and order or if you require further information, please contact Mrs Touzell in the office.

Hunter Sports High School
Applications for consideration of placement at Hunter Sports High School are now available from the office. Please contact Mrs Touzell for further information.

School Counsellor
Our school counsellor, Mrs Bec O’Brien is available at our school on Thursdays. If you would like your child to speak to Mrs O’Brien, please complete the referral forms available from the school’s office. Peter Edmonds
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
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Canteen News

Week 8 - Term 1, 2013
Monday 18.3.13 Tracey Baker, Sharyn Watson
Tuesday 19.3.13 Kelly Mate, Natalie Hutton
Wed 20.3.13 Kylie Brand, Natalie Hutton
Thurs 21.3.13 Sam Cook, Kellie Upton
Friday 22.3.13 Sallyann Rumbel, Tracy Forbes

Week 9 - Term 1, 2013
Monday 25.3.13 Jo Kennedy, Mel Battle
Tuesday 26.3.13 Belinda Duffey, Rob Hanson
Wed 27.3.13 Aileen Robb, Prue Wolfe
Thurs 28.3.13 Petah McGaw, Louise Vercoe
Friday 29.3.13 Good Friday - No school

Volunteers needed
Please contact the Canteen Committee if you are able to help

PSSA INDIVIDUAL SPORT TRIALS
Students wishing to trial for PSSA teams (as an individual) are asked to register their name at the school office. When trial dates and further information become available this will then be sent home to parents via the student.
Students will need to be affiliated with a club in the given sport in 2012 or 2013.

SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE!!!!

WHEN: Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st MARCH
WHERE: LIBRARY VERANDAH

ALL BOOKS MUST GO - 5c, 10c, 20c and 50c
Your support will be appreciated as all proceeds will go to the library

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
Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.


Removing head lice and nits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. 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.


Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.


Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.


STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE - Please return to class teacher

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

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

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

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