Please Remember

- Return the “Permission to Publish” blue form ASAP.
- If you haven’t paid the balance for swimming classes, please pay as soon as possible.
- If your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2015 and has a bus pass, please visit the office to collect a new application form.
- If you have recently changed any address details or telephone numbers, please let the office know asap.

Message from the office…

Please note that due to school finance procedures, the cash register will be closed from Friday 28th November to Wednesday 3rd December. No money will be taken during this period.

Thank you.

Calendar

**October**
- 13-24: Intensive Swimming program
- 20: Kindergarten Orientation day (1st)
- 24: Tea Towel orders due
- 28: Kindergarten Orientation day (2nd—Parent meeting in hall)

**November**
- 3-6: Scholastic Book Fair
- 4: Kindergarten Orientation (3rd)
- 24-25-26: Band Tour
- 28: Popcorn movie day

**December**
- 11: Sports Presentation day
- 15: Class parties
- 16: Presentation day
- 16: Year 6 Farewell
- 17: Last day of Term 4

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MAITLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

2014 TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

IT’S THE LAST WEEK TO ORDER

Turn to the back of this newsletter to see our MPS tea towel design (full of smiling MPS faces) and for the **final chance** to order.

★★ YOU’LL BE DISAPPOINTED IF YOU MISS OUT ★★

Please return order form and payment by **FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2014**.

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Term Four, Week Three October 20, 2014
Dear Parents and Carers

A big welcome this week to our new Kindergarten enrolments for 2015 as they have their first experience of “big school” at their orientation this morning. We have around forty new students expected for next year and are very much looking forward to working with them and their families over the next seven years of their time with us at Maitland Public. It is always an exciting but somewhat daunting day for them today but we wish them the best for the start of their new adventure.

Our bands performed absolutely wonderfully last week at Bandfest coming away with a Commended Award (Intermediate), two Highly Commended Awards (Junior and Senior) as well as our Senior Band receiving the Award For Excellence. It was a great week out for the Band members and a fine result as well. Many thanks to Mr Gray and Ms Thomsen for their coordination and hard work and also to the many parents and family members who made the trip down to support the children as they played.

This week we continue our Intensive Swimming Program as well as the second week of our Stage 2 and 3 swimming for sport. We will also play host to the brand new East Maitland Public School band as they come across to workshop with our Intermediate and Junior Band members on Thursday. We have our P&C meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3:30pm followed by our Band meeting at 5:45pm. I will be away tomorrow and Wednesday (at this stage) for meetings at District Office and to have my second eye operation. It will be a beautiful week so please look after each other and enjoy it.

Kevin Greaves
Principal
Maitland Public School

SPECIAL CANTEEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Mini Cheeseburger
+
Water
+
Lickstick

$4.50

Orders to be in by 9.00am Wednesday 22nd October.
All members of our 3 bands deserve the highest praise for their efforts, their positive team attitude and their achievements at the Lake Macquarie Bandfest over the past week. It was a pleasure to accompany the Junior and Intermediate Bands on Tuesday and the Senior Band on Thursday. The results were as follows:

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In addition, Marnie Fullerton received an award for a very enthusiastic and well-executed performance.

A huge thank you to Darryl Campbell who towed the trailer and, with great expertise, packed and unpacked the trailer for the Senior Band on Thursday.

**Band Practices**

Unless otherwise advised, band practices are always as follows (including this week):

- **Senior Band**: Monday, 3.20 – 4.30 pm and Wednesday, 8.05 am
- **Intermediate Band**: Tuesday, 8.05 am
- **Junior Band**: Tuesday, 12.30 – 1.35 pm

**Next Band Support Group Meeting**

The next Band Support Group Meeting will be tomorrow, Tuesday, 21st October at 5.45 pm. All band parents are most welcome to attend.

**East Maitland School Band Visit**

On Thursday, 23rd October the East Maitland School Band will be visiting our school to workshop with students from our Intermediate and Junior bands. The day will also include a performance by our Senior Band, a sausage sizzle for all Workshop participants and a short concert at lunch time for the school.

**What to Wear**

Senior, Intermediate and Junior Band members will wear their school uniforms on the day.

**Senior Band Concert**

The Senior Band will perform a concert at 9.30 am.

Assistance will be needed setting up the Band from 8.30 am.

All Senior Band members will need to have reported to Mr Gray with instrument and music by 9.00 am. At the end of the concert, Senior Band members will take their instruments and music back to the Band Room and return to class.

**Intermediate and Junior Band Members**

All Intermediate and Junior Band members are to line up with their classes at 9.10 am and report to Mr Gray at 9.20 am with their instruments.

**Lunchtime Concert**

There will be a lunch time concert by the Intermediate Band, the Junior Band and the East Maitland visitors for the rest of the school at 1.10 pm. Parents/carers are most welcome to attend.

At the end of the lunch time concert ALL band members are asked to assist returning the equipment to the Band Room.

**Kersten Thomsen (Band Co-ordinator)**

**John Gray (Band Director)**

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**Diary dates**

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We are looking forward to meeting the new kindergarten students for 2015 at the upcoming orientation days.

**Orientations**

All Kindergarten Orientations are 9.30 – 11.00am and will be held in the upstairs Mackenzie Kindergarten room.

Orientation 1: - Monday 20\(^{th}\) October 2014
Orientation 2: - Tuesday 28\(^{th}\) October 2014
Orientation 3: - Tuesday 4\(^{th}\) November 2014

**Parent Information Session**

The parent information session will be held in the school hall from 10am on Tuesday 28\(^{th}\) October – Orientation 2. Children, buddies and teachers will meet you in the school hall at the completion of Orientation at 11am.

Please remember to return your child’s information sheet “1\(^{st}\) Homework” sheet to the Kindergarten teachers at the first orientation if you have not already done so.

Kindergarten Teachers

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**How to Use a Fire Extinguisher**

by Gabby Wilson 3/4S

**Step 1** Pull out the pin

**Step 2** Point it at the base of the fire

**Step 3** Squeeze the little lever

**Step 4** While you’re squeezing the lever move it from left to right

STAY SAFE!

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**Term 4**

School banking with The Mutual is every Wednesday.

As always passbooks should be placed in the secure School Banking box located at the school office.

You can open your child’s account online by visiting www.themutual.com.au/mps

For more information on the Bank@school program please contact The Mutual on 1300 688 825
## Class Awards

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Community News

Private tutoring
Are you thinking about a private tutor to complement your child’s education? School A to Z explores questions about what to look for in a tutor, what you would want your child to achieve and tips on what to ask a potential tutor. http://bit.ly/K5aczo

Team sports – more than health benefits
As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don’t go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here: http://bit.ly/HlgxVO

Mount Kanwary Public School
2014
Saturday 1st November
On the school grounds, Hinton Road, Osterley

- Megamana Rides (unlimited purchased rides available)
- The Pretty Amazing Jonathan
- Delicious Food - BBQ, Coffee Van, dutch pancakes, snow cones
- Raffle – great prizes!  • Face painting & Stalls
- Enjoy a Night of live music from Local Young Talent
- Fabulous MEGA AUCTION including signed Knights jersey, signed Jets football, holiday packages & much more!
- Free Shuttle Bus

Gates open 4pm
$5 adults, $2 child or $10 Family (up to 4 children)
Bring a chair or blanket
For more information Ph: 49872596

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Amplified is a family & community event and is strictly drug and alcohol free - we want to offer a safe environment for everyone to enjoy.