

Newsletter

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Kiwanis Club East Maitland

You might not be aware however, after the flood came a mammoth clean-up. The Kiwanis Club of East Maitland has been out to the school on several occasions to assist with this enormous task. They took away rubbish, reinstated the sand pit with new fresh sand, cleaned up the fallen trees, cleaned the debris away from the back of our property, stabilised the P&C shed, topped up the pipe foundations with new dirt and donated new Astro Turf to our Telly Tubby Hill. Tony will be back to fix our large lunch table so the students can have a secure table to sit at. I would personally like to thank the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland for their generous donations and assistance. Also a big shout out to Jude Oliver for coordinating this assistance for us. It is much appreciated.



Parent Helpers / Volunteers

Thank you also to all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to clean up around our school after the storms. It was greatly appreciated.

Spring Fair Raffle Tickets

The Spring Fair organisation is well under way. If you require more raffle tickets please see Mrs Vollmer in the office. Please keep sending in your prizes for our trailer raffle. These are most appreciated.

Music Excursion - My Fair Lady

On Thursday, 25th June all students will be attending an excursion to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle to watch the triumphant musical 'My Fair Lady'. This excursion is in conjunction with a study of work that Mrs Tuyl is covering in her music lessons. Students will be travelling by bus and the cost will be \$25.00 per student. A permission note for this excursion has been sent home today.



Early Action for Success

Ms Phelps and Mr Egan are at a training day today for the Early Action for Success program that is running at our school for K/2.

New – The Wellbeing Framework for Schools

The Department of Education & Communities has developed a Wellbeing Framework for NSW public schools. The DEC commitment to wellbeing is for our schools to support students to **connect**, succeed and thrive at each stage of their development and learning. The package will consist of additional school counselling positions, resources, support for PBL, targeted resources to support healing for Aboriginal students, families and communities, targeted support for refugees who have experienced trauma and funding for local solutions through Networked Specialist Centres and educational Service teams.

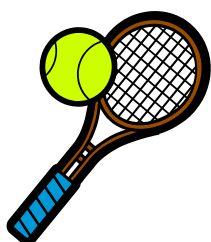
C. Phelps – PRINCIPAL

NRL Clinic

All students will have the opportunity to participate in a free NRL Clinic to be held at our school next week, on Tuesday, 2nd June. Students may wear their joggers to school on that day.

Tennis

In partnership with Tennis Australia, Millers Forest Public School will be offering tennis for sport in Term 3 for students K-6. The 7 week program will start on the first Thursday in Term 3, 16th July. A qualified coach from Maitland Tennis Centre will conduct the tennis lessons during Sport time on a Thursday. This is an excellent program and a great opportunity for our students to develop their tennis skills. The cost of the lessons is \$20 per student for seven lessons. Permission notes and money are to be returned to the school office by Friday, 19th June.



Printing Press Tour

Students in 3/6B have entered into the Newcastle Herald Newspaper Competition this year. In relation to the competition, 3/6B will be taking a guided tour of the Fairfax Printing Press at Beresfield next Wednesday, 3rd June. It will be a great chance for the students to see how their stories end up in a newspaper as well as learning all about the history of print production.

Please ensure permission notes have been returned to the office for this excursion.

Cathy Bray

3/6 Class Teacher & Sports Coordinator

Important Dates to Remember

Book Club Due	Monday 1st June, 2015
NRL Clinic	Tuesday 2nd June, 2015
Fairfax Printing Press Tour – Years 3 to 6	Wednesday 3rd June, 2015
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 8th June, 2015
Parent / Teacher Interviews	Friday 19th June, 2015
Tennis Payment Due	Friday 19th June, 2015
Music Excursion "My Fair Lady"	Thursday 25th June, 2015
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 26th June, 2015
Staff Development Day	Monday 13th July, 2015
Students Return for Term 3	Tuesday 14th July, 2015

<i>Assembly Awards</i>	
Week 4 – Term 2	
Principals Awards	Austin – Improved reading. Ally – Improved reading.
Citizenship Award	Phoebe – Leading by example.
Kindergarten Award	Isaac – Excellent reading.
Year 1 Award	Jemima – A terrific information report about bears.
Year 2 Award	Austin – Great use of the jump strategy when adding and subtracting.
Primary Award 1	Kiara – Improvement in writing.
Primary Award 2	Riley R – An enthusiastic approach to maths activities.
Mr Egan’s Award	Haydan – Exploring number sentences from 20 to 200. Michael – Identifying numbers 1 to 10.
Assembly Award	Ally – Leading in the school song and the anthem.
Playground Award	Katie – Being responsible.
Fitness Award	Michael – A brilliant effort in sport and fitness.
TREE of the WEEK 	Naomi – Congratulations... 

<i>Assembly Awards</i>	
Week 5 – Term 2	
Principals Awards	Tayisha – Always doing her best.
Citizenship Award	Naomi – Being quick to help others.
Kindergarten Award	Matty – Always doing his absolute best.
Year 1 Award	Corben – Terrific work using the jump strategy for adding and subtracting.
Year 2 Award	Charlotte – Excellent work in her writing.
Primary Award 1	Ally – Always being safe, respectful and responsible.
Primary Award 2	Lauchlan - Improved effort in writing.
Art Award	Shelby – Great painting effort.
Assembly Award	Riley F – Being sensible in assembly.
Playground Award	Tayisha – Being cooperative in team games.
Fitness Award	Kaiden – A huge effort in ‘Jump the Creek’.
TREE of the WEEK 	Joseph – Congratulations... 

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Mastering spelling

Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-