Dear Parents and Carers,

CONGRATULATIONS to Sophia (1N) and MacKenzie (6C) who are the winners of our tree topper competition. Our school Christmas tree is now on display at Stockland Greenhills. Parents who like the Stockland Greenhills Facebook page can help our school to win $1000.

YEAR BOOK ORDER FORMS have been sent home with all students this week. An order form is also included in this newsletter and on our website. Orders must be received by 3pm next Monday, 30th November.

CELEBRATIONS As of Tuesday students may begin celebrating the lead up to Christmas. Our senior students play Santa’s helpers and deliver Christmas cards to the classrooms. If your child wishes to send a card to another student we ask that they write the recipient’s full name and class on the envelope and put them in the Christmas mail box which will be set up in the foyer. This way we find we have less cards lost and fewer students upset if they miss out on a card. If you do not celebrate Christmas please send in a note to the class teacher to remind them of this fact so alternative activities are prepared for your child when Christmas celebrations begin.

KINDER REPTILE PARK EXCURSION/END OF YEAR PARTY is on next Thursday, 3rd December. Students are to wear sport uniform. For planning purposes final payments must be received by tomorrow, Friday, 27th November.

YR 1—YR 6 END OF YEAR CLASS PARTY permission notes are due by next Friday, 4th December. Copies of these notes are also included on our school website.

MGHS YEAR 6 GALA DAY is on next Thursday, 3rd December. Year 6 students who are attending Maitland Grossmann High School next year will attend this Gala Day at Maitland Park. The cost is $5 per student to cover bus travel. Final payments must be received by tomorrow, Friday, 27th November.

YEAR 5 AND 6 2016 BATHURST/RICHMOND CAMP final payments must be received by 11th December. A reminder has been sent home with those students who have not returned an expression of interest. As the camp is planned for early next year we must confirm final numbers and make payments with venues by the end of this term.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL BUS PASSES Students just starting school or who are applying for a bus pass for the first time, students moving from Year 2 to Year 3 or Year 6 to Year 7, changing schools or changing details must now apply online for a School Opal card, which will replace the current bus pass. The application is available at www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

WANTED FOR THE SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT: newspapers, cardboard, PVC pipe off cuts any size, old forks and spoons and shell pools also used as sandpits. Please contact Mr Burgoyne on 0419 416 953.

PRESENTATION DAY will be held on Tuesday, 8th December seated by 9.45am in the Cameron Centre at Hunter Valley Grammar School. Parents will receive a letter next week if their child is receiving an award on this day.

Have an enjoyable week, Narelle and Staff.
CONGRATULATIONS to Ruby (3F) who competed in New Zealand at the International Cheer and Dance Rave event with the Oxygen All Stars Junior team from 31st October to 1st November. The team not only placed 1st for Junior level 1 but also took out Grand Champions across all Level 1 teams who competed at the event. The team also won a bid to compete at the Global Cheer and Dance Games in Hawaii in June 2016. A fundraiser has been organised through Flames for Fundraising soy candles. Travel tins are $10 and medium sized glass tumblers are $15. Scents include Christmas bush/Christmas pudding/Coconut & Lime/Honeysuckle/Orange and Cinnamon. If you would like to help support Ruby and her team to cover flight costs and competition fees, please contact Nicole on 0412 478 784 to place an order.

Class Awards | Shamrocks | Class Awards | Shamrocks
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KH | Sophie / Gabrielle | Pip / Isaac / Madison / Lucy / Phoebe / Zahlee | 3B | 
KK | Ava / Dustin | 3F | Eliza / Noah | Jessie-Lee / Ruby / Sahara / Owen / Rhylan
KO | Chloe / Haiden | 3M | 
KW | Liv / Hudson | 4F | 
1B | Riley / Archie | 4H | Hayley / Matilda | 
1M | Chloe / Lincoln | Piper / Nic / Abigail | 4R | Lucius / Jack
1N | Lillian / Gabrielle | Grace | 5G | Kiarnah / Samuel / Ella | Sam / Jordan / Alex / Brock
1T | Jack / Olivia | 5M | Mathew / Oliver | 
2A | Imogen / Joshua | Logan / Jasmine / Amber / Kobi | 5O | Chloe / William
2F | Charli / Louis | Lincoln | 5/6J | Lachlan / Bryce | 
2K | Marc / Charlie | 6C | Samantha / Shania | Rachel / Jackson / Tain / Pani
2P | Lachlan / Piper | 6H | Noah / Jorja | 

Canteen News

Helpers are needed for Friday, 4th December.

The last canteen day for 2015 will be Friday, 4th December.

If you are able to volunteer in the canteen on a Monday or Friday please contact Cheryl Lucas on 0466 542 041.

Canteen Roster—November 2015

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## Uniform Focus—Week 9

White ankle length socks

will be the uniform focus next week. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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## CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

The P&C would like to thank Mrs Cheryl Lucas for her time as supervisor of our canteen. Next year Cheryl will not be able to continue this role so we are calling for expressions of interest from people wishing to fill the position.

This is a non-paid, voluntary position.

Training in food safety, experience in cash handling and stock control, good communication skills, and a volunteer working with children check would all be considered favourably for this position. Please send your expression of interest (maximum 2 pages) to the school office marked “Attention P&C President” no later than 10:00a.m. 4th December, 2015.

Should there be more than one applicant interviews will be held.

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### Term 4 2015 Calendar

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### UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE

- 1 x size 8 boys short sleeve shirt
- 4 x size 6 boys grey shorts
- 1 x size 6 boys maroon sports shorts
- 2 x size 6 boys short sleeve shirts
- 1 x size 6 Blackett sports shirt
- 1 x size 8 Blackett sports shirt

All items $5 each. Phone 0438 782 615.
Support local business and support your school

CASHBACK FOR YOUR SCHOOL*

$5 for every REGO booking
$10 for every SERVICE booking

Smart Torque Automotive

Phone 4933 5177
24 Ward Street, Maitland

www.smarttorque.com.au

MVRL49448

* Voucher must be presented on the day.

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Hunter Dental Group
Cessnock, Greenhills & Dungog Dental
4990 1279 • 4934 7877 • 4992 3366

Child Dental Benefits Schedule
An Australian Government Dental Scheme

YES WE BULK BILL!!
Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible
government payments can receive $1000
basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
For appointments call us today!
AVOID THE BACK TO SCHOOL QUEUES ... BUY NOW!

To beat the lengthy queues next year, take advantage of the extra shopping days before the Uniform Shop closes for 2015.

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Merry Christmas and have a safe New Year from Kirsten, Annie and Gina

Thank you Annie and Gina for their help each week; and Cheryl, Tracy, Lindy and Charne.
Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter? Contact the school office for details.

PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Ashtonfield Public School
Family Christmas Picnic & Disco.

A family night of dancing, jumping, singing & fun.
When: Friday, 4th December, 2015.
Where: In the School Grounds.
Time: 6:00pm

Treats for Sale...
* BBQ, drinks, and plenty of goodies will be on sale.

If you can help with the BBQ on the night, please call Jackie (0411328549)

So come along as we welcome new families and farewell some old ones. It’s a great way to celebrate the end of the year with family and friends...

and our favourite DJ (Mr Frazer) will keep the party jiving!

Glow items will be available for purchase...and jumping castles to enjoy.

Bring a chair or a picnic rug, and insect repellent. Alcohol and Smoke Free Zone.
**CHRISTMAS HAM RAFFLE**

Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct payment and child’s name and class clearly on the front. Please keep raffle tickets separate from other school payments.


$1 – 3 tickets  $2 – 8 tickets  $5 – 20 tickets

It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.

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Save these dates in your holiday diary ...

**FREE Kids HOLIDAY CLUB**
MON-THURS // 9:30-12PM
11-14 JAN 2016 // K-yr9

Games - Drama - Craft - Fun

REGISTER ONLINE
WWW.MAITLANDALIVE.ORG
EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL
MAITLAND ALIVE

**CAFE CONNECT**
9:30-12PM // FREE CRECHE 1-5 YRS
Guest Speakers // GreatCoffee // Personal Stories
AT EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

- **MONDAY 11TH JAN**
  - How to get fit without joining a gym
- **TUESDAY 12TH JAN**
  - Delicious desserts demonstrated by a Cordon Bleu Chef
- **WEDNESDAY 13TH JAN**
  - Overcoming fear in an anxious world
- **THURSDAY 14TH JAN**
  - How to take a great photo

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MAITLANDALIVE

* Free holiday fun for you, your family and friends! *

Register online www.maitlandalive.org

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**Summer Vacation Care**

Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.
ABN 94 288 377 301
Ph 02 4939 1840
Fax 02 4939 1849
179 - 85 Westlands St, Rutherford NSW 2320

17th & 18th December 2013 - Rutherford & Thornton Centres Only, 21st, 22nd & 23rd December 2013 - RUTHERFORD ONLY
4th to 8th January 2016 - Metford, Rutherford & Thornton Centres Open
Ashfordfield & Metford - 11th to 22nd January 2016 - Rutherford & Thornton - 11th to 26th January 2016
Pupil Free Day Wednesday 27th January 2016 - Ashfordfield, Rutherford & Thornton
Open 6.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, Closed Jan 26th Public Holiday

Quality care for Children 5-12 years, who attend infants or primary school.

Organised activities such as Craft, Sports, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Movies and Excursions.

4 convenient locations - Ashfordfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton

"Child Care Benefit (CCB)" and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available pending eligibility

Full fees will apply until CCB and/or CCR is authorised by "Dept of Human Services" (adjustments will then be made)

Daily fees after CCB range from $5.24 (1 child with 100% CCB) to $46.00 per child

Plus excursion fee if applicable. Fees to be paid on first day of care each week.

Bookings can be made at all of our centres and Main office from Monday 9th November 2015

Sorrry no phone/fax or email bookings (Original Booking Forms only)

Please remember a 2015 blue enrolment form and a vacation care booking sheet must be completed before acceptance of any bookings.

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS (Working Days are Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm, excluding Public Holidays) written notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

Supported by Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services NSW.

Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc. - "Showing Jesus’ love to the Community"