Principal’s News

Dear Parents and Carers,

There will be a short newsletter only next week with a few reminders. Meanwhile we would like to thank all those who have helped us this year. Mrs Lucas and her band of happy workers in the canteen, the P&C, Mrs Worth and the uniform shop people, our dedicated classroom and library helpers, those who have helped to transport students, those who have helped with dance groups and concert costumes, those who have made donations and those who have supported the students with homework and assignments and the many needs each student has over the course of a year. Without parents and community students would not be able to have the well rounded and wide ranging experiences they have at Ashtonfield. Well done one and all.

YR 1—YR 6 END OF YEAR CLASS PARTY permission notes are due by tomorrow. Copies of these notes are also included on our school website.

YEAR 5 AND 6 2016 BATHURST/RICHMOND CAMP final payments must be received by 11th December. 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.

PRESENTATION DAY will be held next Tuesday, 8th December seated by 9.45am in the Cameron Centre at Hunter Valley Grammar School. Parents should have received a letter this week if their child is receiving an award on this day. The prize winners’ first name and class will be listed on the web a few days after the ceremony.

Students will be walking to and from Hunter Valley Grammar School on this day. Please advise the school office if you do not give permission for your child to leave the school grounds.

SPORTS PRESENTATION will be held on Friday, 11th December in our school hall, starting at 12.40pm. Letters will be sent home if your child is receiving an award.

WANTED FOR THE SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT An old rowing boat or an old “tinny”. Please contact Mr Burgoyne on 0419 416 953 if you can assist. Mr Burgoyne is able to pick up any donations.

At this point I would like to thank the staff for their care and support of the students and dedication to student learning no matter what is happening in their own personal lives. Sometimes it has been their own personal difficulties which have helped them connect to some of our students facing similar problems. At other times the staff have had to hide their own pain from students but all times they have been a professional team of whom I am justifiably very proud.

Have an enjoyable week,
Narelle.
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who enjoyed their Shamrock lunch on 2nd December.

Kate—4F
Alex—5G
Sienna—4F
Stephanie—4F
Jennifer—6H
Sophie—6H
Tamara—6H
Jonah—4H
Joshua—4F
Michael—1B
Kalan—5G
Roman—5G
Mitchell—4F
Monique—1B
Aqua—3B
Chloe—5O
Adaleice—5/6J
Rose—1B
Mikayla—1B
Athul—4H

Library News

Well done to all students for a fabulous year of reading. This week, the Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates are being handed out in class, to all the students who competed the 2015 challenge. There are 45 students who were awarded Gold Certificates for completing the Challenge each year for 4 years.

Congratulations go especially to the 5 senior students who received their Platinum Certificates.

A final reminder to all students to please return all borrowed books back to the library as soon as possible.

A special thankyou to the wonderful band of Year 6 Library monitors who have been such a great help this throughout the year, ensuring the smooth and efficient running of the library every lunchtime.

For those who are looking for something to do over the holidays, please check out the Summer Reading programs run by the Maitland City Library.


Thankyou to all the students who were diligent in bringing their library bags to every library lesson this term and an extra special thankyou goes to all those people who encouraged these students to read and achieve.

Best wishes for the holidays – it is the Season to be reading!

Term 4 2015 Calendar

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|      |        | P & C Dinner | Y6 clap out | Staff Development Day | Staff Development Day |
|      | Y3 end of year party | Y1 & 2 end of year party | Last day of term for students |          |       |
|      | Y5 end of year party | Y4 end of year party |          |          |       |
Canteen News

The last canteen day for 2015 will be Friday, 4th December. Please note: we may run out of items as we are trying to use up remaining stock. If you are placing a lunch order tomorrow, please include an alternative order in case some items are not available.

For those who have helped in the canteen this year, there will be a morning tea on Friday, 11th December at 10am at the Heritage Gardens café. Phone Cheryl if you are able to make it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who have helped in the canteen this year. I could not have had a success without your help. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Cheryl.

If you are able to volunteer in the canteen tomorrow please contact Cheryl Lucas on 0466 542 041.

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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.
Maitland West End Newsagency Book Signing

Friday 18th December 11:00am-1:30pm

Come along and buy your book, get it signed and have a chat with the authors

THE LOUTH PARK MOB

Pride, Passion and the Glory
Three Clubs, One Tradition

by
Mick Fairleigh
and
Paul Doherty

For more information, ring Lyn or Lindsay at
Maitland West End Newsagency on 49336634
493 High St, Maitland, NSW
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.

### 2015 Last Week Opening Hours

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*Last Day for 2015*

### 2016 Back To School Opening Hours

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*Teachers Back To School Yr1-Yr6 Back To School First day Kindergarten*

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.
### PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

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<td>Italia Road, Raymond Terrace</td>
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<td>New computers</td>
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<td><strong>SPECIALS ONLINE</strong> - New computers under $500</td>
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Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter? Contact the school office for details.

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"To swim well is an asset for life" - Forbes Carlisle

**Greenhills Hit-n-Dip Sports Centre**

**2016 Intensive Swim and Survive**

- 4th January – 8th January
- 11th January – 15th January
- 18th January – 22nd January

School Holidays

5 lessons for $69.70

Call 49334733 now to enroll.
‘tis the season to think of others....
This year in the lead up to the Christmas season we want to help the children be mindful of others in their local community who are less fortunate.

With the help of the families at Ashtonfield, we would like to donate food and toys to local charities. We will have a collection point in each classroom where children can place their items. This will help to spark interest and discussion, making the children more aware of the need behind this project.

Suitable priority items to your child’s classroom
- Non-perishable food items e.g. cans, jars, bottles or packets of food
- New toys New children’s clothes
- New children’s books

*please do not wrap any items

Thank you

Mrs O’Neill
Deputy Principal (Relieving)
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

**FREE**

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
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Register online www.maitlandalive.org

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**Summer Vacation Care**

Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.

ABN 94 268 377 301

Ph 02 4933 1840

83 - 85 Weblands St, Rutherford NSW 2320

Fax 02 4933 1848

17th & 18th December 2015 - Rutherford & Thornton Centres Only. 21st, 22nd & 23rd December 2015 - RUTHERFORD ONLY

4th to 6th January 2016 - Metford, Rutherford & Thornton Centres Open

Ashington & Metford - 11th to 22nd January 2016 / Rutherford & Thornton - 11th to 26th January 2016

Pupil Free Day Wednesday 27th January 2016 - Ashtonfield, Rutherford, & Thornton

Open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 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 - Ashtonfield, 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 "Department of Human Services" (adjustments will then be made.

Daily fees after CCB range from $5.24 (1 child with 100% CCR) 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

Sorry no phone, fax or email bookings (Original Booking Forms only)

Please remember a 2016 enrolment form and a vacation care booking sheet must be completed before acceptance of enrolments

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS (Working Days are Monday to Friday, 8am - 5pm, excluding Public Holidays) written notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

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