Welcome Back!
What a great start to the school year! During the week I was able to visit all classes and was most impressed at how all students have quickly settled back into the school routine. Group work, thematic programs, homework and home reading will all start this week!

Welcome to our 19 new Kinders and their parents!
Welcome also to Miss Tickle, a student teacher from Charles Sturt University, who will be working with Mrs Barnett and the 3/4 class over the next 3 weeks!

Classroom teachers will send home notes this week explaining class routines and requirements. You will also be informed of the date of the parent information session for your class.
Please make sure you check the Newsletter each Monday for school and class updates. You can also access the Newsletter on the school’s website or please email Mrs Hollins @ the schools email account if you would like it emailed home.

Weather Shed
We have also returned to a wonderful new, extended weather shed and sports store! This has opened up a much bigger covered seating area and will also be used for many outdoor whole class learning activities! This building was minimal cost to the school as most funds were met through an extra $50,000 given to us through the Government’s BER program.

Uniform
Another excellent beginning to the year with students looking smart in their uniforms and representing our school with pride! Many thanks to all parents and caregivers for their support in helping our students to look so good, especially with the purchase of black leather (not skate) shoes. Thank you again!

Volunteers
A great big thank you to all of the parents who continued to help with school initiatives over the extended break!
Thank you to:
Mr Cant and Mr Dean for all their work involved in the planning and completion of the new weather shed!
The Mainey/Kent households for giving our chooks a great holiday!
Courtney and her Mum for revamping the garden beds!
Heath, his Mum and Grandma for helping to collect much needed donations towards our Trivia night!
Mrs Jenny Datson for all of her work in designing and printing comprehension sheets to be used in our new Homework Bags for Kinder and Year 1!
Mrs Mainey and Ms Petersen for continuing to look after our extensive grass and garden beds!
Please let me know if I have left anyone out, as ALL efforts are greatly appreciated and deserve to be acknowledged!!!!

This week I will be searching for volunteers who can help move our garden shed to its new space and also someone to change the front sign on a weekly basis. Please see me if you are able to help out with either of these. Thank you!
Classrooms teachers will also be looking for volunteers to help with group work and listening to children read.

School Requirements
Notes will go home this week from class teachers outlining requirements for individual classes. You will also be notified of the cost of text books to be used in class.
All children K-6 will be working through a computer program called Reading Eggs, which was successfully trialled in Year 1 last year. The cost of this program will be approximately $20 per student and will be added to your account. Notes will go home this week with your child’s log in name and password so the program can be used at home.

School Accounts
Term I accounts will go home next week and are payable by the end of term.
**Kinder news**
Welcome to all families, I do hope you all had a wonderful Christmas Break and a safe holiday. I look forward to working with you all this year.

A second note has also gone home with all Kindergarten students today explaining some of the routines of our school and classroom. Next Monday, 11th February, I will be holding an information session for all Kinder parents, in the classroom at 4.00pm, to further explain routines and to answer any questions you may have about your child’s education. If you cannot make this meeting and would like to discuss anything please don’t hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

This week in Literacy and Maths we will be learning the following sounds; t s i d f and learning about numbers 0-10 and 2D shapes. Your child will bring home a sound stencil each day that they have completed in class which you could discuss with them. They also learn a chant for each sound you may like to ask them to say it for you!

Next week we will commence Public Speaking and Home Reading. Each child will be allocated a day for Public Speaking and a day to return their Home Readers. I will send a note home later in the week which will show your child’s day.

Hope we all have a great week!!!

Rachel Leary

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**Year 1 news**
Year 1 have had a great start to 2013! Children will be bringing home readers home today. They will return them next week, on the day written on the bottom of their recording sheet. This day will also be their news/public speaking day. I will be having a parent information session next Tuesday afternoon straight after school (3pm). Please come if you can. I will send information home on the Wednesday if you are unable to attend.

Mrs McAllister

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**Year 2 news**
Welcome back, I hope everybody had a good holiday and I’m looking forward to the year. Homework starts this week as do home readers. Wednesday’s at lunchtime I will be holding class based activities from 1.10-1.25pm focusing on playing the guitar! The parent information session will be held on Tuesday 12/2/13 at 5pm.

Mr Cunningham

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**3/4 news**
Welcome back to all families! I hope you had a lovely Christmas break. I’m looking forward to working with you all this year.

Homework begins this week. It consists of a spelling sheet, English sheet and Maths sheet. On the back of the Maths sheet this week is a 5 minute speed test but if you would like to complete it and it takes longer, that’s fine. You will need a homework book and an A4 plastic envelope for Home Reading.

Each child now knows their News Day. This will also be Home Reading day. Books can be exchanged on this day. Everyone will require a paint shirt this year. An old t-shirt or shirt is fine. If your child has their own pencils, crayons or textas they are welcome to bring them but we do have sufficient supplies in the classroom.

Next week, on Tuesday 12.2.13, I’ll be holding a parent information meeting, at 2.30pm. I hope to see you there but if you can’t make it, I’ll send home some notes for you. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a great week!

Mrs Barnett

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**5/6 news**
Welcome! I am looking forward to getting to know you all and working with you this year. Everyone has made me feel welcome and have been very helpful as I get to know our school routines and faces.

Homework will begin this week, but only in the form of an English and Maths sheet. Next week we will get stuck into Spelling as well. This is due on Friday. It would be good if students have an A4 book to glue in their homework each week as this saves sheets getting lost.

I have also set tasks in Studyladder. You should know your login from last year. A note will come home this week explaining how to access this site if you are having trouble.

Last week a note went home about Interrelate sessions which begin on Wednesday. Please make sure you have handed your note into the office. There is no cost involved.

Everyone should have a blue pen, red pen and lead pencil each day so they are ready to work. Students can bring their own pencils, crayons or textas to use but we do have classroom supplies if needed. If you could bring in an old oversized T-shirt or paint shirt (labelled) for art lessons it would be appreciated.

I will hold a parent information meeting in the next few weeks. Information about this will be in next week’s newsletter.

Mrs Murray
**Fund Raising**

Along with a number of small fundraisers throughout this year the school and the P&C will both be holding major fundraising activities.

The P&C has currently booked the date of September 14 (Election day!) to celebrate 175 years of education at Largs PS. Please come to the P&C meeting tomorrow night to learn more or to be part of this exciting celebration of our schools’ history. Further details will go home in the Newsletter as they are planned.

The other big fundraiser will be a Trivia Night to be held on Friday, March 22. At this night we are hoping to raise enough funds to purchase ipads and enable wireless networking throughout the school so they can be used in all classes. Please start organising your table of 10 or see your class teacher who can place you with other parents from the class. More information will be going home in next week's Newsletter.

If you are able to donate anything that could be used as a prize on the night (or for our 175th Fete) it would be greatly appreciated. Please see me, Thank you!

**Home/School Communication**

Over the past few years we have used Home/School Communication Sheets which enable communication from the teacher to the parent and vice-versa on a fortnightly basis. Some parents find them useful, others do not. Please fill in the accompanying expression of interest if you would like one sent home with your child/children this year. All Kindergarten children will receive one.

**Drumming**

Drumming with Col Hatchman will continue each Thursday this year, commencing this week, at a cost of $10 per lesson. Please fill in the accompanying expression of interest if you would like your child/children to participate.

**Guitar**

If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar, either during school hours or after school, can you fill out the expression of interest and send to the office. If you have any enquiries please call Eric Loi on 4930 1669 / 0419 642096.

**Book Club**

Has gone home with this newsletter all orders and payment due back to school no later than 15 Feb.

**Sports News**

Once again we have gained funding through Active After School Care Communities (AASCC) to allow access to experts in their field to provide free sporting programs for the students of Largs Public each Monday and Thursday. This Term, with the support of Mrs Mainey, we will be participating in Athletics and Cricket activities and skills. All children will need to complete a permission note attached to this newsletter to be able to participate in all sporting programs this year. Please complete and return to school by next week.

**School Merit System**

Largs Public School recognizes and reinforces student achievement by awarding Largs Cards. These are small yellow slips of card with the school’s emblem on them. Students collect cards and progressively trade them to reach the following achievement levels:

- 5 Largs Cards = 1 (blue) Merit Certificate
- 10 Merit Certificates = Bronze Award
- 20 Merit Certificates = Silver Award
- 30 Merit Certificates = Gold Award
- 40 Merit Certificates = Honour (Photo) Award
- 50 Merit Certificates = Bronze Badge
- 60 Merit Certificates = Silver Badge
- 70 Merit Certificates = Gold Badge
- 100 Merit Certificates = Trophy

Please return yellow Largs cards to your child’s classroom teacher to obtain their blue Merit Certificate. All other Merit certificates need to be handed in to the school office, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and what award or badge they have achieved, before Friday so they can be prepared for the following assembly.

_Sharon Palmer_
Principal

**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Lachlan M, Jamie G, Hugh L,

**Student of the Week 14/12/12**

Joshua R. for being a helpful friend in the playground.

**Assembly**

Yr 1 will be sharing
Welcome, welcome, welcome to all of our new kindergarten families. And a big welcome back to all of our families in years 1-6. It was fantastic to see all of the new parents and children last Thursday arriving with big smiles on their faces and ready to start learning at our beautiful school. It was also wonderful to see all of the kindergarten "buddies" taking on their role with such enthusiasm.

We have a huge year ahead of us this year especially as we are celebrating our 175th Anniversary on 14 September! It is excellent that this is also the date for our national election so we can have a major fund raising event and celebration all on one day. We have many fantastic plans in the pipeline for our birthday celebration and there will be lots of things that everyone will be able to help out with. Each of the classes will also be participating in some way for our big day. We will be holding meetings regarding what will occur so please feel free to come along and be part of this special occasion. As we make the dates for these meetings, we will let you know in the school newsletter. Remember, the more the merrier.

If you are new to our school and have any questions or are not too sure about something, please don’t hesitate to ask your class teacher. We have the most wonderful teaching staff at our school and they will do their best for you and your child.

If you need any other questions answered, please grab one of the parents who look like they have been around for a while and ask them. We can usually find out the answer or point you in the right direction.

Our P & C meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday night of each month at 7pm. The dates are always in our school newsletter which comes out on a Monday. So keep an eye out and come along. We had some new kinder mums come from last year and they were pleasantly surprised that we really do have a great time (especially when Mrs Palmer provides us lollies to keep us quiet!!!). We have lots of parents with amazing skills and great ideas and we would love to hear them at these meetings. You don’t necessarily have to take on a role, just come along and see what it’s all about. Promise you won’t be disappointed!

So once again, welcome to our new kinders. We know you will love the school as much as we do. Please remember that our kids learn better and are happier when their parents are involved in their learning. We are all working towards the same goal which is the education of our children. And the best part is that we have a wonderful school in which our kids will thrive and do well along with the support of our teachers and the rest of our school family.

Rebecca England
VP
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- 26 AUSTRALIA DAY
- 29 Staff return
- 30 Yrs 1-6 return
- 31 Kinders start
- 4 Sport 9-10
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- 6 Library 5/6 Interrelate
- 7 Sport 9-10
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- 30/31 GOOD FRIDAY
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- 8 Sport 9-10
- 9 Library
- 10 Athletics Carnival K-6
- 11 Last day Term 1
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- 13/14
Home/School Communication Sheets
I would like my child/children ____________________________ of class/es __________
to receive a Home/School Communication Sheet each term.

Signed ____________________________

Drumming
I would like my child/children ____________________________ of class/es __________
to participate in drumming lessons with Col Hatchman. I understand that payment of $10 will be needed each
Thursday, commencing this week.

Signed ____________________________

Guitar
I would like my child/children to participate in guitar lessons with Eric Loi. Payment to be organised with Mr Loi.

PARENT’S NAME________________________ PHONE_______________________
CHILD’S NAME________________________ CHILD’S AGE__________
OWN INSTRUMENT (YES/NO)_______ IN SCHOOL / AFTER SCHOOL__________

Canteen roster Term 1
Could each family please fill in the names of their volunteer / s for the term and return
to school office to be forwarded to the canteen committee. If we don't get at least 3
helpers by Friday, canteen will have to be cancelled for the following week.

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Maitland Football Club Inc 2013 REGISTRATIONS

Maitland Football welcomes you to the 2013 season.

My Football Club Registrations are online on our website www.maitlandjsc.com

Click on the link and follow the instructions.

Code of Conducts and newsletter must be collected from Fieldsend Oval to complete the registration.

Any problems with registrations either come to Fieldsend Oval on the following days and times or contact Evelyn on 0432 945 237:

- Saturday 2nd February – 11am to 3pm
- Thursday 7th February – 5pm to 7pm
- Saturday 9th February – 11am to 3pm
- Thursday 14th February – 5pm to 7pm
- Saturday 16th February – 11am to 3pm
- Thursday 21st February – 5pm to 7pm
- Saturday 23rd February – 11am to 3pm

All registration and season fees are due at registration.

All new players 5 years to 18 years must bring a birth certificate.

All ages from 5yrs to O/45’s welcome.

For further information please contact Evelyn on 0432 945 237

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EAST MAITLAND SCHOOLBOYS RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration Days

Sunday 3 February, 2013 10am – 2pm
Sunday 10 February, 2013 10am – 4pm
Sunday 17 February, 2013 10am – 4pm

at

East Maitland Bowling Club

Players who register on these dates receive shorts and socks.

All players and parents/guardians are to complete and sign the registration forms. Please refer to the clubs website to download the forms and bring them to one of the registration days.

All new players require birth certificate.