Trivia Night—Fri March 22
A reminder to organise your table of 10 or see Leonie to be added to a table. See the attached sheet for all the businesses that have donated wonderful prizes for the night!
We are hoping to raise enough funds to purchase Ipads and enable wireless networking throughout the school.
Tickets available from the office.
In conjunction with the Trivia Night we are also running a raffle. Tickets have been sent home with this Newsletter. Please see ticket cover or attached flyer for more details.

Scripture
Scripture will commence this Friday for students 3-6 and next week for K-2. Lessons are run on a class basis and are non-denominational. Please see the class teacher if you do not wish your child to participate.

Family Fun Day
A Family Fun Day to welcome parents and carers to a new year of education and to welcome parents new to our school is planned for this Friday, Feb 22. All families are asked to bring in a plate of food to share for afternoon tea at 1pm and then stay and participate in a variety of outdoor activities with the children.
Children can wear their sporting house colour on this day: Williams—Red Paterson—Green Hunter—Blue
Hope to see you here!

Technology
To support classroom programs in Literacy and Mathematics, we have taken out whole school subscriptions to Reading Eggs and Mathletics. Your child will come home soon with a username and password to access these programs using the Internet. By subscribing to a 'whole school' licence, we are able to greatly reduce the cost for each student to access. As a result of this, we will be adding a $30 Technology fee to our school accounts for each student to partially cover subscription fees and other technological expenses.
We are aware that some families already have a subscription to Mathletics. We have been advised that if you have taken out your subscription within the last month, you can contact Mathletics customer support explaining that the school has taken a school subscription and Mathletics will refund you. If you have an older subscription, you can gift your home subscription to another person by contacting the Mathletics Customer support team.

Extra-Curriculum Activities
Our busy year has started already, with students trying out for cricket and Star Struck. School feedback last year expressed some parent concerns about the amount of activities students are involved in. If your child is trying out for both of these activities and you have any concerns about their participation in both, please discuss priorities with them and if they should choose only one activity. Thank you!

Working Bee
On Sunday Feb 24 starting at 9am. If you could spare half an hour or more to help around the school. Please bring some, or all, of the following items: gloves, shovel, wheelbarrow, secateurs, whipper snipper, blower vac, buffalo runners, rakes. The P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle for the workers.

Canteen Milk
Milk is back on the canteen menu this week at $1.50. Apologies that it was not available last week.
**Kinder news**

What a very busy couple of weeks we have had!!! All Kindergarten children are settling in well to school and classroom routines. All students are to be congratulated on the way that they presented themselves at the past assemblies!!

Thank you to all parents who have provided children with paint shirts. We tend to participate in 'messy' activities on a daily basis, so it would be appreciated if all children could be provided with paint shirts ASAP.

Home readers should be returned this week on your child's allocated day. Going home with them this week will also be student's communication sheets. This week's sounds are: e, h, k, c, u and sight words; boy, the, girl.

Hopefully all parents have their name down on a table for the Trivia night on the 22 March. We do have a few spare seats at our Kinder table if you are interested - it would be fantastic if we could even get two!!! It should be a great night with lots of laughs and excellent prizes to be won!

*Mrs Leary*

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**3/4 news**

Homework was sent home on Friday with all students. In the parent information session last week we discussed the quantity of homework given. The majority of parents were happy with the amount of homework their child receives, but, if it is causing concern, please contact me. Notes will go home today with the information that was discussed, for those parents who couldn't make it to the meeting. A copy of the 'Soundwaves' charts we use in our spelling program is include with the notes, for your information.

Spelling will be sent home Tuesday as we are at the swimming carnival today. We are continuing with last week's sound unit as this is a short week due to the carnival. Your child will have new spelling words.

Have a great week!

*Mrs Barnett*

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**Year 1 news**

This week, in your child's home reading folder, you will find a short list of sight words to read every day. I will change these to a new list when the words have been learnt, usually about a week on each list. All children are really enjoying the lessons on 'Reading Eggs'. Thank you for covering textbooks!

*Mrs McAlister*

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**Year 2 news**

This week's sound is 'c, ch, x, or k' (kite). A reminder that the Trivia Night is on 22 March and we are filling a class table. The family fun day is this Friday 22 Feb at 1pm, so come along and enjoy!

*Mr Cunningham / Mrs Palmer*

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**5/6 news**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent information session last Thursday. It was good to meet you all.

This week is already busy with our swimming carnival all day today and our final Interrelate session on Wednesday. Our spelling focus for the week is the sound ‘a’ as in ‘apple’.

Homework this week links to our swimming carnival, looking at water safety. Remember to read every night, L>C>W>C,(look, cover, write, check), spelling words and work on achieving 1000 points in Mathletics. Last week we had 19 students reach the target of 1000 points. A fantastic effort.

Well done to the students who have had responsibilities in the classroom and around the whole school over the past few weeks. Stage 3 are certainly taking on their leadership roles with gusto...keep up the great work.

*Mrs Murray*

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD**

Patrick for being a very responsible 'Buddy', and Heath for his fundraising efforts.

**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Tahneal S & Dallas C.
**Teddy Bears Picnic**

On Friday March 8 Year 6 students will be holding a "Teddy Bears Picnic" to raise funds for the children's hospital.
For a gold coin donation children can wear their pyjamas to school and bring a picnic blanket and teddy bear to have an afternoon tea "Teddy Bears Picnic".

**Volunteers**

Thank you to all the parents that have volunteered for canteen this term. The roster is now full. THANK YOU!! Thank you also to the Kasch family who have kindly offered to change the school sign.

**School Accounts**

A reminder that Term 1 accounts went home last week and are payable by the end of term.

**Sharon Palmer**

*Principal*

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**Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school**

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

**Speech problems**

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?
A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE SPONSORS SUPPORTING OUR TRIVIA NIGHT!

Master's, Rutherford
Neal Easterly's Butchery, East Maitland
Quinn's on Melbourne St
The Meat Shed, Thornton
Lorn Butchery
Stillwater on Belmore, Lorn
Alyce's Hair Design, Maitland
Kachi Hair Design, Lorn
Emelle Salon, Maitland
Eternal Health and Beauty Clinic, East Maitland
Billabongs Family Restaurant, East Maitland
Bowling Club
Little Rhino's, East Maitland
newsXpress, East Maitland
Heritage Gardens Nursery, Thornton
Stratto, Thornton
Thornton Newsagency
FM Cutz Hairdresser, East Maitland
Greenhills Fresh Fruit Pavilion
Soul Foods, Lorn
Tenambit Butchery
Beyond Tranquility, Tenambit
McDonnell's Earthmoving Pty Ltd, Thornton
Maitland Pharmacy
High St Pharmacy, Maitland
So-Lo Prices Maitland
Emelle Salon, Maitland
Willows Gifts and Home Wares, Maitland
Hot Dollar, Maitland
Homewares Plus, Thornton
Frame Today, East Maitland
McDonald's Booksellers, Maitland
Cherry Road Garden Gallery, Rutherford
The Good Guys, East Maitland
Barbecues Galore, East Maitland
Health Essential, Maitland
Harvey Norman, Maitland
Neil Anderson Pharmacy, East Maitland
Pet Barn, East Maitland
Autobarn, Rutherford
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Toyworld, Maitland
Priceline, Greenhills
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Blaxlands Estate Winery
Lambloch Estate Winery
De Bortoli Family Wines
Tamurlaine Wines
Lindeman's Winery
Bushrangers Bar and Brasserie
Swifts Outdoor Furniture, Beresfield
Stead Cycles, Beresfield
Belmore Hotel, Maitland
Reading Cinemas, Maitland
Australian Massage Therapies, Lorn
Lorn Massage Clinic
Largs Classic Cuts
Super Strike Bowling, Rutherford

Thank you to Heath, Mrs Chris McDonnell and Mrs June McDonnell for their fantastic efforts in seeking out these donations!
Largs PS Raffle

Prizes
1st: Choice of 4 Burner Barbecue (donated by Masters) or Digital Camera (Harvey Norman)
2nd: Barbecue or Digital Camera
3rd: Household Tool Kit (Repco)
4th: Picnic Setting (McDonnell Earthmoving)

$1 per ticket! Books of 10 tickets sent home with Newsletter today.

Please return by Friday 22nd March. Drawn at the conclusion of the Trivia Night.

Largs PS Trivia Night

March 22, 7pm School of Arts. Tables of 10, $10 per head. Tickets available from the school office.

Organise your own table or see Leonie in the office if you would like to be added to a table.

Tables are going fast, so please book and pay at the office as soon as possible! Thank you!

Lots of great prizes, vouchers and bottles of wine to be won!!

Please come along to support your school in its endeavours to provide all children with access to ipads and wireless networking! Thank you!!

Photos taken by Taylor, Year 5 and Piper, Year 6.
The next meeting is Tuesday 5 March.

**175TH CELEBRATION MEETING**
19 Feb 7pm

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**Canteen roster Term 1**

Thank you to all those who have volunteered for canteen this term. All spots are now filled. The canteen raises significant funds for the P&C to provide resources for your children.

I have also attached a blank roster for term 2 for those people who need to take time off work or other commitments to help out.

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Canteen roster Term 2

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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