Family Fun Day

Once again, a great turn-up of parents and grandparents, and the rain held off!! Thank you all for your support and the yummy afternoon tea provided! I think some of the parents participated more than the students, and I bet they had sore muscles on Saturday!

Working Bee

A big thank you to Margie Mainey and Jo Kent for organising a very productive (and much needed!) working-bee. The gardens and lawns do require a lot of maintenance and other tasks such as moving sheds, fixing fences etc. are always needed. I loved looking around and seeing the great improvements made from one morning of collaborative working! Thank you to the Mainey, Kent,

Swimming Carnival

A very successful swimming carnival was held last Monday.
Congratulations to everyone who participated. A great day was had by all. Special congratulations go to Kate H, Will J and Taylor R who were age champions. Largs PS won the overall point score and Patrick M, Declan H, Jnr Boys Relay and Jnr Girls relay all broke the small school's records on the day.

Break In

Some time on Saturday night/Sunday morning the school office was broken into. Thankfully our Trivia and raffle prizes are safe, but the 'Strong Room' was broken into and the Year 6 gift ipods, our mobile phone, a computer and some cash stolen.
The items were engraved with 'LPS'. If you hear anything of this break-in could you please contact the school or Maitland Police Station.
A letter will go home today please check your child's bag.

PSSA Zone Swimming

Notes will be sent out today for all those children who qualified to compete at the PSSA Zone carnival on Wednesday 27th February. Please return signed consent forms back to school tomorrow.
Kinder news
Thank you to all parents who participated in our family fun afternoon last Friday. It was great to see such a wonderful turn out and so many parents participating.
Last Friday all children received a letter and book to access Reading Eggs from home. Children may work through the program at home at their leisure. The beginning activities focus on sounds which we have been learning in class.
This week sounds are: b l j y v and sight words; mum, dad, red.
In maths we will be exploring the numbers 0-20 and patterns and in science discussing how the weather affects us.
Mrs Leary

Year 1 news
This week’s sound is ‘c’ as in ‘cap’. Last week, everyone in the class had excellent results in their spelling tests. Keep up the hard work every day, it really makes a difference!
Mrs McAlister

Year 2 news
I hope everyone had a good time at the family fun day on Friday. It was good to see so many parents attend. Thank you to all the parents who helped out at the working bee, the school looks great!
This week’s sound is ‘e’ for ‘egg’ and homework will be spelling words and an English activity.
Have good week!
Mr Cunningham / Mrs Palmer

Assignment starters for the arts
Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.

3/4 news
Homework: Spelling and Maths worksheets. English homework this week is to design a poster to persuade others to be sun safe. Art paper was sent home with the homework sheets on Friday, to be used for the poster if you wish. Please note that there are always spare copies of Year 3 and 4 homework in the Homework tray if needed.
Mathletics passwords were sent home last week. Some children have already earned certificates, which will be printed and sent home this week. I have set tasks for each Maths group, so these have to be completed before games can be played. There are 5-6 set tasks per person to complete. There will also be an opportunity for each child to complete these tasks in Maths groups.
Reading Eggs passwords will be sent home when all children have completed the placement test. This test places each child on the most suitable starting level for them. We are completing the placement tests during Literacy groups, so hopefully this will be finished in the next few days.
Have a great week!
Mrs Barnett

5/6 news
Another busy week. Congratulations to those who participated in the swimming carnival. It was great to see our students “have a go” and our great participation helped towards winning the points score. Great work!
Remember that homework is given out each Monday, but can also be found on the class website. This week students will be giving a short talk about a penguin.
On Tuesday evening Year 6 parents are invited to Maitland High School, at 6pm in the MPC, for an information session in preparation for 2014. If you are intending to send your child to MHS, or are not yet sure and need information, this session would provide useful information.
Mrs Murray

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Sam D for his persistence and great effort at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival.

Birthdays
Happy Birthday to Steven D, Jorja T, Lacey R and Ruby W.
**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!

**Trivia Night—Fri March 22**

A reminder to pay for your table of 10 or see Leonie to be added to a table.

Books of 10 raffle tickets have been sent home and are due back to school before the Trivia Night.

For every book of raffle tickets sold the child/children will go into a draw to win movie tickets. The more books of tickets each child sells means they will have a greater chance of winning. Please make sure your name is on the cover of any raffle tickets returned to school.

**Boxes Needed!**

The good news is that our Library is going to be painted next week! The bad news is that we need to pack up all of the books and move them to try and keep them away from as much dust as possible! If you have any small, sturdy boxes to donate this would be much appreciated. They need to be able to hold a good amount of books without being too heavy or fall apart. Thank you! Any donations of boxes can be left in the Library up until Thursday.

**Milk Cartons Needed**

As part of my Art lessons in Years 2 and 5/6 I need 1 litre milk cartons (1 per child). If you are able to send in any washed cartons they can be put in the resource room, (opposite the canteen) and would be most appreciated. Thank you!

I would like to share part of a letter I received late last year from Mrs Brooker (Lara, Chelsea & Phoebe’s ‘Ma’)

"A task set by Mrs Plain in 2007 for her then year 1 class, resulted in a children’s story book "Trish’s Wish" being published by my granddaughter, Phoebe, and me. In our initial run we raised $1250, some of which was donated to your School. The book was then republished in 2011, to raise funds for volunteers to take to 3rd World Countries. This is proving to be quite successful. To date we have given/ or have on hand to give over $9,000, it has helped in 10 different countries around the world and covers some 17 different projects. As well, bundles of our books (including my second one) are being read by children in far flung places.

From such humble beginnings at Largs School it is amazing to see how it is spreading happiness and helping many people"

*Sharon Palmer*

Principal

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The Hunter / Central Coast Junior Squash Association is into its 14th year of providing junior squash for all levels (including Novice) with a series of one day events throughout the year. (approximately 8-10)

The lack of squash courts has made it difficult to increase junior involvement in the sport but it is still a fun and active sport to be involved in. We currently hold circuits at Raymond Terrace, Wyong, Gloucester, Forster and Old Bar I am seeking your assistance in publicising our first junior circuit for this year. The details are as follows:

**DATE:** Sunday 3rd March

**START TIME:** 9am

**VENUE:** Raymond Terrace Squash Centre

104 Port Stephens Rd

Raymond Terrace 2324

Phone 0249 831350

**COST:** $20 per player – minimum 3 matches and lunch supplied on the day.

**MORE INFO:** Contact Adrian Barwick 0400303618

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**Sciencaviva**

Sciencaviva are visiting our school on Monday 11 March to demonstrate their "Let’s Find Out Science Show". All students are expected to attend and the cost for this show will be $6.50 per student, payable before the day.

Please send payment in an envelope clearly marked with your family name and what the money is for.

- I have included $6.50 per child in an envelope clearly marked with my child’s name /s:________________________
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
Katachi 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
Stratco, 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
Repco, Maitland
Lorn Village Pharmacy
Toyworld, Maitland
Priceline, Greenhills
House, Greenhills
Tenambit Pharmacy
Loot Homewares, Rutherford
Tatier Wines
Capercaillie Wines
Allandale Wines
Drayton's Family Wines
Blaxlands Estate Winery
Lambloch Estate Winery
De Bortoli Family Wines
Tamburlaine 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
Horton's Furniture
Baiada Chickens
Travelling Gourd

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.
Largs Public School
P&C Newsletter

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 March at 7pm. At this meeting all positions will become vacant. The positions and a brief description of duties are listed below.

President: Is responsible for chairing every meeting, coordinating activities, presenting Yr 6 pens as well as giving a speech thanking everyone for their efforts etc throughout the year.

Secretary: To record all minutes at the monthly meetings, handling incoming and outgoing correspondence and sending out P&C Newsletters as needed.

Treasurer: To receive and deposit all monies handled by the P&C, including canteen takings each week. Balance all P&C bank accounts, draw cheques and present accounts to each general meeting.

2 Vice Presidents: These position holders can relieve the President, Secretary and Treasurer if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Canteen Coordinators: Are responsible for the overall running of the canteen, ordering and purchasing stock, organising the canteen roster, ordering extra stock when necessary for special activities (e.g. Sports carnival). They must also present a report to the P&C at the monthly meetings. This position can be held by two people.

Fundraising Committee/Catering Committee: Are responsible for the organising of fundraisers with the support of the P&C throughout the year i.e. pie drive, raffles, Mothers Day and Fathers Day Stalls, end of year Bus Trip etc. They also coordinate food for any events the P & C is involved with. They must present a report at the P&C monthly meetings. This position can be held by two or more people.

As part of the ‘Suggested Rules & By Laws of P&C – No person shall serve more than five consecutive years in the same office.

Nominations for these positions can be made on the form below or in person at the AGM. Please note nominees must be members of the P&C Association. Membership requires a payment of $1.
Minutes of 175 Year Celebration Meeting

Date: 19 February 2013 at 7pm


General Discussion:
We had some fantastic discussions regarding our 175 year celebrations on Saturday 14 September 2013 which is also our national election day.
To help make this event run as smoothly as possible, we have dedicated ourselves into small groups which will handle the details of the different aspects needed to make this a success. Each group will help research, plan and report to the P & C meetings regarding their activity. If you can't make it to the next P & C meeting, please leave a note with how the team is going and whether you have information for the meeting, or need a hand with anything.
The different groups so far are:

Publicity: Sharon Palmer, Rebecca England, Peter and Yvette Kasch
Fundraising: Ashley Alvarez, Tracey Claridge, Michelle Knox and Liz Datson
Amusements: Mel Hill and Cathie Catt
BBQ: Matt Skinner, Eric Crawford and Ian Cant
Stalls: Sharon Palmer will liaise with each class teacher regarding what each class would like to participate in i.e. plant stall, crafts, knitted/crocheted items, jams/preserves.

Historical: Jenny Datson
Devonshire/High Tea: Vicky Campbell

Pictures/Photos: Leonie and Paul Hollins
Programme: Leonie Hollins

To date, it has been confirmed that one of our past students who was a former Tiger Moth World Aerobatic Champion, has donated his time and cost of performing a Tiger Moth aerobatic display over the farmland close to the school on our celebration day. This will be only one of many fabulous things we have planned.

To give a few examples of ideas which were discussed during this meeting:

- Raising the profile of our school and really focusing on the fact of our heritage of Australia's oldest school.
- Signage at the front of the school regarding our event.
- Getting media involved i.e. KOFM Breakfast Crew, NXFM Heath and Normy Show, newspapers, local and state media. Purchasing pavers as a fundraising idea for current and past families.

We understand that for many reasons, there will be some people that would like to be involved in this celebration that couldn't make it to this last meeting. We will be having a meeting on the third Tuesday night of each month to eat cake and chat about how the planning is going. (Thank you for the yummy goodies Yvette and Liz). Next meeting is 19 March 2013.

If you have any questions, queries, comments, ideas etc, please feel free to contact:
Rebecca England: 49 344 142
Jenny Datson: 49 300 291
Cathie Catt: 49 301 930
OR leave a note in the P & C box in the office.

Meeting closed: 8.25pm
**P&C MEETING**
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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