Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Education Week edition for 2014. This year we are celebrating 60 years of "Education Week"; a week where we profile the achievements of students, staff and our wider community members.

Thursday night we joined together for the East Maitland Education Week Awards Ceremony held at Maitland Grossmann High School. What a wonderful spectacular event, showcasing the talents of students in our local schools. It was also a change to recognise the proud achievements of our students and staff and to pay tribute to our many community supporters.

Congratulations to Janelle Wragg on her Excellence in Student Achievement Award, John Chatillon for his outstanding expertise and support in the School Administration field, and to Warren Cohen for his outstanding commitment to supporting our RDA program.

National Disability Insurance Scheme
NDIS is the National Disability Insurance Scheme - a new way of providing community linking and individualised support for people with permanent and significant disability, their families and carers.

The trial launch of this scheme will be available for people living in the Maitland LGA mid 2015. It is expected that ALL residents of NSW living with a disability will be involved in the scheme by 2018. The usual services coordinated by ADHC will no longer be available.

It is critical that we all have an understanding of the NDIS, how it works, and what services can be included in the package. With this in mind we are hoping to provide information to parents in the form of a Guest Speaker some time in October. We would urge your participation.

Information is also available on the NDIS Website—www.ndis.gov.au.

Assisted School Travel
Just a reminder for all families that if any changes need to be made regarding transport arrangements, (e.g. changing address, changes to before or after school pickups), Assisted Transport need to receive forms with at least 7 working day’s notice before the change is to occur.

Also, please remember it is the parents and carers responsibility to call the driver when your child is unable to attend school or if you intend to pick them up in the afternoon.

Also please be advised that drivers can only WAIT THREE MINUTES! At each house. Thank you!

KEEP THIS DATE FREE
HRCS FIFA World Cup School Sports Day
12th September, 2014
Maitland Hockey Field
Room 1
We have been having lots of fun in Science and Technology.

Each Science lesson we have been performing easy science experiments with everyday materials.

Naidoc Week Celebrations
On Friday 18th July, students from the Junior School were invited to attend the Metford Public School Naidoc Week Celebrations. These celebrations included a smoking ceremony, performances by Aboriginal dancers, face painting and art activities. Our students were captivated by the dancing and Connah even joined in with them. Chantel painted a range of fabulous Aboriginal designs on our students’ faces. We all felt very welcomed by the students and staff of Metford Public School and look forward to building on this interaction. Mandy
School News

Boccia

Seven students from senior school competed in the Boccia competition held at the Maitland Federation Centre last Monday. Hunter River Community School played against Rutherford Public, Raymond Terrace and East Maitland Public Schools. Although we lost against Raymond Terrace and East Maitland, the best game came down to a tie break against Rutherford. It was 5 all and it was up to Clay Andrew to seal the win for us with a great shot! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were gracious in defeat. It was great to meet up with old friends and meet some new ones too.

App News

Hunter River Community School has started using the Aurasma app in class. The app allows us to create and publish our own augmented reality experiences called “Auras”. We can now make our lessons come alive.

The app is free for download, and works much the same as a QR Code.
If you’re interested in seeing how it all works check out this web page:
IOTAS Film Festival

On Wednesday, Olivia took Emma, Laura and Courtney to the IOTAS film festival at Cardiff High School. This event is to showcase students’ films from across a number of schools. Our film was called “HunterChef – The Finals”. It was based on the TV show MasterChef with a Hunter River Community twist! The competition was tough and in the end we came second. The best male actor award went to Luke Barrett and Laura was awarded best supporting actress! All students received an award for their great participation. Well done!
Welcome to my news page.
Each newsletter I will be posting interesting facts about our dedicated school Staff”........Enjoy!!

Staff Profile

Name: Dave
Nickname: Butto
Favourite Colour: Red
Favourite Sport: Music
Favourite Footy Code & Team: Yellow Feather Dogs
Favourite subject at school: Music
Three people I would invite to dinner: jack Black, Tony Abott, Corby
If I won $$$$$ I would: Open a wheelchair resort
Aluminium drink cans for crushing for senior recycling program. All donations will be gratefully crushed!!

Entertainment Books for 2014 have arrived and are for sale at the office for only $60.00. They are full of exciting discount vouchers for a vast range of services. $12.00 from the sale of each book goes directly to our school. If you would like to purchase a book, write a note in your child’s communication book, enclose your money and we will send it home or read about the new Digital Membership for your Smartphone. Credit cards are also welcome.

Now there are two ways Entertainment™ can help your organisation raise funds...

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