Dear Parents and Carers
What a wonderful day we shared together at the Annual Sports Carnival at Maitland Hockey Centre. Thank you to all the parents and family members who shared this day with us.
This year we had over 240 participants from 11 schools across the area. I would also like to thank the students from Maitland Grossmann High School for their support throughout the day—it certainly makes the day go a little smoother, although it is obvious that we still need to work them a little harder after "smashing" us in the Grossmann versus Staff relay.

A valiant effort by staff member Damian, but we were still beaten by a faster team!

Enrolment Forms—Updates
Attached to this newsletter is the information you provided us with when your child first enrolled at school. These forms also incorporate new information that is contained in an "updated" enrolment form which came into force in July this year. For many students these details have changed over the years. We are asking all parents and carers to check the details and make changes as necessary directly on the form.
Page 12 of the Enrolment Form, provides information about completing the form, but could I ask you pay particular attention to the following:
- **Email address**— we would like an email address for at least one family member.
- **Occupation and Education Group**— this information is harvested anonymously from our system to form our Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI). This is a measure of social disadvantage that our department uses to base funding for the school. It is of vital importance that this information is accurate.
- **Additional Emergency Contacts**— it may be some time since you have updated this information. Please review this information carefully.
- **Medical Details and Health Conditions**— This section has been extended and requires specific information about allergies, and the extent of these allergies. There is also additional information required about Medical Conditions and Medication.

I do realise that this is yet another additional task, for some families it will be a matter of reviewing the form and ticking (✓) the correct responses, for others it may require some additional information. Could I ask that all families attempt to return this form BEFORE the end of term, as information will be harvested early in term four, which will relate to some areas of school funding.

Parent Survey
We have extended the Parent Survey until after the school holidays. I would encourage ALL parents and carers to complete this survey. We are already getting some quality information from the survey which will help us with our planning next year.

www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1778502/Parents-Have-your-say
Best Wishes
I am sure you will join with me in wishing Natasha Woodbine, class teacher, Room 3, and her fiancé Mitchell Brown a wonderful future together. Natasha is currently on leave in preparation for her wedding next Saturday. Natasha returns on Thursday 16th October, which is the second Thursday of Term 4.

Parent Focus Group Session
Tracey Rapson ran our first parent focus group session last week around our current student welfare and school discipline policy and procedures. I do thank all the parents for their time and HONEST feedback. I realise that this is a very emotional topic for some parents, and we appreciate your courage in letting us know your opinions. Tracey is in the process of collating all this information. We do realise that we need to make some adjustments to ensure we are aligned with both Departmental policy and parent opinions.
We will be running more focus sessions in term four around a number of topics. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sensory Garden
Work commenced today on the Sensory Garden project in the lower part of the playground. Hopefully we will have it ready for use by students early next term. A grant from the NSW Government has been used to develop this area.

School Vacation
A reminder to all parents that Term Four commences on TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER for both STUDENTS and STAFF, as Monday is the Labour Day Public Holiday.
We look forward to seeing everyone back in Term Four!
Best Wishes for a safe holiday.     Ian

Sports Carnival Pictorial

September Birthdays

Luke B 14th - 17yrs
Thomas F 14th - 14yrs
Mitchell O 24th - 9yrs

Alyssa C 9th - 14yrs
Marcus H 27th - 11yrs
Dylan W 23rd - 12yrs

Elijah D 15th - 15yrs
Dekkard M 7th - 6yrs

*Note: All ages are in years.*