



Calendar

Fri 9 Dec	Swimming
Tues 13 Dec	Music Concert
Thurs 15 Dec	Year 6 Day Out
Fri 16 Dec	Special Assembly (class awards) Drum Performance Swimming Class Party

Canteen Roster

9 Dec	Nina	Jo	Kim
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On **Friday 9 December** the canteen will only be selling sausage sandwiches for lunch at a cost of \$1.50 per sandwich. Drinks will be available as normal.

Music Lessons – Expressions of Interest

We intend to continue the music program at school next year, and will also be able to offer guitar lessons with a qualified teacher. We have half-sized guitars which we can lend to students. Both keyboard and guitar lessons will be \$20 for an individual lesson (approximately 20 minutes). Ms Hamer will be teaching recorder.

For students in Years 2 to 6 only, could any parents who are interested in music lessons for their child/ren please indicate on the return slip at the bottom of the newsletter which instrument they would like to learn. NOTE: Students need to choose between guitar and keyboard. They cannot do both at school. Also, some recorder lessons will need to be held before school or at lunch-time. Students need to be prepared to make that commitment if they wish to do recorder. Drumming will also be available again next year and this can be done in conjunction with either key board or guitar if desired. Drumming is available to student from K to Y6.

Musical Instruments on Loan

All students who borrowed instruments from the school will need to return them on the Tuesday of the musical performance. This includes recorders and keyboards on loan. Recorder students are also asked to return their recorder folders – these will be re-issued next year if the student continues with recorder lessons.

Presentation Night and Performance

The staff would like to thank everyone for making our night so special last night by attending and supporting our presentation night and performance. I really hope you enjoyed their performance of 'The Wizard of Oz'. The students have worked so hard this term and should all be extremely proud of their efforts – I know that we all are! I would like to thank the staff who worked so hard behind the scenes to produce such a professional performance. A very special thank you to **Santa** for braving the conditions. The Major Award winners for last night were- **Jill Crow Memorial Citizenship**- Kimberely **Luke Merchant Award for All Round Effort**- Zac **Evan Farley Public Speaking**- Eaden **Beau & Kiyarna See- Meehan Junior Encouragement**- Ava **Paterson Rotary Senior Encouragement**- Sophie.D **Rouse Award for Junior Commitment to Learning**- Marni **Rouse Award for Senior Commitment to Learning**- Gabriella **Premiers Sporting Challenge**- Lachlan **Bob Faulkner Memorial Shield for Citizenship**- Whyatt **Bray Family Award for Academic Excellence**- Leila

Community Artwork

Mr Crocker needs some help from a strong male to put up the community artwork we created on our Family Day. If you can spare some time on Tuesday, 13 December (next week), could you please let Mrs Mahony or Ms Tully know?

Classes for 2017

The present arrangements for classes next year are as follows-

Mrs Leary - 5/6
Ms Hamer- 3/4
Mrs Bird/Miss Parr - K/1/2

Student Reports and Quality Work Folders

All Student Reports and Quality Work Folders will be sent home on Monday afternoon!

PBL

This week's PBL lesson Active Learner – Using computers and internet appropriately. A copy of this lesson is now on the school's website.

Musical Recital

On Tuesday 13 December at 9.15 am music students (recorders, keyboard players and the choir) will be presenting a music recital in the Woodville Hall for parents and community members. Students who are performing may bring a plate to share with parents and fellow performers for morning tea after the concert.

Some Dates for Term 1 2017

Monday 30 January- ALL students return **except** Kindergarten (Best start testing).

Tuesday 31 January – Kindergarten start

Class Awards Presentation - Reminder

This year all class awards will be presented to students at a special presentation on Friday 16 December at 9.15am in the Woodville Hall. The drumming group will also be performing. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Stockland Star

We found out today that we got 2nd place in the Stockland Star Competition- winning \$2000! Thank you so much to everyone who voted for our star!

1st Place- Hinton Public School

2nd Place- Iona Public School

3rd Place- Largs Public School

Thank you again!

Year 6 Day Out - Reminder

On Thursday, 15 December Year 6 will be enjoying a day out together with Mrs Mahony and myself. They will be enjoying Hunter Ice Skating at Warners Bay, lunch on The Foreshore, Newcastle before spending some time at Revolution at Maryville. It is a great way for our Year 6 children to spend the day together before going their separate ways at the end of term.

Class Party Day - Reminder

Our joint class Christmas party this year will be held on the last day of school for students, Friday 16 December. This is **NOT** an out of uniform day as we are having class presentations in the morning. The party will be held at the pool at the conclusion of the swimming program. We are going to order a range of pizzas (students will be surveyed to find their favourites. Please see Mrs Mahony if your child won't eat pizza). Each child will also be given a can of soft drink (not Coke) and a few lollies. Students will be given an ice block back at school. We are asking each student who will be present on the last day of school to bring in **\$5 to cover the cost of the party**. No additional foods or drinks will need to be provided for the day, except something for crunch and sip in the morning. For catering purposes, could you please let the staff know if your child will **not** be attending that day.

Year 6 Gift

As part of Year 6's gift to the school this year they chose to turn the old Bunya tree stump into something to remember them by. A big thank you goes to Hunter River Trees for their time and skill in turning the stump into a chair.



Awards Week 8

Merit Awards were presented in:-

K/1/2

Bradlee for finishing all of his publishing work

Anders for his enthusiasm for singing during play practice

Duke for working hard during creative writing

Abigail for taking time to complete all class work to a high standard

Ben for being a fast finisher during science lessons

Eliza for being a sensible and caring class member

PBL – Ava for always displaying active listening
2/3/4

Felix for consistent effort in reading

Jack for wonderful improvement in spelling

Isabella for work on her public speaking tasks

Fang-Chiao for wonderful improvement in spelling

Felix for always trying his very best

PBL – Keeley for attentive listening in class
5/6

Will for being a responsible class member

Zac for being the class dojo leader

Grace for being a great team player

Hillary for having the confidence and drive to tackle challenging situations

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award

David for being a caring citizen of our school

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award

Riley for being a caring and supportive citizen of our school

Library Award

Fang-Chi for reading consistently

Environment Award

Whyatt for being a good responsible Minister

Healthy Food Award

Zoe C for always being polite and having her name on the container

PBL Award

Madyson for persisting and practising her music, both recorder and keyboard

Sports Award

Felix for encouraging and supporting others

Birthdays:-

Duke turned 7 on 25 November

Lily E turned 9 on 5 December

Fang-Chiao turns 9 today, 8 December

Zander turns 6 on 16 December

George turns 8 on 18 December



Music Lessons Choices - For students in Year 2 and above in 2017 only

My child/ren would like to do music lessons at school next year. would like to learn:
(please tick)

Guitar

OR

Keyboard

Recorder with Ms Hamer

Drums

HOLIDAY FUN – MAITLAND CITY LIBRARY

Heroes and Villains

Our heroes and villains themed school holiday activities are sure to catch the imagination of children this January. Kids can create a superhero costume or a comic book, participate in a superhero treasure hunt or quiz, or even be a CSI hero or robotics master in our special workshops by Fizzics Education.

Bookings open mid December at maitland.nsw.gov.au/library

Hidden heroes

Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman and the Joker are all hiding out at the library! Can you find them? Use your navigation skill to discover all things super hero at the Library.

Maitland Library
Monday 9 January
10.00am – 11.00am
5 – 12 years
Free

Maitland Library
Saturday 14 January 2017
10.30am – 11.30am
5 – 12 years
Free

Dr Who fans unite!

Calling all Dr Who fans! Test your knowledge of the Time Lord, make a tardis, a dalek and a Dr Who bookmark at this time travelling session.

East Maitland Library
Tuesday 10 January
2.00pm – 4.00pm
7-15 years
Free

Unlikely heroes in underpants

Join Captain Underpants for some seriously heroic adventures at the library. Be sure never to lose your place when you create your own Captain Underpants bookmark.

Thornton Library
Wednesday 11 January
3.00pm – 4.00pm
5-12 years
Free

Can you name that Villain's tune?

How well do you know your movies and the heroes and villains in them? Come along and join our movie and movie music trivia. Make your favourite superhero or villain puppet to create your own hero action at home.

Rutherford Library
Thursday 12 January
10.30am-11.30am
5-10 years
Free

Superhero selfies

Want to be a superhero? Make a superhero costume with masks and cuffs to get you ready for your big adventure. Have your photo taken flying high to show your friends and family!

Maitland Library
Monday 16 January
2.30pm – 4.00pm
5-12 years
Free

Maitland Library
Saturday 21 January
10.00am – 11.30am
5-12 years
Free

Super sidekicks

Is it a bird? Is it plane? No, it's your very own superhero sidekick. Come along and create your own crafty sidekick. Every hero needs one!

Thornton Library
Wednesday 18 January
3.00pm – 4.00pm
5-12 years
Free

Lego Superheroes

Do you love Lego superheroes? Make your very own Batman and Spiderman character cube and finger puppet, and test your superhero knowledge with our fun quiz.

East Maitland
Thursday 19 January
2.00pm – 3.30pm
5-12 years
Free

All things Potter

Fun for wizards and muggles alike! Come dressed as your favourite Hogwarts character, take part in a trivia competition, perform spells, make potions and craft your own Harry Potter accessories!

Rutherford Library
Friday 20 January
10.30am – 11.30am
8-14 years
Free

Superhero Olympics

Bring your superhero skills and costume to Maitland Library and test your skills. Can you balance like Spiderman? Do you have the concentration of Wonder Woman? Test your skills and create some great art work to take home.

Maitland Library
Friday 20 January
2.30pm – 3.30pm
5-12 years
Free

Lego Robotics

Learn how a robot really works in this hands on workshop by Fizzics Education. Using laptops and NXT Lego Mindstorm robots, discover how to program a robot to perform movements such as robot dancing and robot wars.

Maitland Library
Monday 23 January
10.30am – 12.00pm
8-14 years
\$5.00

CSI Heroes

Do you want to be a CSI hero? Learn to be a forensics sleuth in this workshop presented by Fizzics Education. Find out about fingerprinting and blood typing, facial reconstruction & DNA comparisons.

Thornton Library
Monday 23 January
2.00pm – 3.00pm
8-14 years
\$5.00

Comic Book Heroes

Become a comic book creator. Use your imagination to create an exciting adventure using comic book heroes.

Maitland
Wednesday 25 January
10.30am- 12.00pm
Ages 8-14
Free



Vacation Care

Medowie

Medowie Public School
Ferodale Road, Medowie
and

Raymond Terrace

Children's Services Building, Boomerang Park
Cnr William St & Irrawang St, Raymond Terrace

7am to 6pm Monday to Friday during school holiday periods

- Friendly experienced Educators
 - ACECQA Accredited
- Excursions and workshops
- Games, craft & cooking activities
 - Costs from \$29.65 a day
 - CCB & CCR available



Vacation Care provides programmed activities, learning experiences and excursions for school age children from 4 -13yrs

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