Dear Parents

We have now reached the last week of Term 1. As Principal, I would like to thank all the students, staff and parents for their efforts and support so far this year. This is the final reminder that the students’ last day for this term is this Thursday 11 April. Friday is a scheduled School Development Day and teachers will be using the day to be in-serviced on the new National English Curriculum. A second School Development Day will be held on Monday 29 April. This day will focus on English, reading and term organisation. Students will return to school to commence Term 2 on Tuesday 30 April.

School Photographs

Our annual school photographs will be taken tomorrow Tuesday 9 April. Information and photography envelopes have already been sent home. Please ensure the correct money is placed in the envelope and sealed and given to your child to hand directly to the photographer. Students need to be in full summer school uniform and at school on time. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

As ANZAC Day will be during the upcoming holidays, Engadine West will be holding our ANZAC Day service this Wednesday 10 April commencing at 10.45am in the hall. Students are invited to wear either their school uniforms or other community based uniforms e.g. cubs, brownies, scouts etc. Parents are cordially invited to attend our service.

Purple Day

Our impressive Student Representative Council will be holding a Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness on Thursday 11 April. The children are invited to wear sensible purple clothes on the day and will be asked to make a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to the Epilepsy Action Australia to support research into a medical condition that affects many Australians. Your support in this initiative is greatly appreciated.

NAPLAN 2013

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting for the 2013 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) in Week 3 of next term. The testing schedule is listed below:

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Engadine West Public School would like to acknowledge the ongoing support provided to the Community of Schools on the Park (COSOtP) by the Rotary Club of Engadine.
Principal’s Report Cont’d

Parents of students in both Years need to ensure that their child is at school on time each day during the testing week.

On behalf of all my staff and myself, I’d like to wish you all a very safe and enjoyable holiday and we will see you back at school at the commencement of Term 2 (Tuesday 30 April).

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

Deputy Principals’ Report

Year 6 News

Year 6 have been engaged in some fantastic learning in the ‘Scienza Viva’ program. Working in our school hall with interesting experiments, open ended thinking and problem solving that is leading to great learning outcomes.

The Year 6 whole group photo will be postponed to another time yet to be announced as we have six boys representing the combined Sutherland/Engadine PSSA Zones in Rugby League, the best of luck to our boys playing for the Hammerheads and their coach Mr Griggs at the Sydney East Regional Trials.

Bonnie Vale Excursion

Monday 8 April, Year 2 had a sunny day to go to Bundeena for their Royal National Park excursion. Field trips such as this are significant learning experiences that support classroom programs and engage students in learning. This excursion is supported by specialist teachers from the Royal National Park Education Centre.

COSOtP Bunnings Barbecue

The COSOtP barbecue held at Bunnings Kirrawee in support of the Community Of Schools On The Park Year 4 Sustainability Camp on Sunday was a great success. School community members from Engadine HS, Heathcote HS, Marton PS, Heathcote PS and Engadine West teamed together to raise funds to subsidise camp costs. Many thanks to the Allingham, Gorman, Frew, McNally and Hoban families and our teachers Mr & Mrs Field for your support and great effort. The sausage sandwiches were fantastic and the funds raised will contribute to a great learning experience for our students.

2013 Homework and Study Calendar

Children and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

Do you have an electric bass guitar or guitar laying around doing nothing at home? Put that instrument to good use! Mr Edwards would appreciate any instrument donations or even a loan to support the school band program.

Steve Fuller & Ross Edwards
Deputy Principals

School Photographs - Tuesday 9 April 2013

School photograph envelopes were sent home with your child/children last week. Please ensure your child/children brings their individual envelope with them tomorrow (Tuesday 9 April) to be handed to the school photographer.

Family photo envelopes are available from the Front Office.
National Young Leader’s Conference

On Monday 25 March, Engadine West 2013 school leaders went to the National Young Leader’s Conference at Sydney Entertainment Centre. We listened to a number of successful speakers who talked to us about how to be a good leader.

The first speaker of the day was Mike Marton, who is the Executive Director of the Halogen Foundation. He focused on the influence of kids, how to behave and spread good behavior as well as manners. His style of teaching kids is to think like Matt Preston (think about ideas before you perform them) and always try to be the best you can.

For our second speaker we were lucky enough to have Creel Price, who is an entrepreneur and founder of Club Kidpreneur, a foundation which helps kids see who they really can be. An entrepreneur is anyone who starts their own business and earns a little money and then becomes a bigger business so it earns a lot more money. Creel Price also had eight businesses before he left high school and the first one he started when he was only 11. Creel is an inspiring man who devotes his time to help kids see their real potential.

As our third speaker for the day we were privileged enough to hear Brett Lee speak. Brett Lee worked as a Queensland police officer for 22 years. Sixteen of these years he worked as a detective in the field of child exploitation. In the fifth year prior to his retirement from the Q.P.S., he was a specialist in the field of undercover internet child exploitation investigation. Brett has been personally involved in the online investigation arrest and prosecution of numerous offenders whose medium of preying on children is the internet. Brett teaches kids to act on the internet exactly like they would in the world we live in today.

As our fourth speaker entered the stage there was a lot of excitement among the children, because we were so privileged to hear Jess Fox speak about her life. Jessica Fox is a kayak Olympian. Jess represented Australia in the London Olympics and won a silver medal. Jess loved school and she got 99.1% as her HSC score. Sport was always her favourite subject at school. She always had to juggle studying and training every week and on top of that she had a serious back injury. She was only 18 years of age when she won her silver medal. On her first run of kayaking she capsized, but it was the second run that brought her home and got her third place, which got her into the finals and from there she then won her silver medal. Jess always encourages people to believe in their dreams and grab every chance that you get in life.

As for our final speaker everyone was in excited anticipation as we welcomed Nathan Hindmarsh to the stage. Nathan is an inspiring man who lives for sport. He has been through some difficult times like when he snapped his leg in two different places but he never gave up on his dream of being a professional football player. Nathan teaches everyone to never give up on their dreams. He also teaches people to listen to each other and always respect each other. He has been very inspirational for Engadine West Public School. He has been through some ups and downs but he always came through them believing for the best. He is truly an inspirational man who has achieved so many goals by never giving up.

The day was long but satisfying, exhausting but fun. We all learnt valuable lessons on how to be a great leader. We will use these lessons throughout life.

From the inspiring to the humorous. From the thought provoking to the informative. We all had a great experience and enjoyed the speeches thoroughly. All in all it was one fantastic day. We would like to thank Mrs Sprod and Mr Hogan for giving up their time to make this wonderful day possible.

Written by: Kalani Guest, Emma Stone, Griffin Bassett, Maximus O'Shea, Jack Metcalf, Reece Kelly, Abbey Godwin, Shea Jenkins, Josh Smith, Courtney Ahmet and Chyene Rattenbury

EWPS School Leaders 2013

Mini Mates by Chris Jackson (1G)

On Friday we played with our mini mates, it was fun. My mini mate is Finley, I share him with Isaac. We made a huge snake 4 metres long then we went on reading eggs. It was cool.
For Your Diary

Monday 8 April
- 2M & 2J Bonnie Vale Excursion
- Yr 6 ‘Scienza Viva’ Incursion
- SSSMF Senior Rehearsal at Kareela Public School

Tuesday 9 April
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking
- School Photographs
- Sydney East Region Robert Stone Cup

Wednesday 10 April
- Anzac Day Service 10.45am

Thursday 11 April
- Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness - Gold coin donation
- Groove Nation Dance Commences
- Last Day of Term 1 for Students

Friday 12 April
- Staff Development Day

Monday 29 April
- Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30 April
- First Day of Term 2 for Students
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking

Wednesday 1 May
- Uniform Shop Open

Thursday 2 May
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Friday 3 May
- Friday Swimming Commences

Excursions and Payments

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Library News

Are you able to take some new books home to cover during the school holidays? If so, please call into the Library and see Mrs Evans.

Thank you
Please note that lunch orders must be placed by 9.30am.

Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen
For information on menu updates, specials, red light days etc. The canteen price list can be found on the school website or spare copies are available in the canteen.

2013 Price List
New price lists are now available. If you did not receive one, it can be found on the website or you can get a copy from the canteen.

Specials
Fresh Banana Smoothie $3.00
Fruit Salad
  - Large $4.00
  - Small $3.00
  - Yoghurt 50c
Up & Go $2.00
  (chocolate or banana)

Easter Hat Parade - Thank You
A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who baked cakes, slices and who also helped in the canteen on the day of our Easter Hat Parade. Your help, as always, is greatly appreciated.

2013 Roster
We still need more volunteers for all days. If you are interested in joining the canteen volunteers or you would like more information, please drop in and see me. If you have any questions regarding the canteen, please come in and see me.

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

The Uniform Shop will be open:

Term 2 - Wednesday 1 May from 9.15-10.15am
We will then be opening on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The Uniform Shop are in need of volunteers. If there are any parents wishing to be placed on our roster for Wednesdays, please leave your details at the front office.

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

This Week’s Roster
Tuesday - 9 April
CANTEEN CLOSED
Wednesday - 10 April
M Robertson, K Cawdell-Smith
Thursday - 11 April
G Padgett, K Zaknich, K Henson, T Farquhar, R Bromwich
Friday - 12 April
CLOSED
(School Development Day)

Term 2
Monday - 29 April
CLOSED
(School Development Day)
Tuesday - 30 April
CLOSED
Wednesday - 1 May
R Hutchison, T Cassidy, K Quine
Mother’s Day Stall

In keeping with our usual tradition, the Mother’s Day stall will soon be here. To help stock the stall with some lovely gifts for mum, donations would be very much appreciated.

The list below is a guide for the types of donations we are seeking, if you are able to help. As always, if you have anything else that you think might be suitable and wish to donate, we will be grateful.

- Kindergarten  Nail care related items, eg: nail polish, nail files, buffers etc..
- Year 1 and 2  Candles, soaps, perfumes, oils
- Year 3 and 4  Any hair or skin related products
- Year 5 and 6  Chocolates (individually wrapped – no nuts please)

As the stall gets closer we will advise you of the important dates (wrapping and stall day).
We hope to see both mums or dads come and give us a hand on these days.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Carina Vitelli and Michelle Isemonger
Mother’s Day Stall Co-ordinators

Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness

The SRC are holding a Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness on Thursday 11 April (last day of Term).

Wear something purple and bring a gold coin donation to help raise funds for people living with Epilepsy.

Thank you for your support!
Community News

Kids Plus

PLUS!
~A Pupil Free Day Activity!

29th of April
engadine anglican church
~Waratah Rd.

Bible Teaching ~ Games ~ Craft ~ Singing ~

plus ..
The GYMBUS is coming!

* Kindy to Year 6
* Sign in: from 8:30-9 am
* Pick up: from 3:30-5pm (movie from 3:30-5pm)
* Lunch and afternoon tea provided
* Cost: $25 for the first child and $20 for subsequent kids

Register online: www.eac.org.au
ph: 9548 2206

BIG FUN DAY

Monday 29th April
9:00am to 3:30pm

For kids in Kindergarten to Year 6
Games, craft & other fun activities all supervised by experienced leaders

COST: (includes nut free morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea)
1 child $7 | 2 children $12 | 3 or more children $15

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT - PH 0423 975 590
What should I do if I can’t make my appointment?
If you are unable to make your appointment please ring your local Public Dental Call Centre to cancel it and make a new appointment.

What else should I know?
You should let the Public Dental Call Centre know if you change your address or phone number. The Public Dental Service has the right to cancel your treatment if you fail to attend appointments during your treatment. If this occurs, please ring the Public Dental Call Centre so you can be reassessed.

To provide continuous care for your dental needs, the Public Dental Service uses a secure electronic database that is shared across dental clinics within each Local Health District.

What is a dental emergency?
- Bleeding in the mouth that will not stop.
- Swelling of the face from a tooth infection.
- Recent injury to your teeth.

What should I do?
- After hours you should go to your local hospital’s emergency department.
- During working hours you should call your local Public Dental Call Centre.

Who can get free dental care?
Free dental care is available at NSW Public Dental Clinics for:
- All children under 18 years of age.
- Adults who hold one of the following Centrelink concession cards:

Who can get free dental care?
- Anyone listed on your card is also eligible for free Public Dental Care.
- All patients must be eligible for Medicare and should have a valid Medicare card.

Tips to Care for Your Teeth

Eat Well
- Enjoy a wide variety of healthy foods.
- Avoid snacking on sugary and sticky foods between meals.

Drink Well
- Tap water is the best drink between meals and before bed.
- Avoid acidic or sugary drinks between meals.

Clean Well
- Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, especially before bed.

Play Well
- Protect your teeth with a mouthguard or full-face helmet when playing sport.

Stay Well
- Have regular dental check-ups.
- Avoid smoking.
- Limit alcohol.
- Exercise regularly.

How do I access care?
Ring your local Public Dental Service Call Centre during the day.

Local Health District | Public Dental Service Call Centre Number
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Murrumbidgee | 1800 450 046
Southern | 1800 552 626
Far West | 1300 651 625
Western NSW | 1300 799 404
Hunter New England | 1300 134 226
Northern NSW | 1300 369 651
Central Coast | 02 9293 3333
South Eastern Sydney | 02 9845 6766 or
South West Sydney | 1300 759 949
Western Sydney | (landline only)
Nepean Blue Mountains | (landline only)

Don’t forget the Medicare Teen Dental Plan
If your child is between 12 and 17 years of age they may be eligible for a voucher toward the cost of a preventive dental check at a private or public dental. For further information please contact your local Public Dental Call Centre, or phone Medicare on 130211.

What happens when I ring?
The Call Centre staff will ask for your concession and Medicare card numbers. The Call Centre staff will ask you questions about you and your teeth so they can either give you an appointment or place you on a wait list, depending on your dental need.

The appointment offered may not be at your closest clinic but it may give you the earliest appointment.

You can choose to go to your closest clinic but you may need to wait for an appointment.

What should I do if I need an Interpreter or Aboriginal Liaison Officer?
Ask the Call Centre staff to arrange an Interpreter or Aboriginal Liaison Officer or Health Worker at your appointment.

You can also use the National Interpreter Service on 131 452.

What do I need to bring, and what happens at my first dental appointment?
You need to bring your current concession and Medicare cards to all appointments. Your first visit will usually only involve a check of your dental needs. You may receive some dental care, but you should not expect your teeth to be fully fixed at your first visit.

What happens next?
If you require further dental care, either you will be either given an appointment, be placed on a waiting list, or given a voucher, depending on your dental needs.

Artwork by Students & Staff of the Wesley Art Program, Baby Juvenile Justice Centre
Engadine Church of Christ Playgroup and Preschool presents

Confronting Anxious Moments...
Getting real about overcoming fears and worries in children

Presented by
KERRY MOSS
B.Sc (Psych), Grad Dip Counselling, Cert IV Workplace Training and Assessment
Author and Educator
Kerry brings eight years of experience in Child and Family Counselling, specialising in anxiety. She has written three story books (one unpublished) on the topic and various newsletters. She has a passion for helping people understand anxiety, continues to research the topic and runs resilience-based programs in schools. This information session is designed to help parents to explore and understand how anxiety develops, with a brief and simple journey into the brain. It offers opportunity to reflect on the issues that complicate the management of anxious behaviour. The session will finish with discussion about creative, more realistic strategies to addressing anxious moments and anxious thinking.

At Engadine Church of Christ
131 Woronora Road, Engadine
Tuesday, 7 May 2013
From 7.00pm to 9.30pm (incl supper)
RSVP 3 MAY 2013 either by phone 9520 6959 or email preschool@ecc.asn.au
Cost: $10
Anxiety resources will be available for sale on the evening. Cash or cheque only.