Dear Parents

Congratulations everyone on a very successful and well attended Family Fun Day. Major initiatives like this highlight is what can be achieved when the school and the community work closely together. Thanks to the financial support of families and the hard work of volunteers and staff; the school raised in excess of $48,000. This was a magnificent effort. Special mention to our Family Fun Day organisers Martin Field and Tracy Farquhar. Proceeds from the Family Fun Day will be used to purchase equipment to further develop educational opportunities in the school. Well done everyone!

Interrelate

Every second year Engadine West Public School invites Interrelate to present a high quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program to our students in Years 3 to 6. There are two sessions:

Session 1  6.00pm  Where did I come from? (1 hour session, Years 3-6)
This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilization, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2  7.15pm  Preparing for puberty (1 hour session, years 5-6; years 3-4 at parent’s discretion)
This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

In past years families at the school have found the presentations informative and tastefully done. The cost per family of each session is $25.00 or $30.00 for both sessions. The presentations will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 15 October.

Please refer to the note that was sent home last week.

Student Success

Congratulations to our two very talented student groups:

Wakakirri Dance/Drama Group
U/10 Boys Rugby League Team (State Champions)
Both of these groups have made the Engadine West school community very proud of them. Their efforts in their respective areas is outstanding. Thank you Mrs Bannister for organising the tracksuit jackets that we presented to the boys last Thursday.

**P & C Meeting**

The next P & C Meeting will be held in Week 3 of this term (Monday 20 October) at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

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**Deputy Principals’ Report**

**Stay smart online**
Protecting your children from harm is just as important online as it is in the real world. As a parent or carer, you can play an important role in helping children have safe and positive experiences online. Visit this website for more information: [http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/home_users/protect_your_children](http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/home_users/protect_your_children)

**Getting organised for Term 4**
Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z’s monthly planners. They’re easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child's bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. [http://bit.ly/UbmQz8](http://bit.ly/UbmQz8)

**Lunch box ideas**
Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. [http://bit.ly/qsfDOE](http://bit.ly/qsfDOE)

**Kindergarten 2015 Orientation and Transition Dates**
We are currently finalising enrolments for 2015 Kindergarten students. Please visit the school office as soon as possible for an enrolment form if you have a child starting school next year. Below are some important dates for prospective Kindergarten students and parents:

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Enrolment acceptance letters and information packs for 2015 Kindergarten students were mailed to families last term.

Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal
Library News

Book Fair 2014 - Week 2 Term 4 (14-16 October)

Once again we will be hosting a fabulous Scholastic Book Fair in the library. The book fair is a very popular and well supported event which raises money for the purchase of reading materials for the library. The fair will be previewed by the children in the library during Week 2 of Term 4. Parents and visitors are welcome to come along and purchase books at the times listed below:

- **Tuesday 14 October** 8.30-9.25am
- **Wednesday 15 October** 8.30-9.25am
- **Thursday 16 October** 8.30-9.25am

**Thursday 16 October**  Book Character Dress Up Day

We hope to see you at our fair!

Book Covering

We are in need of parent volunteers to cover new books. If you are able to help, please call into the Library.

**Margaret Evans & Janet Evans**
**Teacher Librarians**

The Writing Corner - Sharing and Celebrating Student Writing!

On the school holidays I went to Dubbo Zoo with my family. We went to see the otters. They are clever. We went to see the endangered Rhinos. They looked like pieces of rock. Next I went to see the giraffes. The male has brown spots. We went to see the Koala’s and a baby koala and we got to see the evil emus and I sat next to one. It was freaky! We also went to see the long beak bird they were white and black. After we saw the kangaroos they were resting every time we went across to them. After that we saw the cheetahs and I took a photo of them. Then we went to see the echidnas and I saw the wallabies. It was fun.
By Kiralee H (1ST)

Helicopters are a type of transport. It has a cockpit, tail rotor and a drive shaft. The cockpit is where the driver sits. The tail rotor controls the wind. A helicopter also has a main rotor and an engine. The main rotor makes it go up and down. A helicopter also has landing skids. They help the helicopter to land. Helicopters are very useful. They can put out fires, rescue people and take people to hospital. Maybe one day they could be used to carry and deliver food and toys to poor people all around the world.
By Cody F (1D)

On the tram I can hear the conductor say “all aboard” to the people. I taste the sky, it’s nice. I see the 100 seats. I feel the bumps on the tram. I smell the sea.
By Lily N (1E)

Sailing boats have sails. The wind moves the boats forward. Big boats have up to five sails. Vikings used sailing boats.
By Luke W (K/1B)

Witches live in the forest in a town with the magical witches amazing, delicious, colourful houses. They eat slugs stew with apples and chairs too. It is made from green apples, 2 green grapes, 5 black stones and 1 whole big rock. She can move with her hands. The witch has lots of powers.
By Eilidh (1E)

Uncle Ivan was driving in his car. Then he saw Kate who was riding her bike. Next he saw Mitch and Mike who were riding their skateboards. While they were going they saw Cooper who was riding a penny-farthing. They had then gone a long way and saw Winnie who was driving a train. They were very tired but they all saw Aunty Sam who was riding in a horse and cart. Then they all saw Gus who was driving a motor-bike. Then they saw Maxine who was driving in a rocket.
By Daniel (1G)
NRMA Science & Road Safety Day - Tuesday 14 October

Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program that will be delivered free of charge to our school by the National Roads and Motorists’ Association with the aim of helping our students stay safe on the road.

This program involves students participating in road safety shows in the hall and completing road safety workshops in the classroom to help make the road safety messages stick.

The show combines important road safety messages with science. Messages such as “wear their seatbelt” have a greater impact when children have a stronger understanding of the forces they experience when travelling in a car and what could happen to them should the car stop suddenly in a crash.

Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe, and so we would like to invite you to come and watch the first show of the day to see what your children are learning and how you can reinforce these road safety messages at home.

After the day, your child will be bringing home the NRMA road safety workbook they have completed in class so take the opportunity to speak to them about what they have learned and what they can do to help keep their friends and family safe. Within each workbook is a 4-page parent insert on child road and bike safety for you as a handy reference guide at home.

The program is now in its second season and 40,000 students have already enjoyed the program while learning more about road safety. We are one of 100 schools across NSW and ACT to be chosen to host a day in season two and with your help we aim to make it a great success.

Vince Murphy
Assistant Principal

2233 Realty Family Fun Day

What a great day it was!

Great weather, great rides, great food, great atmosphere, a great time was had by all — A bit thank you to all concerned. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

The winners of our amazing raffle were as follows:

1st prize - Cam Nelson - Gold Coast Holiday
2nd prize - Kate Holmes - Go Pro
3rd prize - Tyson McCully - Hisense 32" TV
4th prize - Debbie Hutchinson - iPad Mini
5th prize - Casey Frater - Nespresso Coffee Machine
6th prize - James Murray - iPod Nano
7th prize - Kerrie Vickers - iPod Nano
8th prize - J.Titmuss - Xbox

Congratulations to all our raffle prize winners, your prizes can be collected from the school office.

Silent auction winners will be contacted by the committee to arrange payment and collection of items.

A more detailed review of the day will be included in next week’s newsletter.

EWPS Family Fun Day Committee

Early Bird Reading

Early Bird Reading commences on Thursday 23 October
**What’s Happening at EWPS?**

### Week 2

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• Student Banking  
• Book Fair in Library  
• NRMA Science & Road Safety Day |
| Wednesday 15 October | • Book Fair in Library  
• Uniform Shop Open  
• Interrelate |
| Thursday 16 October | • Book Fair in Library  
• Book Character Dress Up Day  
• Play Day Performances in Hall 11.45am and 2.15pm |
| Friday 17 October | • PSSA  
• Friday Swimming Program  
• K-2 Assembly 12.00pm  
• 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm |

*Don’t forget to check the school’s website calendar for upcoming events!*  

### Week 3

| Monday 20 October | • P & C Meeting in Staffroom at 7.30pm  
• Play Day Performance at Hurstville Entertainment Centre (3E, 3S and 4WP) |
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| Tuesday 21 October | • Canteen Closed  
• Student Banking  
• 2015 Kindergarten Parent Orientation Morning at 10.00am  
• Play Day Performance at Hurstville Entertainment Centre (3/4D, 4C and 4G) |
| Wednesday 22 October | • Early Bird Reading Commences  
• Dreamtime Experience Incursion |
| Thursday 23 October | • PSSA  
• Friday Swimming Program  
• SRC Crash Night in Hall |

### Excursions and Payments

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| Years 3-6 (Optional) | Interrelate (Wednesday 15 October) | Friday 10 October | $25.00 (1 Session)  
$30.00 (2 Sessions) |
| Classes 3E, 3S, 3/4D, 4C, 4G & 4WP | Sydney Regional Primary Play Day | Thursday 16 October | $7.00 |
| Years K-6 | Dreamtime Experience | Friday 10 October | $7.00 |
| Band Members | Term 4 Band Fees | Monday 17 October | $105.00 per term  
$420.00 per year |

### PSSA - Friday 17 October

Engadine West Green V Yarrawarrah at Anzac Oval  
Engadine West Gold V Heathcote at Heathcote Oval

Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am

Go to [engadine.sessazones.com/](http://engadine.sessazones.com/) to view draws

Cost: $6.00 per week
The Uniform Shop is operated by the P & C and is open every second Wednesday from 9.15am to 10.15am. The next opening time will be:

**Wednesday 15 October 2014**

As the warm weather is now upon us, please send your child/children in their full summer uniform.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** Year 2 students going into Year 3 next year require a gold polo shirt for Friday sport ($20).

**Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame**  
**Uniform Shop Co-ordinators**

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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.

**Roster**  
We are in need of volunteers on the following days:

**Wednesday 29 October and Wednesday 26 November**

**Lunch Order Specials**

- Banana Smoothie        $3.00
- Chicken Ceasar Wrap  $4.50
- Large Fruit Salad         $4.00
- Medium Fruit Salad      $3.00
  (Yoghurt Extra 50c)

If you have any questions regarding the canteen, please come in and see me, you're always welcome!

**Leanne Best**  
**Canteen Supervisor**

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**This Week’s Roster**

Tuesday - 14 October  
**CAanteen Closed**

Wednesday - 15 October  
N Grove,

Thursday - 16 October  
K Zaknich, M Tilbrook, S Wise

Friday - 17 October  
D Goodyer, K Hansen,  
R Hutchison, N Ross

Monday - 20 October  
L Alford, R Davoren

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**P & C Meeting**

Don't forget our next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 20 October commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom.  
We hope to see you there!
When kids ask “the” questions...

Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

**Session 1: Where did I come from?**
1-hour session: years 3-6

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty**
1-hour session: years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

**Date: Wednesday, 15 October 2014**

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night. Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
Community News

Grays Point Spring Fair

Awesome Rides
Live Entertainment
50+ Quality Stalls
Meet Celebrity Wendell Sailor

Saturday 18th October 10-4pm

Lucas Heights Carnival

10AM - 3PM

Saturday 18th October

Rides * Entertainment
Stalls * Kindi Farm * Face Painting
Displays & Much More!
Community News

Heathcote Public School
Boutique Shopping Night
Thursday 16th October
6.30 - 9.30pm in the School Hall
(Oliver St, Heathcote)

$10 entry includes drink on arrival, canapés & lucky door ticket.

Raffles will also be held on the night.
Adults only, no children permitted sorry, due to alcohol being served.

Stalls include Eliza Jade Vintage, That & This, Bluely, Tupperware, A.B Bonsai, Silver Spoon, Jewellery, Top Toys 2U, Captain Chocolate, Ruby & August, Get Charmed, Fatto Col Amore by Wendy, Twice as Nice Cookies, Twirly Girl & Frosted By Amy

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS - WORK FROM HOME

Do you work in Early Education & Care?
Sutherland Shire Council is looking for new Educators to join its Family Day Care Scheme.
If you’re keen to apply your early childhood knowledge and start your own business caring for and educating small groups of children in your own home, join us at our upcoming Information Session.
9.30am SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER
Call Tegan Melham (ph 3710 0501) or visit www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/neweducators for details/registration.

Council's Family Day Care Educators must be actively working towards or have completed a Certificate III in Children's Services. Our Educators operate highly successful small businesses, driven by the strong demand for childcare places across the Shire, and enjoy the flexibility of choosing their own work hours.

For more information- www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/neweducators
Community News

45 MINUTE TASTER ON
HOW TO BULLY PROOF YOUR CHILDREN

This seminar will give parents ideas for discussing bullying with their children and provide practical strategies to prevent and manage bullying.

When: 24th of October, 2014
Where: Interrelate Family Centre
       383 - 385 Port Hacking Road Caringbah
Time: 10:00am
Cost: Free

Please RSVP to Caringbah Interrelate 8522 4450

Please note Child Care facilities are not available on premises.