Dear Parents

The weeks are quickly passing by. Staff are currently busy preparing the Semester Two student reports. The children will bring their reports home on Friday 12 December.

For the many parents who attend our End of Year Presentation Assemblies, the dates and starting times are listed below:

- Kindergarten Presentation Day Assembly: Monday 8 December at 10.00am
- Year 1 Presentation Day Assembly: Tuesday 9 December at 10.00am
- Year 2 Presentation Day Assembly: Friday 12 December at 10.00am
- Year 3 Presentation Day Assembly: Wednesday 10 December at 10.00am
- Year 4 Presentation Day Assembly: Thursday 11 December at 10.00am
- Year 5 Presentation Day Assembly: Monday 15 December at 10.00am
- Year 6 Presentation Day Assembly: Tuesday 16 December at 10.00am

Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea

As a small token of our appreciation of the support we receive from our parent, scripture and canteen helpers, the school will be holding a Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea in the hall on Thursday 27 November from 11.15-12.15pm. Everyone who has helped support our educational programs are welcome to attend.

Create South

Congratulations to Caitlin S, Kayci W, Emma M, Ella H and Angus V who recently performed at the Create South at Sutherland Entertainment Centre. These very talented students, who were successful in auditions, spent three days in a dance, singing and drama workshop and then performed outstandingly to a very appreciative audience. Well done girls and boys!

Koori Kids on the Park

As part of a very important Community of Schools on the Park initiative, Aboriginal students and their families from the local schools will be meeting each other in the Royal National Park on Thursday 13 November from 10.00am-2.00pm. This will allow stronger links to develop between Aboriginal families in our schools.

Hot Weather

With the recent hot weather, students are being constantly reminded to drink plenty of water during the day. Parents are strongly encouraged to send bottles of water with their children to school. As part of our school improvement strategies, we are hoping to install spring loaded bubblers in the school during 2015.
**Principal’s Report Cont’d**

**Kindergarten Transition**

The second week of the Kindergarten Transition Program continues today at 2.15-3.15pm and again on Wednesday at 2.15-3.15pm. The program has been a great success so far and we welcome our new Kinders and their families to Engadine West Public School.

**School Plan**

All schools in NSW have been asked to prepare a new Three Year School Plan. Thanks to recent surveys of students, staff and parents and directions from the DEC, our school executive will be spending this Tuesday developing our future initiatives and strategies. The Plan will be discussed at P & C Meetings next year and published on our school website.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston  
Principal

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**Deputy Principals’ Report**

**Selective High Schools**

Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 closes 17 November.  

**Choosing the Right Shoes**

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe?  

**NSW Public School Terms and Holidays**

Here’s a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.  

**Jargon Explained**

If your child’s teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she’s actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.


**Where’s the Octopus**

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be.  
Watch it with them: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be)

Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore  
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal

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**Remembrance Day**

On Tuesday 11 November, the school will be holding a Remembrance Day Service in the hall beginning at 10.45am. It will be led by the School Captains and Vice-Captains. The school band will be playing, the choirs will be singing and the SRC members will be presenting flowers. Children who attend special service clubs such as cubs, scouts, girl guides and air-league are permitted to wear their uniforms on the day. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Vince Murphy  
Assistant Principal
**Bunnings Band Bake Sale**
**Saturday 8 November 2014**

This Saturday 8 November from 10.00am-2.00pm we are holding a cake stall at Kirrawee Bunnings to raise much-needed funds for annual instrument maintenance.

Bunnings requires us to have the stall open selling baked goods for the **entire time slot of 10.00am-2.00pm**. We therefore require LOTS AND LOTS of donations of baked goods.

Bunnings request the following:

- No cakes that need refrigeration (for example no cakes with cream or excessive chocolate)
- Please provide a written list of ingredients with your item (this could be cutting out the list of ingredients from the packet mix!)
- All cakes for sale are to be hygienically wrapped individually – please wrap your goods in cling film, cellophane bags or some other see through option.

You may provide whole cakes, breads, loaves, cookies, muffins, cupcakes, slices the options are endless. We will price products according to their size/quantity so no need for you to price them.

**Goods can be dropped to the band room between 8.30am and 4.00pm on Friday.**

If you are available for an hour this Saturday between 10.00am-2.00pm to help out on the stall please contact Heather Ryan on 0419 655 770. The students are more than welcome to help with their supervising adult.

We thank you in advance for your contribution to our fundraising target.

*Band Team*

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**Library News**

**Library Pillow Week**
**Week 6 (10-14 November)**

This week will be the last week for library borrowing as during Week 7 the library will close for the yearly stocktake and tidy up.

Children may bring a cuddly pillow to their library lesson during Week 6. They will return all library books during this lesson, relax and read their favourite books.

Thank you for your support.

*Margaret Evans & Janet Evans*  
*Teacher Librarians*
What’s Happening at EWPS?

### Week 5

- **Monday 3 November**
  - 2015 Kindergarten Transition Day 2.15-3.15pm
  - Recorder Group Parent Concert 2.00pm in 1D

- **Tuesday 4 November**
  - Canteen Closed
  - NO Student Banking

- **Wednesday 5 November**
  - 2015 Kindergarten Transition Day 2.15-3.15pm

- **Thursday 6 November**

- **Friday 7 November**
  - PSSA
  - Friday Swimming

- **Saturday 8 November**
  - Bunnings Band Bake Sale at Bunnings Kirrawee from 10.00am-2.00pm

### Week 6

- **Monday 10 November**
  - Library Pillow Week

- **Tuesday 11 November**
  - Canteen Closed
  - Student Banking
  - Remembrance Day Service at 10.45am in the Hall

- **Wednesday 12 November**
  - Uniform Shop Open 9.15am

- **Thursday 13 November**

- **Friday 14 November**
  - K-2 Assembly at 12.00pm
  - 3-6 Assembly at 2.30pm
  - PSSA
  - Friday Swimming

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

### Excursions and Payments

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### PSSA - Friday 31 October

- Engadine West Green play at Anzac Oval
- Engadine West Gold play at Heathcote Oval

Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am

Go to engadine.sessazones.com/ to view draws

Cost: $6.00 per week

### Life Life Well

What’s the best drink to quench a thirst? **Water!**

Even better, it has none of the sugar found in fruit drinks, soft drinks, sports drinks and flavoured mineral waters, which can cause tooth decay.

The fluoride in tap water helps you develop strong teeth and bones. Tap water is also a lot less expensive than other types of drinks. Plus it’s always available, so no need for a trip to the shop.

Fruit juice, which contains Vitamin C, is often seen as a healthy choice of drink. However, fruit juice is high in sugar and kilojoules, just like fruit drinks, flavoured mineral water, energy drinks and soft drinks. For example, a 250ml cup of apple juice or cola contains up to six teaspoons of sugar.

Add it up: just one can of soft drink per day means you’re adding 18 kilos of sugar to your diet each year! You can have them **occasionally**, but these drinks are not a necessary part of a healthy diet.

Australian researchers found that children aged between 4 and 12 years who drank 500ml or more of fruit juice or cordial per day were twice as likely to be overweight or obese as children who consumed none.
Uniform Shop News

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 12 November 2014

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

Canteen News

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 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)

Special
Mini Mate Ice Creams $4.00 ea

PLEASE NOTE: Banana milk has been discontinued.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week’s Roster

Tuesday - 4 November
CANTENE CLOSED

Wednesday - 5 November
F Reusche, L Adams

Thursday - 6 November
N Leishman, T Huntly

Friday - 7 November
N Brydon, B Keegan, K Smith

Monday - 10 November
J Morando, R Bromwich, T Robertson

Student Banking News

NOTE: There will be no student banking tomorrow, Tuesday 4 November.
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Community News

The Great Sutherland Shire Bake Off

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Saturday, November 15th, 2014, 10am - 12.30pm

Register Online or Register Today!

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Fundraising for Engadine Community Services

Heathcote High School Proudly Presents the 2014 Production

Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland

Adapted by Tim Kelly
Directed by Gillian Cooper

Friday 21st November & Saturday 22nd November
7pm

Heathcote High School Hall

Tickets
$15.00 Adult
$10.00 Child/Student
$40.00 Family Package
Includes 2x Adult 2x Child/Student Tickets

Please contact us on 9520 9468 for more information.
Ticket booking forms available via ENews, the Front Office and through roll call classes.