Principal’s Message

Dear Parents

Congratulations to all the members of the 2014 Student Representative Council who were publicly recognised at the SRC Investiture Ceremony last Friday. The school looks forward to working with our student leaders to improve Engadine West in 2014.

School Swimming Carnival

Last week’s school Swimming Carnival was a great success. The weather on the day was very pleasant and all the students had a wonderful day competing in the various events, novelties and free swims. Well done to all our competitors. Some of the most talented competitors will now represent our school at the Zone Carnival tomorrow. Thank you to all the parents in attendance and those who assisted in an official capacity. Special mention to Mrs Leavai and Mrs Payne for organising the event and all the staff who worked so hard on the day. Well done EWPS!

School Photographs

This year our annual School Photographs will be taken on Thursday 27 March. We will be sending home the photograph envelopes with order details to parents as soon as they arrive at school.

Essential Learning Materials

Thank you to all the families who have paid for their Essential Learning Materials. We only have a very small number of students who are yet to pay. If you have not yet paid, could you please do so to ensure the best possible start to the year for your child. The School Voluntary Contribution of $50 per student can also be paid. Please keep in mind that if you pay into the School Building Fund it is tax deductible.

Grade Facebook Pages

Parents in some grades have established facebook pages to improve communication and disseminate information. If parents are unsure of what is happening at school, please check the school’s website as we have had a number of parents reading incorrect information/times on the grade facebook pages.

Westgate

Letters will be sent home with Westgate applicants today. Due to the overwhelming response, unfortunately not every student who applied for a position will be successful. Those students who were successful are required to return their acceptance note to the front office by Friday 7 March.
Deputy Principals’ Report

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Principal’s Report cont’d

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Annual School Swimming Carnival

What a great day for our school carnival. A big thank you to our wonderful parents who stepped in and helped out with the time keeping, your support is invaluable. Well done to all the students who attended and made our day successful by their great behaviour.

Well done to Marissa H and Cameron S on their record setting efforts.

Congratulations and good luck to all our competitors who will be attending the Zone Swimming Carnival at Engadine Leisure Centre tomorrow, Tuesday 4 March.

Engadine Zone Swimming Carnival

Students need to remember the following:

★ Be at school by 8.25am.
★ Wear sports uniform.
★ Bring food and drinks.
★ Slip, slop slap.
★ Mrs Payne is our team manager. Children attending the carnival must be signed off by Mrs Payne if they wish to leave.

Any concerns regarding the carnival must be addressed through Mrs Payne.

Lisa Leavai & Jeanine Payne
Swimming Carnival Organisers

Stage 2 Dance Auditions

Stage 2 Dance Auditions were held today at lunch time for all the students who returned their permission note. Please be aware that we are only allowed a maximum of 30 students in the group for performances such as Sutherland Shire Music Festival. We had 50 talented performers audition today, therefore 20 will miss out. Please assist us in explaining to your child that there are only limited spots available and we encourage them to try out next year if they miss out.

Mrs Payne and Miss Davis

Live Life Well

Junior Sport

Organised sport for kids and teens is often a great way get your children to regularly participate in physical activity. Being part of a sport team provides many social benefits but it also means that you are much more likely to regularly commit to training and game days as your team depends on you!

Visit http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/parents-carers/junior-sport.aspx to find more information on both the physical benefits of organised sport as well as the many other benefits such as learning about fair play, respect and teamwork.

You will also find tips on how to make sure your child’s experiences are enjoyable and you can access http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/gatewaytosport a fantastic web resource which provides information on over 70 different sports.
Year 6 students have been learning about ‘Author Style’ in our English lessons. They have experimented with writing from different points of view, analysed the styles of a range of authors, and practised summarising texts. We hope you enjoy some of their work samples.

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6A students wrote short descriptions of the weather as experienced by Douglas Mawson during his Antarctic expedition.

The wind! It scarily strikes through Antarctica. It roars and shrieks which drives the men almost insane. It steers you dangerously across the ice towards the deadly freezing ocean if you are not wearing special footwear like crampons. Sometimes the snow manages to penetrate through your goggles and burn your eyes. Our hut becomes deeply buried in a massive pile of snow and ice.

By Tahne, 6A

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Black Beauty Summary

Black Beauty is about a young male colt known as Darkie. He lived in a beautiful meadow with his mother and six young colts. His master adored him and his mother very much. When Darkie was younger he was given wise advice by his mother and he took it very seriously.

Black Beauty has very interesting word choices. It uses old-fashioned descriptive words, formal text and has very different old names. It has long descriptive sentences and a great use of semicolons. Its voice is like a well educated child from the past. The point of view is first person as told by a horse. It’s in past tense. Its tone is conversational, relating a story and it is written in an autobiographical style.

By Grace and Taylah, 6L

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The wind! What destruction and disaster! It beats the equipment and pounds the sled. Strong gusts are thrown at us. It stings our dogs’ eyes and blinds us with snow. The howling wind fills our ears as it screams and roars. It loses us in the midst of the snow and then follows us into the hut. It traps us there and forces us to burrow out through the cold, icy snow.

By Georgia, 6A

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The chapter ‘My Early Home’ is from the book ‘Black Beauty’ by Anna Sewell (1877). It is a humble story based around Black Beauty, his mother and their master.

The setting of this story is on an old country farm. You can tell this story is old by the words chosen and the tools being used.

The style the author has used is in a first person perspective and makes it feel like an autobiography. She has used descriptive and complex sentences that are long and intriguing. The voice that the author has chosen sounds well-educated and gentle. It is also written in a tone that is soft and light. This book is read in past tense.

By Kayci, 6H

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Black Beauty is about a black horse who first was called Darkie. Anna Sewell told the past of Darkie and how he was raised and nurtured. Black Beauty has lots of old descriptive words and names. His name was originally Darkie then he went to a new owner who changed his name to Black Beauty. Anna Sewell wrote Black Beauty in first person. Sometimes instead of full stops she wrote using semicolons.

By Jaidn and Ryan H, 6L
I woke up from the blinding light piercing through the gap in my blinds. It was slicing straight on my eyes. I desper-ately want to go back to sleep but I have a sudden urge of temptation to peer through the window and see what is creating the majestic blue light. A surge of adrenalin pumps through my body and I fiercely throw my blankets onto the floor. I gaze out of the window….

By Alexandra, 6T

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The author of Lemony Snicket chose to portray the character Violet to be very smart and intelligent. The author did this by telling the reader she was deep in thought looking over the horizon. The author makes Violet seem sweet and attractive by describing her by having beautiful long hair tied back with a ribbon. Perhaps the author also chose the gentle name Violet for a reason...

By Katie, 6T

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Black Beauty is an amazing story about a young colt and its mother who live in a big grassy meadow. The mother “Duchess” and her baby “Darkie” live in the meadow with bog ponds and luscious green trees. Darkie is a well-mannered colt compared to all the other colts because of the advice and upbringing his mother provided him with.

By Noah, 6T

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The Fourth Baudelaire - Students had to copy the style of the author Lemony Snickett.

Ned Baudelaire, the second oldest, loved to draw. Ned was a little younger than ten but very mature for his age. Most boys in his year loved to play sports like football, but Ned was fascinated by the things around him and that’s what inspired him to draw. His room was like an art piece, filled with creativity and thought. Ned was a good looking boy; he had short curly hair and had pasty white skin even though he usually spent his time out in the sun, drawing.

By Gabrielle, 6H

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Black Beauty is the story of a young colt called Darkie; Darkie had a lovely mother as well as a master. This story was written in 1877 by the author Anna Sewell. Anna Sewell is passionate about horses. In this story she uses old-fashioned, descriptive words, formal words and old names. She decided to write this story in past tense with long sentences and semicolons. Darkie uses the tone of an autobiography. This story is set in the countryside on a farm.

By Sarah and Henri, 6L

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Students had to continue the story from the book ‘War Horse’ by Michael Morpurgo, using the same style. A colt has just been separated from his mother and taken to a new home.

“Mother?” said the boy.

“Father will forget that he said that by tomorrow,” said his mother, and with that the boy started towards me. I was about to bolt for the door but I heard his soothing voice, “It’s alright, he said; “I won’t hurt you.”

He rubbed me down and fed me. I felt better when he left. I was well fed and tired after all that had happened today so I decided to go to sleep. I was about to doze off when I heard the door of the stable creak open.

“Hi there boy,” he said. “I just came to check on you. What a splendid thing you are, hey, aren’t you?”

He gave me a little bit of hay and then he left. It was then I finally settled down and went to sleep.

I woke up to hear footsteps coming. I thought it was the boy but there burst in my owner. He had a rope in his hand and he said, “Come on. Your first day of farm life.”

The boy burst in. “No!” he said, “He’s not ready for farm life yet!”

By Jack, 6H
Bicycle/Scooter Pass

Bicycles and scooters are a popular means of transport for students but are also often involved in serious accidents. Senior students are able to apply for a bike/scooter pass to ride their bike or scooter to school on a regular basis. It is well recognised that students under the age of 10 years have not developed the motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement needed to ride safely, unsupervised by an adult.

To ensure the safety of all students at the school, the following rules must be obeyed:

⇒ Students **must wear a helmet** at all times. This is the law.
⇒ Students **must dismount and walk their bike** inside the school grounds.
⇒ Students **must store their bike on the rack** beside the path from the administration block to the canteen.
⇒ Students **must maintain their bikes** in a safe, roadworthy condition.
⇒ Students **must not ride their bikes** along the footpaths or over the pedestrian crossing at Woronora Road.

*Students who contravene the above rules will not be permitted to continue riding their bikes to school.*

Attendance

Good attendance and success at school go hand in hand. All children are required to attend school by law unless there is a valid reason for absence. The school needs to be notified of any absences in writing. Leave that totals no more than 15 days per school year, including sick leave, may be granted by the Principal.

Approval for absences of periods in excess of 15 days, such as an extended family holiday, extended hospitalisation, need to be applied for prior to leave being granted.

It is important the school has up-to-date contact information for each student. The school keeps an emergency contact book to provide senior executive and office staff with access to parent contact details in case of emergencies. Should this information change, if you move to a new address or you acquire a new mobile telephone number, or custody arrangements change, please notify the front office.

Late Arrivals/Early Departures

Children who arrive late should report to the front office to obtain a Late Arrival form. An explanation is required for late arrival.

If you wish to take your child early, please personally report to the front office first. A Student Early Dismissal Register must be signed in the main office before you take your child out of the school.

This strategy is used as a safety measure so we can always be assured of the location and welfare of our students.

If you need to change arrangements of children going home in the afternoon, **please be aware that our classrooms do not have telephones** and classes often go to sport or other activities in the afternoon. Despite our best efforts, this may lead to us being unable to locate your child in time. **Please only change arrangements in emergencies** and we will endeavour to do our best.

If you are running late and unable to be at your usual meeting place, your child is to go to the front office and wait for you. Please make your child aware of this procedure to avoid worry and confusion. If another parent is to collect your child, please make sure a meeting place has been arranged.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
### For Your Diary

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- Student Banking  
- Zone Swimming Carnival at Engadine Leisure Centre                    |
| Wednesday 5 March | -                                                            |
| Thursday 6 March | -                                                            |
| Friday 7 March  | - Friday Swimming  
- Backyard League at The Ridge  
- K-2 Assembly 12.00 midday  
- 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm                                                   |
| Monday 10 March | Year 5 Depart for Myuna Bay 6.30am                                  |
| Tuesday 11 March | - Canteen Closed  
- Student Banking  
- Year 5 Myuna Bay Camp  
- K-2 Grandparents Day 10.00am-11.30am                                |
| Wednesday 12 March | - Uniform Shop Open  
- Year 5 Return from Myuna Bay at approximately 4.00pm               |
| Thursday 13 March | -                                                            |
| Friday 14 March | - Friday Swimming  
- Backyard League at The Ridge                                         |

### Excursions and Payments

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Make sure all seatbelts are on before moving.
Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be open:

**Wednesday 12 March from 9.15-10.15am**

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.

*T*racey Farquhar & *K*athy Cunynghame
*U*niform *S*hop *C*o-*o*rdinators

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Canteen News

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

**Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen**

**We Urgently Need Volunteers for Thursdays!**

We are in urgent need of more volunteers for this year. Volunteers are rostered on once every 4 weeks from school drop off until approximately 3.00pm, however, we are very flexible. Whatever time you can spare is greatly appreciated. Options to consider:

★ Once a term.
★ A few hours of a morning to prepare fresh food.
★ Serving at recess and/or lunch breaks.
★ A few hours in the afternoon.

All training is provided and we endeavour to provide a fun work place. You are welcome to drop in and have a look around and meet some of our wonderful volunteers.

**Lunch Orders Specials**

Banana Smoothie $3.00  
Fruit Salad Med $3.00  
Fruit Salad Large $4.00  
Yogurt + .50c

GLUTEN FREE/DAIRY FREE BREAD NOW AVAILABLE FOR TOASTED SANDWICHES (add 50c per sandwich)

*Leanne Best*  
*Canteen Supervisor*

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**This Week’s Roster**

**Tuesday - 4 March**  
*CA*NT*E*EN CLO*SE*D

**Wednesday - 5 March**  
D Duffy, J Wilkinson

**Thursday - 6 March**  
T Cassidy, S Cook, M O’Brien

**Friday - 7 March**  
A Astbury, L Gattone, T Farquhar, C Vitelli, L Duffy, J White

**Monday - 10 March**  
N Hardy, A Jones, A Jones

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Community News

Engadine High School Open Night

Educational excellence and opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment

Winner of four prestigious Director-General’s Awards

Tuesday 4th March 2014
6.00 - 9.00pm School Auditorium

You are warmly invited to attend Engadine High School’s Open Night

See demonstrations, performances and displays, visit classrooms and meet students and staff.

- Outstanding HSC results
- Selective classes Years 7 - 10
- Band tour of Los Angeles 2011, 2014
- National Champions F1 Cars Challenge 2012, 2013
- 4th & 5th in World F1 Car Championship 2012, 2013
- Excellent sports program
- Commitment to social justice

Don’t miss this opportunity to see our wonderful school in action

Porter Road Engadine
Tel: 95200411
www.ehs.nsw.edu.au/

Open Night 2014

Sutherland Dyslexia Support Group

Sutherland Dyslexia Support Group is a forum where parents can talk, exchange ideas, information, resources and experiences with other parents.

The group keeps in contact via a Yahoo group, email, phone and meeting over coffee on the 4th Monday of the month at 10.30am at a café in Sutherland.

For further information or to join the support group contact
Paula Goulden on (02) 9528 4638 or email psgoulden@tpg.com.au

Support People With Dyslexia

Information & Open Night

Dulwich High School of Visual Arts & Design

Wednesday 5 March 2014
5.30 PM—7.00 PM
Sewview Street, Dulwich Hill
All prospective Year 7, 2015 students & Parents welcome
www.dulwich-hschools.nsw.edu.au
OPEN NIGHT 2014

TUESDAY 11th MARCH

6PM

Invitation to parents and students of years 5 & 6

Participate in hands on activities in all curriculum areas.

See demonstrations and performances by our enthusiastic students.

Visit classrooms, meet our dedicated staff and see our school in action.

Make the very best choice for your educational future.

Feel free to contact the school if you are unable to attend and would like to visit:

Heathcote High School - Wilson Parade, Heathcote
Phone: 9520 9488
Email: heathcote-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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