Dear Parents

Last Friday Engadine West Public School celebrated Harmony Day which is held on 21 March across Australia. It is a time when we focus on recognising cultural diversity, respect and promoting a welcoming society. All classes completed different learning activities which were shared across the school at the K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies. It was an educational experience for all the students and I’d like to congratulate everyone involved for a great day. Thank you to Mrs Gilmore for co-ordinating this initiative.

P & C Meeting

Tonight is the AGM for the Engadine West Public School P & C. The meeting will be held in the school library commencing at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. As Principal, I would like to thank the current P & C Executive for their hard work and commitment during the last 12 months. I greatly appreciate the support and guidance they have given the school during their terms in office.

School Photographs

Envelopes and information about the school photographs have already been sent home. Our annual photo day is this Thursday 27 March. Students are asked to have their photo envelopes with them on Thursday. Students need to wear full school summer uniform and be at school on time. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Playground Maintenance

Our playground maintenance continues. Most of the area that has been recently asphalted has now been opened for student use. This week will see the replacement of the old artificial grass near the hall.

School Carpark

For everyone’s safety, please remember that the staff carpark is not to be used by pedestrians. There are a number of parents walking their children through the carpark when entering or leaving the school. Last week a small child nearly walked in front of a vehicle leaving the carpark.

Easter Hat Parade

The annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 10 April. Years K-2 will be invited to dress up and be part of our Easter Hat Parade while Years 3 and 4 will participate in the Eggs on Legs Parade and Years 5 and 6 the Eggshibition. This is always a great day and will commence at 11.15am. Parents and friends are cordially invited to come along and enjoy the day with the students.

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.
**Dad and Son Time**

A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and build a healthier relationship.


**Motivating Lazy Children**

All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.


**Homework for Little Kids**

Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child's teacher.


**Helping Your Child to Become a Good Speller**

What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.


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**Deputy Principals’ Report**

**Ross Edwards**

**Deputy Principal**

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**NAPLAN**

The 2014 NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 will be held early next term on the following days:

- **Tuesday 13 May** Language Conventions and Writing
- **Wednesday 14 May** Reading
- **Thursday 15 May** Numeracy
- **Friday 16 May** Catch Up Day

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**Student Success**

Congratulations to Georgia C who played violin in the Arts Unit - NSW Public Schools Music Ensemble on Tuesday 18 March. The Arts Unit provides a statewide infrastructure for arts education. It delivers programs in dance, drama, music, visual arts, debating, public speaking, reading, spelling and special events to students and teachers in NSW government schools. Well done Georgia!

Have a great week.

**Garry Royston**

**Principal**

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**Deputy Principals’ Report cont’d**

**Principal’s Report**

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**Deputy Principals’ Report cont’d**
Swimming Carnival Presentation

The Swimming Carnival Presentation Assembly will be held this Friday 28 March at 2.15pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Lisa Leavai  
Carnival Organiser

Year 1 Parents - School Photographs

The annual School Photographs will be taken on Thursday 27 March. As Thursday is Year 1 sports day, please ensure your child is wearing their full summer school uniform, not their sports uniform on this day.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Live Life Well

Stuck for some sport or physical activity ideas? Want to find out about some activities that you may not have even thought about before?

This section will provide you with some information about why it's important to get active as well as some information about activities like skateboarding, cycling, walking and bushwalking.

You can also have a look at Gateway to Sport which provides information about over 70 different sports....and includes some activities you may not have even thought of before like BMX, canoeing and kayaking, orienteering or even parachuting!

Gateway to Sport

Gateway to Sport is a useful web resource that contains information on sport and physical activities in NSW. The website includes detailed information on over 70 different sporting activities, and links to all State Sporting Organisations.  

Bushwalking and Walking

Walking is an excellent way to exercise and a healthy alternative to taking the car to work or school. This section outlines different walking activities including bushwalking, race walking and power walking.  

Cycling

Cycling is a great form of active transport that also builds your fitness and endurance. Whether you enjoy road and track cycling, mountain biking or BMX, jump on a bike and get active! This section contains cycling maps and safety tips.  

Skateboarding

Skateboarding is a great way to get in shape, meet friends and have fun! Learn more about what this sport has to offer, including links to the 'Streetwise' programme, which encourages young people to learn to skateboard in a fun and safe environment.  

NSW Government  
South Eastern Sydney  
Local Health District
**For Your Diary**

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**Please Note:** A minimum Eftpos transaction of $10.00 applies. Copies of notes and Eftpos payment slips can be found on the school's website.
Uniform Shop News

Winter uniforms are now available and can be purchased from the Uniform Shop (located off the Basement area near the computer lab). 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 26 March from 9.15-10.15am

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

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 (Fresh) $3.00
Fruit Salad Med $3.00
Large $4.00
Yoghurt + .50c

Baker’s Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive

We are taking Hot Cross Bun orders again this year. An order form will be sent home this week. Orders are due back by Friday 4 April and delivery will be on Thursday 10 April, Easter Hat Parade day. If paying by cheque, please make it out to: Engadine West Public School P & C Canteen.

Easter Hat Parade - Thursday 10 April

The main canteen will be serving tea, coffee, cakes, mixed sandwiches, rice paper rolls, fruit salad etc. We will need help in the morning to prepare food and serve throughout the day. If you are able to assist, please let me know.

We would also appreciate donations of cakes, slices etc. to sell on the day. These can be dropped to the main canteen. Thank you.

If anyone has any questions regarding the canteen, please come in and see me.

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor
LAST CHANCE TO AUDITION FOR THE CHOIR
Voices of Sydney

Voices of Sydney Choir (formerly Sydney Region Choir) is an auditioned and official DEC choir for public school students from Years 5–12, with great performance opportunities.

★ If you like to sing, and would like to sing in a choir, and
★ If you would like to perform in great events (including the 2014 Schools Spectacular)
then come along to a weekly rehearsal before the end of this term and join the rehearsal

★ Tuesday afternoons at Sutherland Public School  4.00pm-5.30pm (Deb and Therese)
★ Thursday afternoons at Darlington Public School  4.30pm-5.45pm (Kipi and Helen)

Please call, text or email to find out more - or turn up to a rehearsal and meet the choir.
Heather Causley Manager - 0400 808 603 causleys@bigpond.net.au
More information on the website www.sydneyregionarts.det.nsw.edu.au
Music Programs - Sydney Region Choir (the 2013 information is still current for this year).

Cool Kids Group
Term 2 2014

Anxiety is a common problem among children and adults alike. The Cool Kids Group is an integrated skills training course aimed at helping children learn to manage their anxiety so that it no longer interferes with their everyday activities. Importantly the group also involves helping parents develop skills that will support their children in their anxiety management quest.

Who can attend: The group is designed for children in Years 3-6 who have anxiety problems such as separation anxiety, social phobia, generalised anxiety or specific phobias, and their parents. Each week there are separate sessions for the children and for their parents.

When: The group runs for 8 sessions. Term 2: Thursdays from 1 May - 26 June 2014, with a one week break. Each meeting of the group will run from 4.00-5.30pm.

Facilitators for this group are Chloe McGrath, Sharon Jonathan and Andrew Szemenyei from the Child, Youth and Family Counselling Service, Community Health Caringbah.

Where: The Cool Kids Group will be run at Community Health, Caringbah, which is located on the grounds of Sutherland Hospital. Location maps will be provided on request.

Cost: The cost is $45 for each child and their parent. This includes provision of a Child's Workbook and a Parent's Workbook, afternoon tea, and other materials. (Please note: in cases of financial hardship, a reduced fee may be negotiable. Please discuss this with the Intake Officer, when making payment).

Contact Person: If you require more clinical information about the group, please contact one of the facilitators on 9522 1000.

How to Make to Referral: Please phone the Intake Officer on 9522 1000. An individual assessment will be completed before children are accepted into the group.

NB: This group is available to people who live, work and/or attend school in the Sutherland Shire

Closing Date for Registrations: 18 April 2014
SKATING FUN
Slip on some skates or blades and get involved in some radical rolling action! Beginner, advanced and learn to skate classes that focus on a variety of disciplines, including figure skating and hockey (private group bookings available). We will also be rocking and rolling with our Roller Disco with lots of games and prizes.

Date: Week 1: Mon 14 and Wed 16 April

Week 2: Tues 22 and Thur 24 April

Ages: 4 years to adult

Time: Learn to Skate: 12.00 - 1.00 pm

Discos: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Cost: $10.00 per person per session,

$2.00 skate hire

To Enrol: Call Shannon on 9527 1593 or

SMS only 0417 020 676

WHAT’S ON OFFER

MULTI SPORTS FUN CAMP
9.00am - 3.00pm

Experience fun filled days of sports, games and activities in a safe and enjoyable environment. A selection of the following sports will be on offer:

Basketball, Soccer, Cricket, Dodgeball, Footy, Frisbee, Netball, Tee Ball, Hockey and Handball.

Dates: Week one: 14 - 17 April (Mon - Thurs)

Week two: 22 - 24 April (Tues - Thur)

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Cost: $42.00 per day

Bring: Morning tea, lunch, water bottle, sports shoes and sports clothes

To Enrol: Call centre staff on 6552 0444

or email mico@ssc.nsw.gov.au

ACROGYM: ACROBATICS & GYM FUN

Come and try a great mixture of gymnastics and acrobatics. You will get to learn new skills and try out different equipment. Trampolines, rings, cartwheels, flips and more. No experience necessary! Guaranteed

Dates: Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 April

Ages: 5.6 above

Time: 10.00am - 11.30am

Cost: $20.00 per session

Bring: Water bottle, comfortable clothing (no denim)

To Enrol: Call Shayley on 0404 335 123

or email shayley@acrogym.com.au

LEARN TO PLAY SOCCER

Ronaldinho, huzzah! This is the start of your soccer career in this fun introduction to indoor soccer (futsal). Develop the skills of the game while gaining an understanding of the rules.

Dates: 17 April (Thursday)

Time: 11.30am - 1.00pm

Ages: 5 - 10 years

Cost: $12.00 per child

Bring: Gym clothes, shoes, shorts, soccer jersey or shirt and water bottle

To Enrol: Call centre staff on 6552 0444

or email mico@ssc.nsw.gov.au

LEARN TO PLAY NETBALL

Fun introduction to netball, come along and learn skills, rules and play development games in a fun and social environment.

Dates: 14 April (Monday)

Time: 11.30am - 1.00pm

Age: 5 - 10 years

Cost: $12.00 per child

Bring: Gym clothes, shoes, shirt and water bottle

To Enrol: Call centre staff on 6552 0444

or email mico@ssc.nsw.gov.au

LEARN TO PLAY BASKETBALL

Develop the skills of the game while gaining an understanding of the rules.

Dates: 16 April (Wednesday)

Time: 11.30am - 1.00pm

Age: 5 - 10 years

Cost: $12.00 per child

Bring: Gym clothes, shoes, basketball singlet or shirt and water bottle

To Enrol: Call centre staff on 6552 0444

or email mico@ssc.nsw.gov.au

KIDS CLUB

Games, activities and sports focusing on enjoyment and participation while developing motor skills.

When: 15 April (Tuesday)

Time: 9.30am - 11.00am

Age: 5 - 8 years

Cost: $12.00 per child

To Enrol: Call centre staff on 6552 0444

or email mico@ssc.nsw.gov.au

KARATE

Learn the skills and disciplines of an ancient martial art from one of the best. Under the direction of Tony Halls (7th Dan, Fijian National Coach and former Australian National Coach). Participants who sign up with Ishinryu for a term fee of $30 off their joining package! Group bookings also available.

Dates: Contact below for dates and times

Ages: 5 & above

Cost: $15 per session, $25 for two siblings

To Enrol: Contact Ishinryu Karate on 9527 6915
SHARKS BASKETBALL
HOLIDAY CAMP

14th to 17th April 2014
9am - 2pm Age 7 to 15 years
T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants

Download enrolment form from our website:
www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland
Phone: 9542-1999 Fax: 9521-5696
Email: admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au
Website: www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

FREE program for kids to become
fitter, healthier and happier!

To find out more information phone Linda Trotter (Local Go4Fun Coor-
ninator) on: 9382 8641 or visit
www.go4fun.com.au

Community News