Dear Parents

We have now reached the last week of Term 1. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents for your hard work and support so far this year. Term 1 ends this Friday 11 April. Students will return to school on Tuesday 29 April. Staff will resume duty on Monday 28 April for a combined School Development Day which will see the teaching staff from all the schools in the Community of Schools meeting at Heathcote High School. Well known speaker, Steve Francis, will present a lecture on ‘Teamwork and Feedback’.

School Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students from Engadine West Public School who last week competed in our annual Cross Country Carnival. All the students displayed great sportsmanship and commitment. Irrespective of where each child ran, we as a school are very proud of the efforts displayed by all runners. Good luck to those talented runners who will now represent our school at the Zone Carnival. Thank you to Mr Field and Mrs Payne for organising the event.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Due to the fact that ANZAC Day falls during the upcoming holidays, Engadine West will hold our ANZAC Service tomorrow, Tuesday 8 April in the hall commencing at 10.45am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the service. Special mention to Mr Murphy for co-ordinating the ceremony.

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held this Thursday 10 April. Parents and guests are invited to arrive at the school at 11.15am and enjoy morning tea with the children. Food and drinks will be on sale and our hardworking P & C will be running a barbecue. Please take advantage of the barbecue and excellent food from the school Canteen. The parade will commence at 12.00pm. This is a great way to end the term and the students would really appreciate your attendance. See you on Thursday!

Staff Car Park

The school continues to have parents driving into or walking through the staff carpark during school hours. For the safety of everyone, especially our students, I would like to remind parents that they should not enter the school carpark. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.
Deputy Principals’ Report

School Holiday Kids and Family Camps
It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Managing Screen-time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk

Books to Boost Brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Kik, Vine, Instagram – Are They Safe?
It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts at a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY

Ross Edwards & Hugh Hogan
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal

Principal’s Report cont’d

Sporting Success
Over the last week we have had a number of students being selected in various Zone teams. Congratulations to the following students:

| Zone Softball Train On Squad | Girls       | Sarah H, Jessica M and Lulani M |
|                            | Boys        | Kobi P, Brynn M, Jake Q, Beau B and Dane N |
| Zone Girls Soccer          |             | Tamara B and J Keegan            |
| Zone Rugby League          | Senior      | Blake H and Harry G              |
|                            | Junior      | Kobie W and Ryan A               |

On behalf of all the staff at Engadine West Public School, I would like to wish you all a very safe and enjoyable holiday. See you back at school for a very busy Term 2.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

Happy Easter!

Deputy Principals’ Report
School Anzac Service

On Tuesday 8 April the school will be conducting an ANZAC Service beginning at 10.45am in the hall. Mr Laurie Hall will be attending as the RSL representative, the school band will be performing and SRC members will be laying wreaths. Students who are attending service clubs such as Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Air League or Cubs are allowed to wear their special uniforms on the day.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Vince Murphy
Assistant Principal

Engadine RSL ANZAC March

Each year the Engadine RSL Sub-Branch conducts an ANZAC March through Engadine Shopping Centre. This year it is to be held on Sunday 13 April. The march begins at the John Keenan Park (Engadine water tank) Old Princes Highway at 2.00pm. The participants march down the hill, through the shopping centre to the Engadine Community War Memorial (Town Square) where an ANZAC Service is conducted.

If any students are intending to participate in the march and service as representatives from our school, please contact the office or Mr Murphy by Thursday 10 April. Students attending will be laying a book as a tribute during the service.

Vince Murphy
Assistant Principal

Shining Stars

🌟 Congratulations to Emma M (5A) for being selected in the Sydney South East Symphonic Wind Orchestra. Well done Emma!

🌟 Congratulations to Eden P (5B) who won the title of NSW State Champion for Level 7 Junior Rhythmic Gymnastics over the weekend. Eden will now compete at the Nationals in Melbourne. Well done!

🌟 Congratulations to Hayley F (3E) and Jayde F (5M) who will be performing in the closing ceremony at the Sydney Easter Show each night. Hayley and Jayde will be dressed as lifesavers so don’t forget to look out for them!

Updated Student Information

If you have received a request to update student or family information over recent weeks, it would be greatly appreciated if you could return this information before the end of this term.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter from the friendly Front Office staff. 😊
For Your Diary

Monday 7 April

Tuesday 8 April

Wednesday 9 April

Thursday 10 April

Friday 11 April

Sunday 13 April

Monday 28 April

Tuesday 29 April

Wednesday 30 April

Thursday 1 May

Friday 2 May

Excursions and Payments

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Please Note: Minimum Eftpos transaction - $10.00
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 9 April from 9.15-10.15am

Term 2 Week 1  Wednesday 30 April 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

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Baker's Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive

Baker’s Delight Hot Cross Bun orders are now closed and delivery will be on Thursday 10 April, Easter Hat Parade day.

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.

Red Light Day (Not Mufti) - Friday 11 April 2014

We are holding a Red Light Day on Friday 11 April (last day of term) and are asking for helpers to serve at recess and lunch. A selection of lollies will be available for the children to purchase on this day.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor
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 may be suitable and wish to donate, we will be grateful.

- Kindergarten  Nail care related items e.g. 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

Easter Egg Raffle

We are asking for donations of Easter eggs, baskets and curling ribbon for our Easter Hat Parade Raffle! The more baskets we raffle, the more money we have to buy learning resources for all the children at Engadine West Public School.

Please take donations of:

- chocolate Easter eggs (no nuts please)
- baskets
- curling ribbon

to the school Front Office no later than midday on Wednesday 9 April. Every donation will make a difference. The raffle will be held during the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 10 April and tickets will cost $2 each or 3 for $5.

Thank you for the wonderful donations already received!

Angela Farr
Easter Egg Raffle Co-ordinator

School Banking News - Rewards Program

This term has seen a major change with the rewards program, with a complete overhaul of how items are ordered.

With the updated system, tokens will be automatically noted in the system. Therefore, physical tokens will no longer be distributed.

It has come to our attention, however, that there may be some minor discrepancies to the number of tokens you hold to the number noted in the Commbank system.

To help clarify any concerns, we will be sending out a note in this week’s banking bag/book to ensure tallies are correct. Please note the token discrepancy does not affect Kindergarten students due to their accounts being new this year.

Could you please complete the form and return it to school on the next banking day. Token tallies will be taken from the Commbank system effective from 13 May 2014.

Thank you for your assistance.

Cherie, Michelle and Jodie
Student Banking Co-ordinators
Basketball Holiday Camp
Engadine Youth Centre (Boystown Gym)

Children in Year 3 to Year 6

Monday 14, Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 April 2014

Shooting competition, trophies

Contact: Trevor Kimber
0414 978 384
**Building Bridges**

This program, for 8-12 year olds, discusses how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places. When parents separate, children often live in 2 homes and they need to find ways to build their own bridge between their parent’s homes.

**Date:** 7th of April  
**Time:** 4pm to 6pm  
**Cost:** Seminar is FREE

**Venue:** 383 Port Hacking Road South, Caringbah (opposite the Library)

This program assists children to understand the type of bridge their parents have built and learn how they can cross them safely.

The program aims to assist the children to:
- Work on building resilience
- Understand their feelings about parental separation (arguments/fights)
- Become aware of the changes in families following separation
- Understand their right to be safe in their family
- Recognise they are not alone

**For more information or to book please contact**

8522 4450

www.interrelate.org.au  
1300 736 966
Engadine School Holiday Fun!

MINI PUTT GOLF

WHEN:  Tue 22 April to Thu 24 April
TIME:   10am to 4pm
WHERE:  Engadine Town Square