Dear Parents

Welcome back to all the students and the staff to the beginning of what should be a very busy and exciting Term 2. I hope everyone had a relaxing break and are ready to work hard this term. Yesterday the staff were involved in a combined School Development Day with all the other schools in our Community of Schools on the Park. The staff attended a presentation by Steve Francis at Heathcote High School where he talked about engaging students, team building and giving effective feedback. The remainder of the day was utilised by staff to plan for Term 2.

Easter Hat Parade

Thank you to all the parents and special visitors who attended our Easter Hat Parade at the end of last term. The students enjoyed the day and it was a great way to finish the term. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and especially those members of our P & C who worked so hard. Nearly $2,800 was raised from the Easter Raffle and barbecue which will be used to improve the educational opportunities for our students.

NAPLAN

This national testing program is fast approaching. The students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the testing over the following days:

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

If you have a child in Years 3 or 5, please ensure they arrive at school on time ready for the tests.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to Charlotte K and Kiara A who both have been selected in the Engadine Zone Netball Team. Congratulations also to Eden P who has been selected to represent NSW at the National Rhythmic Gymnastics competition in Melbourne.

Wireless Internet

Thanks to the support of the families in the school and our P & C, Engadine West Public School will be connected to Wireless Internet later this term. This great improvement in technology will greatly support the learning of all students in every classroom.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal
Engadine RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC March

On Sunday 13 April, the Engadine RSL Sub-Branch conducted their annual ANZAC March down the main street of Engadine.

Thank you to Kye F (6H) and Molly F (3S), Tara R (6A), Ethan P (6H), Mackenzi E (6T), Kirby E (3E) and Halle E (K/1B) for marching on the day and presenting two books during the ANZAC Service.

Vince Murphy
Assistant Principal

Deputy Principals’ Report

OC Placement Year 5 2015 Applications Open

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable traveling distance.

Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the Internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.

Parents and Community Members not to enter the Staff Car Park

There is a very clear sign asking parents and community members not to enter the Buckle Ave staff car park. This rule is for safety reasons. When exiting or entering the school on foot, please do not use the Buckle Ave car park gate. Late last Term a parent was also observed driving out of the school car park via the Woronora Road exit at 3.35pm when our students were exiting on foot. This was clearly inconsiderate and very dangerous.

Please also refrain from parking in the canteen car park in Buckle Avenue.

Parents, no matter how busy or rushed you are there are no exceptions. Please demonstrate the kind of values we are trying to instill in our students and do not enter the staff car park. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact me at school and I will be pleased to discuss the merits of workplace health and safety with you.

Ross Edwards & Hugh Hogan
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal

Engadine RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC March

Mackenzi and Ethan
It's that time of year again, when EWPS undertakes fundraising for the Cancer Council. We are hosting our Biggest Morning Tea and Shave for a Cure on Tuesday 20 May 2014 from 8:30am to 9:30am. There will be many different stalls and events on the morning including face painting, cake stall, lolly pop pick, chocolate toss, tea cup toss, raffles and throw a cream pie in the face of a teacher!

Ms Barrow will again be stepping up for the shave and Mrs Winton has put her hand up for a short cut!

Students are allowed to wear mufti on the day and come with crazy hair for a gold coin donation. The brave children shaving their heads have already been selected and special mention to Ethan P, our School Captain, who will be cutting his long locks! (Children are not permitted to shave their head without prior approval from Mr Royston).

WE NEED YOUR HELP to gather prizes for the raffle. If you own a business or work in a business, we would greatly appreciate your help in the donation of a prize such as vouchers, meals, hampers etc. to include in our prizes. We also need cakes on the day for the cake stall. If you are able to make something delicious it can be delivered to Ms Barrow or Mrs Wepler on Monday (if it is non-perishable) or brought in on the morning and taken directly to the hall canteen.

START SAVING NOW to ensure you have enough money to throw a cream pie at a teacher or even the Principal! You do not want to miss that opportunity!

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale as soon as it is finalised. Your ongoing, generous support of this yearly event is greatly appreciated.

---

Winter School Uniforms

Although the recent weather has been quite changeable, we are fast approaching the time where students will need to start wearing their correct winter uniform. The accepted requirements for both boys and girls are listed below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Girls</th>
<th>Boys</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dark green tartan winter tunic</td>
<td>Grey pants – either shorts or long pants</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lemon short or long-sleeved blouse</td>
<td>Lemon polo shirt – long or short sleeve</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bottle green tights</td>
<td>Fleecy track pants</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bottle green bootleg pants</td>
<td>V-neck jumper with logo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fleecy track pants</td>
<td>Zip jacket with logo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V-neck jumper with logo</td>
<td>Microfibre jacket with logo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zip jacket with logo</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Microfibre jacket with logo</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Biggest Morning Tea

It's that time of year again, when EWPS undertakes fundraising for the Cancer Council. We are hosting our Biggest Morning Tea and Shave for a Cure on Tuesday 20 May 2014 from 8:30am to 9:30am. There will be many different stalls and events on the morning including face painting, cake stall, lolly pop pick, chocolate toss, tea cup toss, raffles and throw a cream pie in the face of a teacher!

Ms Barrow will again be stepping up for the shave and Mrs Winton has put her hand up for a short cut!

Students are allowed to wear mufti on the day and come with crazy hair for a gold coin donation. The brave children shaving their heads have already been selected and special mention to Ethan P, our School Captain, who will be cutting his long locks! (Children are not permitted to shave their head without prior approval from Mr Royston).

WE NEED YOUR HELP to gather prizes for the raffle. If you own a business or work in a business, we would greatly appreciate your help in the donation of a prize such as vouchers, meals, hampers etc. to include in our prizes. We also need cakes on the day for the cake stall. If you are able to make something delicious it can be delivered to Ms Barrow or Mrs Wepler on Monday (if it is non-perishable) or brought in on the morning and taken directly to the hall canteen.

START SAVING NOW to ensure you have enough money to throw a cream pie at a teacher or even the Principal! You do not want to miss that opportunity!

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale as soon as it is finalised. Your ongoing, generous support of this yearly event is greatly appreciated.
# PSSA Code of Conduct

**PSSA Code of Conduct**

Codes of Behaviour provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These codes apply to players, teachers, coaches, principals, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played. The following Codes apply to school sport at all levels and are designed to highlight:

- The principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play in sport.
- That students participate for their own sake and not to fulfill the desires of parents, adult groups or peers.
- The encouragement of student participation in sport and, in so doing, contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

## Players’ Code

- Play for the fun of it.
- Play by the rules and always abide by the decisions of officials.
- Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
- Play only when you are fully fit. To play with injury will handicap your team, and may expose you to the risk of further and more serious injury.
- Be a good sport. Applaud the good play of your team mates and that of your opponents.
- At all times cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents, for without them you do not have a competition.
- Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

## Parents’ Code

- Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- If children are interested in sport, encourage them to participate. Refrain from forcing an unwilling child to participate.
- Remember that children participate in organised school sports for their enjoyment and fulfilment, not yours.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement. Never ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Always encourage the principle of good sportsmanship.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all individuals and all teams.
- Do not publicly question the officials’ judgement and never their honesty.
- Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teachers in coaching positions. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child and deserve your support.
- Have realistic expectations for your child and her or his team. Do not expect more than they can give.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form.

---

**Stewart House Donation Drive 2014**

Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes will be sent home this week. Your generous donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope provided, complete entry details on the back and return it to school to go in the draw to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Please return donation envelopes no later than Wednesday 14 May 2014. Thank you for supporting Stewart House.
**For Your Diary**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday 28 April</th>
<th>Staff Development Day (No Students)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 29 April</td>
<td>Students Return</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Canteen Closed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Student Banking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 30 April</td>
<td>Uniform Shop Open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 1 May</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 2 May</td>
<td>PSSA Commences</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday 5 May</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 6 May</td>
<td>Canteen Closed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Student Banking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mother’s Day Stall Wrapping 9.30am in Basement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 7 May</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 8 May</td>
<td>Mother’s Day Stall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 9 May</td>
<td>PSSA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>K-2 Assembly 12.00 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3-6 Assembly 2.30pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Excursions and Payments**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Excursion or Payment</th>
<th>Please pay by</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Year 6</td>
<td>Year 6 Canberra Excursion</td>
<td>Friday 23 May</td>
<td>$50.00 Deposit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Years K-6</td>
<td>School Voluntary Contribution</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>$50.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Years K-6</td>
<td>Reading Eggs Subscription</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>$8.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Years K-6</td>
<td>Groove Nation Dance Program</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>$22.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kindergarten</td>
<td>Essential Learning Materials</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>Essential Learning Materials</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>$30.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>Essential Learning Materials</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>$35.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>Essential Learning Materials</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Years 4-6</td>
<td>Essential Learning Materials</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>$35.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Band Members</td>
<td>Term 2 Band Fees</td>
<td>Friday 4 April</td>
<td>$105.00 per term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$420.00 per year</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Please Note:** Minimum Eftpos transaction - $10.00

**PSSA Commences Friday 2 May 2014**

Go to engadine.sessazones.com/ to view draws
Cost: $6.00 per week

Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am

Oz Tag at Heathcote Oval
Netball and Soccer at The Ridge
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 30 April from 9.15-10.15am

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

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

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week’s Roster

Tuesday - 29 April
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 30 April
J Wilkinson

Thursday - 1 May
T Cassidy, S Wise, S Cook

Friday - 2 May
L Gattone, T Farquhar, C Vitelli, J White, L Duffy, A Astbury

Monday - 5 May
N Hardy, A Jones, A Jones

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 8 May. To help stock the stall with some lovely gifts for mum, donations would be very much appreciated. Gifts will be priced between $1 and $7 and please remember to send a plastic bag for your child/children to transport their gifts home.

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)

We will hold a wrapping day on Tuesday 6 May from 9.30am in the Basement. We hope to see both mums or dads come along and lend a hand on these days. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Carina Vitelli and Michelle Isemonger
Mother’s Day Stall Co-ordinators
**Family Fun Day News**

The Family Fun Day Committee will be in full swing this term with preparations for the big day on Sunday 12 October. There will be frequent announcements in the newsletter so please be sure to keep your eye out for all the news!

Congratulations to all of our lucky Easter Raffle winners. It would be greatly appreciated if you would kindly return any unwanted baskets so they may be used for our Chocolate Wheel prizes.

For the Family Fun Day to be a success, we rely on the generosity of our school community. If you (or someone you know) would like to donate items to be used as raffle prizes, chocolate wheel prizes or in the silent auction, all donations would be greatly appreciated. The more money raised on the day, the more the children of Engadine West will benefit so any donation, big or small, would be fantastic.

More information will be coming in the following weeks.

*Tracy Farquhar*
*Family Fun Day Co-ordinator*

---

**Student Banking News**

**Student Banking - Token Count**

With major changes to the student banking rewards program, some token counts in the Commbank system may not tally with the number of tokens you hold. We would like to remind you to hand in the form below *prior* to 13 May, to ensure that the tallies are checked.

Please note that after the 13 May, ALL token counts will be taken from the Commbank system.

As previously advised, the token discrepancy does not affect kindergarten due to their accounts being new this year.

---

**School Banking Token Count**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name: ______________________</th>
<th>Class: ______________________</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Student Banking Number: ______</td>
<td>Number of Tokens Held: ______</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date Counted: ________________</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Thank you for your assistance.

*Cherie, Michelle and Jodie*
*Student Banking Co-ordinators*
Community News

National Families Week 15th of May to 21st of May 2014

Building Stronger Families

A 20 minute Presentation by
Guest Speaker Melissa Honour.

Melissa Honor has been working with families for 25 years. She is committed to equipping parents to raise children in an informed and respectful way, is passionate about giving children skills to live a full and satisfying life, and enjoys teaching couples how to communicate effectively, manage anger and resolve conflict.

Date: 21st of May 2014

Time: 12:00pm for Nibbles, Presentation to begin at 12:30pm followed by a Sausage sizzle, drinks and music

Location: The Hub - Shop 38, 52 President Ave, Caringbah NSW 2229

RSVP by 16th of May to Jo Love to joannchub@bigpond.com or 9525 4971