Dear Parents

Building Repairs

Due to recent cracks appearing in the internal walls of Block G (Kindergarten classes KA, KD, KM and KS) the school and the DEC have taken steps to thoroughly investigate the matter. At all times the safety and well being of the students, staff and community are our first priority. A Structural Engineer was engaged to inspect the building and it was found to be safe for continued use. As a purely precautionary matter, supports will be attached to the outside of the building to ensure no further cracking occurs. Rectification work will commence as soon as possible.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN week has finally arrived. Good luck to all our Year 3 and 5 students sitting for the tests. The schedule for testing is outlined below:

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

Please ensure that students are well rested and at school on time.

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held tonight commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

Wireless Internet

Thanks to the support of the P & C, the school is currently having wireless internet installed. This will greatly improve the students use and access of technology in the classrooms. We greatly appreciate the efforts of the P & C and the support of our school community.

Fundraising Efforts

Thanks to the hard work of the P & C, our recent Easter Hat Parade raised nearly $3,000. Our Mother’s Day Stall was also a great success last week. Special thanks to Mrs Isemonger and Mrs Vitelli and their team who worked so hard to ensure that all the students were excited about the gifts they gave to their mums yesterday. All money raised will be used to improve your child’s learning environment.
Green Screen
The school recently purchased a Green Screen for the purpose of movie making. All classes now have the opportunity to make movies. This is yet another technology tool in the school to promote student learning. The Green Screen has been installed in the basement.

Student Reports
With the current implementation of the National Curriculum, the school has needed to modify the Student Reports to reflect the recent changes. The Semester One reports will be sent home with students on Thursday 19 June.

Student Disabilities
Procedures for funding for schools for students with disabilities is changing. As a result, schools and the DEC require the collection of data. This will mean that parents will be asked to submit information about their child which will be used to establish annual funding for the school. Parent co-operation is greatly appreciated in this endeavour.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

Deputy Principals’ Report

Professional Learning
Monday 12 May after school, teachers are meeting to learn more about the National Disability Data Collection NDDC project. Students with adjustments for their learning needs are being reviewed to maintain the quality of support.

COSOTP Sustainability Camp
Monday and Tuesday next Week, eight Year 4 students and I will join teachers and students at our community of schools Year 4 COSOTP Sustainability Camp. Year 4 students and teachers stay over-night at the Tops Conference Centre. Students will participate in workshops run by participating teachers, Royal National Park Environmental Education Centre Staff and Heathcote High School and Engadine High School students.

Too Sick for School?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who read books and are spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY
**Deputy Principals’ Report Cont’d**

**NSW English Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum**

2014 has seen the implementation of the NSW English Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum across all public schools in NSW. At Engadine West our staff have been working very hard to ensure the smooth introduction of the syllabus in classes. More information on the Primary Syllabuses can be found by following these links:


**Interim Reports Format**

Due to the restructuring of the K-6 English syllabus we have made some changes to the format of our student reports. The NSW DEC are currently implementing a review of the English reporting policy and while this review continues we are trialling a new report format. The aim of this report format is to make reports easier to read for parents and provide more detailed information on student progress. The English and Mathematics sections of the report have been modified for this Semester’s report. This evening at the P & C meeting (7.30pm in the staffroom) Mr Hogan will be introducing and explaining the interim report format.

**Year 6 Shirts**

Final orders for the last round of orders for Year 6 shirts are due by the end of this week. Once the order is submitted we expect a 2-3 week turnaround for delivery. If any parents would like to order another Year 6 shirt, the note is available on our website: [http://www.engadinew-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes](http://www.engadinew-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes)

*Ross Edwards & Hugh Hogan*

*Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal*

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**Stewart House Donation Drive 2014**

Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes have been sent home. 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.

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**Endeavour Sports High Primary School Soccer Gala Day**

The Endeavour Sports High Primary School Soccer Gala Day has been re-scheduled for Wednesday 25 June. Notes were sent home with participating students last week.

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**Live Life Well**

Walking is the easiest, cheapest and safest way to exercise. All you need is a good pair of walking shoes, comfy clothes and good company – or maybe an iPod filled with great tunes!

Walking is an excellent way to get from A to B. It’s a cheap and healthy form of ‘active transport’ that you can use to get to school, to sport or to a friend’s place. Walking helps keep you keep fit and it’s also good for the environment.

In primary school, you can participate in special initiatives such as the ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ which encourages school children to ditch the car and walk to school. Engadine West Public School will be holding its **Walk Safely to School Day** on Friday 23 May 2014 (notes will be sent home with students this week).

For more information click: [Walk Safely to School Day - Pedestrian Council of Australia website](http://www.walksafelytoschoolday.com.au)
Public Speaking

At least a week before you have to give your speech, choose a suitable topic. Our school competition is for speeches that **argue a point of view**. For younger children this can be as simple as ‘My Dog Is The Best Dog In The World’, but a topic such as ‘My Dog’ would NOT be suitable. Your teacher will make sure that the topic chosen is a suitable topic for the year/grade (that is, it argues a point of view). The speech cannot be the same speech as the Multi-Cultural Speech topics.

**Some tips for your child**

Before trying to write the speech down - think about the topic you are going to argue.

- Think of the first reason why you believe this. Think of an example of why this reason is so.
- Think of the second reason why you believe this. Think of an example of why this reason is so.
- Think of a third reason why you believe this. Think of an example of why this reason is so.

Write the speech down in this format:

- *I think that* …… *(state your opinion here).*
- *The first reason I think that* …… *(THEN give your example of why this is true).*
- *The second reason I think that* …… *(THEN give your example of why this is true).*
- *The third reason I think that* …… *(THEN give your example of why this is true).*
- *SO ……* *(this is where you restate your opinion. You must leave the audience convinced that your opinion is worth supporting. Conclude your speech so that the audience knows your speech has reached it’s end).*

**Things to remember when writing your speech**

Don’t introduce yourself - Don’t say thank you at the end - Don’t use props. Speak clearly and at a normal speaking pace. Time your speech at home.

**Prepared Speech Times**

- K-2 2 minutes
- Yrs 3-4 3 minutes
- Yrs 5-6 4 minutes

If it’s too short, add some more arguments or expand on the arguments you already have. If the speech is too long, cut something out. Then retime the speech and see if it’s within 30 seconds either side of the correct speech time.

Write your speech word by word onto palm sized cards. Cardboard is better than paper which can curl up in your hand. (10 x 15cm for Years K-2, 7 x 10cm for Years 3-6).

Start practising how you deliver your speech. This will take at least several days to get right! Many people miss this step out completely and just hope it will turn out well ‘on the day’. Of course you have to practise if you want to do something well.

**Things to practise**

- Stand properly on two feet. Do not shift from foot to foot or sway as you speak.
- Keep your head up. Look at your audience and make eye contact with them. Don’t look at the ceiling or the floor. Practising in front of a mirror is very helpful.
- Speak clearly and loud enough for everyone in the room to hear you.
- Make sure you pause between the different parts of your speech. Pauses get people’s attention.
- Vary the pitch and tone of your voice. People get bored listening to the one note. Let your voice rise and fall.
- Write key words that will remind you of your speech onto palm sized cards (these could be sentence beginnings, or simply words that remind you of the sentences you should be saying). These cards are called palm cards.
- Practise delivering your speech over and over in front of the mirror using only these palm cards. Good luck, happy speaking and most of all, have fun.

**Vince Murphy**

**Assistant Principal**
Biggest Morning Tea
Shave for a Cure

On Tuesday 20 May 2014 (beginning at 8:30 am and finishing at 9:30 am), we will be holding our yearly event to raise much needed funds to support the Cancer Council. This year, we hope to raise more money than ever before!

Students are able to wear mufti and come with a crazy hairstyle, for a gold coin donation. Students are not able to shave their heads without first gaining approval from Mr Royston.

There will be many activities and stalls on the morning including;

**Face painting – 50c**
Cake Stall – 50c - $1.00
Lolly pop pick – $1.00 (you could win a $10.00 iTunze card)

**School lost property sales - gold coin donation**
(grab a jumper/jacket or piece of Tupperware, for a bargain!)

**Chocolate toss – 50c**
**Tea cup toss – 50c**

Breakfast BBQ – various prices, so get here early for breakfast at school!

Raffles - $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00 (win some fantastic prizes)

Raffle tickets available prior to the event.

And the big one...

**Throw a cream pie in the face of a teacher!**
($5.00 per throw but it’s worth it)

Can you convince your teacher to be a target?

This year, Ms Barrow is prepared to shave her head and Mrs Winton will be having a 10 inch trim!! However you will need to be prepared to pay for this. So if you want to see this happen, bring in your money to either Ms Barrow or to the front office.

On the day, donations of cakes, slices, muffins, biscuits etc would be greatly appreciated. If these items could be brought in on the morning (or Monday if they are non-perishable), and delivered to the hall, it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember, NO NUTS.

Your ongoing support of this worthwhile charity is appreciated and we hope to reach our best result ever. So start working around the house to earn some money to come and spend on the day.

Karen Weppler, Tracey Stevenson and Rebecca Barrow
Cancer Council Fundraising Committee

*SPECIAL NOTE: Please be advised that this event will go ahead even if it is raining, so there is no need to call the office and check.*
For Your Diary

Monday 12 May
- P & C Meeting - 7.30pm in the Staffroom

Tuesday 13 May
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking
- NAPLAN
- Book Club Orders Due

Wednesday 14 May
- Uniform Shop Open
- NAPLAN
- Stewart House Donation Envelopes Due

Thursday 15 May
- NAPLAN

Friday 16 May
- NAPLAN Catch Up Day
- PSSA

Monday 19 May
- Yr 4 COSOtP Camp

Tuesday 20 May
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking
- Yr 4 COSOIP Camp
- Biggest Morning Tea Commencing 8.30am

Wednesday 21 May

Thursday 22 May
- 3/4D, 3E, 3S & 3B Wattamolla Excursion

Friday 23 May
- Walk Safely to School Day
- Zone Cross Country Carnival
- PSSA
- K-2 Assembly 12.00pm
- 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm

Excursions and Payments

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Please note increase in PSSA bus fare

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 28 May from 9.15-10.15am

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen

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

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

The next school disco will be held in Week 9, Wednesday 25 June

More details will follow shortly!
This is the Last Week for 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
Name: _______________________
Class: _______________________
Student Banking Number: _________
Number of Tokens Held: _________
Date Counted: ________________

Tokens, from this week on, will no longer be distributed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Cherie, Michelle and Jodie
Student Banking Co-ordinators

Community News

Sutherland PCYC
Concert Band’s

MUSIC WORKSHOP

Bring your instrument and come along for a day of music, games, food and FUN!!

Where: Sunday, 1st June 9.30 - 4pm
Where: Sutherland PCYC, Waratah Park
(oop Sutherland basketball stadium)
Cost: $10 per player - includes music tuition, lunch and drink

3.00pm Concert for family and friends

Hurry! Limited positions – call Lyndal 0435 900 746
to register by Tuesday 27 May