Dear Parents

Thank you to the school community for your outstanding support of our recent Education Week celebrations. The school’s Athletics Carnival was a great success with a number of long standing records being broken and our students showing great school spirit and enthusiasm on the day. On Wednesday, some of our talented students performed at Engadine Plaza. They were strongly supported by a large crowd of parents. The week culminated in a very successful Open Day on Thursday which was well attended. Congratulations to the students on their performances and thank you to the staff and parents who worked hard on the day to make it such a success.

State Champions

The 2014 school year seems to be a year of great success. None more than our outstanding 10 year Boys Rugby League team who last week were crowned the State Champions after winning the NSW Rugby League All Schools Carnival. Our team of talented footballers defeated Glenmore Park Public School, Christian Bros Lewisham, Harbord Public School and St Therese, Mascot to reach the final. The boys won their title by defeating St Joseph’s, Taree 18-6. This was a great achievement. Well done boys and their super coach Mr Griggs (see more on page 4 of this newsletter).

Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival

Our talented students will be performing at the annual Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival in the coming weeks. Our Junior Concert (Mauboy) will be held at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 13 August at 7.00pm with our Junior Choir and Dance Groups performing on the night. Our Senior Choir and Dance Groups will be performing in the Senior Concert (Hutchence) on Friday 22 August at 7.00pm. Both nights should be full of quality entertainment so we hope to see a large vocal audience in attendance.

Digital Citizenship

The school is planning a Digital Citizenship and Cyber Safety Parent Forum on Wednesday 20 August from 5.30-7.00pm. It is anticipated that parents and staff will work together to gain an understanding of digital citizenship and cyber safety with the aim to create an Engadine West Digital Citizenship Expectations Matrix. We hope that a large number of parents will be involved in this initiative. A note with an RSVP regarding the forum will follow later this week.

Student Safety

Our RTA crossing officer has reported that there are a number of vehicles approaching the Woronora Road pedestrian crossing at speeds far exceeding 40km/h. I know that the offenders are probably from the general public, however, we can all set the right example and keep our students safe by obeying the road rules. Please drive with the utmost care when travelling outside the school.
Athletics Carnival 2014
The school Athletics Carnival was held last Tuesday 29 July at Sylvania Waters Athletics Track. We had a very successful day with a number of students qualifying for the Zone Carnival along with an array of talented students breaking records. Congratulations to: Ryan A, Harry G, Luke W, Jessica W, Blake H, Marcus A, Jared K and Zoe P.

Well done to all students for demonstrating good behaviour and sportsmanship at the carnival. The ribbon presentation will take place at this Friday’s 3-6 Assembly at 2.30pm in the school hall.

2015 Enrolments
Enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2015 are now being submitted. If you have a child starting Kindergarten at Engadine West Public School in 2015 and you have not yet applied for a position, please do so as soon as possible. Kindergarten enrolments are vital in planning for classes and staffing for next year. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

Deputy Principals’ Report

Teacher Professional Learning
We are very fortunate to have so many inspiring, hardworking teachers at EWPS. Currently 18 teachers from all grades are continuing with professional learning, in readiness for the implementation of the new Mathematics syllabus in 2015. The teachers involved are participating in a 30 hour course during their own time and will collectively lead EWPS in assessing, programming and implementing the new syllabus next year.

Today all teachers will be involved in professional learning after school in the library, focussing on ensuring consistent teacher judgment across grades in the assessing and reporting of Mathematics.

This Thursday evening Mr Edwards, Miss Connor and Mrs Gilmore will be attending Professional Learning, focussing on school leadership.

Play Day
This term Miss Emmett is leading classes in Stage 2 who are participating in Play Day. This week the first of the workshop days have begun where the students will work with a drama tutor and develop a play to be performed at the Kogarah Auditorium for other Sydney schools in Term 4. The classroom teachers will also busily support the students in perfecting their plays and organising the costumes and props. We hope they enjoy the experience of working together and performing for an audience.

Debating
Today our Stage 3 Debaters will be challenging Sutherland Public School in their fourth and last round of the competition. Thankyou to Mrs Hatzitanos for all the extra hours she has given to prepare the team so thoroughly and also the time the students have put in when preparing their arguments. Well done and we wish you luck.

Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal

SSSMF Tickets Available
We have been informed that there are still tickets available online for the upcoming SSSMF Concerts. Please go to www.trybooking.com/EHCN to purchase.
Refugee Camp in My School

On 30 July last week, 15 students from Year Six were selected to participate in a ‘Refugee Camp in My School’ at Heathcote High. We now fully understand what it is like to be a refugee, we know what they have to do on a daily basis to keep themselves and their families alive.

Australia for UNHCR is an Australian charity that raises funds to support the work of the UN Refugee Agency in Australia. Their purpose is to provide life-changing humanitarian support to refugees and other displaced and stateless people who come under the care and protection of the UN Refugee Agency.

As well as providing emergency relief like shelter, food, water and medical care, their generous supporters improve refugees’ future opportunities, providing infrastructure, schools, and income generating projects.

By Amy and Sarah, 6L

Stewart House Clothing Appeal

It is now 83 years since Stewart House opened its doors to provide public school children with a break from their current circumstance. The reasons individual children are chosen to attend the program are many and varied and the demand for services provided by Stewart House still remain strong.

Engadine West Public School will be collecting clothing for the Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2014 conducted by the Smith Family. Stewart House received over $20,000 from clothing collections in 2013, being a major part of their annual income and we are very pleased to be able to support this worthwhile charity once again. Stewart House Clothing bags were sent home with your child last week. Please donate good quality, wearable clothing and return bags to the Basement for collection by Friday 22 August 2014. Thank you for supporting Stewart House.

Library News

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is due to end shortly. Please have your child return their completed form to the Library as soon as possible, thank you.

Margaret Evans
Teacher Librarian
Congratulations to our 10 years rugby league team who are now the best team in the State after being crowned champions in the NSW Rugby League All Schools Carnival last week.

The NSW All Schools Carnival is the most competitive and prestigious schoolboy competition there is. There are no easy games as every school has to win their local area competition just to qualify for the carnival.

In the 10A competition our boys did exceptionally well by finishing 1st in their pool ahead of Glenmore Park PS (Penrith), Christian Bros, Lewisham (St George) and Harbord PS (Manly).

By winning their pool the boys progressed to the quarter finals where they continued their winning ways with a huge 24-0 win over St Therese, Mascot (South Sydney). St Therese had not had a point scored against them all carnival until they met Engadine West. They followed this with a nail biter over Rouse Hill PS (Parramatta) to progress to the grand final at St Mary's Leagues Stadium.

The final was against St Joseph's Taree (Representing Newcastle) and the boys put in an amazing team effort to upset a fantastic team 18-6 much to the delight of our screaming mums, dads and grandparents in the stands.

The win was truly a team effort, and to go undefeated in six straight games at the highest level is a phenomenal achievement. Also for the boys to continually lift their performances as the competition got progressively harder and to be able to play at their highest level in the biggest games is something they all should be proud of.

A big thankyou must go out to everyone who has supported the boys from the Sharks KO right through to the State win. The boys are all lucky to have such supportive parents, grandparents, siblings and friends to share their wonderful experience.

Team

| Lachlan C | Cameron R |
| Kye R     | Harrison H |
| Jake Q    | Beau W     |
| Ben M     | Luke W     |
| Kooper B  | Charlie T  |
| Zane K    | Kurt P     |
| Taj K     | Jackson C  |
| Jett H    |

Michael Griggs  
Coach

Last Tuesday a Mufti Day was held to help support Blake Hosking (6H). Blake has been selected to represent NSW and Engadine West Public School in the Rugby League School Sport Australia Championships in Wollongong, early August. We would like to thank Mr Royston, the staff, kids and families for their support and kind donations. Also, a special thank you to our generous P&C for their donation.

This money will go towards helping pay for Blake’s levy fees.

Thank you very much, Blake and family
### For Your Diary

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<th>Monday 4 August</th>
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| Tuesday 5 August | • Canteen Closed  
• Student Banking  
• 3/4D Play Day Workshop (at school) |
| Wednesday 6 August | •  
| Thursday 7 August | • 3E Play Day Workshop (at school)  
• 4WP Play Day Workshop (at school) |
| Friday 8 August | • PSSA Finals  
• K-2 Assembly 12.00pm  
• 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm  
• Athletic Carnival Ribbon Presentation |
| Monday 11 August | •  
| Tuesday 12 August | • Canteen Closed  
• Student Banking  
• SSSMF Junior Full Day Rehearsal and Matinee Concert  
• 4G Play Day Workshop (at school) |
| Wednesday 13 August | • SSSMF Junior Evening Concert 7.00pm |
| Thursday 14 August | • Mufti Day - Family Fun Day (Donation or Gold Coin)  
• 3S Play Day Workshop (at school) |
| Friday 15 August | •  

### Excursions and Payments

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| Year 6 | Year 6 Canberra Excursion (1-3 September) | Friday 15 August | $50.00 Deposit  
$315.00 Balance  
$365.00 Total |
| Band Members | Band Camp - Rathane (8-10 September) | Wednesday 27 August | $220.00 |
| Band Members | Term 3 Band Fees |  | $105.00 per term  
$420.00 per year |

### PSSA Results

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Calling all home owners

Recently you would have received your council rates along with a voucher for FREE NATIVE SEEDLINGS. As part of this year’s Family Fun Day, our school will be holding a plant stall and are asking for your help in providing seedlings which we can then sell as plants. If you will not be using your voucher, our school stall would love to have it!

If you wish to donate your voucher, please send it to school with your child to place in the basket outside Mr Field’s 5F classroom.

Mufti Day

Next Thursday 14 August we will be having a MUFTI DAY for the entire school and we are asking that your child brings in a donation to help support our Year 1 school stall for the Family Fun Day.

We are asking for hair and nail donations, however, if you would rather, a gold coin donation will be very much appreciated. Please find a list of items below which may help you:

- Hair paint
- Hair extensions
- Hair beads
- Hair accessories
- Nail polish and brush
- Nail stickers
- Nail accessories

Sponsorship

As we are a large community and many of us either own a business or work for local businesses in the Sutherland Shire, we are calling on any interested parties to sponsor our school stalls. If you are interested, please contact the school directly and Mr Field will be in contact with you.

Thank you for supporting the Family Fun Day!
Uniform Shop News

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 13 August 2014

Parents please note that full winter uniform should now be worn by students, not a combination of summer and winter uniform. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

Potato Sour cream and sweet chilli $3.00
Bolognaise and cheese
Baked beans or spaghetti and cheese
Tuna and corn

Sweet Corn and Chicken Soup (with garlic toast) $3.00

Open Day - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes/slices and to our parent helpers who assisted in the canteen on last week’s Open Day. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week’s Roster

Tuesday - 5 August
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 6 August
L Adams, R Hutchison, M Robertson

Thursday - 7 August

Friday - 8 August
N Brydon, B Keegan

Monday - 11 August
J Morando, R Bromwich, T Robertson
Community News

Engadine Youth Centre
Learn to Play Basketball Program
Monday Afternoons 11 August - 15 September 2014
4.00 - 5.00 pm
Children from Years 3-6
Cost $30.00 ($5.00 per week)
Learn new skills and make new friends in a safe environment with this 6 week learn to play program
Contact Trevor Kimber: kimbies@ozemail.com.au or 0414 978 384 for enrolment form and further information

Sutherland Shire Council

TAKE CARE GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new school year! Sutherland Shire Council Parking Officers will be out at all schools again this year helping you to ensure that all children get to and from school safely.

DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN
Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars and pedestrians: your children. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable.
Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. Boys are twice as likely to be involved in pedestrian accidents as girls and children 10-14 years have the highest rate of child pedestrian casualties (RMS).
- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the carpark or when crossing the road.
- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- Take the time to make sure your children are aware of, understand and follow traffic safety regulations when they are waiting.

HAVE A PLAN
Plan with your son or daughter how you will collect them. When and where will you be after school? Where should they wait? Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if you are stopped; they should wait until you have parked at the side of the road.
Plan to arrive AFTER the school bell goes in the afternoon, so your children are ready and waiting for you and you are not blocking traffic.

NO PARKING ZONES
A No Parking zone is a pick up and drop off area: you can stop here for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers and must remain within three metres of the vehicle. When parents park in a No Parking zone for longer than two minutes they prevent other parents from stopping to drop off or pick up their children, creating frustration and dangerous situations.
If you arrive before the school bell and block the pickup areas, you risk a fine.
Parking offences in school zones carry heavier fines and loss of demerit points. Sutherland Shire Council makes no apologies for fining drivers who break the law around schools and in school zones.

See the Roads and Maritime Authority website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au for more about Australian Road Rules and other road safety information.

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Locked Bag 17, Sutherland NSW 1499
Telephone: 02 9710 0333 Facsimile: 02 9710 0265
Email: ssc@asc.nsw.gov.au www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au

SOME SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND YOUR SCHOOL

NO STOPPING
What does it mean?
You CANNOT stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.
Why is it there?
To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes.

BUS ZONE
What does it mean?
You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.
Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of their safety zone.