Dear Parents

This week sees the commencement of the 2014 Sutherland Shire Music Festival. On Wednesday 13 August, Engadine West Public School will be performing in the ‘Mauboy’ Concert. Our talented Junior students will be on stage both in the mass choir and in our recorder group item. Good luck to all the performing students and well done on your hard work and effort. Thank you also to our dedicated staff who have prepared the students for the concert. We hope to see many parents in attendance cheering on the boys and girls.

School Plan

All public schools in NSW are about the embark on writing a new three year plan that will document the strategic directions that each school will strive to achieve from 2015 through to 2017. The school who greatly values the support and partnership of the community will be seeking the views of parents. An online survey will be placed on the school website later this week. Please take this opportunity to have input into our school by completing the survey. A hard copy of the survey will be made available at the front office if you don’t have computer access.

Line Painting

As part of the playground upgrade, the school has had additional handball courts painted on the asphalt. The netball and basketball courts will also be repainted. The students will benefit from having more opportunities to play handball during recess and lunch.

Tree Audit

All schools have now undergone a Tree Audit. Trees on the school grounds that need removal or pruning have been identified. Work on the trees will commence over the coming weeks. The trees will be barricaded off to ensure student safety.

Year 2 School Swimming and Water Safety Program

Our annual Year 2 Swimming Program is scheduled to commence on Monday 25 August. Swimming and water safety are skills that are essential for children to acquire. The children will be learning important lifelong skills that may, one day, save a life. I strongly recommend that parents ensure their children participate in this important initiative.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to Jessica M and Sarah H for being selected in the Sydney East Girls Open Softball team. The girls will be competing in a three day tournament at Manly on 26-28 August. Well done girls!
Kindergarten Enrolments

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2015 at Engadine West Public School, then you need to submit your child’s enrolment form now. The school will consider both in-area and out-of-area applications. It is important enrolment information for the school is received soon so that planning for next year as well as our Transition Program can be finalised.

Staff Carpark

Parents are putting themselves and their children at risk by walking through the staff car park and using the gate between the Administration Block and Block B. This gate has now been locked, so please enter and leave the school through the recommended gates.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

The Daily School Routine

9.00am School grounds are supervised by teachers
   Students may arrive from this time
9.25am Morning Bell
   Session One begins (including 10 minute fruit only break)
11.25am Recess
11.45am Session Two begins
1.15pm Lunch
2.15pm Session Three begins
3.30pm End of school day

Students should not arrive at school before 9.00 am (unless there is a special program organised or they are booked into the Care Centre) as there is no supervision in the playground before this time to ensure the safety and care of the students.

Students should arrive and leave the school grounds by one of the three gates, in Ridge Rd, Buckle Ave and Woronora Rd. The staff car park entrance should not be used by students. Students who catch the school bus will proceed to the bus seats at the Woronora Rd entrance where teachers will supervise students as they board the bus.

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.
Respect, Manners and Values Matter
The wider community holds our school in very high esteem. That is constantly reinforced by the feedback that we receive from community members. Our strong reputation is based on our entire school community being well mannered and respectful at, not only public venues, but in social media and at our own ceremonies and celebrations. Most importantly our reputation as a high performing school is based on how we support, value and engage each other. We at Engadine West PS are students, teachers and parents working together to create an authentic learning community where every student has opportunities to achieve to and beyond their potential.

ICAS Mathematics Test
Tuesday 12 August 9.30am in the Library.

Professional Learning
Teachers will be working back after school on Quality Teaching in English. On Wednesday morning before school our school's new three year plan will commence taking shape with all teachers offering input. Over the coming months all school community members will have the opportunity to contribute to our strategic directions.

Teacher Effort SSSMF
A big thank you to all the teachers who are volunteering their own time to ensure that our students have the opportunity to perform at the Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival evening performance. Your efforts are recognised and greatly valued across the school community.

Digital Citizenship Parent Forum
Did you know, that of Year 4 and 5 students at our school:

- 74% have internet access in their bedrooms
- 58% have an ipad
- 67% have a social media profile
- 12% have ‘friends’ they have never met in real life
- 12% have visited websites they know their parents would not approve of
- 25% say their parents would not have a clue what they look at online

Source: Survey, July 2014

How do we keep our kids safe online? What are our expectations for online behaviour? How do children learn to become a good ‘Digital Citizen’?

At our Parent Forum on Wednesday 20 August (5.30-7.00pm at school, location TBA), we hope to answer these questions and more. Please join us and have your say in creating our school community's expectations for online behaviour and digital learning in the 21st Century. Please RSVP to this event using the note that went home last week so that we can determine the venue (library or hall). The note can also be found on the school website.

Photos
Have you seen the photos from the Athletics Carnival and Open Day? Check them out on the school website!

Year 6 Fundraising Fete
This Friday 15 August, Year 6 students will be running a fete to raise money for their end of year activities. Students will be running stalls and activities at lunch time. There will be face painting, pie throwing, nail decorating, dodge ball, soccer shoot out, putt-putt golf, and more! Students K-5 are encouraged to bring some money to spend. The day will be mufti for Year 6 only. Year 6 students need to remember that we will be having PSSA summer trials on Friday morning so they will need to either wear their sports uniforms and get changed afterwards, or wear mufti appropriate for sport trials.

Canberra
Year 6 students are looking forward to their Canberra Civics and Citizenship excursion in Week 8. Parents are reminded that this Friday is the deadline for full payment. All forms are due this week as well. We hope to complete room allocations this week.

Shining Stars
This week Olivia and Indianna from Year 1 showed Mrs Gilmore how clever they are becoming with their reading. Well done girls!

Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal
### For Your Diary

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| Monday 11 August | • Canteen Closed  
|             | • Student Banking  
|             | • ICAS Maths Test - 9.30am Library  
|             | • SSSMF Junior Full Day Rehearsal and Matinee Concert  
|             | • 4G Play Day Workshop (at school)                                  |
| Tuesday 12 August | • Canteen Closed  
|             | • Student Banking  
|             | • Zone Athletics Half Day Carnival Sylvania Waters Athletics Track   |
|             | • Zone Athletics Full Day Carnival Sylvania Waters Athletics Track   |
|             | • 3E Play Day Workshop (at school)                                   |
|             | • Digital Citizenship & Cyber Safety Parent Forum at 5.30pm           |
| Wednesday 13 August | • 4C Play Day Workshop (at school)                                   |
|             | • Uniform Shop Open - 9.15am                                         |
|             | • Targeted Writers Group (Linkages) Engadine High School 9.00am       |
|             | • SSSMF Junior Concert 7.00pm                                         |
| Thursday 14 August | • Mufti Day - Family Fun Day (Donation or Gold Coin)                   |
|             | • 3S Play Day Workshop (at school)                                   |
| Friday 15 August | • Yr 6 Fundraising Fete                                              |
| Monday 18 August | • Canteen Closed  
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| Tuesday 19 August | • Yr 1 Powerhouse Museum Excursion (8.30am)                          |
|             | • 3S Play Day Workshop (at school)                                   |
|             | • SSSMF Senior Full Day Rehearsal                                     |
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| Thursday 21 August | • Stewart House Clothing Bags to be returned to Basement             |
|             | • K-2 Assembly 12.00pm                                               |
|             | • 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm                                                |
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### Excursions and Payments

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| Stage 2 Dance Group         | Kurranulla Dance Festival (3 September)                   | Thursday 14 August | $20.00 Adult  
|                             |                                                           |                 | $15.00 Children |
| Year 6                      | Year 6 Canberra Excursion (1-3 September)                 | Friday 15 August | $50.00 Deposit   
|                             |                                                           |                 | $315.00 Balance  |
|                             |                                                           |                 | $365.00 Total   |
| Year 1                      | Powerhouse Museum Excursion                               | Monday 18 August | $25.00          |
| Band Members                | Band Camp - Rathane (8-10 September)                      | Wednesday 27 August | $220.00       |
| Westgate students           | ANSTO Excursion (19 September)                             | Friday 12 September | $10.00         |
| Band Members                | Term 3 Band Fees                                         |                 | $105.00 per term |
|                             |                                                           |                 | $420.00 per year |

### PSSA News

Congratulations to all students who participated in Winter PSSA! The competition has now finished and we look forward to Summer PSSA (commencing Week 8, Friday 5 September).
**Family Fun Day News**

**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**

This **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.

_Tracey Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame_  
_Undercoat Shop Co-ordinators_

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

_Leanne Best_  
_Canteen Supervisor_

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**This Week’s Roster**

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**Care Centre News**

The Engadine West B.A.S.C. Centre is managed by the P & C in the building closest to the Ridge Road entrance. The centre offers children a range of educational and recreational activities for parents who need to leave their children in supervision whilst they attend work. Permanent, roster and casual bookings can be arranged. The Centre operates from Monday to Friday from 7.00-9.00am each morning and from 3.30-6.30pm each afternoon.

For enrolment information and bookings, contact the Care Centre on 9520-9497.
VISIT US ON OPEN DAY

Wednesday 20 August, 9.30 – 11am

85 Willarong Road, Caringbah
(Parking on Taren Point Road)

For Year 5 students wishing to sit the Selective High School Test in March 2015 to enter CHS in YEAR 7 in 2016

Interested students and parents are invited to attend this information morning with displays and activities for students

Be part of our community today

For more information visit www.caringbah.nsw.edu.au
Community News

Sutherland PCYC Concert Band presents

*Music on a Winter’s Afternoon*

2.00pm Sunday 17 August 2014

**Featuring**

The NSW Ambulance Band
and
Sutherland PCYC Bands

**Venue**
Sutherland United Services Club
Cnr East Parade & Oxford Street, Sutherland

*Entry-Gold coin donation*

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See Change

See Change is a 6 session facilitated, small group program for families whose lives have been impacted by Drug and Alcohol Issues and/or Mental Health Issues.

See Change covers the following:

- Information on mental health issues, drug dependency and recovery
- The impact of these issues on families
- Understanding the process of change
- Strategies for reclaiming your life
- Tools for enhancing personal and family wellbeing

The Salvation Army First Floor Program have been working with families impacted by drug and alcohol issues for over 15 years and run a number of monthly support groups and education programs.

**When:** Tuesdays, September 9 - October 14, 2014
**Where:** The Salvation Army, 23 Kiara Road, Miranda
**Time:** 10.30am - 12.30pm

Spaces limited, bookings essential – to reserve your place please phone 9540 4460.