Dear Parents

Congratulations to our Senior Band, Senior Choir and Junior Dance Group on their wonderful performances at the Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival last Friday night. The concert was the culmination of many hours of preparation. Thank you to the staff who have worked so hard with our talented students and also the parents in attendance as well as the loyal band parents who helped transport the musical instruments to and from the venue. Well done to all involved!

Our annual Band Camp is fast approaching and our talented musicians will enjoy two days in the Royal National Park at Rathane rehearsing and playing together. Thank you to Mrs Winton, Mrs Ryan, Miss Connor and Mr Edwards who will be supervising the children during the camp.

Parent Forum

Last Wednesday the school held a parent forum on Digital Citizenship. The parents worked with the teachers to identify the expected behaviours of students, parents and staff when utilising technology for educational purposes. The meeting was very productive and the information gathered produced an Expectation Matrix which will be used in future school initiatives. Thank you to Mr Hogan for co-ordinating the event.

Barricades Around Trees

As part of the school Tree Audit, barricades have been placed around trees in the school that require trimming or removal. These safety controls will remain in place until the work is completed.

School Surveys

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who have completed the School Three Year Plan surveys. This information will be used to help the school identify and plan its strategic directions for the next three years. Your co-operation in this matter was greatly appreciated.

Year 2 Swimming

Over the next fortnight, Year 2 students will be participating in the DEC approved Year 2 Swimming Scheme. This program gives the students an opportunity to be taught swimming by AUSWIM trained swimming teachers. It is an important program which teaches students a vital life long skill. Let’s hope the weather is kind to the children and staff entering the pool. Please ensure that your child brings the correct equipment and clothing required each day during the two week program.
Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed in last week’s Zone Athletics Carnival at Sylvania. Our students performed admirably with a number not only progressing to the Regional Carnival but being named Zone Champions. As a result of our talented athletes, Engadine West Public School were overall winners of the carnival. This was an outstanding effort. Well done! Competitors deserving special mention are:

**Zone Champions**
- Marcus A  Junior Boys Zone Champion
- Hayley M  Runner-Up Junior Girls Champion
- Ryan A  11 Years Boys Zone Champion
- Zoe P   Senior Girls Zone Champion

**Regional Team**
- Hayley M  Blake H
- Marcus A  Brynn M
- Ryan A  Liarna J
- Zoe P   Eden P
- Michael B  Noah M
- Jack J   Luke C
- Harry G  Luke W
- Jake Q  Kobi P
- Tanya K  Cameron R
- Jack H  Cameron S
- Jessica W  Harrison H
- Logan M  Ryan B

**Staff Carpark**

This is a continual reminder to parents to please NOT walk through the staff carpark. This is a high traffic area with delivery trucks and staff cars driving and reversing through it regularly. The area is clearly marked so please avoid a possible accident and enter and leave the school with your child/children using the correct gates.

**Big Band Blow In**

This Thursday Engadine West Public School will be hosting the Big Band Blow In. Bands from other schools in our Community of Schools will spend the day playing and working with students from our bands. The day culminates in a performance involving all the students from the various schools.

**Year 6 Canberra Excursion**

Our Year 6 students and their teachers will be enjoying a three day excursion to Canberra from Monday 1 September. This is the culmination of their studies of Government. I’m sure that the girls and boys will be on their best behaviour and will find their time away very enjoyable and educational. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers and Mrs Gilmore for giving up their family time to accompany our students. Have a great trip!

Garry Royston
Principal

We are striving to be a nut free school - please ensure peanuts, nuts, peanut butter and Nutella as an ingredient are not brought into the school.
Year 1 Power House Excursion

Last Thursday all of Year 1 attended Sydney’s Power House Museum to look at various forms of transport through the ages. The students are to be congratulated for their outstanding behaviour and we wish to thank the parent helpers who generously assisted classes on the day.

Starting Your Child at School

If you are considering whether or not to start your child at school in 2015 then have a look at the 5 minute video “Is my child ready to start school?”, or alternatively come and speak with the school.

Is my child ready to start school? - School A to Z

Kindergarten 2015 Orientation and Transition Dates

We are currently taking enrolments for 2015 Kindergarten students. Please visit the school office for enrolment forms or enquiries. Below are some important dates for prospective Kindergarten students and parents:

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Detailed information regarding the above dates will be mailed at the end of this term to families who have enrolled a student in Kindergarten for 2015.

Wonderful Work

Tia (1G) and Alex (1ST) shared their wonderful stories with Mrs Gilmore this week.

Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal

Shining Stars

## For Your Diary

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### Please note:
There will be no band tutorials during Week 9 (8-12 September) due to Band Camp.

## Excursions and Payments

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## PSSA News

**Summer PSSA commences Week 8, Friday 5 September**

Go to [engadine.sessazones.com](http://engadine.sessazones.com/) to view draws

Cost: $6.00 per week
**Family Fun Day News**

**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!*

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**Fathers’ Day Stall**

September is fast approaching and so is Fathers’ Day! As in previous years we will be holding a Fathers’ Day Stall for the students to purchase gifts for their Dads. Once again we are asking for your help where possible by way of donations. In particular we are looking for items including toiletries, skin care, shaving cream, and anything else you can think of related to personal grooming and making Dad look and smell good!

If you have any ideas of your own and wish to donate something different - please feel free, we will gladly accept! If you are donating chocolates please remember NO NUTS.

Thank you for your support.

*Carina Vitelli and Michelle Isemonger*
*Fathers Day Stall Co-ordinators*

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**Book Club News**

Orders from Issue 6 catalogues are due to be returned to your classroom or the front office by Thursday 28 August. Every order earns free books for our school library so take advantage of the great savings.

If you are paying with cash, particularly coins, could you please tape unsealed parts of envelope to ensure coins do not fall out.

Orders can be held at the office for collection. Please ensure this is clearly marked on all the order forms and envelope with a contact phone number. We will ring you when the books are ready for collection from the front office.

To ensure your order can be placed on time, please check the following:

- Student’s name and class on all forms and envelope.
- For cash payments please check the amount if your child is paying and please ensure the envelope is well sealed.
- For cheque payments the cheque must be made out to *Scholastic Australia*.
- For credit card payments use the website to pay and get a receipt number or call the phone number on the form. Only one receipt for the total amount is necessary and you only need to write the receipt details on one order form.

Thank you for your support.

*Mandy Goodman & Stephanie Wise*
*Book Club Co-ordinators*
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 27 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**

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

*Leanne Best*
*Canteen Supervisor*

This Week’s Roster

**Tuesday - 26 August**

CANTEEN CLOSED

**Wednesday - 27 August**

K Kingston, S Mason

**Thursday - 28 August**

T Cassidy, T Robertson, N Leishman

**Friday - 29 August**

A Astbury, L Gattone, T Farquhar, C Vitelli, J White, R Hutchison

**Monday - 1 September**

N Hardy, A Jones

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When kids ask “the” questions...

Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Date: Wednesday, 15 October 2014

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night. Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
Community News

Junior Summer Soccer in Helensburgh

Expressions of interest for a new Junior Summer 7s Soccer comp in Helensburgh.

Planned start in October, on Mondays at 5pm
(just before the adult competition) for the following age groups:
U5/6, U7/8, U9/10, U10/11, U11/12, U13/14, U15/16

Open for teams from the Northern Illawarra up to Engadine.
Let's see if there is enough interest to get this idea off the ground!

Please let us know if you have interested players/teams emailing to: burghjunior7s@gmail.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Helensburgh-Summer-7s-Junior-Football/1492557777653904?ref=hl
Ability Links NSW aims to assist people with disability to be valued and equal members of their communities and to help build a society where people with disability enjoy inclusive lives in all spheres: community, public, private and social. Ability Links NSW is for:

- People with disability (9-64 years and who are generally not accessing specialist disability services).
- Carers and families of people with disability.
- The community.

Ability Links NSW is an initiative of the NSW State Government’s Department of Family and Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

For more information about Ability Links NSW email abilitylinksnsw@facs.nsw.gov.au or visit www.adhc.nsw.gov.au

Contact Ability Linker - Sutherland Shire: Damian Royce P: 8622 0427 or M: 0428 933 761 Damian.Royce@vinnies.org.au

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**Seagulls**

**Why not come and join us this summer for Nippers at Stanwell Park Beach**

*We are welcoming any child between the age of 5 and 13 (nippers cannot start until they are 5)*

The 2014/2015 Season will commence **Sunday 12 October 2014**

Registration can also be completed via

The Club webpage [www.stanwellparksurfclub.com](http://www.stanwellparksurfclub.com)

or

**Registration Days**

**Saturday 6 September 2014** – 9am - 12 noon

Outside Pizzarama, Walker Street, Helensburgh

or

**Saturday 13 September 2014** – 10am - 1pm

Helensburgh/Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club

Beach Road, Stanwell Park

**NOTE:** For ALL new memberships you must provide a copy of your child’s birth certificate/passport to registration

Early Bird Membership are required by 30/9/14 after this date normal fees will apply

Please feel free to contact the Juniors if you have any questions at

seagulls@stanwellparksurfclub.com or visit our club webpage [www.stanwellparksurfclub.com](http://www.stanwellparksurfclub.com)