Dear Parents

Good luck to all our Year 6 students who today left for a three day excursion to Canberra as part of their studies of ‘Government’. The trip is a very educational and enjoyable one and I’m sure our students will be great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the staff (Mr Hogan, Mrs Gilmore, Mr Lambert, Mrs Highett and Mrs Hatzitanos) who have accompanied the students. I look forward to hearing some great reports about the excursion.

Big Band Blow-In

Last Thursday Engadine West Public School hosted the ‘Big Band Blow-In’. Students from other schools came together to share their musical skills and talents. The 336 students performed very impressively for the many proud parents in attendance on Thursday afternoon. A special thank you to Ross Edwards who co-ordinated the event and Mr Drayton and Mrs Holloway for conducting on the day. This was a culmination of many hours of hard work by the children and the many band teachers. This is just another example of the strength of our Community of Schools. A special thank you to Engadine Music and Engadine West Quality Meats for supporting the initiative.

Father’s Day Stall

This Thursday 4 September our school will be holding the annual Father’s Day stall. Thank you to all the families who have kindly donated gifts for the dads. Special mention to Mrs Vitelli and Mrs Isemonger and their hard working team who will be wrapping and selling the gifts to the students. Hopefully all students will purchase a great gift for their Dad and at the same time raise money for the school. I hope all the dads have a great day on Sunday!

Create South

Over 500 students auditioned this year for the Create South performance which is designed for students who are highly talented in the creative arts. Congratulations to Caitlin S, Kayci W, Emma Mc, Ella H and Angus V for being selected in this year’s talented cast. Their performance entitled ‘Link’ will commence at 7.00pm on Thursday 9 September. Well done to all the students involved.

Kurranulla Dance Festival

Next week our talented Junior Dance Group will be performing as part of the Kurranulla Dance Festival. This dance group was outstanding at the recent Sutherland Shire Music Festival and I am sure they will be very impressive this week. Good luck girls.
Wakakirri
Our talented Stage 3 students participated recently in the Wakakirri story/dance competition. The children performed outstandingly on the night. The school recently received an award from Wakakirri stating that the school was highly commended for:
★ A Show Stopping Group Dance
★ Drama Production
★ Cast/Ensemble
★ Well Rehearsed Performance
★ Set Design

The judges also awarded Engadine West a Best Public Speaking Award. This week we await the judge’s decision as to whether our school progresses to the finals. Good luck everyone!

Premier’s Spelling Bee
Stage 2 and 3 students participated in the Premier’s Spelling Bee this term. Congratulations to Scarlett H, Jay S, Liam F and Ryley D who are our finalists. These students will go to Bangor Public School in Week 10 of this term to represent Engadine West in the Regional Final. Good luck!

Sporting Success
Congratulations to all our athletes who will be competing at the Sydney East Athletics Carnival at Homebush this Wednesday 3 September. Good luck to all our competitors! Apologies to Noah S whose name was accidentally omitted from last week’s newsletter.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

School Planning Survey - Parents Please Have Your Say - Only 2 Minutes Of Your Time
We have had very few responses so the survey will remain open for another week. Please contribute to our school planning by completing the parent survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7XBBPLG

Thank you for contributing to our school’s strategic direction.

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:

Parent only Orientation Morning 10.00am  Tuesday 21 October
Student Transition Days 10.00am–11.00am  Tuesday 28 October
10.00am–11.00am  Thursday 30 October
2.15pm–3.15pm  Monday 3 November
2.15pm–3.15pm  Wednesday 5 November

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.

Professional Learning
Teachers will be participating in professional learning meeting after school on Monday regarding implementing the new Science Syllabus.

Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal
### 3E fox diary entries

Dear Diary, in the Australian bush I found a magpie with a burnt wing and I took her to my cave. I persuaded her to go to the lake. By Harry

Dear Diary, I was having a wonderful time in the afternoon enjoying the company of my friend, until I saw a rich red coat flying past. Dog was being nice to him but I wasn’t so sure about him. He smelt of jealousy, mean and evil. By Alekia

Dear Diary, one day I was enjoying the late afternoon sun when I smelt the air. It smelt like burnt chicken, it smelt disgraceful and it was cold. By Hayden

Dear Diary, today I am in magpie’s cave and I left him in the desert. Now I can smell him coming, he is coming with a jiggity-hop. By Ebbony

### 3S used descriptive language to describe their fruit

**Strawberries**
Sitting on the desk in front of me is a crystal, red ruby. It has so many seeds that when I pick it up all I feel are these little bumps on my object. It is shaped like a pyramid and it smells like freshly grown, baby flowers. By Kayla B

**Apple**
Sitting on the desk in front of me is a mouth-watering tennis ball, the colour of a flamingo. It tastes as sweet as honey, with seeds like raindrops. Moving my hand around its sphere body, I feel bites from a bug. By Jemima A

**Green Apple**
A round object alerts me from outer space. Its colour is like a green alien. It feels like a space rock and tastes like a Sour Patch. By William L

**Jazz Apple**
Sitting on the desk there is a bomb like object, with little dots that look like little sparks. It is like dark blood and smells like the salty sea. It feels like a rough alligator’s back. It tastes like a Street Jelly Bean. Can you guess what it is? By Oliver P

### Year 4 students in 3/4D described inanimate objects around the room

**The Sombrero**
It is the colour of a rusty old coin. It feels like corn that has been drying out for a week. The shape is a rounded pyramid with one thousand miles of sand around it. If it made a sound it would be “rrrrw rrrrw” and it would be making a big racket. By Vivien V (Year 4)

**The Heater**
It’s colour is a pale cloud from up above. Its edges are as straight as a knife. It makes a windy sound as if it were a perfect autumn day. It makes me feel comfy like I’m in a warm sleeping bag. By Kadyn J (Year 4)

**Angel wrote an introduction to the book ‘Fox’**
One burning hot day there was a little ball of scorching hot fire running around - a fox. An extremely hungry fox. A fox that was desperately chasing a little black bird, an innocent creature that did nothing wrong. The fox feasted on the little black bird in the dead, black forest. By Angel D (Year 4)

**Description of an Octopus**
My octopus is the colour of the deep blue sea. It is surrounded by shimmering, shiny seaweed. The bubbles that it blows are chequered with the reflected light from the burning sun. It moves like the opening and closing of a soft white door. By Charlotte H (Year 3)

My cartoon octopus is a sapphire in the light and dark sea. It has sparkling turquoise eyes. It has a ruby red tongue. It’s tentacles are a door opening and closing over and over again. By Sienna R (Year 3)
### For Your Diary

#### Week 8

| Monday 1 September | Year 6 Canberra Excursion 6.10am for 6.15am Departure  
|                   | Year 2 Swimming Program Continues |
| Tuesday 2 September | Canteen Closed  
|                   | Student Banking  
|                   | Year 6 Canberra Excursion  
|                   | Year 2 Swimming Program |
| Wednesday 3 September | Regional Athletics Carnival  
|                       | Year 5 Port Kembla Excursion 8.30am for 8.45am Departure  
|                       | Year 2 Swimming Program  
|                       | Stage 2 Dance Group Kurranulla Dance Festival 7.00-9.00pm  
|                       | Year 6 Canberra Excursion Return approx. 8.00pm |
| Thursday 4 September | Year 2 Swimming Program  
|                       | Father’s Day Stall  
|                       | Southern Zone Public Speaking Final |
| Friday 5 September | Last Day Year 2 Swimming Program  
|                       | K-2 Assembly 12.00pm  
|                       | 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm |

#### Week 9

| Monday 8 September | Rathane Band Camp - 8.30am for 9.00am Departure |
| Tuesday 9 September | Rathane Band Camp  
|                       | K-2 Athletics Carnival 11.00am  
|                       | Linkages Dance Workshop Engadine High School  
|                       | Canteen Open for K-2 Athletics Carnival only (NO LUNCH ORDERS)  
|                       | Student Banking  
|                       | Create South Performance |
| Wednesday 10 September | Rathane Band Camp  
|                       | Students Return by 3.30pm  
|                       | Uniform Shop Open |
| Thursday 11 September | Mufti Day (Family Fun Day)  
|                       | Donations or Gold Coin |
| Friday 12 September | - |

### Excursions and Payments

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### PSSA News

Go to engadine.sessazones.com/ to view draws  
Cost: $6.00 per week
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Mufti Day - Thursday 11 September

We are holding a Mufti Day next Thursday 11 September. Please see below for donation suggestions:

**Years K-2**  Donations for the Chocolate Wheel e.g. small gifts/vouchers etc. for chocolate wheel prize baskets
**Years 3-6**  Donations of a bag of lollies and/or an empty basket

Year Co-ordinators

The Year Co-ordinators for the Family Fun Day have been appointed. Please see the list below:

- **Kindergarten**  Kirsty Dickenson
- **Year 1**  Maria Robertson
- **Year 2**  Anthea Bolton and Margaret Tilbrook
- **Year 3**  Nadine Grove and Debra Duffy
- **Year 4**  Violet Van Luyt
- **Year 5**  Narelle Rylands
- **Year 6**  Sharon McFarlane and Nicole Stephen

Stay tuned for more information about contacting your Year Co-ordinators and how you can help to make this Family Fun Day a great success!

Family Fun Day Raffle

Raffle ticket booklets were sent home last week. All monies raised will assist in supporting our Family Fun Day and we thank you again for your generous support. Tickets are $2 each with the major prize being five nights at the world famous Sea World Resort and Water Park on the Gold Coast!

We ask that all monies and tickets *(including unsold tickets)* are to be returned to the classroom teacher by Monday 15 September 2014.

*Thank you for supporting the Family Fun Day!*

Father’s Day Stall

The Father’s Day Stall will be held this Thursday 4 September with gifts priced from $1 to $6. Please remember to send a plastic bag with your child on the day so they can easily transport their gift home.

If you are available to lend a hand, please come to the Basement at 9.30am.

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*
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.

K-2 Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 9 September

The canteen will be open during the K-2 Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 9 September for K-2 students only (no lunch orders please). Cakes, ice blocks, lollies etc. will be on sale and tea/coffee for parents and visitors.

Lunch Orders Specials

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

Potato, leek and bacon soup (with garlic toast) $3.00

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor
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

SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL VACATION CARE

Enrolments are now open for Council’s September school holiday Vacation Care program.

There’s plenty of fun at Council’s centres at Miranda, Jannali and Lucas Heights.

The program features many exciting excursions and activities – from making teddy bears and 10 pin bowling to visits to the Tramway Museum and Botanic Gardens’ Jurassic Jungle.

Miranda caters for children age 5-12 and Jannali and Lucas Heighis age 5-14.

For program details and enrolment ph: 9710 0466 or visit www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au
Community News

Supporting Children Experiencing Anxiety
FREE workshop for parents, grandparents & teachers

This FREE workshop is for anyone who is supporting children aged 4 - 8 years old, who are experiencing anxiety.

Through presentations, case studies and panel interviews, the workshop will give participants the opportunity to ask questions, receive relevant information and learn practical strategies on how to best support children experiencing anxiety.

Date: Monday 15th September 2014
Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: School Hall
Sutherland Primary School
Eton Street, Sutherland

Registration is essential: To register, please contact Rosanna, Community Development Manager, Gymea Community Aid on 9524 9559 or censervice@gcais.ngo.org.au by Wednesday 3rd September.

Thank you to Sutherland Primary School for donating their time venue.