Dear Parents

Last Friday the students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results. Parents need to realise that the performance of their child in this test is a measure of the child’s ability in Literacy and Numeracy at one moment in time throughout the year. Students and staff should be commended on their efforts and application throughout 2014. The school will closely examine the results to help us prepare for the next three year school plan.

I hope that all the dads enjoyed their Father’s Day yesterday. A special thank you to Mrs Isemonger, Mrs Vitelli and all the parents who supported our Father’s Day stall. Not only did the dads receive some great presents but the school raised $1,400.

Wakakirri

Congratulations to our Stage 3 Wakakirri group who were told last week that they have reached the grand final of the competition. This evening of great entertainment will be at Homebush on Thursday 18 September. Thanks to the talents and hard work of students, staff and parents, Engadine West Public School has once again achieved a fantastic result.

Kurranulla

The Stage 2 Dance Ensemble has worked incredibly hard this year and has performed all of their shows to a high standard. Last Wednesday night, the ensemble performed in the Kurranulla Dance Festival in the senior division and won Silver. The dancers are to be commended for their exceptional behaviour and attitude throughout the season and have presented Engadine West to the highest standard. Thank you to Miss Emmett for her co-ordination of these talented students.

Canberra Civics and Citizenship Excursion

Last week Year 6 visited our nation’s capital. Students participated in a range of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards these costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

The teachers were particularly pleased with the depth and breadth of knowledge that the students demonstrated at this excursion. We feel proud that the work our school has done in educating students in this area was obvious to all who worked with them in Canberra.
We would like to offer many thanks to the teachers who gave up their time to take the students on this trip. Thank you also to Mr Beasley who was extremely helpful and a great asset on our trip. Once again our students were great representatives of Engadine West Public School. We hope you all slept well over the weekend!

K-2 Athletics Carnival
The K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held this Tuesday 9 September on the back grass commencing at 11.00am. Parents are cordially invited to attend and support our K-2 athletes in their running races and novelty events. Parents are asked to bring their own chair or blanket to sit on. Let’s hope the weather will be kind to us.

Regional Athletics
Congratulations to our talented athletes who competed last week at the Regional Carnival. All our students performed well and we are very proud of them. Special mention to Noah M, Michael B, Blake H and Jessica W who were successful in being selected to compete at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush in the coming weeks. Well done!

Band Camp
Both the members of our Senior and Junior Bands will be accompanied by our band teachers to Rathane this week (Monday to Wednesday) for three musical days. This is a great time which allows students to focus on their music in a fantastic and relaxed environment. Thank you to all involved and especially the parents who help with the transportation of the instruments.

Year 2 Swimming
Congratulations to all our Year 2 students who have spent the last two weeks participating in the annual Swimming Program. Both the students and staff braved the cold conditions to help ensure that the boys and girls develop their swimming skills. Thank you and well done to all involved.

P & C Meeting
The next Engadine West P & C Meeting will be held tonight, Monday 8 September, in the staffroom commencing from 7.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Lend Lease
Once again this year the Lend Lease company is supporting our school by volunteering to come on Thursday 18 September and paint some of our senior classrooms. The support of Lend Lease, Mr Stephen Robertson and the many helpers is very much appreciated.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

5 weeks to go!
2233 Realty Family Fun Day
Sunday 12 October 2014
**Year 6 Camp**

Congratulations to our Year 6 students for their outstanding behaviour and teamwork on the Year 6 Camp to Canberra last week. I was fortunate enough to experience the camp first hand this year and was proud of each and every student and the way they represented EWPS. Well done to Mr. Hogan, Mrs Higheett, Mr Lambert, Mrs Hatzitanos and Mr Beazley for the fantastic organisation, supervision and effort that they put into making sure the students had a fabulous experience.

**Band Camp**

Good luck to the 91 students attending Band Camp this week at Rathane in the National Park. Thank you to Mr Edwards, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Winton and Miss Connor for organising the event and giving up their time to provide such a valuable experience for our budding musicians.

**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](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:

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<td>Student Transition Days</td>
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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.

**Professional Learning**

Teachers will be participating in a professional learning meeting after school on Monday regarding staff welfare. 17 teachers from EWPS will complete the final session of Professional Learning in Mathematics this Tuesday evening. Thank you to those teachers for their dedication and time in completing this course.

**Scribblo Drawing and Cartooning Club**

Congratulations to Riley D who has developed a drawing and cartooning club this term for interested students at lunchtime. He is to be commended on such an innovative idea that has created interest across various grades in the school. Well done to Riley and all the students who have participated so far.

**Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore**

**Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal**

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**2014 Book Fair**

**Week 2 Term 4**

(14-16 October)

Once again we will be hosting a fabulous Scholastic Book Fair in the library. The book fair is a very popular and well supported event which raises money for the purchase of reading materials for the library. The fair will be previewed by the children in the library during Week 2 of Term 4. Parents and visitors are welcome to come along and purchase books at the times listed below:

- **Tuesday 14 October** 8.30-9.25am
- **Wednesday 15 October** 8.30-9.25am
- **Thursday 16 October** 8.30-9.25am

**Thursday 16 October**  Book Character Dress Up Day

We hope to see you at our fair!
Year 2 Swimming Program

The students of Year 2 have had a very successful swimming program over the last two weeks. The weather was not so kind to us, however, we did manage to make eight out of the 10 days to the pool. All the children participated well throughout the program and have learnt very important swimming and survival skills in and around water. The children's behaviour was excellent throughout the program.

There are a few items of lost clothing and articles that have no identification on them. These include two towels, two pairs of goggles, one boy's swimming costume, one singlet and five pairs of underclothes. If you think any of these items belong to your child, please go to Mr Murphy's room to claim them. All of the lost items have been shown to all Year 2 children. Thank you to the parents who labelled their children’s clothes. Unclaimed clothing and articles will be taken to a charity bin at the end of the week.

Student's certificates are in the final stages of being completed and will be distributed before the end of this term.

Vince Murphy  
Assistant Principal

Public Speaking

On Thursday our school had several students who represented us at the Southern Zone Public Speaking finals held at Sutherland Public School. In Stage 1, Sophie W (2M) achieved a Participation Certificate; in Stage 2, Tiane C (4G) achieved a Participation Certificate; and in Stage 3, Ethan P (6H) achieved a Highly Commended award. Congratulations to all three students on your excellent achievement.

Vince Murphy  
Assistant Principal
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The annual K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 on the school back grass, starting at 11.00am until approximately 1pm.

All children K-2 need to wear their sports uniform, hat and sunscreen. They must bring a picnic lunch with plenty of water. There will be no BBQ this year. Lunch will be held at the conclusion of the carnival. Parents and visitors are most welcome to stay for the picnic lunch. Parents and visitors: please bring your own chair to sit on as no chairs will be provided.

The children will compete in running races and novelty events with other children from their grade. This year we are running novelty events simultaneously with running events to minimize the period of inactivity for all children. Therefore the following rotations will occur on the back grass during the carnival:

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We need a few parents from each grade to assist the teachers with the novelty events. You would only be needed for one 15 minute rotation. Please return the slip below to your child’s class teacher by Monday 8th September if you are able to help.

Kind regards,
K-2 Teachers

Mr. Garry Royston
Principal

Return to your child’s class teacher by Monday 8th September 2014

K-2 Athletics Carnival

I ___________________________ am able to assist Year ___________ with the Novelty Events at

Name ________________________  Child’s Grade ________________________

the K-2 Athletics carnival on Tuesday 9th September 2014, at 11.00am on the school back grass.

Signature ________________________ Date ________________________
## For Your Diary

### Week 9

| Monday 8 September | • Rathane Band Camp - 8.30am for 9.00am Departure  
|                  | • P & C Meeting at 7.30pm in the Staffroom |
| Tuesday 9 September | • Rathane Band Camp  
|                   | • K-2 Athletics Carnival 11.00am on Back Grass  
|                   | • 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 | • |

### Week 10

| Monday 15 September | • Return Family Fun Day Raffle Tickets and Money |
| Tuesday 16 September | • Canteen Closed  
|                   | • Student Banking |
| Wednesday 17 September | •  
| Thursday 18 September | • Wakakirri Final Sydney Olympic Park at 7.00pm |
| Friday 19 September | • Westgate ANSTO Excursion  
|                       | • PSSA Commences  
|                       | • K-2 Assembly 12.00pm  
|                       | • 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm  
|                       | • Last Day of Term 3 |

## Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 7 October** • First Day of Term 4
- **Sunday 12 October** • Family Fun Day
- **14-16 October** • Book Fair in Library
- **Wednesday 15 October** • Interrelate
- **Thursday 16 October** • Book Character Dress Up Day

## Excursions and Payments

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| Band Members          | Term 3 Band Fees                           |                        | $105.00 per term  
|                       |                                            |                        | $420.00 per year |

## PSSA News

Summer PSSA Commences Week 10, Friday 19 September

Go to [engadine.sessazones.com](http://engadine.sessazones.com/) to view draws  
Cost: $6.00 per week
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

**White Elephant Store Donations**

The Before & After School Care Centre is ready to accept donations from 7.00-9.00am and 3.30-6.30pm from today until Wednesday 8 October.

**What can be donated:**

- **Good Junk** Clean, intact, working, complete sets, etc. Please donate DVD's, kitchen wear, jewellery, hand bags, bric-a-brac, toys and games, small appliances, good quality pre-loved children's clothing, candles, new stationery, collectibles. Clean, intact reusable fabric/canvas shopping bags (from Aldi, Woollies, etc.)

Please **DO NOT** donate dirty or broken items as this will cost money to dispose of.
Please **DO NOT** donate VHS/video tapes, old televisions or adult clothing.

**Pool Noodle Donations**

Do you have any old foam pool noodles lying around that you no longer use or maybe you're willing to donate a new one? We are in need of these for one of our stalls, If you would like to donate, please take to either the Care Centre, at the above donation times or to Mr Field's (5F) classroom.

**Year Co-ordinators**

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

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<td>K</td>
<td>Kirsty Dickensen</td>
<td>Maria Robertson</td>
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<td>0416 634 152</td>
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<td>Debra Duffy</td>
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<td>0424 677 670</td>
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<td>Narelle Rylands</td>
<td>0419 247 406</td>
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<td>Year 6</td>
<td>Sharon McFarlane</td>
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Contact your Year Co-ordinator to advise them of your availability leading up to and on the day, many hands make light work!

*Thank you for supporting the Family Fun Day!*
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

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<td>Tuna and corn</td>
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<td>Chicken &amp; sweet corn soup (with garlic toast)</td>
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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

Robo Camp

BUILD SOME NEW FRIENDS!
Students (aged 7+) learn to design, build, and program LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robots – and have a lot of fun in the process!
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Bookings Essential: Email coach@projectb.net.au

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Email - tigers3293@hotmail.com

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Play Aussie Tball on a Friday arvo

• Keep weekends free – play 1hr on Friday arvo
• Both boys & girls from U4 to U8 welcome
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• Excellent for hand to eye co-ordination
• Starts 5:30pm 10th Oct 2014 – invite your friends
• Program costs $65 for 10 week program
• All players receive participation pack (Value $150):

• Fill out registration form on web site.

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