Dear Parents

This is the final week of Term 3. The last day of the term is Friday 19 September. Both students and staff return to school to commence Term 4 on Tuesday 7 October. Please note that there is no School Development Day at the start of next term. I’d like to thank the students and staff for their hard work and efforts so far this year. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Band Camp

Last week our Junior and Senior Bands attended a three day camp at Rathane in the Royal National Park. From all reports the camp was an outstanding success. Well done to our talented and well behaved students. Thank you also to the band staff (Mrs Winton, Mrs Ryan, Mr Edwards, Miss Connor and Mrs Holloway) who accompanied the children on the camp. Special mention to all the supportive parents who transported the musical equipment.

Wakakirri

Good luck to our Wakakirri group who will be competing in the Grand Final at Homebush on Thursday 18 September. Many hours of preparation and rehearsing has ensured that Engadine West Public School has an outstanding performance. Special mention to the staff (Miss Davis, Mrs Highett, Miss Barrow and Amy from Groove Nation) and the parents who have worked so hard in preparation of our performance. If you would like to view our wonderful performance, go to http://www.wakakirri.com/

Sporting Achievement

Apologies to Ryan A whose name was accidentally omitted from last week’s newsletter. Ryan and four other students performed well at the Regional Athletics Carnival and will now compete at the State Carnival at Homebush later in the year. Well done to our talented athletes.

Lend Lease

This Thursday, thanks to the Lend Lease Company, up to 30 volunteers will be in the school and will paint four of the Stage 3 classrooms. I would like to thank Lend Lease and Dulux who are donating their time and paint for the support of our school.

I hope everyone has a well earned rest during the holidays and we will see you back at school for Term 4.

Garry Royston
Principal
Wonderful Work
Larissa, Emma and Tia of 3/4D visited Mrs Gilmore to show her their wonderful CD and interview of Banjo Patterson. Well done on your very creative project girls!

Kindergarten 2015 Orientation and Transition Dates
We are currently finalising enrolments for 2015 Kindergarten students. Please visit the school office as soon as possible for an enrolment form if you have a child starting school next year. Below are some important dates for prospective Kindergarten students and parents:

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Acceptance letters and information for 2015 Kindergarten students will be mailed to families this week.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Mobile Maths Games
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You'll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

Selective Schools
Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You'll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: http://bit.ly/selectiveHS

Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal
The Paper Bag Princess
I think Princess Elizabeth is brave, kind and helpful because she was not mean and she rescued Prince Ronald. I think Prince Ronald is bossy, mean and gets what he wants when he wants because he gets his guards to do everything for him. I think the dragon is fierce, tall and scary because he has fire coming out of his mouth.
By Alyssa 2J

A New Adventure of Tashi
One day Tashi was watching his favourite TV show called “Monster Trucks”. He was eating chips so much because his favourite monster truck named the ‘Crush Beast’ was just about to crash into someone!! But Tashi got sucked into the amazing TV and he tried to smash the diamond glass but he couldn’t get out. Suddenly a great big blur monster came his way. Tashi had an idea. The teleport took Tashi into the amazing TV with his chips and he still had some in the bowl. So Tashi carefully placed the chips down and the great big blur monster ate the chips. The blur monster had an axe in his pocket. Tashi crept up to the blur monster’s pocket and got the axe. He smashed through the diamond glass and broke out.

Tashi rushed to his Mum and told her the story, “M….Mummy a great big monster just chased me……”
By Brad 2M

The Bunyip has sloppy and slimy fur and eyes that are like pools of fire. He has nice, multi-coloured feathers. The Bunyip has a small tail and big, big ears! His ears are pointy. The bunyip has huge, sticky webbed feet. He lives near the billabong. He owns a cup, billy, comb and mirror. He is a friendly, lonely bunyip.
By Jessica 2D

One school day, I was sitting at my desk when I saw the softest, cutest animal ever. Our class had a new pet. It was Fluffy the meerkat!!! The next day I came to school early. I looked through our classroom window and I saw Fluffy, our class pet, pouring out all of the toys onto the floor and making a big mess. When I looked for help I was the only one in my class there. But when the teacher came into the classroom she got mad. She was so mad her head nearly fell off. As for Fluffy, he had to clean up all of the mess, poor Fluffy!
By Tahlia 2T

2B’s Dinosaur Disaster
Once there was a class called 2B. In 2B the teachers were Mrs Brownjohn and Mrs Duncum.

2B decided to get a wonderful pet. They decided on a dinosaur! Mrs Brownjohn went out to the shop, she got a green, hungry, scaly, blue dotted dinosaur. But one day when 2B was out at recess, the dinosaur ate the big classroom. The dinosaur said “I ate it because I was hungry. I am still hungry so I’m going to eat you!” When 2B was in the dinosaur’s belly a smart kid called Kohen said “Let’s tickle his tonsils”. The dinosaur spat the kids out. We got a new classroom, then we got rid of the dinosaur. After that we got a guinea pig.
By Logan 2B

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!
Thank you to everyone who attended our K-2 Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 9 September. We were lucky to have such lovely weather and I’m sure you would agree that the children had fun competing in both the races and novelty events. I would like to thank Mr Mills and Mrs Best and her helpers for their continued support in helping to make the event a success.

**Kindergarten Champions**
Halle E and Jacob W

**Year 1 Champions**
Emilia D and Toby M

**Year 2 Champions**
Makai F and Ryan D

The final results are as follows:

**Kindergarten**

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Jo Smith
Carnival Organiser

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**Live Life Well**

It can be pretty easy these days to kick back and relax. Our everyday lives are full of labour-saving devices, new gadgets and electronic entertainment.

Of course, a lot of sedentary or ‘still’ activities have benefits and should be encouraged, like talking with friends and family, reading, hobbies and getting your homework done!

The real issue is to find the right balance between sedentary and physical activities. Too much sedentary time can be a factor in kids and teens being overweight and obese.

Every week in NSW, students in Year 6 spend about 34 hours of their free time engaged in sedentary activities. For students in Year 8, this figure increases to 41 hours and rises again for Year 10 students (45 hours).

Of all the sedentary pastimes, small screen recreation watching television or DVDs and playing computer games is the most popular activity. In NSW, about half of students’ sedentary behaviour involves small screen recreation.

In recent years there has been a big rise in the proportion of homes with TVs in kids’ bedrooms. These changes mean there are more opportunities to watch television. It also leads to more kids and teens being heavy TV viewers.

National guidelines recommend that young people spend no more than two hours each day using electronic media for recreation. In NSW, more than 72% of high school students (77% of boys and 67% of girls) spend more than two hours every day in small screen recreation.

While there is good evidence to say that small screen recreation doesn’t replace physical activity among young people, there are still sound reasons to put some brakes on it, especially watching TV.

- Time spent watching TV, particularly during daylight hours, could be spent playing outside or in other physical activity,
- When you watch TV you’re more likely to overeat with fatty, high-sugar, ‘junk’ foods.
- TV viewing habits set in early childhood can follow you into adulthood – and this can have an impact on your body mass index (BMI).

Why not make a deal to keep your body fit and healthy? Even exchanging 30 minutes of TV viewing for some physical activity will deliver real health benefits.
What’s Happening at EWPS?

Week 10 Term 3

Monday 15 September
- Return Family Fun Day Raffle Tickets and Money

Tuesday 16 September
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking

Wednesday 17 September
- Family Fun Day Mufti Day
- Lucky Dip Prize Donation or Gold Coin

Thursday 18 September
- Wakakiri 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

Week 1 Term 4

Monday 6 October
- Public Holiday

Tuesday 7 October
- First Day of Term 4 for Students and Staff
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking

Wednesday 8 October
- Uniform Shop Open

Thursday 9 October

Friday 10 October
- PSSA

Don’t forget to check the school’s website calendar for upcoming events!

Term 4 2014

- Monday 6 October Public Holiday
- Tuesday 7 October First Day of Term 4 for Students and Staff
- Sunday 12 October Family Fun Day
- 14-16 October Book Fair in Library 8.30-9.25am
- Wednesday 15 October Interrelate 6.00pm and 7.15pm
- Thursday 16 October Play Day Performances in the Hall - 11.45am and 2.15pm
- Monday 20 October Play Day Performance Day at Hurstville Entertainment Centre (3E, 3S and 4WP)
- Tuesday 21 October Play Day Performance Day at Hurstville Entertainment Centre (3/4D, 4C and 4G)
- Parent only Orientation Morning (Kindergarten 2015) 10.00am in the Hall
- Friday 24 October 3-6 Crash Night in the Hall
- Tuesday 28 October Student Transition Day (Kindergarten 2015) 10.00-11.00am Meet in the Hall
- Thursday 30 October Student Transition Day (Kindergarten 2015) 10.00-11.00am Meet in the Hall
- Monday 3 November Student Transition Day (Kindergarten 2015) 2.15-3.15pm Meet in the Hall
- Wednesday 5 November Student Transition Day (Kindergarten 2015) 2.15-3.15pm Meet in the Hall
- Monday 1 December P & C Meeting 7.30pm in the Staffroom
- 2 and 4 December K-2 Christmas Concert in the Hall (same concert - times TBA)
- Monday 8 December Kindergarten Presentation Assembly (time TBA)
- Tuesday 9 December Year 1 Presentation Assembly (time TBA)
- Wednesday 10 December Year 3 Presentation Assembly (time TBA)
- Year 6 Farewell at the St Moritz Room, Engadine Hotel
- Thursday 11 December Year 4 Presentation Assembly (time TBA)
- Friday 12 December Year 2 Presentation Assembly (time TBA)
- Monday 15 December Year 5 Presentation Assembly (time TBA)
- Tuesday 16 December Year 6 Presentation Assembly (time TBA)
- Wednesday 17 December Last Day of Term 4 for Students
- Thursday 18 December School Development Day (no students)
- Friday 19 December School Development Day (no students)

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Term 1 2015

- Tuesday 27 January School Development Day (no students)
- Wednesday 28 January First Day of School for Students Years 1-6
- Monday 2 February First Day of School for Kindergarten Students
Summer PSSA Commences this Friday 19 September

Go to engadine.sessazones.com/ to view draws
Cost: $6.00 per week

SRC Crash Night Fundraiser

It's on again this year! The SRC sleepover in the school hall!

When: Friday 24 October (end of Week 3 Term 4)
Time: Friday 24 October 6.30pm to Saturday 25 October 8.00am
Cost: $30.00
Where: School Hall
Who: Children in Year 3-6 with a positive behaviour record
How: Print off the Expression of Interest note from the school website and return to Mrs Weppler
By when: This Friday 19 September.

Places are limited so please return the Expression of Interest note as soon as possible (payment is not required just yet!)

Karen Weppler
Organiser

Westgate Excursion to ANSTO

This Friday our Westgate students will be going on their first excursion as a group to visit ANSTO at Lucas Heights. The children need to wear their full school uniform with closed in shoes. They need to take in a small bag - hat, recess, lunch and drink bottle. No big backpacks will be allowed.

Students will leave school at 11.30am and return by 3.30pm.

Mrs Weppler and Mr Murphy will be attending the excursion, so classes 4WP and 2M will be split for the afternoon.

Thank you for your understanding.

Karen Weppler
Organiser

Why is Regular Attendance at School Important?

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child misses learning the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. The principal may seek support from a home school liaison officer or regional officers who support school attendance initiatives. These officers can work with you and the school to discuss the issues and provide support.
Fun Day - Sunday 12 October 2014

Please return raffle ticket books (sold/unsold) and money to school urgently. Thank you to our wonderful families who have already done so!

Mufti Day - This Wednesday 17 September

We are holding a mufti day this Wednesday 17 September and are asking for lucky dip prize donations or a gold coin for our Kindergarten Stall. Thank you for your continued support!

Plant Stall Donations - Year 5 Stall

During the school holidays get the kids outside into the garden to grow some seedlings for the stall. Try growing some herbs, veggies or pretty annuals. Any donations of plants would be greatly appreciated.

Year 2 Parent Volunteers Needed

Last week all year 2 students received a note about availability of parent volunteers for Fun Day. Please return these notes as soon as possible so a roster can be arranged. Thank you kindly.

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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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.

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**

**Tuesday - 16 September**  
CANTEEN CLOSED

**Wednesday - 17 September**  
J Toohey, D Duffy

**Thursday - 18 September**  
K Allbon, M Healey, D Herd

**Friday - 19 September**  
A Pillington, D Osmond, K Holmes, R Hutchison

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**P & C Meetings**

Don’t forget our P & C Meetings are held on Monday evenings (commencing 7.30pm) in the staffroom during Weeks 3 and 9 of each term. The meeting dates for **Term 4** are **Monday 20 October** and **Monday 1 December**.

We hope to see you there!
Interrelate is Coming to Engadine West

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

Help for Donna Wilkinson
Trivia Night

Sat 11th Oct 2014
7:30 pm

Our objective is to raise funds to send Donna to Germany to receive treatment for Lyme Disease which has had a debilitating effect on her health and a devastating effect on her family.

WHAT IS LYME DISEASE?
Lyme Disease is a disease that is spread by an infected tick carrying the bacteria Borrelia.

Some symptoms include extreme fatigue, heart palpitations, migraines and swollen joints.

Location—Mortdale RSL
Tickets Cost $50.00 Each, which includes a plate of hot finger food. Each table costs $10.

Can you help?
Join us; tickets are available by emailing helpfordonnaw@gmail.com
Or you can donate directly at www.gofundme.com/10h9mk

Also running on the night will be a Silent Auction & various raffles, check our Facebook page Help for Donna Wilkinson-Herbert for online bids.

You might know her better as Jed, Kai & Kaylei’s mum, but until recently Donna Wilkinson was also the owner and head coach of Elite Gymnastics at Peakhurst. She had to leave the business due to ill health, now diagnosed as Lyme disease. Treatment for Lyme is long, expensive and debilitating.

You can help Donna and her young family by:

* Coming to the trivia night on Sat 11 October at Mortdale RSL
* Donating prizes we can auction or raffle
* Donating directly to Donna

For more information go to our Facebook page on https://www.facebook.com/groups/helpfordonnawilkinsonherbert/?fref=nf or email helpfordonnaw@gmail.com
FAMILY FUN DAY

26TH SEPTEMBER 2014

COME ALONG FOR A LOOK AT AUSTRALIA’S FIRST AND OLDEST PARLIAMENT HOUSE

NO NEED TO BOOK
ALL WELCOME!
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MACQUARIE ST. SYDNEY
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
ENQUIRES: 02 9230 2047

FUN ACTIVITIES
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY INCLUDING:

- PHOTO AND DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES
- TOURS OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS
- MYSTERY OBJECT GUESSING COMPETITION
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE (MINIMUM CHARGE)
- ROVING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS
- ART AND OTHER DISPLAYS

FREE ENTRY

ENGADINE FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Test your game skills and get active with fun Leapfrog activities

WHEN: Monday 22 to Friday 26 September
TIME: 11am to 2pm
AGES: 5 to 12 years
WHERE: Engadine Town Square, 1040 Old Princes Hwy

No bookings are required
Find us on facebook
Engadine Village
HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMP

BOSCO ONE DAY HOLIDAY CAMP
FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2014

VENUE: BOYS TOWN GYM – ENGADINE
TIME: 9AM TO 3PM
COST: $25
CONTACT: boscobasketballclub@hotmail.com

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT
22 SEPTEMBER 2014
COME ALONG AND BOUNCE INTO HAVING FUN
IMPROVE SKILLS, LEARN NEW SKILLS
AND PLAY GAMES

REGISTRATION: Saturday 13 September
Stanwell Park 10am-12pm
During the Junior Soccer Presentation Day

Commencing Monday 13 October - February / March 2015

COST
Kids under 7 $55 per player
Kids 8+ $75 per player

INCLUDES
shirt (colour to be chosen per team, 1st in best dressed),
black shorts and black football socks included!

If you can’t attend on Saturday 13 September
Email: burghjunior7s@gmail.com to register
Registration closes Friday 19th September

Games will run on a Monday afternoon @ Rex Jackson Oval