Dear Parents

Welcome back to all the students and their families to the start of the 2015 school year. I’d like to particularly welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families to the school and we look forward to developing strong links with you over the coming years. I hope you all had a very enjoyable and safe holiday.

In 2015 we see some staff changes. Firstly I’d like to welcome our new second Deputy Principal, Mr Jason Wilkins, who comes to us with a wealth of experience and will be an excellent addition to our executive team. The merit selection process will take place in Week 4 of this term to replace Mr Lambert. Ms Sarah Matheson will be taking the class until the new teacher is appointed. Ms Allatt has recently broken her wrist and will not return until later in the term, therefore Mrs Cathy Palmer will be teaching her class. Mrs Brownjohn has taken leave for 2015 and Mrs Duncum will be replacing her on a full-time basis. Mrs Sprod also returns to the teaching team after being on maternity leave.

As happens each year, the classes will be formed for 2015 as soon as student numbers have been finalised and the number of classes to be formed can be confirmed. Our Kindergarten students will sit for their ‘Best Start’ assessments for the remainder of this week. All Kindergarten students will commence school next Monday.

Information for Parents

Over the coming weeks there will be notes being sent home to parents regarding payment for Essential Learning Materials, textbooks, voluntary School Contributions and general information about upcoming events. General information will also be available on the school website and official school Facebook page, so please keep checking these lines of communication.

Classes for 2015

Staff and myself have spent a great deal of time discussing class formation. Please note this has been a complex process and parents need to trust the professional judgement of the staff. When classes are announced, changes of students will not be made unless there are extenuating circumstances. Your understanding of this situation is much appreciated.

Important Dates to Remember

★ Kindergarten commence school on Monday 2 February.
★ Essential Learning Materials and voluntary School Contribution notes to be sent home shortly and payment required as soon as possible.
★ Year 3-6 school Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 24 February.
★ Year 5 Camp from Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 February.

Welcome back to 2015 which will see the school commence our new three year School Plan. We look forward to working with families and the Engadine local community to ensure a very successful school year.

Garry Royston
Principal
Our annual school Swimming Carnival will be held at Engadine Leisure Centre on **Tuesday 24 February 2015**. The carnival is compulsory for all students in Years 3-6.

Year 2 students who are turning eight in 2015 and are **COMPETITIVE** swimmers (who either attend club or squad) and **CAN** swim 50 metres are invited to attend. A note for Year 2 students will be sent home soon.

**Early Leavers**

Any child wishing to leave the carnival without a parent/caregiver in attendance **MUST** provide a written note outlining who the child is leaving with and their relationship to the child. This includes family members such as grandparents, uncles/aunts etc.

This note **MUST** be signed by a parent/caregiver and a contact number provided.

**Carnival Helpers**

If you are able to help out on the day of the carnival, please contact Mrs Leavai or Mrs Payne at school. All help is greatly appreciated.

**Lisa Leavai & Jeanine Payne**

**Carnival Organisers**

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**Student Bus Passes for 2015**

Transdev NSW runs a number of buses which bring students to and from school. For all children who are in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 bus travel is free. For primary students travel is free if they live beyond a 1.6 km radius from the school or 2.3 km walking distance from the school. Bus pass application forms are available from the Front Office.

**It is therefore necessary to re-apply for a bus pass if your child is going into Year 3.**

Students expected to carry their bus pass each day and show it to the driver. Lost bus passes can be replaced at a cost of $15.00. Students travelling on the buses are expected to sit down and behave in a safe and responsible manner. Any breach of the required code of conduct may result in the passes being removed from the students by the bus company.

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**School Newsletter**

Just a reminder that the school Newsletter will be posted each Monday afternoon on the school Website. This will give families an opportunity to check out our ever changing Website, have access to permission notes and see some of the great work the students are doing.

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**Daily School Routine**

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### Year 1 Classroom Requirements
- 3 glue sticks (good quality and not liquid glue)
- 5 HB lead pencils
- Eraser
- Scissors
- Pencil sharpeners (container type)
- Coloured pencils/wind up crayons (no Textas)
- 1 pencil case (small)
- Library bag
- Home Reading Pouch
- Roll of paper towel
- Box of tissues
- 2 packets of wet wipes or hand sanitiser
- Paint shirt
- Raincoat
- 2 highlighters
- Sunscreen (for personal use)

### Year 2 Classroom Requirements
- 3 glue sticks (replace when used)
- 2 highlighters (different colours)
- Library bag
- Home reading bag
- Paint shirt
- Scissors
- Small pencil case
- Eraser, sharpeners (container type)
- 2 HB pencils (replace when used)
- A4 128 page homework book (to paste A4 sheet into)
- Coloured pencils and/or wind up crayons for colouring work in books (textas are optional)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 packs of wet wipes or hand sanitiser
- Raincoat (remains in school bag)
- Sunscreen (for personal use)
- Sunscreen to remain in school bag (replace when used)

### Years 3 & 4 Classroom Requirements 2015
- 4 HB lead pencils - replace when used
- Red and blue pens
- Soft white pencil rubber
- Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) **not flexi type**, clear plastic if possible
- 2 glue sticks
- Scissors
- Paint shirt
- Dictionary - Macquarie Primary is recommended
- Pencil sharpeners
- Coloured pencils and textas
- Highlighters
- Raincoat
- Sunscreen (for personal use)
- 96 page A4 ruled exercise book (homework)
- A book each day for silent reading
- A3 scrapbook/artbook (can be re-used from Year 3 to Year 4)
- A4 display folder
- Thin black artline texta
- USB thumb drive - can be purchased for under $10
- Box of tissues
- Paper towels or wet ones
- Liquid soap

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child’s name and replace items when used

Thank You

### Years 5 & 6 Classroom Requirements 2015
- 6 HB lead pencils
- Red and blue pens
- Green pen
- Thin black artline texta
- Soft white pencil rubber
- Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) **not flexi type**, clear plastic if possible
- 2 Glue sticks
- Scissors
- A4 Display homework folder
- Paint shirt
- A3 size art portfolio or scrapbook
- Clear contact (to cover class exercise books)
- Dictionary (Macquarie Senior)
- Pencil sharpeners (container type)

- Coloured pencils and textas
- Highlighters
- Plastic A4 storage envelope
- Raincoat
- Novel for silent reading
- Calculator (optional)
- Protractor
- Headphones for laptops
- USB thumb drive - 2GB
- A box of tissues x 2
- Paper towels
- Sunscreen (for personal use)
- Correction fluid/tape **not permitted**
For Your Diary

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Anaphylaxis Information

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know – see Action steps for parents on the link below.


Year 3 Students - 2015

Year 2 students going into Year 3 next year will require a gold polo shirt to wear for Friday sport. These may be purchased from our Uniform Shop for $20.

Developing Your Child’s Independence

As students grow and are ready to come to school they need to develop independence and learn to be responsible for many aspects of school life. This will include putting in their lunch orders to the canteen, looking after their own property and bringing and taking notes to and from home. We encourage parents to drop children off at the gates and also to wait outside the gates to collect the children. This will help to develop independence and confidence in the children.

Emergency Contact Details

It is important the school has up-to-date contact information for each student in the case of an emergency. Should this information change, if you move to a new address or you acquire a new mobile telephone number, or custody arrangements change, please notify the Front Office as soon as possible.
Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be open:

**Wednesday 4 February 2015 from 9.15-10.15am**

We will then be opening on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The Uniform Shop are in need of volunteers. If there are any parents wishing to be placed on our roster for Wednesdays, please leave your details at the front office.

**REMINDER:** Year 2 students going into Year 3 this year require a gold polo shirt for Friday sport ($20).

*Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame*

*Uniform 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**

**2015 Roster - Your Canteen Needs You!**

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.

**New Price List**

Our new Price List will be available next week and 2014 prices are still valid for this week.

*Leanne Best*

*Canteen Supervisor*

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**This Week’s Roster**

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Finding it difficult to cope but don’t know where to turn?

Call the South Eastern and Northern Sydney Family Referral Service on 1800 066 757.

We can help you find useful services in your local area
You can speak to us by telephone, you can visit our offices, we can meet you in your home or somewhere convenient for you
We link young people, children and families to culturally sensitive services wherever possible
We provide free interpreters

For more information contact us on:
Phone: 1800 066 757
Email: sensfamilyreferral@barnardos.org.au

We can link you with services to help with:
Domestic violence
Migrant and Settlement
Financial assistance
Counselling and mediation
Child and Parenting programs
Youth support
Housing and accommodation
Mental health support and any other services you may need
Welcome back to a new school year! Sutherland Shire Council Parking Officers will be out at all schools again this year helping you to ensure that all children get to and from school safely.

**DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN**

Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars and pedestrians: your children. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable.

Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. Boys are twice as likely to be involved in pedestrian accidents as girls and children 10-14 years have the highest rate of child pedestrian casualties (RMS).

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult’s hand on the footpath, in the carpark or when crossing the road.
- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- Take the time to make sure your children are aware of, understand and follow traffic safety regulations when they are walking.

**HAVE A PLAN**

Plan with your son or daughter how you will collect them. When and where will you be after school? Where should they wait? Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if you are stopped; they should wait until you have parked at the side of the road.

Plan to arrive AFTER the school bell goes in the afternoon, so your children are ready and waiting for you and you are not blocking traffic.

**NO PARKING ZONES**

A No Parking zone is a pick up and drop off area: you can stop here for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers and must remain within three metres of the vehicle. When parents park in a No Parking zone for longer than two minutes they prevent other parents from stopping to drop off or pick up their children, creating frustration and dangerous situations. If you arrive before the school bell and block the pickup areas, you risk a fine.

Parking offences in school zones carry heavier fines and loss of demerit points. Sutherland Shire Council makes no apologies for fining drivers who break the law around schools and in school zones.

See the Roads and Maritime Authority website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au for more about Australian Road Rules and other road safety information.
Registrations at Helensburgh Junior Rugby League Football Club are open now for grades U6 to U17. Boys aged 5 to 17 and girls aged 5 to 12 are welcome to sign up. All re-registrations and new registrations must be done online. Please visit our website at helensburghjrl.leaguenet.com.au and follow the links. If you have someone who is joining for the first time they must attend one of the rego days on 27/1/15 or 31/1/15 from 11am till 1pm in Walker Street Helensburgh or 4/2/15 at the Tradies Club Helensburgh from 5pm with a birth certificate after registering online. If you are registering from another club this can be done on one of the registration days. Shorts and socks are included in your rego fee of $90 and you will have them before the first game of the season.

If you have any questions please email our registrar at registrarhjrfc@hotmail.com