Dear Parents

Last week the school held a very successful Book Fair. Thanks to the strong support of our parents the library sold nearly $15000 worth of books. Not only did the Book Fair promote the love of reading in the children but it also means the school will receive 35% of the money spent in new books for the library. The students also enjoyed the Dress Up day where they came as their favourite book character. Well done to both Margaret and Janet Evans, our Librarians, for organising the event.

P & C Meeting

At tonight’s meeting a representative from the company who may be implementing free eye testing next year at the school will be speaking to the P & C and myself. From the information presented the P & C and myself will decide whether this initiative will go ahead.

Earn & Learn

The Woolworths “Earn & Learn” promotion has finished. Thanks to the support of many of the Engadine West families our school earned 40,000 bonus points. This equated to $2000 worth of new equipment for the school. Thank you to all those in the community that supported EWPS! The staff are now placing orders for the new resources.

Excursion Behaviour

Congratulations to both Year 6 (Canberra) and Year 2 students (Minnamurra) who recently attended grade excursions. The feedback from the general public was outstanding. Year 6 were described as the best group at Parliament House in many years, while the school received certificates of congratulations for Year 2 from the staff at Minnamurra Falls. As Principal I am very proud to receive such positive feedback about our students. Well done students and staff. Parents should be very proud of their children!

Tree Audit

As a follow up to last year, the school recently had a tree audit by an arborist recommended by the Department. The school was judged to be very safe with the exception of one diseased tree that will be removed very soon. The safety of everyone at Engadine West is of the utmost importance.
Environmental Day

Last week the environmental group (Bright Green Sparks) held a day where last years plants were harvested and the gardens replanted. The gardens were re-mulched, given fertilizer and the worm farm was also given some attention. Thank you to Miss Allatt, Miss Connor as well as the parents (Mrs Herd, Mrs Carr and Mrs Hamilton) who gave up their valuable time to assist. Special mention to Mrs Herd for donating plants to the school.

Sporting Stars

Congratulations to Noah M, Hayley Mc and Jessica W who last week competed in a number of events at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush. All 3 students performed to the very best of their abilities but did not make it to the Nationals. The whole school is very proud of these 3 outstanding athletes and their achievements.

Selective High School Tests 2017

Parents of students who are currently in Year 5 who would like their child to sit for the Selective High School Test for entry in 2017 need to apply now. Information booklets about the test are available from the school office. Parents need to enrol their child on line at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications can be submitted from 13 October 2015 until 16 November 2015.

Student Leadership Program

The school is commencing its annual Student Leadership program this week. Students in Year 5 will participate in a number of activities to develop their leadership skills. Children wishing to be considered as School Leaders for 2016 will need to submit an application as outlined later in this newsletter.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston

Deputy Principal’s Report

Our Book Fair week was a fantastic week with our library being very active with many children, mums, dads, grandparents and teachers all spending some time in the library. Many books were sold and our librarians reported strong sales. Importantly our students had an excellent week focusing upon their joy of reading. There was a large selection of material for the students, staff and parents to choose from and we thank Mrs M Evans and Mrs J Evans for coordinating this event and for all the teachers giving up their morning time to help out in the library. On Thursday we had our book character dress up event. This was extremely well participated in with many students and staff dressing up in excellent costumes. What a real treat for Engadine West! So much time and effort went into the costumes that it was a great spectacle on the day.

Our Sports Photo day has been moved back one week. From Tuesday 27th October to Tuesday 3rd November. This was to accommodate all teachers for the day. Our Sports photos also include School Leaders, Dance and Music programs. There will be 40 groups on the day.

Tomorrow all Year 6 students will be participating in Financial Literacy workshops to develop their understanding of budgeting, saving, and other money matters. If this trial is successful we will consider implementing the program on an annual basis.

Jason Wilkins  Hugh Hogan
Deputy Principal  Deputy Principal (relieving)
Stage 3 Update

Stage 3 Civics & Citizenship Education

Year 6 students from Engadine West recently undertook an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety 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 contributes funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The rebate will be used to support Year 6 end of year activities, including the farewell and the Year 6 gift.

Year 5 update

Term 4 is a very busy time for Year 5. In the lead up to school captain elections, students are invited to participate in a variety of activities designed to build up leadership and collaborative skills in students. Today, students participated in the Leaders in Training day. Application forms for school and sport captains were handed out to interested students. These forms are due to Miss Davis by the end of Week 5. Students wishing to apply should write an application (no more than one A4 page) and attach the cover note to it. (Spare copies are available from the school office). Students are also required to undertake playground duties in Weeks 4 and 5 to further build their leadership skills.

Miss J Davis
Year 5 Co-ordinator

 SRC Crash Night Fundraiser

Crash Night 2015! Wow! What a night!

The children who attended Crash Night on Friday night had a ball. They all went home with a smile on their face.

Thank you so much to the parents who supported our only SRC Fundraiser where all of the money goes back to the school. All of this money goes back to buying items that the children choose for the school.

A big thank you to Mrs Way, Miss Connor, Miss Mathieson, Mrs M Evans, Mrs J Evans and Mr Royston for helping during the evening. And a massive thank you to Miss Barrow, Mr Field, Mrs Selcraig and Miss Brunning for volunteering to sleep over-night in the school hall - on gym mats - to allow the children to have this experience.

Thank you to everyone involved. It was a worthwhile experience for the children and we raised over $1200 for the children to spend on the school.

Mrs Karen Weppler
SRC Co-ordinator

What’s the Buzz - Playground Report from our Beediators

This week the Beediators have been exceptionally happy with the progress of the mediating program and we have seen a lot of children solving their own problems. We have also been setting up pickle ball every lunchtime and we are very proud of how the year 6 students are cooperating and using the equipment correctly. This week it’s year 5’s turn to play pickle ball. We also have some new PPP games that the pupils can play with at lunch and we have been glad that the students are respecting and taking care of these games.

Hanna and Emma J
Beediators
For Your Diary

Week 3

Monday 19 October
+ P & C Meeting in Staffroom at 7.30pm
+ Year 5 Leadership Day

Tuesday 20 October
+ Canteen Closed
+ Student Banking
+ Yr 6 Life Skills Incursion

Wednesday 21 October
+ Uniform Shop Open 9.15am

Thursday 22 October
+

Friday 23 October
+ PSSA
+ 3-6 Swimming

Week 4

Monday 26 October
+

Tuesday 27 October
+ Canteen Closed
+ Student Banking
+ Sport & Special Group Photographs

Wednesday 28 October
+ Yr 5 Minnamurra Excursion

Thursday 29 October
+ 2016 Kindergarten Parent Information Session

Friday 30 October
+ PSSA
+ 3-6 Swimming
+ K-2 Assembly 12.00pm
+ 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm

Excursions and Payments

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PSSA News

EWPS Green Teams play at Kingswood Oval
EWPS Gold Teams play at Heathcote Oval

All games start at 9.30am and are completed by 11.00am
Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am
Cost: $6.00 per week

Go to engadine.sessazones.com/ to view draws

K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long 2015

Carols under the COLA

As this year comes to a close, all K-2 classes are busy preparing for our annual Christmas performance. This year we will be having a Christmas sing-a-long. We will be having one sing-a-long on Friday 4th December 2015 at 12pm under the EWPS COLA. Visitors are encouraged to bring chairs/picnic rugs to sit on. Throughout this term the children will be learning Christmas carols and classes will have an opportunity to lead one of the carols on the day.

Following the sing-a-long all visitors are invited to join their children for a picnic lunch. Children are asked to wear Christmas attire – there will be no formal costumes. We hope you can along and join in on the fun!

Miss M Emmett
Christmas Sing-a-long Co-ordinator
## Term 4 Dates to Remember

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**Uniform Shop News**

The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

**Wednesday 21 October 2015 from 9.15-10.15am**

The Uniform Shop is open every second Wednesday. If there are any parents wishing to be placed on our roster to help on Wednesdays, please leave your details at the front office.

*Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame*
*Uniform Shop Co-ordinators*

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**Canteen News**

Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen

Please note that lunch orders must be placed by 9.30am.

**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.

**Lunch Order Specials**

- Medium Fruit Salad $3.00
- Large Fruit Salad $4.00
- Yoghurt $50c extra
- Banana Smoothie $3.00
- Chocolate Smoothie $3.00

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**

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ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:
Engadine Tavern
50 Station Street (enter via rear of hotel)

Wednesday 4 November 1.30pm – 6.30pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch
Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au
JANNALI PUBLIC SCHOOL
proudly presents

MARKET DAY
Plenty of good food, market stalls &
carnival rides for a perfect family
day out.

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2015
9AM TO 3PM

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS -
‘WORK FROM HOME’ INFORMATION SESSION

Do you work in Early Education and Care?
Sutherland Shire Council is looking for new
Educators to join its Family Day Care Scheme.
If you’re interested in applying your early childhood
knowledge and starting your own business caring
for and educating small groups of children in your
own home, join us at our upcoming information
session:

9.30am SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2015

Our Educators operate highly successful small
businesses and enjoy the flexibility of choosing their
own work days and hours. Educators must be
actively working towards or have completed a
Certificate III in Children’s Services.

To register your attendance or learn more,
phone 9710 0801 or visit
Parenting Teenagers Workshop

WHERE: Orana Hub Central
3A Stapleton Ave,
Sutherland

WHEN: Wednesdays 7pm –
9.30pm
21^{st} October – 2^{nd} December
(With a celebration on the 9th Dec)

Cost: $95
which includes all workbooks and
refreshments.

Early registration discount:
If you pay one week before the course
begins, the total cost is reduced to $80!

- Adolescent Development
- Parenting Styles & Communication
- Allocating Responsibility
- Affirmation and Self-Esteem

SPOTS ARE LIMITED! TO BOOK, CONTACT:
Yvonne McDonell on 9521 5130 or Orana Hub Central on 9521 8280

Sutherland Adolescent
& Family Counselling Service