Dear Parents

Welcome back to Ross Edwards who returned to duty today after being on Long Service Leave since the start of this term. Thank you to all my executive and administrative staff for their efforts during Ross’s absence.

Kindergarten Transition

The parents of our 2016 Kindergarten children are scheduled to visit the school at 10.00am this Thursday. The planned meeting is very informative and will outline some valuable information about starting school in 2016. Parents will also be introduced to the Kindergarten teaching team for 2016. Uniforms will be paraded by some of our current Kindergarten students and parents will have an opportunity to purchase clothing from the Uniform shop. Thank you to everyone who is assisting on our Kindergarten Orientation program.

Class Requests for 2016

Some parents have taken the opportunity to speak with me or email me regarding class placements for next year it is important to realise that not all requests will be accommodated. Each request will be considered on its own merits. Educational and staffing considerations will be assessed. Please note that after Wednesday of this week no more parent requests will be accepted for consideration. Each year our very professional staff utilise their knowledge of the students and teaching expertise to place students appropriately for the following school year.

Student Leadership 2016

The current Year 5 students participated in the Leadership Day training last Monday. Students have been incited to participate in leadership responsibilities over the next two weeks. Interested children have been invited to submit a leadership application (one A4 page) to Miss Davis by Friday of Week 5. House Captain elections will be held in Week 7 and interviews for School Captain/Vice Captain will be completed in Week 8. Announcements of the 2016 student leadership team will be announced on Monday of Week 11.

Attendance

Good attendance and success at school go hand in hand. All children are required to attend school by law unless there is a valid reason for absence. The school needs to be notified of any absences in writing. Following an absence, a note should accompany the child on their first day of return, if possible, but definitely within 7 days, to justify the absence.
**Principal’s Message Cont’d**

**Traffic Outside the School**

Parents are continuing to park illegally outside the school, particularly in Buckle Avenue. This is putting all students at great personal risk. The congested roads means that there is limited visibility for motorists and in particular students who may step out from between two parked cars. I realise picking up your child is of major importance but to put other students at risk is not acceptable. Please park legally and ensure that all Engadine West students are safe. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated before someone is seriously injured.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

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**Deputy Principal’s Report**

This week we welcome back Mr Edwards who has returned afresh after long service leave.

**Sport and Special Group Photographs**

We have updated our photo dates once again. My apologies there as I was unaware being new to the school of the affects upon Kindergarten transition. **Our new date is the 9th of November.** We are hoping to have it all done on this day by lunchtime. These photos are for all of our PSSA sport teams, choirs, bands, recorder group, debaters, school captains, SRC representatives and dance groups. A note will be sent out some time this week.

**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. Applications can be submitted from 13 October 2015 until 16 November 2015.

**Skoolbag:**

This is a great new mobile phone App that allows the school to target our communications instantly to key people. For example, a Dance group at school can get reminders that their performance is coming up. An excursion can be notified if buses are running on time. A class can send out an instant notification about an event or support needed within the class. We are at our early days in this App but please download the App in preparation for our implementation of it. Please see the instructions later in this newsletter.

Have a great week everyone.

Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principal
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 come along and join in on the fun!

Miss M Emmett
Christmas Sing-a-long Co-ordinator

Engadine West Public School Skoolbag App Launch

Today we are officially launching our new school app: Engadine West Public School through skoolbag. Last term, at a P&C meeting, parents asked if we could investigate such an app to support parents in their organisation and communication with the school. One of our Strategic Directions in our School Plan 2015-2017 is ‘Strong, positive school community partnerships’. Under this direction we have evaluated our communications policies and processes and have found that skoolbag fills a gap in our communication systems.

The skoolbag app has many functions. Initially, we will mainly be using the app to ‘push’ notifications to parents. This means that once you download the app to your smart device, you can receive notifications and your phone or device will make a sound, just like receiving a message. We have created different notification groups in the app which parents can manage. For example, parents may like to receive notifications just for Year 6 events, so they could turn on notifications for that group. The push notifications will be particularly useful for last minute messages, such as late excursion buses; and important reminders, such as notes due.

We will explore the additional functions of the app as time progresses and will keep all of our community members up to date as things change. As with all new technology, there may be hiccups and things to iron out, so we appreciate your understanding in advance.

The app is free to download and use for parents. Instructions for downloading and setting up notifications have been included in this newsletter (see next page) and posted on our school’s official Facebook page.

Please remember that the key portal to our school is still through the official website at http://www.engadinew-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/. The website hosts all of the vital information for our school and should always be checked before calling the school.
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
Don't forget to like us on Facebook!
SRC Playground Initiative

An idea brought to the attention of the SRC was to have a 'K-2 only day' on the back grass.

We have trialled a few options and with the support of the staff, Mr Royston and the SRC, we are going to implement a new idea for the remainder of the year.

The K-2 children will have sole access to the back grass for 1st half lunch on a Monday only.

The whole school has 15 sessions on the back grass in a week. 5 x recess, 5 x 1st half lunch and 5 x 2nd half lunch. With K-2 having one session per week, the 3-6 students will still have 14 sessions in which they can use the back grass.

1st lunch on a Monday will be a good time for 3-6 students to make use of the pickle ball equipment and the numerous handball courts we have available.

This idea will be re-evaluated at the end of the year.

Thank you for your support.

Karen Weppler
SRC Co-ordinator

What’s the Buzz - Playground Report from our Beediators

We would like to remind all students of the following before/after school bus line expectations. Please follow the below expectations to ensure you are being a safe respectful learner.

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<td>• Sit sensibly on the silver seats in the correct bus line.</td>
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<td>• Walk to the bus and board it safely in one line.</td>
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<td>• Stay in your seat and try not to distract the driver.</td>
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<td>• Know your morning/afternoon routine.</td>
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For Your Diary

Week 3

Monday 26 October

Tuesday 27 October

Canteen Closed
Student Banking
Sport & Special Group Photographs

Wednesday 28 October

Yr 5 Minnamurra Excursion Students at school at 8.15am
Play Day Dress Rehearsal in Hall 2.15pm-3.15pm KS,KM,1E,1G

Thursday 29 October

2016 Kindergarten Parent Information Session
Play Day Dress Rehearsal in Hall 2.15pm-3.15pm 5A,5HS,5M,5/6D 6B,6F,6H

Friday 30 October

PSSA
3-6 Swimming
K-2 Assembly 12.00pm
3-6 Assembly 2.30pm

Week 4

Monday 2 November

Tuesday 3 November

Canteen Closed
Student Banking
2016 Kindergarten Transition Day 10.00am

Wednesday 4 November

Uniform Shop Open 9.15am

Thursday 5 November

2016 Kindergarten Transition Day 10.00am

Friday 6 November

PSSA
3-6 Swimming

Excursions and Payments

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<td>KM, KS, 1E, 1G, 5A, 5HS, 5M, 5/6D, 6H, 6F, 6B</td>
<td>Primary Play Day Performance</td>
<td>Monday 26 October</td>
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<td>Band Members</td>
<td>Term 4 Band Fees</td>
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PSSA News

EWPS Green Teams play at Anzac Oval
EWPS Gold Teams play at Akuna 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
## 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*

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*

This Week’s Roster

**Tuesday - 27 October**
CANTEEN CLOSED

**Wednesday - 28 October**
J Davidson, K Dickenson, K Sinclair, K Schnabel

**Thursday - 29 October**
N McNally, T Huntly

**Friday - 30 October**
T Farquhar, C Vitelli, S Savania, K Holmes

**Monday - 2 November**
N Hardy, A Jones, N Adey
Community News

NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.
Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.
Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.
- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.
A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
TAKE CARE GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU

Do you have children starting kindergarten next year? Starting school is very exciting for your child. They may not be thinking much about safety, but you should.

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. They will need your help to spot the dangers around traffic.

Sutherland Shire Council wants all children to be safe going to and from school - and that depends on you. Act safely when driving or walking around schools so our children will learn to be safe too.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint in the car that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit and keep a sharp lookout in school zones as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Up until the age of eight, always hold your child's hand whenever cars and other vehicles could be around. Park your car and walk them to the school gate.
- Drop older kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area.
- Avoid calling out to children from across the road because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road, away from passing traffic.
- If walking to school, plan your trip so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK

Every time children cross the road, remind them to:
- Stop one step back from the kerb
- Look for traffic to your right, left and right again
- Listen for the sounds of approaching traffic
- Think whether it is safe to cross

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and use them when they are old enough to travel alone.

This brochure has been developed from the Transport NSW Centre for Road Safety website http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
You can find out more about Australian Road Rules at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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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

Australian Red Cross BLOOD SERVICE
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