Dear Parents

This week our Kindergarten Transition program continues with our 2016 Kinder students visiting the school today from 2.15pm to 3.15pm and again at the same time this Wednesday. The program is well attended and our special visitors are getting a positive impression of what “big school” is all about. Thank you to our Kindergarten teachers, support staff, counsellor and some of our Year Five students who are working so hard to support the excited and nervous children starting school next year.

Group Photographs

Today the Academy Photography company visited our school to take various group photographs which are offered to parents each year. Our Year Six students also dressed in their yellow graduation gowns had their photographs taken. These photos are wonderful keepsakes for the students and their parents.

Year 6 Fete

In order to help raise money for their farewell and school gift, Year 6 will be holding their annual fete day tomorrow. There will be a variety of stalls and activities which students in other grades will be able to enjoy. To help Year 6 please allow your child to bring some spending money tomorrow to help support our senior students in their last year at Engadine West. The fete will be held from 12.30pm.

Remembrance Day

The school will be holding a Remembrance Day Ceremony at 11.00am on Wednesday morning. Students are invited to wear special uniforms eg. Scout, guides, etc to the service. Representatives from the Student Representative Council will be offering floral tributes. Parents are most welcome to attend.

School Audit

Next week Engadine West Public School will be having its’ regular three year audit. The auditor has informed the school that he will be focusing on school attendance. If your child has been absent recently and you have not sent in a written explanation could you please do so before the end of this week. The Home School Liaison Officer from the Department of Education also did a routine check of class rolls last week and highlighted some students with high levels of absence. Once again, letters explaining absences are a legal requirement so to eliminate investigation and embarrassment, please write absent notes for your child to bring to school on their return. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Engadine West Public School would like to acknowledge the ongoing support provided to the Community of Schools on the Park (COSOtP) by the Rotary Club of Engadine
**Principal’s Message Cont’d**

**Koori Kids**

This Thursday the 12th of November some of our Indigenous students will attend the Koori Kids on the Park day. This day has been planned by the Community of Schools on the Park and will be held at Reids Flat, Audley in the Royal National Park from 10am until 2:30pm. We hope they have a great day!

**School and Sports Captains for 2016**

Applications for these positions have now closed. Students will know by the end of the week whether they have gained an interview. The interviews will be held during lunchtime in Week 7. Sports captains are not required to attend an interview, but they will be required to stand in front of their sports house and introduce themselves. The student leader team will be announced at the Year 5 Presentation Day assembly on Monday 14 December.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

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**Deputy Principal’s Report**

**Surf Stars**

Congratulations to Ava, Jade Lucas and Jett for their outstanding performances at the Garie Boardriders two heads competition on the weekend. Also, fantastic effort to China for her overall division win at the yearly presentation. A big thank you to the volunteer Garie Boardriders committee for organising this wonderful entry point for our students to be trained and participate in the fabulous sport of surfing. See their website [http://www.garieboardriders.com/](http://www.garieboardriders.com/)

**Road Rules**

Please follow road rules and do not park in the no stopping zones on Buckle Avenue. Parents who do so are creating a hazard that stretches back to Woronora Road and the school crossing.

**PARK YOUR CAR AND WALK TO MEET YOUR CHILDREN PLEASE.**

**Aboriginal students**

On Thursday Miss Allatt will be meeting with our Aboriginal students at Audley in the Royal National Park where they will participate in activities along with other aboriginal students from across our school network.

**School Group Photos**

Further information will follow regarding viewing and ordering school group photos online.
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 on Friday 4th December 2015 at 12.00pm 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 the fun!

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

Engadine West Public School Skoolbag App Launch

Recently we launched 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.engadine-wp.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 81 and 10 devices.
Year 6 Farewell slideshow

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Wednesday 9 December at Engadine Bowling Club.

A slideshow displaying photographs of our Year 6 students and memories from their time at EWPS will be displayed at the farewell.

Parents are invited to contribute to the slideshow by sending in photos. Photos of students can be from any age/year; if there are old photos of students from school events from when they were younger, these can be included in the slideshow. If group shots are submitted, parents should ensure that they have parental permission of all students shown in the photo.

Photos need to be submitted by email or on a USB to Miss Davis by the end of Week 8 (Friday 27th November) at jennifer.davis34@det.nsw.edu.au

Year 6 Update

The Beediators have been very impressed with how well all the children are playing cooperatively and safely in the playground. Just a reminder to not run on the asphalt when it is wet. This week it is Year Three's turn with the pickle ball. Have fun but please remember to follow the rules of the game.

REMINDER: If the playground is wet the Beediators will make a decision whether pickle ball should be set up.

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS BE A SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER!

By Harry, Kadyn and Cooper

Shining Stars

Congratulations to Ryan B 6B and Cooper N 6F for representing NSW in the National Touch Rugby Competition over the weekend.

An awesome effort by all the boys narrowly losing in the Grand Final – Great effort boys
A big thank you to all those volunteers who helped cover our new books. No further help is required at this stage.

The last week of borrowing for students will be Week 6. All books should be returned by Week 7 for stocktake and Pillow Week. Children are allowed to bring a small pillow to relax and read books in their library time.

For Your Diary

### Week 6

| Monday 9 November | • 2016 Kindergarten Transition Day 2.15pm  
|                  | • Sports and Special Groups Photographs |
| Tuesday 10 November | • Canteen Closed  
|                   | • Student Banking  
|                   | • Year 6 Fundraising Fete |
| Wednesday 11 November | • 2016 Kindergarten Transition Day 2.15pm  
|                     | • Remembrance Day 11.00am in the school hall |
| Thursday 12 November |
| Friday 13 November | • PSSA  
|                   | • 3-6 Swimming  
|                   | • K-2 Assembly 12.00pm  
|                   | • 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm |

### Week 7

| Monday 16 November | • Pillow Week in the Library Commences  
|                   | • All Library books returned this week please |
| Tuesday 17 November | • Canteen Closed  
|                   | • Student Banking |
| Wednesday 18 November | • Band Christmas Concert 6pm in the Hall |
| Thursday 19 November |
| Friday 20 November | • PSSA  
|                   | • 3-6 Swimming |

Excursions and Payments

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Outstanding invoices have been sent home. Please settle these accounts by Wednesday 25 November. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

PSSA News

EWPS Green Teams play at Kingswood Oval  
EWPS Gold Teams play at The Ridge

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 18 November 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.

Students commencing Year 3 in 2016 will need to purchase a gold polo shirt with school logo for sport. They are available from the Uniform Shop at a cost of $20.00 and should be ordered this term.

*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**

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If anyone has any questions regarding the canteen, please come in and see me.

*Leanne Best*
*Canteen Supervisor*

**This Week’s Roster**

**Tuesday - 10 November**
Canteen Closed

**Wednesday - 11 November**
D Duffy, M Broughton, C Wilson

**Thursday - 12 November**
K Zaknich, G Padgett

**Friday - 13 November**
K Hansen, R Hutchison, N Ross

**Monday - 16 November**
N Leishman, R Davoren, L Fordyce
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](http://www.nsw.gov.au/health/about-nsw-health/community-news/whooping-cough-information-for-schools).

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**Community News**

**Movember Foundation**

The Movember Foundation is a global charity, committed to men living happier, healthier, longer lives. Since 2003, millions have joined the men's health movement, raising $685 million and funding over 1,000 programs focusing on prostate cancer, testicular cancer, poor mental health and physical inactivity.

This year, Mr Field has taken on the challenge and decided to grow a “mo” in support of Movember. He would love you to support his “mo” growing during the month of Movember. You can do this by donating online [http://moteam.co/mocann-s](http://moteam.co/mocann-s) or to Mr Field directly. Every donation makes a difference. Thank you very much for your support.

Regards,

Mr Field
SHARKS BASKETBALL
HOLIDAY CAMP

19th to 22nd January 2016
9am - 2pm Age 7 to 15 years
T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants

Download enrolment form from our website:
www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland
Phone: 9542-1999 Fax: 9521-5696
Email: admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au
Website: www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

Enrolments close
16th December 2015
(Unless maximum
numbers are reached prior
to closing date).
Important information about the School Opal Card

The School Opal Card will officially launch its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region today.

Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don’t need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for the School Opal card unless they are changing school, campus, their home address or moving from Year 2 to Year 3 or from primary school to high school.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to your school early in first term 2016.

More information will follow shortly to help with the transition.

The Opal Team
Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive monthly event for families with special needs or sensory processing disorders.

Children are free to roam around the cinema, flap or stim, talk and generally be themselves. This is a non-judgmental session and there is no need for families to feel uncomfortable. Lighting stays on dim (not dark) and sound is lowered. Fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers for those escape artists.

Tickets: $5 each (You will need a membership card to purchase tickets at the cinema, but these are available in the foyer on the day). Children 2 years and under are free. Companion ID cards accepted.

Cronulla Cinemas  2 - 6 Cronulla St, Cronulla NSW 2230
sensorymovieday.cronulla@hotmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/SensoryMovieDayCronulla