Dear Parents

The 2015 school year is off to a good start with all the children appearing to have settled into their new classes well. Thank you to the many families who have responded so quickly in paying for their Essential Learning Materials including Groove Nation and Reading Eggs. The sooner students receive books and other equipment, the faster the classes can fully establish their learning programs. Please don’t forget that the payment of the annual Voluntary School Contribution would also be greatly appreciated ($50 per student). This payment, which assists the school, may be tax deductible if payed into the school Building Fund.

P & C Meeting

Our first P & C Meeting for 2015 will be held tonight, 9 February, in the school staffroom commencing at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Information Night

In the coming weeks, each grade will be holding a Parent Information Night. These evenings are very informative and give parents an opportunity to meet the teacher and gain a clearer understanding of classroom organisation and expectations. The dates are as follows:

Thursday 12 February
- Year 5 (Including 5/6D) Parent Information Night at 5.30-6.30pm
- NOTE: 5A Parent Information Night (Date and time to be advised)
- 6F Parent Information Night at 5.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 18 February
- Kindergarten Parent Information Night at 6.00-7.00pm
- 6B and 6H Parent Information Night at 5.30-6.30pm

All meetings will be held in the respective classrooms.

Important Dates

The following are important dates to mark down on your calendar at home:

- School Photographs: Thursday 19 March
- NAPLAN Testing: Tuesday 12 May to Friday 14 May (Years 3 & 5)
- Education Week: Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July

Year 5 Camp

Good luck to all our Year 5 students who next week will spend three days enjoying camp at Myuna Bay. The boys and girls should have a great time getting to know each other and their new teachers, and at the same time, developing their life skills and learning to become more independent. Thank you to the staff who are giving up their own family time to accompany the children on the camp.
Principal’s Report Cont’d

Before and After School Care Centre

To assist the staff at the Before and After School Care Centre could parents not wait around and meet in the Cola in the K-2 playground after school finishes. The Care Centre use this area to collect children, mark rolls and organise the distribution of food for the students. If large numbers of parents stay under the COLA, it makes supervision of the students more difficult for the staff. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

Deputy Principals’ Report

Band Meeting
A reminder that band parents are invited to meet with the band teachers for question time and discussion regarding the band program this Wednesday 11 February 5.30pm in the Band room. Thank you to all the parents who have already responded.

Year 5 Camp
We’ll be missing Year 5 next week as they embark on their Myuna Bay adventure. A big thank you to the teaching team who go above and beyond and volunteer their time so generously to make this opportunity possible for our students. School camp is not a right, it can only happen because of the goodwill of our fantastic teachers.

Avoiding Injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?


Jargon Buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.


Professional Learning Monday After School
Teachers will be participating in professional learning regarding the proposed policy Performance and Development Frame for Principals, Executives and Teachers in NSW Public Schools and a review of our draft School Plan 2015-2017. On Tuesday morning a professional learning session will focus on diabetes management and insulin injection.

Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principals

School Payments

The Essential Learning Material notes were sent home last week. It seems Page 2 of the note has caused some confusion. Please note the amount on Page 2 INCLUDES:

Essential Learning Materials, Groove Nation and Reading Eggs

We thank you for your prompt payment.
**School Swimming Carnival**

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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**Bear Reading Program**

**BEAR (Being Excited About Reading) Program - Term 1 and 2**

Do you have 1 hour per week to help children learn to read? Then we need you! We would like to implement this great program again to provide extra assistance to some of our students from Years 1 and 2.

In order to make it successful we need the support of some parents/grandparents. Training will be provided and we are flexible with the time you can offer.

If you would like more information, please call Mrs Scott.

A training session will be held on Friday 27 February in the school library. It is planned to run the program from Week 6 this term (2 March) until Week 6 in Term 2 (29 May).

We appreciate your support.

*Jenny Scott*  
*LaST*

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**Lost Property**

Has your child misplaced any school clothing items lately? Lost property is kept in the Basement (Block E downstairs - near COLA) so please check this area regularly if your child has lost clothing. After a reasonable time, unnamed and unclaimed articles will be sent to a local charity.

It is a good idea to clearly mark all items of removable clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc. with your child’s name. This makes identification and return of lost property to students much easier.

Thank you for your assistance.
**For Your Diary**

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The Uniform Shop will be open:

Wednesday 18 February 2015 from 9.15-10.15am

We will then be opening on every second Wednesday. 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

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.

CANTEEN CLOSED

The canteen will be closed on Wednesday 25 February and Wednesday 25 March as we have no volunteers for these days. If you are able to help, please contact Leanne on 0408 697 660 as soon as possible.

Lunch Order Specials

Banana Smoothie $3.00
Medium Fruit Salad $3.50
Large Fruit Salad $4.50

New Price List

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor
The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is the expansionist dream of Sonny (Dev Patel), and it’s making more claims on his time than he has available, considering his imminent marriage to the love of his life, Sunny (Rosa Dewse).

Sonny has his eye on a promising property new to his first venture, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel for the Elderly and Beautiful, has only a single remaining vacancy — posing a looming predicament for fresh arrivals Guy (Richard Gere) and Livia (Liam Neeson).

Evelyn and Douglas (Judi Dench and Bill Nighy) have now joined the Edgar workforce, and are wondering where their regular dates for Chila取消 will lead, while Norman and Cordi (Ronald Pickup and Diane Hardwick) are negotiating the tricky waters of an exclusive relationship, as Moira (Celia Imrie) juggles two eligible and very wealthy suitors.

Premiere Screening
Thursday, 26th February
Cronulla Cinema
6.30pm for 7.15pm
Complimentary champagne on arrival
$25 per ticket
Proceeds to support Polio Plus
For tickets
Jan Linclon 0416 249 458
Sue Edwards 0409 718 455

Rotary Club of Sylvania

Enriching Lives - FREE Perinatal Support Program

Are you pregnant or have you recently had a baby and live in Sutherland Shire?

Would you like to meet other new and potential new mothers, twice a month, while being supported and listening to inspirational speakers discuss adjusting to motherhood, creating a healthy attachment to your child, the importance of communication and play, self-care, knowing what to expect, managing your new life, defining yourself, improving your relationship with your partner etc.

Then register for the FREE six-month Enriching Lives - Perinatal Support Program!

The program is aimed at providing you with the resources, peer support and knowledge you need to help you enrich your life and that of your child.

You will learn some new skills and make some new friends, leaving supported, renewed and ready to face the excitement of being a new mum.

When: 1.30pm - 2.30pm twice a month on Wednesdays from 11th March to 23rd Sept 2015

Where: Caringbah (5-minute walk from the station)

To Register: Group numbers are limited to 20 so be quick if you are interested in participating in the 6-month program. Registrations close: 5pm Fri 27th February 2015. Childcare costs will be covered.

Contact: Rosanna, Community Development Manager, Gumea Community Aid on 9524 9599 or censure@gcais.nsgo.org.au for more information.
Menai Warriors
Rugby Union Club

2015 REGISTRATIONS

The Menai Warriors Junior Rugby Union Club has been successfully offering a fun and rewarding rugby experience for kids in the Menai, Sutherland, Revesby, Holsworthy and Engadine areas for nearly 15 years. This year we now have a seniors side for the first time.

Our home ground at The Ridge playing fields, Barden Ridge offers modern facilities and parking amongst the best in south-western Sydney.

In 2014 we had great success across all teams, with our premiership-winning U16 team becoming the Menai District Junior Sports Team of the Year. Many players have gone on to representative honours including Sydney and ARU Junior Gold Cup teams.

PLAYERS WANTED – ALL AGES

Opportunities to play in all age groups from U6 to Seniors are available.

No prior rugby union experience necessary.

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES

Many of the minis and juniors games take place on a Friday night. This allows kids to try rugby in addition to their current winter sport, and assists in balancing other family demands.

NO TACKLE for U6 and U7

As a safe and fun way to introduce boys and girls to rugby, these age groups play two handled tag. Led by qualified coaches, the focus is on skills and enjoyment.

MINIS AND JUNIORS REGISTRATIONS

SATURDAY 31ST JAN AND SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY – MENAI MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY – WOOLWORTHS REVESBY

SENIORS REGISTRATIONS – Now being taken

Visit / contact us at:

menairugby@yahoo.com.au

www.menairugbynct.com.au

Elliott Howse (President) 0412 133 119
Neal Apoloncy (Vice President – Minis) 0404 322 111
Ben Russell (Vice President – Seniors) 0447 361 534

Competitions commence March / April 2015

SGSCC’s Affordable Coaching = Maximum Success

Affordable Education Courses held at our Hurstville & Jannali Centres

The following Term 1 courses are now available

- Spelling, Reading & Writing - Yrs 1 & 2
- Creative Writing Public Speaking - Yrs 2 to 6,
- Children’s Maths & English Coaching Yrs 2 -6
- Preparation for Selective High Examinations

For more details please ring

St. George & Sutherland Community College
Tel: 9528-3344 or visit our website www.sgscc.edu.au
Kid’s Movie Night
at Engadine Church of

Saturday 21st February 6:30 - 8:15pm

Bring your friends and watch a kids DVD on a MASSIVE screen.

Ages: Kids from Kindergarten +

Cost: No entry fee but a $5 drink/treat bag with snacks and drink

Place: Engadine Church, 131 Woronora Rd, Engadine

More Information: Office 9520 0990.

Parents are welcome to stay (no charge) or enjoy the time to yourselves.

Due to licensing agreements we are not allowed to advertise the name of the movie in writing. We are more than happy to give this information over the phone or in person. Thank you for your understanding.

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Postponed – New Date to be Advised

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Southside Physical Culture Club
southsidephysie.com

Have you tried physie yet?

Classes held at Engadine & Loftus

First lesson FREE to all new members

An innovative fusion of dance and sport

Engadine Mon & Thurs
Loftus Sat
SENSORY SCREENING
FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Big Hero 6
SUN 15 FEB

Penguins Of Madagascar
SUN 15 MAR

Home
(In Cinemas 19 Mar)

Tinkerbell:
Legend Of
The Neverbeast
(In Cinemas 2 Apr)

Minions
(In Cinemas 18 Jun)

SUN 26 APR

SUN 24 MAY

SUN 28 JUN

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs
• Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring fire exit doors.
• Sensory Movie Day run once a month on a Sunday at 11am
• Tickets are $8 each (Except Ipswich $6 each). Children 2yrs and under are free
• Companion I.D. Cards are accepted

Sensory Movie Day is running at the following Locations:
Morayfield, Maroochydore, Mackay, Capalaba, Browns Plains, Ipswich,
Toowoomba, Lismore, Tuggerah and Cronulla
Any questions email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

BUY TICKETS NOW AT THE BOX OFFICE

EVENT CINEMAS  bcc CINEMAS