Dear Parents

This week, from Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 February, our Year 5 students are attending their annual camp at Myuna Bay. I’m sure that they will have a most enjoyable time and will be great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the staff who have given up their family time to accompany our students. Check the school website for up to date information and photos from camp.

Essential Learning Materials

Thank you to the many families who have already paid for their child’s/children’s Essential Learning Materials. To ensure that all students commence their learning in 2015 as effectively as possible, I would ask all parents to pay for the Essential Learning needs as soon as possible. The school has ordered resources for all students and hopes to distribute all books and equipment this week. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school and discuss the matter with me.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual Swimming Carnival is fast approaching on Tuesday 24 February. Students in Years 3-6 (plus children in Year 2 who turn eight this year and are capable of swimming 50m competently) are invited to compete. We look forward to a great day and hope to see many parents in attendance.

Parent Information Nights

These informative meetings have now started and many parents are taking advantage of the opportunity to meet their child’s classroom teacher and gain a greater understanding of class expectations for 2015. I strongly recommend that parents attend these meetings.

Special Mention

Congratulations to Molly F (4KJ) and Caitlin S (5/6D) who were recently selected in the 2015 NSW Public School Dance Ensemble. This is an outstanding achievement which not only highlights the girls’ talents but promotes Engadine West Public School. Well done Molly and Caitlin!

School Photographs

The school photographs have been booked for Thursday 19 March so make sure you mark this date on your calendar. Please ensure that your child/children are at school on time on this day as the photographer’s schedule is very tight.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal
**Deputy Principals’ Report**

Our school constantly updates our professional knowledge as we meet and exceed the ever changing demands of a school environment and policy requirements. Recently all staff participated successfully in welfare type training such as Emergency Care (including CPR), Asthma Awareness, Disability Awareness and Diabetes training.

Most of our teacher Professional Learning occurs outside of class time, such as our regular Monday afternoon teacher Professional Learning sessions, however every class should expect to have their teacher out of class from time to time during the year so that the teacher can keep their teaching skills up to date. As well, at times teachers will be mentoring each other and may be in other teachers’ rooms.

This term our teachers are focusing on devising their professional development plans for 2015. We are in the process of finalising this as well as having already secured our Term 1 in school training. Some of which will include updates to Child Protection, iPads, Student reports and School Planning.

Today we look forward to our first Meet the Teacher event. These will continue throughout the week providing an excellent opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and to hear of the routines and expectations for each class.

**Helping Your Kindergarten Child Succeed at School**

A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.


**Speech Problems**

All children learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?


Jason Wilkins  
Deputy Principal

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**MindQuest - Gifted and Talented**

If you are interested in extra gifted and talented activities for your child, MindQuest has weekend courses available.

**Where:** St George Girls High School  
**When:** Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 March  
**Time:** 9.30am to 3.30pm  
**Cost:** $180 for the weekend  
**Who:** Gifted and talented students in Years 1-6

Application forms can be collected from the front office. If you require any further information, please contact Mrs Weppler.

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**Why is Regular Attendance at School Important?**

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child misses learning the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

**Must my child attend all activities, including daily fitness and sport?**

**YES,** sport and other fun activities help the healthy physical development of children. As a normal school activity, students must attend.
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

Help Needed - Early Bird Reading & BEAR Program

Tutors are needed to read with students from Year 1 on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9am in the library.

If you are in years 4, 5 or 6 and would like to help with Early Bird Reading this term please see Mrs Scott for a note.

Any questions please ask. If you are in Band you are still welcome to help on Tuesdays.

Do you have 1 hour per week to help children learn to read? Then we need you!

★ The program will run from 2 March until 29 May.
★ Parents and Grandparents are needed to work as tutors at a time that suits them.
★ Training is provided.

Please see Mrs Scott for more information.

Jenny Scott
LaST

6B & 6H Parent Information Night Re-Scheduled

Parents please note the 6B and 6H Parent Information Nights scheduled for Wednesday 18 February has been moved to Wednesday 25 February from 5.30-6.30pm.
**For Your Diary**

**Monday 16 February**
- Year 5 Students depart for Myuna Bay Camp
- Year 2 (Including 2/3M) Parent Information Evening 5.00pm in Classrooms
- 2D Parent Information Evening 4.30pm in Classroom
- Year 3 Parent Information Night 5.30pm in Classrooms
- Year 4 Parent Information Night 5.30pm in Classrooms

**Tuesday 17 February**
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking Commences
- Year 5 Students at Myuna Bay
- Year 1 Parent Information Night 5.00pm in Classrooms

**Wednesday 18 February**
- Uniform Shop Open
- Year 5 Students Return from Myuna Bay Camp
- POSTPONED 6H & 6B Parent Information Night in Classrooms
- Kindergarten Parent Information Night 6.00pm in Classrooms

**Thursday 19 February**

**Friday 20 February**
- Friday Swimming Program

**Monday 23 February**

**Tuesday 24 February**
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking Commences
- School Swimming Carnival at Engadine Leisure Centre

**Wednesday 25 February**
- 6B & 6H Parent Information Night in Classrooms (Re-scheduled)

**Thursday 26 February**
- K-2 Peter Coombe Visit

**Friday 27 February**
- Friday Swimming Program
- Backyard League Program Commences
- BEAR Reading Training Session in Library at 3.00pm

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**Excursions and Payments**

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Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be open:

Wednesday 18 February 2015 from 9.15-10.15am

We will then be open 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.

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

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.

CANTEEN CLOSED

The canteen will be closed on Wednesday 25 March as we have no volunteers for this day. If you are able to help, please contact Leanne on 0408 697 660 as soon as possible. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered for Wednesday 25 February, your help is greatly appreciated.

This Week’s Roster

Canteen News

Tuesday - 17 February
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 18 February
M Boughton, J Davidson

Thursday - 19 February
G Padgett, K Zaknich, D Hall

Friday - 20 February
N Ross, K Hansen, R Hutchison

Monday - 23 February
R Davoren, N Leishman

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 soon, therefore, 2014 prices are still valid.

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor
Welcome back to another year of School Banking commencing on **Tuesday 17 February 2015**.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school they will receive a Dollarmites token. After they have saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward item.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

**Taking Part in School Banking is Easy**

★ If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every Tuesday using their Dollarmites deposit wallet (see below).

★ If your child doesn’t have a Youthsaver Account and you would like them to participate in school banking, you can open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Just remember to take identification for you and your child (eg. Birth Certificate).

★ Alternatively, you can phone **13 2221** to open an account, or if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online.

Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

_Michelle Birss_  
_Student Banking Co-ordinator_

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**EWPS Boys School Uniform For Sale**

$49.00 ONO  
ONLY WORN FOR 3 DAYS

★ 2 Yellow Polo Shirts (Size 8)  
★ Green Zipper polo jacket (Size 8)  
★ EWPS Cap  
★ 3 pairs of socks

Call Allison on 0449 556 849

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**Marton Soccer Club Players Wanted**

Players are needed in the U/10 girls soccer team at Marton Soccer Club. If your child is interested, please contact Tina on 0418 635 652
Community News

Interested in Aviation?

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oc.sutherlandshire@airleague.com.au

Yarrawarrah Tigers Rugby League

NEW PLAYERS TO RUGBY LEAGUE - FREE

MINI LEAGUE (U/6 TO U/8) - $60
MOD LEAGUE (U/9 TO U/12) - $100
INT (U/13 TO U/17) - $150.00
FAMILIES GET A $20 DISCOUNT

NEW 2015 Jersey, Socks, Shorts and insurances included

- Family oriented club, New playing jerseys for 2015
- Great long term sponsors / active committee / great coaches

All the news, details and results at
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