Dear Parents

Congratulations to all our Year 5 students who returned last week from a very successful Myuna Bay Camp. From all reports the students and staff had a very enjoyable time. The behaviour of the children was also very impressive. Thank you to the staff who attended the camp to supervise the students. Please check out the great photographs on the school Facebook page and website.

We still have some students who are yet to pay for and receive their Essential Learning Materials. If you have not yet paid for these materials, it would be appreciated if you could do so as soon as possible. This will ensure that all the students have the same learning opportunities.

School Swimming Carnival

This Tuesday 24 February, the annual school Swimming Carnival will be held at the Engadine Leisure Centre. Students in Years 3-6 and any Year 2 student who is a competent swimmer, are invited to compete. All students at the pool will be wearing a coloured wristband that indicates their swimming ability. We hope to have a great day and see many parents in attendance to cheer on our swimmers. The remainder of the students not attending will stay at school for a normal day of lessons.

SRC Investiture Assembly

Our 2015 SRC Investiture Assembly will be held this Friday 27 February commencing at 2.30pm in the hall. The newly elected SRC representatives will receive their badges at the ceremony. Congratulations to all our student leaders and we look forward to your input throughout the year.

PSSA Sporting Teams

Our PSSA sporting team selections have now been finalised. Congratulations to all those students who will now be representing Engadine West Public School. Please remember that all students going away for sport need to be in full school sports uniform and display excellent behaviour at all times. Please refer to our Sports Code of Conduct. Thank you to the staff for their efforts in the selection process. This is never an easy task considering the number of students involved and the limited time available. Parents please remember that all staff do the best they can in the selection process.

Parent Information Night

This Wednesday 25 February, classes 6B, 6F, 6H and 5A will hold their Parent Information Nights. The meetings will be held in the classrooms commencing at 5.30pm.
K-2 Peter Combe Incursion

This Thursday 26 February, the students in Years K-2 will enjoy a musical performance by well known performer Peter Combe. This performance will be held in the school hall and should be a great musical experience for all the students.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

Deputy Principals’ Report

Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition 2015
Competition’s theme is “My place in today’s world”. Entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is Thursday, 2 April 2015.
For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website http://mappingsciences.org.au.

All About Apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

When Older Kids Struggle With Reading
Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they’re heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.

Multiplication Times Tables

Sorting Fact From Fiction
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principals

SRC Investiture Assembly

This Friday 27 February, the SRC representatives from each class will receive their badge in a special ceremony on stage. A note was sent home with each SRC child today.
Parents are invited to attend this assembly in the school hall at 2:30pm. No class awards will be presented at this assembly.

Karen Weppler
SRC Co-ordinator
School Swimming Carnival

Our annual school Swimming Carnival will be held at Engadine Leisure Centre tomorrow, 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 & 5A Parent Information Night Re-Scheduled

Parents please note the 6B, 6F, 6H and 5A Parent Information Nights will be held on Wednesday 25 February from 5.30-6.30pm in the classrooms.
For Your Diary

Monday 23 February
- Year 2 Ambulance Visit (Workers in the Community)

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

Wednesday 25 February
- 6B, 6F, 6H & 5A Parent Information Night in Classrooms

Thursday 26 February
- K-2 Peter Combe Visit

Friday 27 February
- Friday Swimming Program
- Backyard League Program Commences
- SRC Investiture Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall
- BEAR Reading Training Session in Library at 3.00pm

Monday 2 March

Tuesday 3 March
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking

Wednesday 4 March

Thursday 5 March

Friday 6 March
- Friday Swimming Program
- Backyard League Program

Thursday 19 March
- School Photographs

Excursions and Payments

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The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

**Wednesday 4 March 2015 from 9.15-10.15am**

The Uniform Shop is located in the Basement and is open every second Wednesday. Would you like to help in the Uniform Shop? If so, please leave your details at the front office.

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

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**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.

**Lunch Order Specials**

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**New Price List**

Our new Price List will be available soon, therefore, 2014 prices are still valid.

*Leanne Best*
*Canteen Supervisor*
Peter Combe Visit

Peter Combe Reminder

This Thursday 26th February, Peter Combe will be performing for Kindergarten – Year Two students. Please ensure that you have completed the permission note and payment.

There will be CDs and DVDs for sale on the day for anyone who is interested in purchasing.
Triple CD and DVD Packs $30
Single CDs $15
Sing-a-long Books $10
A couple of CDs on special at $5

Must I Send My Child to School Everyday?

YES. While Education is not compulsory until your child turns six, we require you to send your child on every school day as a condition of enrolment. This is for a number of reasons. First, the learning in kindergarten is essential preparation for your child’s whole educational career. This is a time where your child’s teacher can focus carefully on your child’s learning needs for the future. Kindergarten also provides a chance to sort out any difficulties or problems as they arise. Secondly, having a good routine and being punctual are important skills for your child to develop.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:
★ is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
★ is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child’s hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified. Information on how school can support parents to manage head lice infestations can be accessed from the student health section of the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php .

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and the reason for your child’s absence. Please provide this in writing to your child’s teacher.

All absences must be explained to the school at which the child is enrolled. The principal of the school has the right to question parents’ or carers’ requests for the child to be absent from school or an explanation given for a child’s absence from school.
1, 2, 3 Magic Parenting Program
Community Health

1, 2, 3 Magic parenting program will be held through Community Health on Tuesdays 17, 24, 31 March from 6.30-9.30pm. Please phone Community Health on 9522-1000 for enquiries and to book.

Tuning in to Teens
Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting program
for parents of adolescents aged 11 years and over

Would you like to learn how to:
- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- teach your teen to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence.
Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:
- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success –
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Community Health Caringbah,
The Sutherland Hospital

When: Wednesday evenings
6.30pm-8.30pm
over 6 sessions

Dates: 25/2/15, 4/3/15, 11/3/15,
18/3/15, 25/3/15, and 1/4/15

Cost: $30 per individual
$40 per couple

Enquiries:
Vee Jin Dumlaq or Lisa Lustica (Clinical Psychologists) or Intake Officer on Phone (02) 9522 1000
COOL KIDS GROUP
TERM 2 2015

Anxiety is a common problem among children and adults alike. The Cool Kids Group is an integrated skills training course aimed at helping children learn to manage their anxiety so that it no longer interferes with their everyday activities. Importantly the group also involves helping parents develop skills that will support their children in their anxiety management quest.

Who Can Attend: The group is designed for children in Year 3 to Year 6 who have anxiety problems such as separation anxiety, social phobia, generalised anxiety or specific phobias, and their parents. Each week there are separate sessions for the children and for their parents.

When: The group runs for 8 sessions. Term 2: Tuesdays from 28 April to 23 June 2015, with a one-week break. Each meeting of the group will run from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm.

Facilitators for this group are Lisa Lustica, Margaret Pinkerton and Danika Carter from the Child, Youth and Family Counselling Service, Community Health Caringbah.

Where: The Cool Kids Group will be run at Community Health, Caringbah, which is located on the grounds of the Sutherland Hospital. Location maps will be provided, on request.

Cost: The cost is $45 for each child and their parent. This includes provision of a Child’s Workbook and a Parent’s Workbook, afternoon tea, and other materials. (Please Note: in cases of financial hardship, a reduced fee may be negotiable. Please discuss this with the Intake Officer, when making payment).

Contact Person: If you require more information about the group, please contact Lisa Lustica on 9522 1000.

How to Make a Referral: Please phone the Intake Officer on 9522 1000. An individual assessment will be completed before children are accepted into the group.

NB this group is available to people who live, work and/or attend school in the Sutherland Shire.

Closing Date for Registration: 21 April 2015
Community News

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2015
6.30 - 9.00pm School Auditorium

You are warmly invited to attend
Engadine High School's Open Night

A dynamic school promoting high expectations, positive values, global awareness and collaborative partnerships.

• Outstanding HSC results
• Selective classes Years 7 - 10
• Dance tour of China & New York
• Band tour of Los Angeles
• National Champions ‘F1 Car Challenge’ 2012, 2013
• Outstanding sports program
• Outstanding student leadership program

Don’t miss this opportunity to see our wonderful school in action

Porter Road Engadine
Tel: 9520 0411
www.ehs.nsw.edu.au/

OPEN NIGHT 2015

ALL GRADES WITH NEW SEASON KIT 2015

Register now / go to helensburghjrl.leaguene.net.com.au

$90 includes Shorts & Socks
New French Club at Engadine West

LCF Fun languages is a local business providing languages. A French Club has just started at EWPS running on Tuesday mornings before school and some places are still available. Students with no prior learning are welcome from Year 1 and up.

The LCF methodology offers interactive and structured programs that encourage full participation of the children in a fun and engaging learning environment. The children are immersed in the new language and learn through games, songs, role play games and craft. More information on http://www.lcfclubs.com.au/

Families interested in joining the class can contact <agnes.thevenin@lcfclubs.com.au, Agnès Thévenin, local manager of Fun Languages in Southern Sydney, is also contactable on 0425 821 223 and will answer any questions you may have.

French club is on Tuesday from 8.30 am to 9.15am.