Dear Parents

Last week’s school Swimming Carnival was a great success and we were fortunate to have some excellent weather. Congratulations to all the students who attended and competed in the various events. A number of our most talented swimmers will now compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 3 March. Thank you to all the parents who attended the carnival and special mention to Mrs Leavai and Mrs Payne for organising the day.

SRC Investiture

Congratulations to our newly elected 2015 SRC representatives who were presented with their badges last Friday. I look forward to meeting with our student leaders to discuss possible student initiatives for this year.

Parent Information Nights

Thank you to all the parents who attended the various Parent Information Nights. We had many parents at the meetings and this certainly helps to open the communication between the school and the community. I would also like to commend my staff for their time and efforts in presenting at the meetings.

Merit Selection

This week the school will be participating in a Merit Selection process to select a teacher to replace Mr Lambert. Thank you to Mr Kimber (P & C President) and Mrs Beech for being members of the selection panel with me.

School Photographs

Reminder for parents that the annual School Photographs will be taken on Thursday 19 March. Please ensure that your child is in full summer school uniform and that they are not late for school as the photographs will be on a very tight schedule. Envelopes from the photographers will be sent home shortly.

Year One Excursion

Year One will be enjoying an excursion to Bonnie Vale on Tuesday 10 March as part of their studies of wet and dry environments. It should be a great learning experience and they will be accompanied by their class teachers.

School Crossing Supervisor

The Transport Roads and Maritime Services are currently seeking people to train as School Crossing Supervisors in the Sutherland Shire. If you are interested in applying for a position (not at Engadine West Public School) please search schoolcrossingsupervisor@jobs.nsw.gov.au

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
Environmental Gardening Day

Our Bright Green Sparks (environmental group) as well as Miss Connor, Mr Edwards and volunteer parents will be relocating the vegetable gardens and worm farm as well as replanting the native garden and spreading bark chip on Thursday 5 March. This activity has proven a valuable learning experience for all participating students. If you are interested in helping with this initiative please contact the teachers involved. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston

Deputy Principals’ Report

Engadine Zone PSSA Website

Your first point of call for information regarding PSSA competitions and carnivals should always be http://engadine.sessazones.com/

Crossing Roads With Care

All roads around our school are very busy at pick up and drop off times. We have been allocated a crossing guard on Woronora Road to help protect our students. Please try to co-operate with our crossing guard and avoid using mobile phones, riding bikes/scooters and bouncing balls when using the school crossing.

Removing Head Lice and Nits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your children of head lice and nits.


Parking at School

Parents please be mindful of our neighbours when parking around the school. We have had reports of parents parking across driveways, making it difficult for our neighbours to enter or exit their premises. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principals

School Hats

The green school hat plays an important part in providing sun protection when the children go outside to play and do sport. All children are expected to wear their school hat everyday throughout the year. The school has a “no hat, no play” policy. School hats are available to purchase through the Uniform Outlet or the school canteen for a cost of $9.00.

Please label all items of clothing, as well as school bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles and library bags.
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.

Why Must I Send My Child to School

Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they turn 17- students must be:

1. in school, or registered for home schooling, or
2. In approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. In full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours/week) or
4. In a combination of work, education and/or training.

Once enrolled children are required to attend school each day it is open for instruction.

Principals are legally responsible for maintaining accurate records of student attendance. When reasons for absences are provided to the school by parents, principals are accountable for their decision to record a student’s absence as justified. Principals may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence and will record that absence as unjustified.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to illness are frequent or prolonged. It is the responsibility of parents or carers to make sure that their children attend school each day that the school is open for instruction or other activity. It is important to understand that parents (including carers) may be prosecuted if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

Parents in the School

The school is proud to have extensive parent involvement in the school. For OH & S reasons we need to have all parents who are working in classrooms to sign the Visitor’s Book when they arrive and leave the school and wear a “Visitors” sticker. This procedure is important in the case of an emergency/evacuation in the school. The Administration staff will then know who is officially on site. If you are helping in the classroom or other areas of the school, please sign in at the front office. Please note that canteen helpers are excluded as the canteen has its own Visitor’s Book.
For Your Diary

Monday 2 March

Tuesday 3 March
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking
- Zone Swimming Carnival at Engadine Leisure Centre

Wednesday 4 March
- Uniform Shop Open 9.15am

Thursday 5 March
- Environmental Education Day

Friday 6 March
- Friday Swimming Program
- Backyard League Program
- K-2 Assembly at 12.00pm
- 3-6 Assembly at 2.30pm

Monday 9 March

Tuesday 10 March
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking
- Year 1 to Bonnie Vale - 8.30am

Wednesday 11 March
- Kindergarten Literacy Information Evening at 6.00pm in KA Classroom

Thursday 12 March
- Friday Swimming Program
- Backyard League Program

Thursday 19 March
- School Photographs

Monday 23 March
- P & C AGM at 7.30pm in Staffroom

Excursions and Payments

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PSSA Commences Friday 24 April - Term 2

Go to engadine.sessazones.com/ to view draws

Cost: $6.00 per week

Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am

Oz Tag at Heathcote Oval
Netball and Soccer at The Ridge
Engadine West Public School
P&C Association

You are invited to the Engadine West Public School P & C Association Annual General Meeting

Date:       Monday 23rd March 2014
Venue:     School Staffroom
Time:       7.30pm

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Nomination form for P & C Executive Committee
Annual General Meeting 2015

Person nominated: __________________________

Position: __________________________

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Seconder: __________________________

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Please return this form to the Principal, Garry Royston, no later than 6.30pm on the 23rd March 2015.
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 WILL NOW BE OPEN WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

Thank you to everyone who offered help on this day.

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 later this week.

Easter Hat Parade - Thursday 2 April

The main canteen will be serving tea, coffee, cakes, mixed sandwiches, rice paper rolls, fruit salad etc. We will need help in the morning to prepare food and serve throughout the day. If you are able to assist, please let me know.

We would also appreciate donations of cakes, slices etc. to sell on the day. These can be dropped to the main canteen. Thank you.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor
Introducing Scholastic Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.
**P & C Easter Egg Raffle**

We are asking for donations of Easter eggs and baskets for our Easter Hat Parade Raffle! The more baskets we raffle, the more money we have to buy learning resources for all the children at Engadine West Public School.

Please take donations of:

- ★ chocolate Easter eggs (no nuts please)
- ★ baskets

To the school Front Office no later than midday on Monday 30 March. Every donation will make a difference. The raffle will be held during the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April and tickets will cost $2 each or 3 for $5.

Thank you for the wonderful donations already received!

*Angela Farr*
*Easter Egg Raffle Co-ordinator*

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**Community News**

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AT THE NEEDLES**

8 March 2015
9.00 - 10.30am
Woronora Road Engadine

If you would like to help:

- ★ Meet at the top gate 9.00am
- ★ Bags supplied
- ★ Bring gloves
- ★ Go on the clean up Australia Day website to add your name to the volunteer list

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**SHARKS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP**

14th to 17th April 2015
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 2nd April 2015.
(Unless maximum numbers are reached prior to closing date) Book early to avoid disappointment.
OPEN NIGHT 2015
TUESDAY 10th MARCH
6PM

Invitation to parents and students of Years 5 and 6

- Participate in hands on activities in all curriculum areas.
- See demonstrations and performances by our enthusiastic students.
- Visit classrooms, meet our dedicated staff and see our school in action.
- Make the very best choice for your educational future.

Feel free to contact the school if you are unable to attend and would like to visit.

Heathcote High School
Wilson Parade, Heathcote
Phone: 9520 9488
Email: heathcote.h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS
Community News

Engadine High School Open Night

Educational excellence and opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment

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