Dear Parents

Congratulations to our talented swimming team who competed in the recent Zone Swimming Carnival at the Engadine Leisure Centre. All the students swam well and as a result, Engadine West Public School were the overall Zone Swimming Champions. We will now have a number of our students competing at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Well done to all involved!

Environmental Day

Our Bright Green Sparks, along with a number of staff and parents, spent a very successful day moving our vegetable gardens to behind the hall. A total of 450 native plants were donated to the school by Sutherland Shire Council and Bunnings and were planted on the day. It was a very productive day and the school grounds look great. A special mention to our wonderful parent volunteers: Rosie Archer, Alice Hamilton, Vanessa Hayward, Chris Hayward, Deanne Herd, Catherine Wilson, Jacintha Batchelor, Grant Ebdon and Bradley Van Luyt for giving up their time on the day.

School Toilets

For child protection reasons, I would ask that when in the school grounds, parents should not enter or use the student toilets. Finding an adult in the toilet block for a child can be quite frightening and the cleaners also find it uncomfortable. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Exemption From School

The Department of Education and Communities recently published an “Exemption From Schools Policy” which introduced new procedures. Parents are now required to complete an “Application for Exemption from Attendance/Enrolment at the School” form for the following reasons:

- Exceptional circumstances.
- Employment in the entertainment industry.
- Participation in elite sporting events including short periods of time i.e. for one of two days and at short notice.
- Participation in elite arts programs.
- Exemption from Enrolment at School.

These requests will be approved or declined by the Principal or Executive Director (Schools). The application forms of exemption are available on the school website.

If students participate in travelling during a school term, this no longer will be considered for an exemption. Parents will be required to write a letter to the Principal explaining the situation and all necessary details. If the Principal accepts the reasons given, he/she will approve the absence as Leave. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
P & C AGM

The P & C will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 23 March at 7.30pm. All executive positions will become vacant and an election will be held on the night. Information about the various positions and nomination forms are available from the school or on the school website.

NAPLAN

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 need to mark down these important dates in their calendars. The testing schedule for NAPLAN in 2015 is listed below:

- Tuesday 12 May: Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 13 May: Reading
- Thursday 14 May: Numeracy
- Friday 15 May: Catch Up Day

Student Success

Congratulations to Charlotte K (6H) and Lira J (6F) for being selected the Zone Netball Team.

Congratulations to Courtney F (3PT), Jessica W (5HS) and Blake W (3W) who competed in the State Nippers Carnival at Umina Beach on the weekend. Courtney won Silver in the U/9 Surf Team and Jessica won Gold in the U/11 Sprint Relay.

Congratulations also to Cooper L (5HS) and Austin L (3/4C) who competed in the Australian Interschools Mountain Bike Championships in Thredbo on the weekend. Cooper placed 7th out of 60 in Division 3 Downhill and Austin competed in Division 4 “King of the Mountain”. Well done to our talented students!

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

Engadine West Zone Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to our fabulous swim squad who represented our school last Tuesday. Not only were you great competitors in the pool but on land as well.

Once again EWPS were the winners of the overall point score and this year we congratulate Jade K for being 11 Year Girls Age Champion.

Good luck to our team of individual and relay swimmers heading off to the Sydney East Regional swim meet at SOPAC on Wednesday 18 March. We will be cheering for you!

Regional Swimmers

Individual  
Jade K, Amy S, Blake W, Hayley S and Kiara A

Relay  
Jnr Boys  
Blake W, Beau W, Ewan K and Harry M
Snr Girls  
Jake K, Kiara A, Carly T and Maddison R

Please forward Regional notes to Mrs Leavai or Mrs Payne by Thursday 12 March.

Mrs Leavai and Mrs Payne
Swimming Carnival Co-ordinators
Our annual Easter celebrations will be held on the last day of this term, Thursday 2 April 2015. Parents and friends are welcome to attend and enjoy the parade. All students K-2 are invited to make a hat based on an Easter theme, a favourite book or television character. Students in years 3-4 are invited to participate in the ‘Eggs on Legs’ section of the parade while Years 5-6 are invited to make an egg diorama which incorporates the word ‘egg’ for the ‘Eggsibition’.

The celebrations will commence at 11.15am until approximately 1.15pm. The parade itself will start at 12.00 midday. All students are permitted to dress in sensible mufti clothes on the day. Visitors will be able to purchase food from the school canteen and barbecue. Parents are welcome to stay and have lunch with their child after the parade. During proceedings the P & C will be raffling off numerous Easter Egg baskets. Easter Egg donations for our raffle will be greatly appreciated. A special thank you to our dedicated P & C who work so tirelessly on the day to support and fundraise for Engadine West.

Dear Year 6 Parents

It is expected that the Year 6 t-shirts will arrive during April. Thank you for your patience.

Hugh Hogan
Ms Barrow’s Big Red Run

Big Red Bec is doing the Big Red Run

What does that mean? Well I am glad you asked!

This year, during the July school holidays, Ms Barrow is participating in the ‘Big Red Run’ which is a 250km run through the Simpson Desert. She is participating in this event to raise both awareness and funds for Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF).

Every day in Australia, 6 people are diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D). T1D is the fastest growing chronic disease, in children, in Australia. T1D has nothing to do with diet or exercise and cannot be cured. It has to be managed for life.

To assist in raising funds for Ms Barrow, there will be a mufti day at school on Tuesday 24th March. On this day, students can come dressed in the colour of their favourite jelly baby. There will be a BBQ lunch, a cake stall (with your help) and lots of other bits and pieces for you to buy to support this cause. More information will be sent home in the next couple of days, about this event. Money raised on this day will support Ms Barrow’s participation in this event and JDRF.

Each day this week, during the first half of lunch, students are able to purchase a red wristband for $3.00. These wrist bands are able to be worn as part of the school uniform, until the event. These can also be purchased from the front office or from Ms Barrow directly.

If you would like to help further by making a donation, there is a fundraising page online with Everyday Hero, located at:

https://bigredrun.everydayhero.com/au/big-red-bec

you may also like to follow Ms Barrow’s journey on Facebook. Search for ‘Big Red Bec’.

If you would like for information or would like to help out on the day – or make a donation of goods or services, please contact Ms Barrow.
# For Your Diary

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| Tuesday 10 March | • Canteen Closed  
• Student Banking  
• Year 1 to Bonnie Vale - 8.30am  
• No Early Bird Reading today |
| Wednesday 11 March | • Kindergarten Literacy Information Evening at 6.00pm in KA Classroom |
| Thursday 12 March | •                                                                        |
| Friday 13 March | • Friday Swimming Program  
• Backyard League Program                                      |
| Monday 16 March | •                                                                        |
| Tuesday 17 March | • Canteen Closed  
• Student Banking |
| Wednesday 18 March | • Uniform Shop Open 9.15am  
• Regional Swimming Carnival at SOPAC  
• SSSMF Senior Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday 19 March | • School Photographs                                                  |
| Friday 20 March | • Friday Swimming Program  
• Backyard League Program  
• Reach Out Buddy Reading Program  
• K-2 Assembly 12.00pm  
• 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm |
| Monday 23 March | • P & C AGM at 7.30pm in Staffroom                                    |

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## Excursions and Payments

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**PSSA Commences Friday 24 April - Term 2**

Go to [engadine.sessazones.com](http://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 23\textsuperscript{rd} 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 23\textsuperscript{rd} March 2015.
**Uniform Shop News**

The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

**Wednesday 18 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**

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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 was sent home last week and is also available on the school website under Our School, Canteen. Copies are also available from the canteen.

**Easter Hat Parade - Thursday 2 April**

We are in urgent need of volunteers to help with food preparation and serving throughout the morning so the canteen can open. Tea, coffee, cakes, mixed sandwiches, rice paper rolls, fruit salad etc. will be available on the day. If you are able to assist, please let me know as soon as possible.

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*
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

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The Best Holidays Happen at Camp

Relaxing ✅ Fun ✅ Great value ✅ Safe

Entertain the kids these school holidays with a Sport and Recreation camp. Our popular Kids' and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, slip’n’slide, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.

Kids’ Day Camps start from $47. Family Camp weekends start from $63 per day for kids and $96 per day for adults (kids under 5 attend free; cost includes accommodation, meals and activities).

Bonus! Residential Kids’ Camps include supervised transport from:
- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.

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SENSORY SCREENING
FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH
@ 11am
(Entertainment in the foyer from 10am)

The Penguins of Madagascar

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: $8 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