Dear Parents

The school and local residents have been notified by Sutherland Shire Council that a major stormwater upgrade will commence in Ridge Road by the end of this month. This will possibly result in greater traffic congestion outside the school. I would ask parents who are dropping their children off or picking them up to be patient and understanding of the changed access to the school. By abiding by the road rules, we will keep our students safe. Please do not park across the driveways of local residents.

School Photographs

Our annual school photograph day will be held this Thursday 19 March. Engadine West is a big school and the timetable for the day is critical to ensure all the required photographs are taken. Please make sure your child/children are at school on time wearing the correct summer school uniform and have their photo envelope with them.

Year 1 parents please ensure your child wears full summer uniform, including black shoes, NOT sports uniform, on this day.

Merit Selection

Congratulations to Mr Martin Field who was recently successful, through a merit selection process, to be appointed permanently to Engadine West Public School. Thank you to Mrs Beech and Mr Kimber (P & C President) for being on the selection panel. As a result of this procedure, Mrs Sarah Matheson will remain on class 4M for the remainder of the year.

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 23 March commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom. This will be the AGM where all Executive positions will be up for election. Details of all the positions are available on the school website. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, a nomination form needs to be completed and returned to the school office. As Principal, I would like to publicly thank the current P & C Executive for their support and hard work they have given myself and the school over the last twelve months.

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on the last day of this Term, Thursday 2 April. This is always an enjoyable day with students in Years K-2 parading with their Easter Hats, Years 3 & 4 participating in the “Eggs on Legs” parade and the very clever “Eggshibition” for Years 5 & 6. The P & C are asking for families to donate Easter eggs to be part of our raffle on the day. The canteen also require volunteers to help with food preparation and serving. We hope to see many parents in attendance to help make the day a memorable for all our students.
**Sporting Success**

Congratulations to Jade K, Tomeka W, Aimee H and Noah M for being selected in the Zone Soccer Teams.

**Important Dates**

The last day of Term 1 is Thursday 2 April. Staff will return on Monday 20 April for a School Development Day. **Students commence Term 2 on Tuesday 21 April.**

Have a great week!

*Garry Royston*

**Principal**

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**Facts About Fractions**

If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.


**Amazing Art**

Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.


**Year 6 Students Moving into Year 7 in 2016**

Completed Expression of Interest form should be returned to your primary school **no later than Friday 20 March 2015.**

**Sounding out aloud**

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.


*Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins*

**Deputy Principals**

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**School Photo Day - Year 1**

Year 1 Parents please ensure your child wears their full summer uniform this Thursday, **NOT** their sports uniform.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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**Swimming Carnival Ribbon Presentation**

The Swimming Carnival ribbon presentation assembly will be held on Friday 27 March at 2.15pm in the hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

*Lisa Leavai & Jeanine Payne*

*Carnival Organisers*
Easter Hat Parade - Thursday 2 April 2015

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 ‘Egghibition’.

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.

Shining Stars

Good luck to Kooper B (6H) and Ryan B (6B) who are participating in the ‘Short Curcuit Cancer’ six hour mountain bike relay on Saturday. The boys have raised almost $1500, which will go toward cancer research. Well done Kooper and Ryan!

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

All children are invited to participate in the Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition. This competition aims at heightening the awareness of multicultural issues among primary school students from diverse school communities across the state, while developing their interest and skills in public speaking.

Not all children will want to try out for the competition, in the event that we get three or more students from each Stage, we will hold an informal final at school on a date to be confirmed.

Please be aware of the speech requirements:

- All contestants are required to deliver two speeches at every level of the competition: a prepared speech (unlimited preparation time); and an impromptu speech (5 minutes preparation time).
- Each contestant is required to select from the list of topics provided for their division.
- **The prepared topic must have a multicultural content.**
- The use of external aids, such as props, is not allowed.
- Children in Years 3 and 4 will be required to prepare a 3 minute speech on a multicultural topic and present an impromptu speech.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 will be required to prepare a 4 minute speech on a multicultural topic and present an impromptu speech.

Students selected from the informal school final will be representing the school in a local area final. Years 3 and 4 from 10.00am to 12.00pm; Years 5 and 6 from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. Parents will need to arrange private transport to and from the venue.

Unfortunately, the Multicultural Public Speaking topics are unable to be presented for the Southern Sydney Schools Public Speaking competition. The two competitions are separate and require different topic choices.

If interested, please collect an information sheet and consent form from the school office or contact Mrs Palmer.
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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| Monday 23 March         | • P & C AGM at 7.30pm in Staffroom                                             |
| Tuesday 24 March        | • Canteen Closed                                                               |
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| Wednesday 25 March      | • Year 6 to Engadine High School Linkages                                      |
| Thursday 26 March       | •                                                                             |
| Friday 27 March         | • Swimming Carnival Ribbon                                                    |
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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.

Lunch Order Specials

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

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

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

Community News

Being a Mum

This three-hour program will help mothers to become more mindful parents and build skills to encourage closer relationships with their children.

You will learn to:

- understand yourself as a mum
- connect with your children
- discipline children in a positive way
- bring out the best in your children

Monday, 11 May 2015
9.30am to 12.30pm

Venue: Interrelate, Shop 1C
383-385 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah NSW

Bookings essential - Phone 8522 4450
Community News

Kids School Holidays Courses
Held at our Jannali Centre
All classes taught by professional tutors

Ages 7-10 years
Elegant Beaded Jewellery Class for Children and Teens

Ages 7-14 years
Cake Pops for Children and Teens
Cupcakes for Mums & Kids
Healthy Snacks for Children & Teens
Sushi & Rice Paper Rolls for Children & Teens

Ages 11-18 years
Sewing Classes for Children and Teens

For more details please ring
St. George & Sutherland Community College
Tel: 9528-3344 or visit our website www.sgscc.edu.au
Community News

ADULT LEARN TO SWIM & SURVIVE

10 WEEK PROGRAM TARGETING AFRICAN & ASIAN COMMUNITIES

WHERE: Engadine Leisure Centre
Anzac Ave Engadine
WHEN: Week commencing 20 April
ENROLMENT: Splashers Swim
School 8536 8723 or email
suthleisure@ssc.nsw.gov.au
Lessons run for 30 minutes.
Enrol as a group (min 4 max 6) or individual
Spaces limited. Bookings essential.

Do you want to improve or learn swimming and water safety skills including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)?
Due to many of the participants having no prior aquatic experience, the program effectively starts students at the very beginning of water safety knowledge, teaching them basic but essential skills and creating a firm foundation of aquatic learning.

For more information contact
Sutherland Leisure Centre
Ph: 8536 8723
www.sdlc.com.au

Royal Life Saving

Engadine Crusaders Football Club

U7 players wanted - Boys and Girls

We are offering FREE registration for this week only for any new U7 players only to sign up with Engadine Crusaders FC

Please contact our registrar asap

registrar@engadinecrusadersfc.com