Dear Parents

The stormwater upgrade in Ridge Road is due to commence this week. This work will mean that Ridge Road may be reduced to one lane outside the school and increased traffic congestion. Parents will need to be especially careful when dropping off or picking up their children. Please be patient and drive safely to ensure the wellbeing of our students.

P & C Meeting

The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held tonight commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom. There will be elections held for all the Executive positions. As Principal I would like to thank the current executive for their hard work and support over the last year. Thanks to the P & C and families at the school we have seen major purchases in the areas of technology and reading which have ensured the continued delivery of quality services at the Before and After School Care Centre and Canteen.

Holiday Leave

Recent changes by the DEC has resulted in parents wishing to take their children on holidays during the school term will now be required to submit an Application of Extended Leave - Travel form (for leave over five consecutive school days) which are available from the school and on the website. This leave must be approved by the Principal and a certificate of approval will be supplied to the family. The approval certificate may then be presented to authorities if required. The child’s leave will be counted in their total absences from school for the year.

Big Red Bec

The Big Red Bec fundraiser will be held tomorrow 24 March. Students are invited to come in mufti in a colour that reflects their favourite Jelly Baby. Cakes, lollies, t-shirts and wrist bands will all be on sale as well as a sausage sizzle. All money raised will support Miss Barrow in her 250km run to raise money for research into Type 1 Diabetes.

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 2 April. We are hoping to have many parents in attendance. The students will be involved in the Hat Parade, Eggs on Legs and Eggshibition. Thank you to all the families who have donated Easter eggs for our raffle. The P & C will be cooking a barbecue and our school canteen will also be selling food and drinks. Come along and enjoy a great day and thank you to the very hard working members of the P & C.

Have a wonderful week!

Garry Royston
Principal
Practise to be a Journalist
This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp

Safetytown Website – A Road Safety Education Program
This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit https://www.safetytown.com.au

Back by Popular Demand
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 kids of head lice and nits.http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx

Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principals

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

School Discipline Policy
Rationale
It is considered desirable that a statement of policy relating to discipline in the school should be formulated with staff, student and parent involvement for the following reasons:

★ There is a clear understanding and agreement of the terms of the policy by all it affects.
★ The exchange of ideas and involvement in the process of policy formulation is most valuable.
★ There is a greater commitment to a policy when all parties concerned have been involved in its formulation.

It is considered desirable that there should be a consistent approach to discipline within the school and that this approach is understood and valued by all in the school community. The teaching of the discipline policy will be an integral part of the school’s teaching and learning programs.

What is Acceptable Behaviour?
This is to be determined as it affects teachers, students, curriculum, property and organisation within the guidelines set down by the Department of Education and Communities Student Welfare Policy.

A set of rewards and sanctions has been determined to reinforce the learning of acceptable behaviour.

Descriptions of Standards of Acceptable Behaviour:

• Students will be at school every day between the hours of 9.25am and 3.30pm. Any variations will be accompanied by a written explanation by the parent or caregiver to the class teacher.
Students should not come to school before 9.00am (unless involved in pre-organised practice sessions or the Care Centre program) and should not enter the school buildings before 9.00am unless accompanied by a teacher or in cases of emergency. Children who arrive at school before 9.00am are expected to remain seated on the aluminum seats until the teacher comes on playground duty at 9.00am and gives them permission to play.

Students will always be expected to wear appropriate and safe clothing, including a school hat. There is an expectation that this will be the agreed school uniform.

Students will have their clothing and property clearly marked with their name and be responsible for the safe keeping of all their possessions.

Students will leave at home any article of great danger or value (e.g. knives, toy guns, jewellery, mobile phones, prohibitive substances and cigarettes).

All property will be stored with regard to the safety of oneself and others.

Students will have a responsible approach to the welfare of animals. Unless part of a special program animals, in particular dogs, should not come into the school playground.

Areas of work should always be left clean and tidy after use.

Care should always be taken with the kind of games played in various parts of the playground, e.g. running and some games would be inappropriate on the inner asphalt quadrangles. For safety reasons, some parts of the playground and neighbours’ property are out of bounds.

Care should be taken at all times with other people and their property. This naturally excludes such activities as fighting and rough games and any activity, which may involve physical contact with someone else.

All students have the right to feel safe and happy at school. Any breach of this right is regarded as inappropriate behaviour. Examples of this include any form of bullying including physical contact, teasing and exclusion.

Indoor behaviour is different from outdoor. Running and shouting is inappropriate inside school buildings unless specifically a part of a learning task. Children are not permitted to enter buildings without teacher permission.

Attendance and punctuality are considered highly important. Any variation from this routine is to be accompanied by a written explanation from parents. Students are to remain within the school grounds within school time.

Latecomers and early leavers are to do so via the front office. Parents are required to sign a Late Arrival/ Early Departure Register kept at the office.

Good manners are considered to be the hallmark of students who attend this school. They should be expressed as greetings, in requesting and accepting, in excusing and interrupting.

Consideration for others is a key factor in developing a safe and happy school. This also extends to a willingness to help others.

It is expected that requests made by teachers be obeyed.

Behaviour on excursions will be quiet and courteous. Students will be well dressed and obedient. This also applies when travelling to and from school on the bus.

Students should be developing a responsible approach to having the necessary materials on hand for lessons and school activities and to communicate messages (usually notes) to parents. Students should be learning to grow in independence without needing to rely on parents to check on procedures and activities.

Students should be learning to achieve set goals in having work completed on time.

Students will be expected to complete homework assignments in line with the school’s homework policy.

There are other special codes of behaviour that apply to being a member of a special group, such as competition sporting teams, school band or choir groups. These codes of behaviour are part of the school discipline policy.

Students should be encouraged to learn that honesty is always the best policy.
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 'Eggshibition'.

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.

Sporting Success

Last Wednesday we had a number of boys attend the combined Engadine/Sutherland Zone Rugby League trials at Yarrawarrah. It was an extremely hot day and all boys that attended, did themselves and their school proud.

We would like to congratulate; Luke W, Harrison H, Zane K, Ben M and Jake Q for making the Under 11’s team. Congratulations also go to Cooper N who made the Opens Team. These boys will now progress to the Sydney East trials and play in the Robert Stone Shield. We wish all the boys the best of luck.

Martin Field and Michael Griggs

Afghanistan & Middle East Memorial Service

On 21 March 2015, a National Commemoration for the end of Operation SLIPPER will take place. Op Slipper was Australia’s whole-of-government mission in Afghanistan and the Middle East which commenced in October 2001.

In Sydney it will include a Parade along George and Bathurst Streets commencing at 10.00am, followed by a Commemorative Ceremony held around the Pool of Reflection at the ANZAC Memorial, Hyde Park at approximately 11.30am. There will be a fly-past during the course of the Parade and the Reviewing Officer, the Governor of NSW will take the salute on the steps of the Town Hall.

For those unable to attend the parade, the Engadine RSL Sub Branch will be conducting a memorial service at the War Memorial commencing at 10.00am.

The purpose of these events is to provide the public with the chance to thank all those who deployed as part of the International Coalition Against Terrorism; Recognising their commitment and remembering those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Enquiries to the Engadine RSL Sub Branch Secretary on 9548 5106 or Engadinerls@gmail.com

Valuables at School

Students should not bring valuable items or toys to school. It is DEC policy that students do not bring mobile telephones to school. Should this occur the telephone will be confiscated by the staff and kept in a secure location for collection at the end of the day by the child or parent as required. Jewellery, including necklaces, bracelets and rings, are not part of the school uniform and are best left at home. **Girls should wear studs in pierced ears instead of earrings.**

From time to time students will be asked to bring money for payments for such things as excursions, textbook purchases and special programs. These should be in clearly marked envelopes and given to the class teacher first thing in the morning where a record of payments will be made.
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

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

Tuesday 24 March
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking
- Big Red Bec Fundraiser Mufti Day

Wednesday 25 March
- Year 6 to Engadine High School Linkages

Thursday 26 March

Friday 27 March
- Swimming Carnival Ribbon Presentation 2.15pm in Hall
- Friday Swimming Program
- Backyard League Program

Monday 30 March

Tuesday 31 March
- Canteen Closed
- Student Banking
- School Cross Country at Anzac Oval

Wednesday 1 April
- SSSMF Junior Choir Rehearsal Yarrawarrah Public School
- Uniform Shop Open 9.15am

Thursday 2 April
- Easter Hat Parade
- Last Day of Term 1

Friday 3 April
- GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Dates For your diary

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.
Uniform Shop News

The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

**Wednesday 1 April 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.

**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

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This Week's Roster

**Tuesday - 24 March**
CANTEEN CLOSED

**Wednesday - 25 March**
R Newton, K Dickenson, K Sinclair, K Schnabel, N Grove

**Thursday - 26 March**
K Allbon, L Blaikie, M Healey

**Friday - 27 March**
A Pillington, D Osmond, K Holmes, R Maguire, H Wybron

**Monday - 30 March**
S McFarlane, K Kingston, S Wise
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

FUN - INDOOR SOCCER SKILLS PROGRAM

JUNIORS (Boys & Girls Aged 5 ½ to 8 years)

MENAI
Saturdays 10.05am to 11.05am (Menai Salvation Army Indoor Sports Court)

CARINGBAH
Saturdays 12.15pm to 1.15pm (Endeavour High Indoor Court/Gym)
Thursdays 4.30pm to 5.30pm (Caringbah CBC Indoor Sports)

PRE-SCHOOLERS (Boys & Girls Aged 3 to 5 years)
7 Days a week at Caringbah, Jannali, Miranda, Sutherland, Menai

Term 2 Registrations open on 31 March online at www.soccajoys.com
or call 1300 781735.

Email enquiries: sutherlandshire@soccajoys.com or call Michael on 9522 0452.
Relating as Stepfamilies

This one day workshop assists couples to manage the demands of life as a stepfamily.

It will assist parents to:
- examine the challenges and positives of stepfamilies
- examine personal beliefs and the effects of holding onto these
- highlight the losses stepfamilies have suffered
- recognise the importance of developing stepfamily rituals
- compare different communication styles

Saturday 16 May 2015
9:30am to 4:30pm
$75 per couple

Venue: Family Relationship Centre
383 Port Hacking Road South, Caringbah 2229

Bookings essential - Phone 8522 4450
Morning tea & afternoon included.
One hour lunch break provided.
This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:
- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

Wednesday afternoons, 4:00pm to 5:00pm
29 April – 24 June 2015
(includes party week)

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

Cost: $50 per child

Bookings essential - Phone 8522 4450