Dear Parents

Welcome back to the beginning of what should be a very busy Term 2. I hope you all had a safe and relaxing holiday and everyone feels ready for the challenges ahead.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who attended our Easter Hat Parade at the end of last term. It was a very successful day. Special mention to the parents and hardworking P & C for their fundraising efforts on the day. The Easter raffle raised close to $2,000 and the barbecue $850, both being a huge success! The school was also given a cheque by the P & C Treasurer for $37,657. This gesture is greatly appreciated and will be spent on more iPads for the school and an upgrading of the school bell system. Thank you to all involved!

School Development Day

Yesterday the staff returned to duty for our School Development Day. It was a valuable time, with the staff focusing on further enhancing their use of technology in the classroom (Stop Motion Animation, using the Green Screen, iMovies and Book Creator). This was followed by an informative session on the continued implementation of the new Science Syllabus. The day finished with the familiarising of staff with the new “Performance and Development Framework” which has been introduced from the start of this term.

ANZAC Day

The school will be holding its annual ANZAC Day ceremony this Friday commencing at 12.00pm in the school hall. Students are invited to wear any special uniforms e.g. Air League, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts etc. at the ceremony. Parents are welcome to attend this very important and solemn ceremony.

NAPLAN

Just a reminder for all Year 3 and 5 students and their families that the NAPLAN testing is fast approaching. This national testing program will be held from Tuesday 12 May through to Friday 15 May (Week 4). Good luck to all the students involved.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal
Shining Stars

Congratulations to Noah, Emma, and Olivia who auditioned for the Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds (formally Sydney Region Band). Hundreds of students are auditioned from over 70 Public Schools across Sydney to form a 100 piece Concert Band with the goal of providing advanced music education and performance opportunities for children in years 5 - 8. Both Emma and Olivia were successful in gaining a place.

Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principals

ANZAC March

Last Sunday 19 April, the Engadine RSL Sub-Branch conducted the Annual Commemoration of ANZAC March through Engadine shopping centre followed by a Service. This year I was accompanied by Kirby E (4G) and Tyson B (2J). Both students marched proudly down the road along with ex-servicemen and women together with other groups from the local community. After the march, the students presented a book at the annual service. Well done Kirby and Tyson.

Vince Murphy
Assistant Principal

ANZAC Service

This Friday 24 April, the school will be conducting an ANZAC Service at 12.00pm in the school hall. During the service, the choirs will be singing and SRC members will be laying floral wreaths in remembrance. Children who are part of a community service such as Air League, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts are permitted to wear their special uniforms on the day (or change into them after sport). Parents are most welcome to attend.

Vince Murphy
Assistant Principal

Live Life Well

Family Meal Times

Getting the whole family to sit down for dinner can be next to impossible – with sport practice, working late and homework taking up the evening hours, many family members eat at whatever time best suits them. But research shows that families who eat together regularly (that’s more than three times a week), have more positive outcomes when it comes to health, family relationships and social development.

The family dinner table, after all, is where children learn manners, converse and interact with grownups, share what’s happening in their lives and experience new foods. The preparation of food and the table setting process are all part of the roles in a family and shape thoughts and feelings around food and family.

Societal changes that have decreased family meal times:

• We’re spending more hours at work
• Many Australians are living alone
• More mothers are in paid work
• There has been an increase in the number of single parent households and/or family displacement
• There’s more technology being used in the household
• More and more people are spending more on food and drink away from the home

Benefits associated with frequent family meal times:

• Improved relationships between family members
• Increased intake of healthy foods and healthier eating habits
• Increased understanding of social behaviours
• Improved speech for children
• Better mental health outcomes
• Decreased risk of children taking up smoking, drugs or having problems with the law.
Stewart House Clothing Bags

It is now 84 years since Stewart House opened its doors to provide public school children with a break from their current circumstance. The reasons individual children are chosen to attend the program are many and varied and the demand for services provided by Stewart House still remain strong.

Engadine West Public School will be collecting clothing for the Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2015 conducted by the Smith Family. Stewart House clothing collections are a major part of their annual income and we are very pleased to be able to support this worthwhile charity once again. Stewart House Clothing bags will be sent home with your child this week (additional bags available from the Front Office). Please donate good quality, wearable clothing and return bags to the Basement for collection by Wednesday 29 April 2015. Thank you for supporting Stewart House.

Friday Swimming Program Years 3-6

The Friday Swimming Program is being held at Engadine Leisure Centre this term for interested students in Years 3 to 6. The cost will be $90.00 (which includes swimming cap and goggles) and will begin this Friday 24 April and concludes on Friday 26 June (10 weeks). There are still places available so please see Mr Briton for a note by this Wednesday 22 April. We need 25 students for the program to run.

Mr Briton
Swimming Co-ordinator

Driving and Parking Safely Near the School

★ School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.
★ Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
★ Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
★ Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.
★ NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.
★ Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child - they will learn from you.
★ Slow down near the school crossing.
★ At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
★ Always park and turn legally around the school. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
★ Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
★ Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
★ Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
For Your Diary

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| Monday 20 April | • School Development Day  
No Students                                                   |
| Tuesday 21 April | • First Day of Term 2 for Students  
• Canteen Closed  
• Student Banking                                           |
| Wednesday 22 April | • Uniform Shop Open 9.15am                                                                  |
| Thursday 23 April | •                                                                                                 |
| Friday 24 April | • ANZAC Service in Hall at 12.00pm  
• Friday Swimming Commences at Engadine Leisure Centre  
• PSSA Commences OZTag at Heathcote Oval  
Soccer & Netball at The Ridge                               |
| Monday 27 April | •                                                                                                 |
| Tuesday 28 April | • Canteen Closed  
• Student Banking  
• School Cross Country Carnival                             |
| Wednesday 29 April | • Stewart House Clothing Bags Due Please return to Basement                                    |
| Thursday 30 April | •                                                                                                 |
| Friday 1 May   | • Friday Swimming  
• PSSA OZTag at Heathcote Oval  
Soccer & Netball at The Ridge                                |

Excursions and Payments

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<td>Friday Swimming Program - Term 2</td>
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PSSA Commences Friday 24 April

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
PSSA Code of Conduct

Codes of Behaviour provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These codes apply to players, teachers, coaches, principals, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played. The following Codes apply to school sport at all levels and are designed to highlight:

- the principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play in sport;
- that students participate for their own sake and not to fulfil the desires of parents, adult groups or peers;
- the encouragement of student participation in sport and, in so doing, contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

PLAYERS’ CODE

- Play for the fun of it.
- Play by the rules and always abide by the decisions of officials.
- Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
- Play only when you are fully fit. To play with injury will handicap your team, and may expose you to the risk of further and more serious injury.
- Be a good sport. Applaud the good play of your team mates and that of your opponents.
- At all times cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents, for without them you do not have a competition.
- Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

PARENTS’ CODE

- Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- If children are interested in sport, encourage them to participate. Refrain from forcing an unwilling child to participate.
- Remember that children participate in organised school sports for their enjoyment and fulfilment, not yours.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement. Never ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Always encourage the principle of good sportsmanship.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all individuals and all teams.
- Do not publicly question the officials’ judgement and never their honesty.
- Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teachers in coaching positions. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child and deserve your support.
- Have realistic expectations for your child and her or his team. Do not expect more than they can give.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form.
Students at Engadine West are proud to wear their uniforms, which indicate they are students of this school. It is part of the school’s discipline policy that all students will wear school uniform. Uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Outlet, which is operated by the P & C, and is open every second Wednesday from 9.15am to 10.15am. The uniform outlet is located off the Basement area near the computer lab. If you are unable to attend the outlet, order forms are available from the Front Office or on the school website.

During Term 2, as the weather becomes cooler, the children will start to wear their winter uniform. Please find the EWPS winter uniform requirements listed below.

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<th>Boys</th>
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<td>Dark green tartan tunic</td>
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<td><strong>Primary</strong>: Gold polo shirt with logo</td>
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<td><strong>Infants</strong>: Red, green, yellow or blue T-shirt according to House colour</td>
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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. The school hat and sports socks are also available to purchase from the canteen.

The next Uniform Shop opening times will be:

**Week 1, Term 2**

**Wednesday 22 April 2015 from 9.15-10.15am**

_Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame_  
_Uniform Shop Co-ordinators_
Canteen News

Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen
Please note that lunch orders must be placed by 9.30am.

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

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week’s Roster

Tuesday - 21 April
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 22 April
Leanne H

Thursday - 23 April
Leanne H

Friday - 24 April
A Pillington, D Osmond, A Bolton, R Maguire

Monday - 27 April
S McFarlane, B Eshman, K Kingston

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day stall will soon be here. To help stock the stall with some lovely gifts for mum, donations would be very much appreciated.

The list below is a guide for the types of donations we are seeking, if you are able to help. As always, if you have anything else that you think may be suitable and wish to donate, we will be grateful.

★ Kindergarten Nail care related items e.g. nail polish, nail files, buffers etc.
★ Year 1 and 2 Candles, soaps, perfumes, oils
★ Year 3 and 4 Any hair or skin related products
★ Year 5 and 6 Chocolates (individually wrapped – no nuts please)

As the stall gets closer we will advise you of the important dates (wrapping and stall day). We hope to see both mums or dads come and give us a hand on these days. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Carina Vitelli and Michelle Isemonger
Mother’s Day Stall Co-ordinators
Sylvania Rotary invites you to the charity preview of

Role Play

by Alan Ayckbourn

Set in Justin Lazenby's flat on a riverside in London's Docklands while a storm rages outside, a couple whose parents are about to meet for the first time are planning on announcing that they are engaged. With the action set at the dinner party from hell, they warn each other about their parents and it becomes clear that marriage is an escape for both of them.

A gruesomely funny clash of cultures and families, this is Alan Ayckbourn at his classic best.

Tickets $30
7.30pm for 8.00pm
Wednesday 29th April
The Arts Theatre, Cronulla
Includes a glass of champagne on arrival & supper after the performance

For bookings, proceed to http://www.trybooking.com/HIDA or call Ken on 0403 278 208

All proceeds donated to Farmers In Need
Community News

Maianbar Winter Warmers Festival
Sunday May 24, 2015
10.00am-3.00pm
Maianbar Community Hall
48R Pacific Crescent, Maianbar
(next door to the shop)
Free Entry

Each year festival organisers choose a different charity to receive all the funds raised, and this year it is Will2Live, a Sydney-based charity that feeds the homeless from the back of a van at Central Station every night. Last year the Maianbar festival raised just over $5,200, and hopes to increase this in 2015.

At the festival this year there will be – among the usual warm and woolly items for purchase – a number of hand-made and unique dog jackets, the festival's trademark pin cushions and tea cosies, plus creative door snakes, gloves, hats, beanies, jackets, scarves, wraps, toys, teddy bears, slippers and bed socks.

The festival has its own little café with tea and coffee, cakes, slices and sandwiches and biscuits, and the café next door sells more substantial fare.

Contact: Joan Morris, 9544 2052 or 0413 294 457 for further information.

Run 2 Cure Neuroblastoma

Come along, represent your school and be involved in a community initiative by running in the Run 2 Cure Neuroblastoma!

The Run 2 Cure Neuroblastoma will be held on Sunday 14th June 2015 at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney. The event comprises of 3 fun runs – a 10km, a 5km and a 3km, as well as a Little Heroes 1km walk which is for children five and under with family.

Can’t participate in the Run 2 Cure fun runs or walk? No problem! Come and enjoy the atmosphere and fundraising initiatives in The Domain including Jumping Castles, Kindy Farm, Little Kickers Soccer and more!

To register or for more information please go to the event website www.run2cure.org.au.