Dear Parents

Thank you to all the parents who attended our school ANZAC Day Ceremony last Friday. Once again, the students behaviour was outstanding. Special mention to our student leaders and SRC Representatives for the important role they played in the ceremony. Well done to Mr Murphy, Mrs Payne and Mrs Duncum for organising the assembly. Engadine West Public School would like to acknowledge the staff, student and families who attended the dawn service at Engadine on ANZAC Day and represented Engadine West.

School Cross Country

The school Cross Country has been rescheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday 28 April. The event will now be held in the school grounds and will commence at 9.25am. Students in Years 3 to 6, as well as Year 2 students turning eight this year are invited to compete. In the case of light rain, the carnival will still proceed.

Opportunity Class Placements

Those families who have children currently in Year 4 who wish to sit the OC Placement test need to submit an application online now at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement Good luck to those students involved.

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 4 May commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Parents are most welcome to attend.

NAPLAN

The Years 3 and 5 classes are busy preparing themselves for the NAPLAN testing which commences on Tuesday 12 May. Good luck to all our students.

Girls Soccer Knockout

Unfortunately the State Girls Soccer Knockout match scheduled for today has been postponed due to ground closures. The game will be rescheduled. Keep training and play well girls!

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal
Deputy Principals’ Report

Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 in 2016
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Managing Depression
One in four children over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help?
Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

Financial Literacy
Does your child need help with business and economics? Here’s info on credit cards, how to be responsible spenders and savers, and make consumer choices.

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Homework Planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principals

Live Life Well

Rainy Day Activities
Keeping children active and occupied during wet days can be challenging. Here are some active indoor play ideas:

★ build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
★ play ‘hide and seek’
★ play basket softball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket - keep increasing the distance to make it more challenging
★ have a dance competition or disco at home
★ make some play dough and enjoy being creative with it
★ set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer etc).

Staff Carpark

There seems to be a small number of parents using the staff carpark as a drop off or pick up area or as a thoroughfare through to the main playground. The carpark is a very busy and dangerous area. Please do not put your child or yourself at risk by entering the carpark. The carpark is for staff only. Your total co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.
**School Cross Country (Re-scheduled)**

The school Cross Country will be held tomorrow on school premises due to many council grounds still being closed. The races will start at 9:25am, commencing with the 10 year old races then the 8/9 year old races so that Year 4 can still attend Dancesport at 10:25am. All children who are running need to wear their sport uniform and be prepared to compete. In the event of light rain, the carnival will proceed, however children should bring a change of uniform to wear after their race should they get wet.

**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.

**Stewart House Donation Drive**

Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes have been sent home. Your generous donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope provided, complete entry details on the back and return it to school to go in the draw to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Please return donation envelopes no later than Friday 15 May 2015. Thank you for supporting Stewart House.

**Early Bird & BEAR Reading Programs**

Early Bird Reading will commence again next Tuesday 5 May.

BEAR tutors urgently needed from now until end of May. Please see me for more information. Times are flexible.

Jenny Scott
Learning and Support Teacher

**Lost Property**

There are lost property items being held at the front office including jewellery, watches, wallets and reading glasses. If you have misplaced any of the above items, please call into the front office to claim your property.

Please ensure that all items of removable clothing are clearly marked with your child’s name. This makes identification and return of lost property to students much easier. Any clothing or items found in the playground will be placed in lost property boxes in the Basement where parents and students can check for their items. After a reasonable time, unnamed and unclaimed articles will be sent to a local charity.
During Term 2 all children at Engadine West participate in our school competition which is part of the Southern Sydney Schools Public Speaking Competition.

Over the coming weeks children will be asked to think of a topic for their speech and prepare it for presentation to the class. Class winners progress to a Grade Competition, then to a Stage Competition and lastly to the School Final. Below are a few notes that may assist parents in helping their children prepare speeches.

Many parents ask me about topic selection when I speak to them at Zone and Regional Finals. Below is a general guide about how to select a suitable topic for the school public speaking competition.

**Topic Selection**

Speakers should choose a topic that they feel very strongly about so that they can speak with sincerity. They should also choose a topic that would be of interest to the rest of the audience.

**Early Stage 1 and Stage 1** - Students can choose simple topics such as pets, holidays, family members, etc.

**Stage 2** - Students can also choose simple topics but they should be encouraged to talk about other people in relation to their topic. Their entire speech should not just be about themselves.

**Stage 3** - Students should be encouraged to speak about an issue or problem in society such as the environment, war, poverty, etc. They should be talking about other people and the world in general for their entire speech.

**Message** - Each speech must have an overall point. Speakers should incorporate their own point of view so that their speech does not become an information report. The speaker should make his/her opinion clear and they should leave the audience with something to think about.

In Early Stage 1 the message can be simple. In Stage 2 speakers should be encouraged to justify their opinion. In Stage 3 their message should be profound and also justified.

**The Impromptu Speech**

- It must be remembered that impromptu speeches are still speeches. Therefore an impromptu speech should have an introduction, a body and a conclusion as well as an overall theme or message. Speakers should not just be rambling about anything that comes to mind.
- Speakers should never speak about the process of writing an impromptu or about how hard the topic is.
- Speakers cannot use any material from someone else’s prepared speech.
- Speakers should try and have an original interpretation of the topic. First ideas are usually the most obvious ones, perhaps second or third ideas are more original.
- Speakers should choose one interpretation of the topic. They should not list every possible interpretation or definition of the topic. They should have one overall theme or a message they are working towards throughout their speech.
- Once again, speakers should have an interesting introduction, either beginning with a story that illustrates their main point or a question. Speakers should not start with clichés such as, “What does this topic mean” or “the definition of this is”.
- In the body of the speech speakers should explore the how, why, when, where, who, what, which of the topic.
- The conclusion of the speech should bring all the speaker's ideas together and it should reinforce their message.
- Speakers should avoid repetition. Adjudicators prefer quality over quantity. A short speech with substance is better than a long repetitive ramble.

Next week: How to Prepare a Speech

*Vince Murphy*

*Assistant Principal*
Biggest Morning Tea

Biggest Morning Tea
Shave For a Cure

On Tuesday 19 May 2015 (beginning at 8:30 am and finishing at 9:30 am), we will be holding our yearly event to raise much needed funds to support the Cancer Council. This year, we hope to raise more money than ever before!

Students are able to wear mufti and come with a crazy hairstyle, for a gold coin donation. Students are not able to shave their heads without first gaining approval from Mr Royston.

There will be many activities and stalls on the morning including;

**Face painting – 50c**

**Cake Stall – 50c - $1.00**

**Lolly pop pick – $1.00** (you could win a $100.00 iTunes card)

**School lost property sales • gold coin donation**

*grab a jumper/jacket or piece of Tupperware, for a bargain!*

**Chocolate toss – 50c**

**Tea cup toss – 50c**

**Breakfast BBQ – various prices, so get here early for breakfast at school!**

**Raffles - $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00 (win some fantastic prizes)**

*Raffle tickets available prior to the event.*

And the big one...

**Throw a cream pie in the face of a teacher!**

*(5.00 per throw but it’s worth it)*

*Can you convince your teacher to be a target?*

This year, four wonderful students (including a girl!!) are prepared to shave their heads!! However you will need to be prepared to pay for this. So if you want to see this happen, bring in your money to either Ms Barrow or to the front office.

On the day, donations of cakes, slices, muffins, biscuits etc would be greatly appreciated. If these items could be brought in on the morning (or Monday if they are non-perishable), and delivered to the hall, it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember, NO NUTS.

Your ongoing support of this worthwhile charity is appreciated and we hope to reach our best result ever. So start working around the house to earn some money to come and spend on the day.

Karen Weppler, Tracey Stevenson and Rebecca Barrow
Cancer Council Fundraising Committee

*SPECIAL NOTE: Please be advised that this event will go ahead even if it is raining, so there is no need to call the office and check.*
For Your Diary

| 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 | • PSSA  
OZTag at Heathcote Oval  
Soccer & Netball at The Ridge  
K-2 Assembly 12.00pm  
3-6 Assembly 2.30pm |
| Monday 4 May | • P & C Meeting 7.30pm in Staffroom |
| Tuesday 5 May | • Canteen Closed  
• Student Banking  
• Early Bird Reading Commences |
| Wednesday 6 May | • Kindergarten Grandparent’s Day  
10.00-11.00am  
• Book Club orders due |
| Thursday 7 May | • |
| Friday 8 May | • PSSA  
OZTag at Heathcote Oval  
Soccer & Netball at The Ridge |

Excursions and Payments

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PSSA Sport

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
Uniform Shop News

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.

As the weather becomes cooler, the children will start to wear their winter uniform.

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 every day 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:

Wednesday 6 May 2015 from 9.15-10.15am

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame  
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

Book Club News

Orders from Issue 3 catalogues are due to be returned to your classroom or the front office by Wednesday 6 May. Every order earns free books for our school library so take advantage of the great savings.

If you are paying with cash, particularly coins, could you please tape unsealed parts of envelope to ensure coins do not fall out.

Orders can be held at the office for collection. Please ensure this is clearly marked on all the order forms and envelope with a contact phone number. We will ring you when the books are ready for collection from the front office.

To ensure your order can be placed on time, please check the following:

★ Student’s name and class on all forms and envelope.
★ For cash payments please check the amount if your child is paying and please ensure the envelope is well sealed.
★ For cheque payments the cheque must be made out to Scholastic Australia.
★ For credit card payments use the website to pay and get a receipt number or call the phone number on the form. Only one receipt for the total amount is necessary and you only need to write the receipt details on one order form.

Thank you for your support.

Mandy Goodman & Stephanie Wise  
Book Club Coordinators
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.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week’s Roster

Tuesday - 28 April
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 29 April
R Newton, K Zaknich

Thursday - 30 April
N McNally, N Grove

Friday - 1 May
T Farquhar, C Vitelli, S Savania

Monday - 4 May
N Hardy, A Jones, N Adey

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
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
Tuesday, 2nd June, 2015

7pm @ Miranda Salvos
23 Kiora Road, Miranda

Come along to a free Community Information session
on the illicit drug

’ICE’
Crystal Methamphetamine

The following topics will be discussed:
- What is ICE?
- How ICE works
- How ICE affects the body
- Short term & long term harm
- Overdose signs & symptoms
- Treatment and support options
- Ice & Crime in our Community

Bookings are essential—phone 9540 4460 or email:
rachael.armour@aue.salvationarmy.org

SGSCC's Affordable Coaching = Maximum Success
Affordable Education Courses held at our Hurstville & Jannali Centres

The following Term 1 courses are now available
- Spelling, Reading & Writing - Yrs 1 & 2
- Creative Writing Public Speaking - Yrs 2 to 6,
- Children’s Maths & English Coaching Yrs 2 -6
- Preparation for Selective High Examinations

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