Dear Parents

This week is a very important one with our students in Years 3 and 5 sitting for the NAPLAN tests. The testing program runs from Tuesday through to Friday so please ensure that your child is well rested and on time for school each day. Friday is a catch up day so that if your child misses a test during the week, they will be asked to remain at school and not attend PSSA sport to complete their testing program. Good luck to all our students and try your best!

School Uniform

The weather is quite changeable, but it is that time of the year when students start wearing their Winter uniform. Particularly with the girls, please do not mix both summer and winter uniforms together as we try to always maintain high standards when it comes to uniform. Please remember that boys are to wear grey socks NOT white. Parent co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Mother’s Day Stall

I hope that all the mums had a wonderful day on Sunday. Thank you to all the families who supported our annual Mother’s Day Stall. The stall raised $2,500 for the school. A big thank you to all the parents who helped wrap gifts and who helped on the stall on Thursday. Special mention to Mrs Isemonger and Mrs Vitelli for organising the event.

Kindergarten Grandparents Day

Last week Kindergarten held a very successful Grandparents Day with over 200 people attending. If was a great morning and the staff received a great deal of positive feedback from our visitors. Thank you to all the staff involved in organising and participating in the initiative.

Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival (SSSMF)

A note will be sent home shortly (and placed on the school’s website) to all the families of students who will be performing at this year’s SSSMF. Tickets this year are $17.50 each and will go on sale on Wednesday 27 May, so don’t miss out. I hope to see a large number of Engadine West parents in attendance at the concerts.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to Aimee C (4M) who has been selected as a member of the 2015 Acrobatics State Team and will compete from 27-29 May. Well done and good luck Aimee!
Principal’s Report Cont’d

Attendance Policy
A new Attendance Policy has been recently introduced by the Department of Education and Communities which affects the provision of exemptions from school attendance. Please note under the new policy the following changes:

6.1 Principals can decline or accept an explanation for an absence and record the absence as “unjustified”. The parent should be advised that the explanation has not been accepted and a reason for the decision provided.

14.1 From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the “Exemption from School - Procedures”. Travel outside of the vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes.

If a family is applying for leave for a holiday, please complete the required forms available on the school website or from the Front Office. Please return completed forms to your child’s classroom teacher who will take note of the details and forward it to the Front Office for processing. Thank you for your understanding in the new change of policy.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

Deputy Principals’ Report

Food Allergy Week - 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Find out more:  http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is Your Child Making Friends at School?
Children who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

Mastering Spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.


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

Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principals
Cross Country Ribbon Presentation Assembly

The Cross Country Ribbons will be presented at this Friday’s (15 May) 3-6 Assembly at 2.30pm in the hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

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.

Library News

♦ The Library has many wonderful new books that require covering. If you are able to assist, please call in to see Mrs Evans. All help is greatly appreciated.

♦ During Week 5 of this term (18-22 May) there will be no Library borrowing due to new shelving being installed in the Library. Thank you for your understanding.

Margaret Evans and Janet Evans
Teacher Librarians

Live Life Well

Moving to Music

Children enjoy listening to and moving to music. It’s a great way to get active at home. Try playing a range of different music and encourage your child to move in different ways. Children’s music CDs that include actions and fun themes are usually well liked by children. Join in and show children how much fun it is to move to music.

The children at our service have really enjoyed listening to the Munch & Move music CD. The CD has 15 catchy tunes that promote healthy eating and physical activity. You can order a free CD or download each of the songs by visiting the Healthy Kids website, clicking on the Munch and Move Resources page and then clicking on Music. www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Dogs on School Grounds

Dogs are not to come into the school grounds as they can distress students. By law dogs are not allowed on school premises. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Stray dogs will be referred to the Sutherland Council Dog Pound for collection.
Biggest Morning Tea

Hairdressers needed!
Please see Miss Barrow if you’re able to help

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 $10.00 iTunes card)
- **School lost property sales - gold coin donation**
  (grab a jumper/jacket or piece of Tupperware, for a bargain!)
- **Chocolate toss - 80c**
- **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 11 May •
Tuesday 12 May • Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing • Canteen Closed • Student Banking
Wednesday 13 May • Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing
Thursday 14 May • Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing
Friday 15 May • Year 5 (2016) Opportunity Class applications close • Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing Catch-up Day • K-2 Assembly 12.00pm • 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm • Cross Country Ribbon Presentation • Stewart House Donation Envelopes Due • PSSA • OZTag at Heathcote Oval • Soccer & Netball at The Ridge

Monday 18 May • COSOtP Camp • Debating Workshop at Loftus Public School
Tuesday 19 May • Biggest Morning Tea 8.30-9.30am • COSOiP Camp • Canteen Closed • Student Banking
Wednesday 20 May • Uniform Shop Open 9.15am
Thursday 21 May •
Friday 22 May • PSSA • OZTag at Heathcote Oval • Soccer & Netball at The Ridge

Excursions and Payments

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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
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 is now cooler, please send your child/children to school in their full 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 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:

Wednesday 20 May 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.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week’s Roster

| Tuesday - 12 May | CANTEEN CLOSED |
| Wednesday - 13 May | C Williams, D Duffy |
| Thursday - 14 May | G Padgett, K Zaknich |
| Friday - 15 May | N Ross, K Hansen, R Hutchison, S Savania |
| Monday - 18 May | R Davoren, N Leishman, L Fordyce |

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day stall was held last Thursday and was a great success. Thank you to all our wonderful parent volunteers for their help on the day and to the many families who donated lovely gifts for us to sell. We hope you all enjoyed unwrapping your special Mother’s Day gifts.

Carina Vitelli and Michelle Isemonger
Mother’s Day Stall Co-ordinators
Dinner and Fundraising Evening
Supporting the search for a cure for Type 1 Diabetes in Children and young Adults

Rebecca and Josh invite you to join them for their ‘Big Red Run’ Fundraiser to be held:

Date: Friday 29th June, 2013
Time: 7:00 for 7:30 pm
Place: The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow.

You will be treated to a 2 course dinner, music, entertainment, auctions, raffle and a lucky door prize. We would love to have as many people as possible join us to assist in our goal of helping to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. Get your friends together for a great night out.

Tickets: $50.00 each
or
Table of 10: $500 (when booked as a whole table)

Book now to secure your tickets as seats will sell quickly and we don’t want you to miss out.

How to book your ticket or table:

Please note there is a maximum of 10 guests per table. Should you require alternate seating or specific dietary requirements, please let us know when you book. For bookings contact:

Rebecca Barrow
Ph: 0421 355 571
Email: Rebecca.barrow1@det.nsw.edu.au (preferred)

Please include your name, number of guests and a contact phone number. Your email or call will be returned to confirm your booking.

Payment options include; cash, cheque payable to Rebecca Barrow or Direct Deposit. Please contact Rebecca via email for direct deposit details. Payment must be received to secure your booking. Bookings must be finalised by Friday 5th June, 2015. Be sure to book your tickets early!

For further enquiries, please contact Rebecca on 0421 355 571 or Josh 0402 579 764.

Running 250km in 6 Days through the Simpson Desert to help JDRF turn Type 1 into Type None.

www.bigredrun.org.au
www.everydayhero.com Search for Big Red Bec or Joshua Leussink (to make a donation)
Follow us on Facebook. Search for Big Red Bec or Squirrels Nuts. ‘Like’ and ‘Share’ our pages.
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
Community News

Kid’s Movie Night at Engadine Church of Christ

Saturday 23rd May 6:30pm – 8:15pm

Bring your friends and watch a recent release DVD on a MASSIVE screen.

**Ages:** Kids from Kindergarten to Year 6

**Cost:** No entry fee but a $3 charge for a bag with snacks and drink

**Place:** Engadine Church of Christ 131 Woronora Rd, Engadine

**More Information:** Church office 9520 0990.

Parents more than welcome to stay (no charge) or enjoy the time to yourselves.

Please note that due to licensing agreements we are not allowed to advertise the name of the movie in writing, but will be more than happy to give this information over the phone or in person. Thank you for your understanding.

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