Dear Parents

All the students have quickly settled back into school routine. It is wonderful to see our students in full school uniform. This certainly improves school tone and sends a very positive message to the students and the whole school community. Well done and keep it up!

School Disco

This Wednesday 22 July, Engadine West will be holding a school disco. This event will be a P & C event and has been organised by Mrs Tracy Farquhar. The session times are:

- Years K-2  4.30-5.30pm
- Years 3-6  5.45-7.00pm

A sausage sizzle, lollies, drinks and glow products will be available to purchase on the night. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help. All money raised will be used to enhance the learning programs in the school.

Public Speaking

Congratulations to our Early Stage 1 Public Speaking finalists (Sophie C, Charli B, Jenson M, Lauren McN, Joshua W and Matilda G) on their efforts in last week’s final. The speeches were of high quality. Well done to Matilda G on being our school representative. Tyson B, Lachlan S, Lyla Hoban and Margot V competed in the Stage 1 final and once again speeches were of a very high standard. Congratulations to all involved with Lyla H being selected to represent Engadine West Public School. Thank you to Mr Murphy for co-ordinating this event.

Education Week - School Athletics Carnival

Next week is Education Week where all schools in NSW celebrate the achievements of Public Education. Engadine West Public School will be making the week special with our annual Athletics Carnival being held on Tuesday 28 July at Sylvania Athletics track. Good luck to all our students competing in Years 3-6 and those Year 2 students who are turning eight this year. It is always an enjoyable day and we hope to see many parents in attendance. Thank you to Mr Field for organising the carnival. The students not participating in the carnival will remain at school for normal lessons.
Cultural Infusion Incursion

A note has been sent home requesting permission for your child/children to attend a free Cultural Infusion incursion at school on 16 August. Please note this date is incorrect and the incursion will be held on Thursday 6 August. An amended permission note will be sent home shortly, please complete and forward it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

Health and Absences

Please keep children at home when they are sick. A child who isn't healthy cannot concentrate on school work. If your child is absent from school, please send a note to his/her teacher on the first day back. If you know that your child is going to be absent for more than three days, please notify the school as soon as possible. The school still requires a written follow-up note for all absences.
Public Speaking Update

Congratulations to the ES1 and S1 contestants who competed in the school final last Thursday evening. The standard of public speaking from all children was outstanding and the adjudicators had difficult decisions to decide on stage winners. The winners were ES1 – Matilda G and S1 – Lyla H. Both these children will be representing our school at the Pool W final at Loftus PS on 20 August.

On Thursday 23 July, we will be conducting the school Public Speaking S2 and S3 Finals. Congratulations and good luck to the following students who will be competing.

Stage 2
Commences at 4.00pm in the school library. Students are to wear their school uniform.
Charlotte H (4KJ)
Jessica H (4M)
Sophie W (3B)
Dane R (3PT)

Stage 3
Commences at 4.45pm in the school library. Students are to wear their school uniform.
Zara M (6H)
Kiara A (6B)
Tomeka W (5/6D)
Casey F (6F)

Vince Murphy
Assistant Principal

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Start collecting for EWPS now!

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives schools and early learning centres around Australia the chance to earn new educational resources.

Make a difference for your local school:

★ Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent.
★ Stick the Woolworths stickers onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.
★ Once it's complete, pop it into a Collection Box at your school or local store. You can download more Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets from the Woolworths website woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Last year more than 14,500 schools and early learning centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

It's easy to earn valuable resources to help your local school, so start collecting your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers today.

Go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn for more information, terms and conditions and answers to frequently asked questions.
Infectious Diseases and Exclusions from School

It is necessary to keep your child at home if they have the following infectious diseases:

- Chicken Pox: Until fully recovered - at least 7 days after spots appear.
- Measles: For 5 days after the rash appears.
- German Measles: Until fully recovered or at least 5 days (minimum exclusion).
- Impetigo: Depends on severity and location.
- Conjunctivitis: Until treatment has been effective.
- Mumps: Until fully recovered - at least 10 days after swelling occurs.

For more information on packing a healthy lunchbox visit www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au
**Developing Your Child’s Independence**

As students grow and are ready to come to school they need to develop independence and learn to be responsible for many aspects of school life. This will include putting in their lunch orders to the canteen, looking after their own property and bringing and taking notes to and from home. We encourage parents to drop children off at the gates and also to wait outside the gates to collect the children. This will help to develop independence and confidence in the children.

**Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival**

**Ticket Sales**

Our school will be participating in the following concerts

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This year, tickets for this event will only be available online. All tickets went on sale on **Wednesday 27 May**. On this day, tickets will be available to anyone wishing to purchase on a first-in, first served basis. As tickets traditionally sell out for some of the concerts, we recommend you order as early as possible. In the unlikely event that there are unsold tickets for a particular concert, these will be available at the box office on the afternoon/night of the concert.

Tickets this year are $17.50. Due to health and safety regulations, **the Entertainment Centre will not allow children to sit on parents’ laps**. Each person attending the concert will require a ticket.

To order and purchase tickets, go to [www.trybooking.com/GYMD](http://www.trybooking.com/GYMD)

For further information, please see the ticket sales note given to all participating students or the school’s website.

**School Disco - Wednesday 22 July**

Our next school disco will be held Wednesday 22 July in the school hall:

- **Years K-2**  4.30-5.30pm
- **Years 3-6**  5.45-7.00pm

Cost of entry is $5.00 and students may bring this to school on Wednesday 22 July to pre-purchase their disco wristband to avoid lining up on the night. Please send money in an envelope with your child’s name to the classroom teacher on this day and P & C representatives will put their wristband on in the classroom, otherwise payment can be made at the door.

Entry fee includes drinks and the chance to win a lucky dip for a gift card. Please fill out the slip sent home today and return it with your money on Wednesday. Students must attend the disco to enter the draw.

Thank you to Mrs Farquhar and her parent helper team for organising this special event and thank you to our fantastic teachers who will be attending and supervising students.

**Please note:** Parent volunteers are also required on the night, any help would be greatly appreciated.
# For Your Diary

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*Postponed due to Wet Weather*

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**

The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

**Wednesday 29 July 2015 from 9.15-10.15am**

We will then be opening on every second Wednesday. The Uniform Shop are in need of volunteers. If there are any parents wishing to be placed on our roster for Wednesdays, please leave your details at the front office.

*Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame*
*Uniform Shop Co-ordinators*

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**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.

**Education Week Open Day - Thursday 30 July**

The canteen will be open and serving homemade soup, toasted sandwiches and tea and coffee. We would appreciate donations of cakes, slices etc. to sell on the day. We will also need help during the morning to prepare food and serve. Any assistance you are able to offer will be greatly appreciated.

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 - 14 July**
*Canteen Closed*

**Wednesday - 22 July**
C Williams, D Duffy

**Thursday - 23 July**
G Padgett, K Zaknich, M Tilbrook

**Friday - 24 July**
N Ross, K Hansen, R Hutchison, K Holmes

**Monday - 27 July**
N Leishman, L Fordyce
On 7 June, Kurt Drysdale (Aged 20) from Stanwell Tops was involved in a life changing rugby league accident. Kurt, a former Cronulla Sharks U20s player may never walk again after a tackle went horribly wrong. As a result, Kurt is in Royal North Shore Hospital on a respirator after he suffered a snapped C5 vertebra and multiple spinal fractures.

Former NRL players, Kurt’s teammates and coaches, and the NRL have offered the family support.

Donations can be made to the Commonwealth Bank

Name: Kurt Drysdale  
BSB: 062-862  
Account: 1001 2107

Thank you
Relating as Stepfamilies

This one-session program 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, 9:30am to 4:30pm
22 August 2015
Cost: $75 per couple
Venue: Interrelate (Caringbah)
Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd
Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408

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