Dear Parents

Thank you to parents, friends, staff and the local community for your support of our 2015 Education Week celebrations. The school Athletics Carnival was a great success. The students participated enthusiastically and there were some outstanding performances. Many of our talented athletes will now represent our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 12 August. The carnival was well supported by parents. Our Education Week Open Day last Thursday was also well attended and the children enjoyed sharing their school with valued members of their families. Thank you to the parents and P & C representatives who volunteered to help on the day. It was great to see all students in the school participating in the entertainment. Well done to the teaching staff and the Groove Nation dance teachers in preparing the students to perform.

Aboriginal Education

This Thursday 6 August will see the students in K-6 enjoy an Aboriginal Cultural incursion in the school hall. The performance will allow students to learn about Aboriginal storytelling and music. This should be a valuable learning experience for all the students.

Premier’s Debating

Congratulations to our school Debating team (Jessica H, Emma C, Casey F and Zara M) who participated in a debate against Sutherland Public School last week. Although we did not win the debate our team displayed great improvements and excellent sportsmanship. Well done team, the school is very proud of you. Thank you to Mrs Sterling and Miss Davis for preparing the team.

Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival (SSSMF)

The annual SSSMF is fast approaching, with the students preparing for the exciting matinee and evening performances. Engadine West will be performing at the following times:

- **Junior Matinee Concert** (Year 2 Junior Choir & Year 3 Dance)  
  Friday 7 August at 1.00pm
- **Junior Evening Concert** (Year 2 Junior Choir & Year 3 Dance)  
  Monday 10 August at 7.00pm
- **Senior Evening Concert** (Senior Choir, Senior Dance, Senior Band)  
  Friday 14 August at 7.00pm

Those parents fortunate enough to have purchased tickets for the concerts, will be in for a great evening of entertainment.
**Deputy Principals’ Report**

**Low Waste Lunches**

We used to have a big problem with school waste. Rubbish was spread everywhere across our playgrounds by cockatoos and our costs were soaring. That problem was solved by implementing with community support Low Waste Lunches. Students are encouraged to reduce the waste packaging coming to school and if any does, they can take it back home again. That is now part of our school culture. Low Waste lunches are here to stay and we are looking forward to seeing a continued reduction in rubbish at school and we aim to reduce the amount of garbage trucks coming to school each week. This allows us to spend more money on students.

**Teacher Professional Learning**

This week after school our teachers will be trained in the Performance and Development Framework. We also have team members both leading and participating in the ASPIRE Executive development Program.

**PSSA Code of Conduct**

A reminder that the PSSA Code of Conduct has been posted on the school website.

**Kindergarten Parents Reading Workshop**

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend a special workshop presented by former local principal and author of ‘Parent Assisted Reading’ John Walters, held in the school library at 3.00-3.25pm on Friday 7 August. This should prove to be a valuable experience in developing skills in supporting the student reading development.

*Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins*

*Deputy Principals*

**Shining Stars**

- Congratulations to Mia L R-S (5M) who competed at the BDA Eisteddfod on the weekend and came 2nd in the 10yr Contemporary and 4th in the 10yr Jazz sections. Mia will also be attending the Years 5-6 State Dance Workshops at Sydney Dance Company this week. Well done Mia!

- Congratulations to Caitlin S (5/6D) who achieved Platinum Gold (1st place in both Tap events) in the Showcase Regional Eisteddfod over the weekend. Well done Caitlin!
**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.

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**MindQuest 2015**

On Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September 2015, the 76th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend ‘MindQuest’ will be held at St George Girls High School, Victoria Street, Kogarah for primary students from Years 1-6. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses over the two day program. The cost of the weekend is $180 (including GST).

If you are interested, please collect an application form from the front office.

*Vince Murphy*
*Assistant Principal*

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**Severe Allergic Reaction (Anaphylaxis)**

A number of students at the school have been identified as suffering from severe allergic reactions (Anaphylaxis) to food containing nuts and nut products. As a result it has been necessary to remove these foods from the school canteen. We strive to be a nut-free school. We respectfully request that children and adults should not eat or bring food or sandwiches to school containing nuts, peanut butter or Nutella ingredients.

If you are aware that your child has a severe allergic reaction similar to the above or to bee stings/insect bites etc. it is important that you notify the school so that an emergency health care plan can be established for your child.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
**Live Life Well**

**Healthy Bones Action Week**

3 – 9 August 2015

Healthy Bones Action Week encourages people of all ages to protect their bones.

Take the following actions to build and maintain healthy bones:
1. Increase daily serves of calcium through milk, cheese or yoghurt
2. Go for a walk or commit to some form of regular exercise
3. Spend time outdoors to get more vitamin D.

To find out how much dairy your child should consume each day, click here:

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**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**

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

EWPS students need volunteers to assist as BEAR tutors.

- Do you have an hour a week to spare?
- Are you interested in helping children learn to read?

Then we need you!

Training is provided and you can choose the time and day that suits you best.

See Ms Scott for more information or complete the form in the newsletter.

Help Needed for Early Bird Reading

Tutors are needed to read with students from Kinder and Year 1 on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9.00am in the library.

If you are in Years 4, 5 or 6 and would like to help with Early Bird Reading this term, please see Mrs Scott for a note.

If you are in Band or have PSSA training you are still welcome.
BEAR (Being Excited About Reading) PROGRAM- TERM 3 and 4

Dear Parents, Grandparents and other interested adults,

Do you have 1 hour per week to help children learn to read? Then we need you!

We would like to implement this great program again to provide extra assistance to some of our students from Years 1 and 2.

In order to make it successful we need the support of some parents/grandparents/friends. Training will be provided and we are flexible with the time you can offer.

If you would like more information, please call Mrs Scott.

A training session will be held in on Friday 14th August at school (in the library)

It is planned to run the program from Week 7 this term (August 24th ) until the end of Week 6 in Term 4 November 13th ).

We appreciate your support.

Jenny Scott (LaST)

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PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE

Yes, I would like to help with the BEAR Reading Program in Terms 3 and 4.

Name____________________________

Phone number________________________

Your child's name and class________________________

I am able to attend the training session on Friday 14th August, at 3.00pm. Yes / No (If you have helped before attendance at this session is optional.)

I would be able to help on a… (please circle)

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NB. This program may involve you working with a child / children from a class that is different to your own child.
**For Your Diary**

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**PSSA Finals - Friday 7 August**

**Good luck to our teams in the PSSA finals!**

**Netball**
- Junior Green, Junior Gold and Senior Green playing at The Ridge
- Junior Girls Blue, Senior Boys Blue and Senior Girls Gold playing at Heathcote Oval

**OzTag**
- Junior Girls Blue, Senior Boys Blue and Senior Girls Gold playing at Heathcote Oval

Cost: $6.00 per week
Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am

Oz Tag at Heathcote Oval
Netball at The Ridge
Uniform Shop News

The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

Wednesday 12 August 2015 from 9.15-10.15am

The Uniform Shop is open every second Wednesday. If there are any parents wishing to be placed on our roster to help on Wednesdays, please leave your details at the front office.

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.

Open Day - Thank You
Thank you to our wonderful volunteers including those who baked cakes and slices for Open Day last Thursday. Your help, as always, is greatly appreciated.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week’s Roster

Tuesday - 4 August
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 5 August
N Rylands

Thursday - 6 August
N McNally, T Huntly

Friday - 7 August
T Farquhar, J White, S Savania

Monday - 10 August
N Hardy, A Jones

Father’s Day Stall

Father’s Day is not too far away and in preparation for our Father’s Day Stall we are hoping to receive your support, where possible, by way of donations. This year we are after the following items:

★ Kindergarten - chocolates (no nuts please)
★ Year 1 and 2 - mens toiletries (deodorant, soaps etc.)
★ Year 3 and 4 - car wash items
★ Year 5 and 6 - barbecue items (including utensils, spices, sauces etc.)

Thanking you in advance.

Carina Vitelli and Michelle Isemonger
Fathers Day Stall Co-ordinators
COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILDCARE INFORMATION SESSION

Have you heard of Family Day Care? Or most importantly the outstanding customised service it provides to children and families.

Join us for a coffee, meet some of our Educators and learn how Sutherland Shire Council’s industry-recognised Family Day Care program can meet your child’s early education and care needs.

INFORMATION SESSION
9.30am, Saturday 15 August
Gymea Bay Resource Centre
276A Gymea Bay Road, Gymea Bay

To register your attendance, phone 9710 0466 or visit www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/chilcareinfo

ENGADINE STREET FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST
10am – 3pm

For more information visit www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au
SENSORY SCREENING
FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST @ 11am

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive monthly event for families with special needs or sensory processing disorders.

Children are free to roam around the cinema, flap or stim, talk and generally be themselves. This is a non-judgmental session and there is no need for families to feel uncomfortable. Lighting stays on dim (not dark) and sound is lowered. Fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers for those escape artists.

Tickets: $8 each (You will need a membership card to purchase tickets at the cinema, but these are available in the foyer on the day). Children 2 years and under are free. Companion ID cards accepted.

Cronulla Cinemas  2 - 6 Cronulla St, Cronulla NSW 2230
sensorymovieday.cronulla@hotmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/SensoryMovieDayCronulla
ENGADINE DRAGONS CRICKET CLUB

U8 PLAYERS STILL REQUIRED
(Born after 1/9/07)

U10 PLAYERS STILL REQUIRED
(Born between 1/9/05 – 31/8/07)

- ALL GAMES ARE HELD ON SATURDAY MORNINGS.
- GAMES RUN FOR 1.5 HRS (U8s) - STARTING TIMES ARE GENERALLY 8:30AM or 10:15AM WITH ALL GAMES FINISHED BY MIDDAY
- GAMES RUN FOR 2 HRS (U10s) - STARTING TIMES ARE 8AM
- ALL PLAYERS PARTICIPATE WITH BATTING & BOWLING EVENLY SHARED.
- ALL PLAYING EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED.
- ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS RECEIVE A FREE PLAYING CAP

For all enquires please contact the Club Secretary on 0418 674 495 or via email edcc_secretary@engadinedragonscc.org.au

Further Information can be obtained on our website www.engadinedragonscc.org.au

Yarrawarrah Tigers Club
Junior Baseball Club

Why not play BASEBALL this Summer

- Age Groups for all ages from U6 to U17 on Saturday mornings;
- New players from U4 to U6 play Aussie T-Ball on Friday afternoons from October for 8 weeks;
- A free kit including glove is supplied to each Aussie T-ball player;
- A loan uniform Shirt & Pants is included for T-ball (U7&9) players;
- A loan uniform Shirt is included for U10 through to U17 players;
- It's a great team sport & excellent for hand eye co-ordination;
- Great for parents as game times are only 1hr 13 mins for U7 to 2 hrs for U17;
- A long established family orientated club with accredited coaches.

Register Now

When: Sunday 2nd August 2015
       Sunday 16th August 2015
Where: Yarrawarrah Oval Club House
       corner of Isles St and Whitley Road
Time: 10.00 am till 12.00 pm

Unable to attend - Simply email us or register online from the web page www.yarrawarrahigers.juniorbaseball.com.au

Contacts
If you require further information please do not hesitate to either email your questions or ring one of the following contacts.

Registrar
Ruth Warthen
0432 952 634

Secretary
Denis Oates
0420 871 130
HELENSBURGH & DISTRICTS LITTLE ATHLETICS IS STARTING SOON!!

Helensburgh and Districts Little Athletics

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS:
FROM 10TH AUGUST, 2015.
(ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ONLY THIS YEAR MANUAL NO LONGER ACCEPTED)
Visit our website www.helensburgh-lac.com and follow the instructions there...

START DATE:
FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2015 from 5:45 pm at Rex Jackson Oval, Helensburgh.

REGO FEES:
TINY TOTS: $90.00 per child ONLINE ONLY
U6-U17: $115.00 per athlete ONLINE ONLY
($130 for LATE REGOS FOR U/6 – U/17 FROM 12TH SEPTEMBER)

REGISTRATION PACK PICK UP:
AT HELENSBURGH TRADES CLUB
Friday 28th August – 6-8pm
Friday 4th September - 6-8 pm

***PLEASE NOTE:
200 BONUS POINTS TO THOSE ATHLETES WITH CORRECT REGO NUMBERS ATTACHED ON THE FIRST NIGHT (18TH SEPTEMBER).
THERE WILL BE NO REGO PACK PICK UP UNTIL END OF COMPETITION ON FIRST NIGHT OF COMPETITION.

CONTACT US:
Email us hblac@live.com.au
Follow us on
FB www.facebook.com/HelensburghLAC