Dear Parents

Congratulations to our Senior Choir, Senior Band and Senior Dance Group who all performed outstandingly at last Friday evening’s Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival. The large audience and the many Engadine West parents in attendance were greatly impressed by their talents. Well done to the staff who worked so hard in preparing our students for such a wonderful night. Thank you to Mr Meakin and the parents who transported the band instruments to and from the concert and to Mrs Holloway for doing such a great job conducting our band.

Special mention to Mrs Teal and Miss Emmett for their efforts behind the scenes. Both teachers gave up their own time to work each evening at the various concerts.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Engadine West Public School is once again the Zone Athletics champion school after winning last week’s carnival. Although inclement weather resulted in the carnival being halted early, our talented athletes performed brilliantly. Good luck to the students who will now be competing at the Regional Carnival. Thank you to Mr Field, Mrs Payne and Mr Meakin who supported our students on the day.

Parents please note that all decisions made by the convenor on the day are final and should not be challenged. Please also remember that we are only able to hold sporting carnivals thanks to DEC employees volunteering to officiate.

Relieving Principal

At the end of this week I will be commencing Long Service Leave until the end of Term 3. I will be unavailable during this time and Mr Edwards will be Relieving Principal. Mr Edwards is a very competent school leader and has my full support during my absence. Thank you to all of my talented staff for their efforts over the coming four weeks.

Lend Lease

Once again the Lend Lease company in conjunction with Dulux Paints will be supporting our school. In 2015 members from Lend Lease, Dulux and parent volunteers will be painting our timber Kindergarten classrooms. This would not be possible without the support of Stephen Robertson (one of our parents). Thank you to all involved.
State Soccer
Good luck to our talented Girls State Soccer Knockout team who will play their next match in the statewide competition this Wednesday at 1.00pm against St Helen’s Park. Congratulations to all our girls for what has been an outstanding effort. Good luck this week and I’m sure you’ll make your coaches, Mrs Payne and Mrs Tremlett, proud.

Play Day
Once again our school has registered for the 2015 Play Day program. Several classes will prepare a performance under the guidance of a drama coach. This is a great experience for all the students and teachers involved. The plays will be performed in front of the school and at the Play Day concert.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

What’s the Buzz - Playground Report from our Beediators

Last week we had fun being Beediators, so far it has been very successful. During the past week we have seen great games being played on the back oval. Many kids have come to us for help and we have helped them be safe, respectful learners. Everyone has been playing very nicely and we hope this good behaviour continues!

By Beediator Paige & Beediator Starr!

Shining Stars

Good luck to Emma M (6F) and Olivia H (5M) who will be performing alongside 1000 Sydney public school students and 200 students from China at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Sydney South East Symphonic Winds at the Expanding Horizons Concert.

Congratulations to Cooper L (5HS) who last weekend won the U15’s division of this year’s Rocky Trail Mountain Bike series. Cooper competed at five locations around the state in the downhill section. At the end of the 5th event, he was a clear winner on points. Well done Cooper!

Congratulations to Mia L (5M) and Starr L (5/6 D) who competed in the ‘Shine on Stage’ Eisteddford yesterday. Mia placed 1st in 10yrs Contemporary and 3rd in 10yrs Jazz. Starr placed 1st in 12yrs Contemporary, 2nd in 10yrs Contemporary and 3rd in 12yrs Jazz. Well done girls!
**Live Life Well**

Turn off the TV and get active

How much time does your child spend in front of a screen? Whether it’s the TV, computer or hand-held games.

Australian guidelines recommend that kids spend no more than 2 hours each day in front of the screen.

Aim to prioritise being physically active first and save the screen time for later. Give it a go, you might be surprised to find that reducing the screen time also improves your communication with your child.

For more information on reducing screen time and getting active visit [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)


**Stewart House Clothing Appeal**

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 were sent home with your child last week (additional bags available from the Front Office). Please donate good quality, wearable clothing and return bags to the Basement for collection by **Friday 21 August 2015**. Thank you for supporting Stewart House.

**Library News**

Please note that the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) closes this **Friday 21 August**. Please visit the PRC website to enter your child’s reading log. [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.
**For Your Diary**

| Monday 17 August |  |
| Tuesday 18 August |  
  - Canteen Closed  
  - Student Banking |
| Wednesday 19 August |  
  - Girls’ Football Knockout at Woronora Heights Oval |
| Thursday 20 August |  |
| Friday 21 August |  
  - Stewart House Clothing Bag Collection  
  - K-2 Assembly at 12.00pm  
  - 3-6 Assembly at 2.30pm  
  - 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge Closes |
| Monday 24 August |  
  - Year 2 Swimming Commences |
| Tuesday 25 August |  
  - Canteen Closed  
  - Student Banking  
  - Father’s Day Stall Wrapping in Basement |
| Wednesday 26 August |  
  - Uniform Shop Open 9.15am |
| Thursday 27 August |  
  - Father’s Day Stall |
| Friday 28 August |  |

**Save the Date!**

**K-2 Athletics Carnival**  
*Tuesday 8 September 2015*  
*(held at school on the back grass)*

**Excursions and Payments**

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Uniform Shop News

The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

**Wednesday 26 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.

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

_Leanne Best_
_Canteen Supervisor_

This Week’s Roster

**Tuesday - 18 August**
CANTEEN CLOSED

**Wednesday - 19 August**
C Williams, K Quine

**Thursday - 20 August**
K Zaknich, G Padgett

**Friday - 21 August**
N Ross, K Hansen, R Hutchison

**Monday - 24 August**
N Leishman

Father's Day Stall

The Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 27 August and in preparation 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 - men’s toiletries (deodorant, soaps etc.)
- Year 3 and 4 - car wash items
- Year 5 and 6 - barbecue items (including utensils, spices, sauces etc.)

We will be holding the wrapping day on Tuesday 25 August in the basement. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance.

_Carina Vitelli and Michelle Isemonger_
_Fathers Day Stall Co-ordinators_
Orders from Issue 6 catalogues are due to be returned to your classroom or the front office by Monday 31 August. 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 Co-ordinators

Community News

Bike to the Beach
Fitness and fun for the family!
Sunday 13 September 2015

Bring the family down for a great 5km ride from Woolooware Bay to Wanda Beach. The supervised course along off-road paths is easily managed by all ages. Volunteers will be on hand to assist at crossing points and will help young riders collect progress stamps along the way.

At the conclusion of the free ride, all registered riders will enjoy a free hotdog, Snake and Reptile Show, Kid's Tattoos, Face Painting, Sutherland PCYC Concert Band, Inflatable amusements, giveaways and “Pass the Ball” with local Sharks players.

Ride details
Registration and Ride 10am to 12 noon.
Sutherland Park, Captain Cook Drive, Woolooware.
Free Activities for Riders until 2 pm
Don Lucas Reserve, Mitchell Rd, Wanda Beach.

What you need to know:
• All cyclists must wear a correctly fitted helmet
• Participants should have their bikes in good working order, including a bell
• Bring a water bottle

For registration and details on this event, visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au or call Sutherland Shire Council's Road Safety Officer on 9710 0341

In the event of wet weather, please call 9521 6626 or 9521 5345 after 8am on the day.
SHARKS BASKETBALL
HOLIDAY CAMP

22nd to 25th September 2015
9am - 2pm  Age 7 to 15 years
T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants

Download enrolment form from our website:
www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland
Phone: 9542-1999  Fax: 9521-5696
Email: admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au
Website: www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

Enrolments close 14th September 2015
(Unless maximum numbers are reached prior
to closing date).
Understanding ADD/ADHD & Anxiety in Children
FREE workshop for Sutherland Shire parents, grandparents & teachers

This FREE workshop is for anyone living in Sutherland Shire who would like to know more about ADD/ADHD in children 6-12 years old.

Through presentations, case studies and panel interviews, the workshop will give participants the opportunity to ask questions, receive relevant information and learn practical strategies on how to best support children.

Date: Monday 14th September 2015
Time: 10am - 1.30pm
Venue: School Hall
Menai Public Primary School
4 Hall Drive, Menai

Registration is essential: Numbers are limited. Registration closes 5pm Friday 4th September. For further information, please contact Rosanna, Community Development Manager, Gymea Community Aid on 9524 9559 or censevice@gcais.ngo.org.au

Thank you to Menai Public Primary School for donating their time and venue.