Dear Parents

Thank you to all the families who sent in payment for our recent L J Harper Sale Day. Over 95% of the students in the school purchased their books and are now fully equipped to continue effective learning in 2016. Welcome to our 2016 Kindergarten students who commenced ‘big school’ last Tuesday. Engadine West Public School is now asking parents to keep our new students safe by closing school gates to prevent any children leaving the premises. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Student Eye Tests

The school is pleased to announce that the Student Eyecare Program will begin this year. An optometrist will be onsite during school hours to provide students with a free comprehensive eye examination that is covered through Medicare Australia. One in six students have eye conditions that go undetected. This is due to the high level of visual demand on their eyes from books, laptops, tablets and smartphones. Every attendee will receive a full report about their eye health and a prescription will be provided if glasses are required. The prescription can be taken to any optical store to get the glasses made. Don’t let your child miss out on this worthwhile health program! Permission notes will be sent home with your child shortly.

Parent Information Evenings

As happens each year, the school will be holding a Parent Information Evening where parents have the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher and learn about the class expectations, organisation and what is planned throughout the year. Each class will be distributing an information sheet for parents to take home. Don’t miss these informative meetings:

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School Swimming Carnival

The annual school Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 17 February at the Engadine Leisure Centre. Students in Years 3 to 6 are expected to attend. Students in Year 2 who turn eight this year and who swim 50 metres competitively are invited to compete. The remainder of the students will stay at school for normal lessons.

New Director

Our previous School Director, Sue Cran, retired during the holidays and the Woronora River area now has a new Director, Mr Garrie Russell. He will be visiting our school this Friday to meet the staff and students.
Year 5 Camp

Notes regarding the 2016 Year 5 Camp to Myuna Bay on 7-9 March were sent home last week. This is always a great learning activity for our Year 5 students. If any families require financial assistance to pay for the camp, please contact the Front Office.

P & C Meeting

Tonight is the first P & C Meeting for 2016. The meeting will be held in the staffroom commencing at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

Kindergarten Best Start Feedback Interviews

Kindergarten Best Start Feedback Interviews will be held during Week 4, from Monday 15 to Friday 19 February. Bookings can be made online from Tuesday 9 to Sunday 15 February (a note with detailed instructions will be sent home with each Kindergarten student today). After this time the online booking system will be closed and you will then be required to contact your child’s teacher to manually make a booking.

Bus Travel and Opal Cards

All students with a bus pass are expected to be upgraded to a new Opal card this year. This enables free travel within school days. Students will be required to tap on and off the bus. The expectation from the Department is that students will do this tapping, however, the reality for young children doing this may be present difficulties and we will be guided by the local bus operators. Students may already have an Opal card and this is to be kept for weekend and out of school hours travel.

Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principal

Classes will be voting for their 2016 SRC Representative over the next few days. Students who were SRC members in 2015 are not eligible to be SRC in 2016. Each class will have a voting process appropriate for their aged students.

Students who are voted SRC for 2016 will be given a personalised note home.

The SRC Investiture Ceremony will be held next Friday 12 February in the school hall for all K-6. The ceremony will begin at 2:20pm.

We look forward to another successful year with our SRC.

Karen Weppler
SRC Co-ordinator
School Swimming Carnival

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Year 2 Swimmers
Children in Year 2 who are turning 8 in 2016, who are COMPETITIVE swimmers and are involved in squad training or compete in 50m events at a swimming club, are invited to attend. A note for Year 2 students will be sent home soon.

Please note that there will not be any 20m races this year due to time constraints but there will still be novelty events.

Completing the Permission Note
ALL Sections (A, B & C) of the note must be completed and signed by the same person.

In Section B, please complete only ONE option, either A:- my child is capable of swimming 50m, B:- my child is not a competent swimmer and has permission to participate in non-competitive events or C:-my child is a non-swimmer and will not be entering the pool.

Early Leavers
Any child wishing to leave the carnival without a parent/caregiver in attendance MUST provide a written note outlining who the child is leaving with and their relationship to the child. This includes family members such as grandparents, uncles/aunts etc.

This note MUST be signed by a parent/caregiver and a contact number provided.

Carnival Helpers
If you are able to help out on the day of the carnival, please contact Mrs Payne at school. All help is greatly appreciated.

Jeanine Payne & Lisa Leavai
Carnival Organisers

School Attendance

Do you have problems with getting your child to school, for some of the following reasons?

⇒ Won’t get out of bed
⇒ Won’t go to bed
⇒ Can’t find their clothes, books, homework, school bag……
⇒ School lunches not ready
⇒ Dawdles over breakfast
⇒ Homework not done
⇒ Watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
⇒ Mum planning a day out
⇒ Test/presentation at school
⇒ Child or sibling birthday
⇒ Child screams and won’t let you go

Here are some suggestions which are based on ‘setting regular routines’

⇒ Have a set time to be out of bed
⇒ Have a set time to go to bed
⇒ Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
⇒ Make lunches the night before
⇒ Have a set time to starting/ending breakfast. A routine is important.
⇒ Set time for daily homework activities
⇒ Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate
⇒ Be firm, children must go to school
⇒ Provide lots of positive encouragement
⇒ Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday
⇒ Time arrival at school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, please place your child’s hand into that of a teacher and then leave.
For Your Diary

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Messages to Parents

Safe Schools
Please ensure that all students and parents avoid walking through the school car park between 8.00am and 4.15pm. Parents may not park in the staff car park unless they have special permission due to medical emergencies.

Please Keep Away From Classrooms While Waiting During Class Time
All parents would like their children to be able to concentrate during class time which is from 9.25am to 3.30pm.

Please move away from classroom windows and doors while waiting for your children and supervise your pre-school children.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.
Free Eye Tests
Covered through Medicare

Haven’t had your child’s eyes tested in a while?

According to the Optometry Association of Australia, every person should get their eyes checked at least once every two years.

Full eye tests will be conducted at Engadine West Public School.

At least 1 in every 6 students have vision issues that go undetected.

All students are given a detailed report at the end of their eye tests.

Find out if your child’s eyes are in good condition!

Don’t miss out

For more info, please visit www.studenteyecare.com.au  (02) 8118 1336
### Year 1 Classroom Requirements 2016

- 3 glue sticks (good quality and not liquid glue)
- 5 HB lead pencils
- Eraser
- Scissors
- Pencil sharpener (container type)
- Coloured pencils/wind up crayons (no Textas)
- 1 pencil case (small)
- Library bag
- Home Reading Pouch
- Roll of paper towel
- Box of tissues
- 2 packets of wet wipes or hand sanitiser
- Paint shirt
- Raincoat
- 2 highlighters
- Sunscreen (for personal use)

### Year 2 Classroom Requirements

- 3 glue sticks (replace when used)
- 2 highlighters (different colours)
- Library bag
- Home reading bag
- Paint shirt
- Scissors
- Small pencil case
- Eraser, sharpener (container type)
- 2 HB pencils (replace when used)
- A4 128 page homework book (to paste A4 sheet into)
- Coloured pencils and/or wind up crayons for colouring work in books (textas are optional)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 packs of wet wipes or hand sanitiser
- Raincoat (remains in school bag)
- Sunscreen (for personal use)
- Sunscreen to remain in school bag (replace when used)

### Years 3 & 4 Classroom Requirements

- 4 HB lead pencils - replace when used
- Red and blue pens
- Soft white pencil rubber
- Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) not flexi type, clear plastic if possible
- 2 glue sticks
- Scissors
- Paint shirt
- Dictionary - Macquarie Primary is recommended
- Pencil sharpener
- Coloured pencils and textas
- Highlighter
- Raincoat
- Sunscreen (for personal use)
- 96 page A4 ruled exercise book (homework)
- A book each day for silent reading
- A3 scrapbook/artbook (can be re-used from Year 3 to Year 4)
- A4 display folder
- Thin black artline texta
- USB thumb drive - can be purchased for under $10
- Box of tissues
- Paper towels or wet ones
- Liquid soap

### Years 5 & 6 Classroom Requirements

- 6 HB lead pencils
- Red and blue pens
- Green pen
- Thin black artline/sharpie texta
- Soft white pencil rubber
- Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) not flexi type, clear plastic if possible
- 2 Glue sticks
- Scissors
- A4 Display homework folder (Year 5 only)
- Paint shirt
- A3 size art portfolio or scrapbook (Year 5 only)
- Clear contact (to cover class exercise books)
- Dictionary (Macquarie Senior)
- Pencil sharpener (container type)

### Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child’s name and replace items when used

Thank You

- Coloured pencils and textas
- Highlighters
- Plastic A4 storage envelope
- Raincoat
- Novel for silent reading
- Calculator (optional)
- Protractor
- Headphones for laptops
- USB thumb drive - 2GB minimum
- A box of tissues x 2
- Paper towels
- Sunscreen (for personal use)
- Correction fluid/tape not permitted
Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be open:

**Wednesday 10 February 2016 from 9.15-10.15am**

We will then be opening on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The Uniform Shop is 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.

**REMINDER:** Year 2 students going into Year 3 this year require a gold polo shirt for Friday sport ($20).

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

Canteen News

Please note that lunch orders must be placed by 9.30am.

Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen for information on menu updates, specials, red light days etc.

Email: ewps.canteen1@gmail.com

2016 Roster - Your Canteen Needs You!

We are in need of volunteers on the following days:

- Monday 15 February and 21 March
- Thursday 24 March
- Friday 12 February, 4 March, 11 March, 1 April and 8 April

Please let me know if you are able to assist. Helpers are required to have a Working with Children Check completed before volunteering. Please contact me for further information.

New Price List

Our new Price List will be sent home this week and extra copies are available from the canteen if required.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week’s Roster

**Tuesday - 9 February**
CANTEEN CLOSED

**Wednesday - 10 February**
S Savania, K Dickenson, K Sinclair, K Schnabel

**Thursday - 11 February**
H Trenberth, A Redfern

**Friday - 12 February**
A Mathieson, J Dacron

**Monday - 15 February**
J Morando
Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Tuesday.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to the Front Office.

If we have no volunteers, unfortunately Student Banking will cease to continue at Engadine West Public School.

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Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: ________________________________

Phone: ______________________________

Email: ______________________________

Availability: _________________________