Dear Parents

Thank you to all the parents who have recently attended the Parent Information Nights. It is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child/children’s 2016 teachers and gain a greater understanding of the class arrangements and expectations for 2016. Each teacher will have an information sheet that will be available to all parents to explain classroom organisation. This week’s timetable is listed below:

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The parents of our 2016 Kindergarten students are invited this week to attend interviews to gain feedback from their child’s classroom teacher about the “Best Start” assessments which were implemented at the beginning of the term. This will give parents a clear picture of what skills their child currently has in literacy and numeracy.

School Swimming Carnival

The Engadine West School Swimming Carnival will be held this Wednesday 17 February at the Engadine Leisure Centre. Students in Years 3-6 are expected to attend and where appropriate compete. Students in Year 2 who turn eight this year and are competitive 50m swimmers, are invited to attend. All other students will remain at school on the day and have normal lessons. We hope to see many parents in attendance to cheer on our swimmers.

SRC Investiture Assembly

This Friday 19 February at 2.30pm there will be a special SRC Assembly to induct those students in Years K-6 who have been elected by their peers to be members of the Student Representative Council for 2016. Parents are most welcome to attend. Please note there will not be a K-2 or 3-6 Assembly this week.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Molly F who has been successful in being selected as a member of the NSW Public School Primary Dance Ensemble. Well done Molly!

School Voluntary Contribution

Each year the school asks families to pay a voluntary contribution of $50.00 per child. This money is used to support the delivery of quality educational programs for the students at Engadine West Public School. Your financial support of the school is greatly appreciated. You may wish to make payment to the school Building Fund which is tax deductible. Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.
Illegal Parking

The school has been contacted by some of the local residents who are concerned that parents are parking across their driveways when dropping off and picking up their children from the school and the Care Centre. For the safety of all pedestrians, please do not park illegally and put people at risk.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

PSSA Team Selection

Years 3-6 teachers are finalising Term 2 PSSA teams. Unfortunately, there are limited places available in PSSA teams and selections are based on performance at trials. Every child is provided with the opportunity to trial for PSSA but if they are unsuccessful there are a range of great options for sport. Those students who are not selected are offered the opportunity to participate in the Backyard League program, swimming lessons or our quality school skills development program. We follow our school sport selection policy guidelines. We would expect that students may be disappointed in not being selected for PSSA but they need to be encouraged to be resilient and good sports.

Provided below is an extract from the EWPS sport selection policy relating to PSSA team selection. The complete Sport Selection Policy can be found on our school website.

Rationale

Sport is a compulsory component of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus. Students need to be provided with opportunities to participate in a range of sporting activities and programs suitable for their ability and interests. Sport assists in the development of a healthy lifestyle by promoting physical activity. It is important that students’ school experiences in physical activity are conducted in a safe and supportive environment. Schools that create safe and supportive environments will not only protect students from injury but will encourage their lifelong participation in regular physical activity.

Outcomes

The aims of this policy include:

⇒ Provide an understanding of the various school sport programs at this school;
⇒ Establishing clear guidelines for the implementation of sporting programs; and
⇒ Establishing clear and consistent guidelines for the selection of school sporting teams.

Weekly Sports Programs

All Primary students (Years 3 to 6) will participate in a weekly sports program on a Friday morning. Our school’s 3-6 Sport Program includes: school based sport, paid sporting activities (e.g. swimming) and PSSA competitions.
Our annual school Swimming Carnival will be held at Engadine Leisure Centre on Wednesday 17 February 2016. The carnival is compulsory for all students in Years 3-6.

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
This Friday 19 February the SRC students for 2016 will be receiving their badges. The ceremony will start in the school hall at 2.30pm. It should take approximately 30-40 minutes. This is the first official assembly that our new Captains will be running.

All SRC students are to wear their full summer uniform.

All 3-6 SRC students, Captains and House Captains are to change from their sports uniform into their school uniform before this assembly. Don’t forget to put your black school shoes in your bag with your uniform.

There will be a photo opportunity for all SRC parents once the main assembly has been dismissed. Please note no class awards will given at this assembly. Looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

Karen Weppler
SRC Co-ordinator

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**BEAR Reading Program**

**Wanted!**

EWPS students need adult 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.

We hope to start in week 7.
BEAR Reading Program

BEAR (Being Excited About Reading) PROGRAM- TERM 1 and 2

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 Year 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 Ms Scott.

A training session will be held on Friday 26th February at school (in the library) TBC.

It is planned to run the program from Week 7 this term (7th March) until the end of Week 5 in Term 2 (May 27th).

We appreciate your support.

Jenny Scott (LaST)

PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE

Yes, I would like to help with the BEAR Reading Program in Terms 1 and 2.

Name______________________________

Phone number______________________________

Your child's name and class______________________________

I am able to attend the training session on Friday 26th February, 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

**Week 4**

| Monday 15 February | • Year 3 (including 3M) Parent Information Evening at 5.30pm in Classrooms  
|                   | • Years 5 & 6 Parent Information Evening at 5.00pm in Classrooms (including 4/5F & 5/6B)  
| Tuesday 16 February | • Canteen Closed  
|                   | • Student Banking Commences  
|                   | • Book Club Orders Due  
|                   | • 2M Parent Information Evening at 5.00pm in Classroom  
|                   | • Year 4 Parent Information Evening at 5.00pm in Classrooms  
| Wednesday 17 February | • School Swimming Carnival at Engadine Leisure Centre  
| Thursday 18 February | •  
| Friday 19 February | • Friday Swimming Program  
|                   | • K-6 SRC Investiture Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall  

**Week 5**

| Monday 22 February | •  
| Tuesday 23 February | • Canteen Closed  
|                   | • Student Banking  
| Wednesday 24 February | •  
| Thursday 25 February | •  
| Friday 26 February | • Friday Swimming Program  

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**Excursions and Payments**

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**MindQuest**

On Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 April 2016 the 78th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend **MindQuest** will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience.

**Cost:** $190 (including GST)  
**Contact:** Shelagh Poray on 02 4232 2494  
**Brochures also available from the Front Office**  
**Closing Date:** Friday 4 March 2016
The Uniform Shop will be open:

**Wednesday 24 February 2016 from 9.15-10.15am**

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*

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### 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 21 March**
- **Thursday 24 March**
- **Friday 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.

#### Lunch Order Specials

- Medium fruit salad: $3.00
- Large fruit salad: $4.00
  - with yoghurt: 50c extra
- Banana or chocolate smoothie: $3.00

#### New Price List

Our new Price List has been sent home. 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*
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.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________
Availability: ________________________
You are invited to

Sylvanvale RETAIL THERAPY VINTAGE & CAFE
VIP NIGHT
Friday 19 February 2016
Free Entry

Time: between 6pm & 8:30pm
Location: Retail Therapy Vintage & Café Engadine
          35a Waratah St, Engadine
Cost: Free entry

Drinks & nibbles provided by Sylvanvale Catering

Featuring fabulous outfit options and exclusive Couture Hats by Chrisanthis Hatz.

RSVP
Tuesday 16 February 2016
supporters@sylvanvale.com.au
or 02 8536 0100

Sutherland Shire ADHD Carer’s Support Group

Are you a parent or carer of a child with ADHD?
Come along and meet those having similar experiences in a supportive, non-judgemental environment.
Share stories, information, triumphs and struggles.
• The 4th Monday of the month: 10am - 11:30am
• At the Salvation Army, 23 Kiora Road, Miranda
• Starting on the 22nd February

For more information contact Helen – 9540 4460
helen.ledlin@au.e.salvationarmy.org

Find us on
Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series

Is this you?
Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler will not eat their dinner. Or your six year old will not share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?
Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It’s an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last 90 minutes and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

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Where: Miranda Community Centre  
95 Karimbla Road MIRANDA NSW 2228

Cost: FREE as part of a research project. No childcare available

Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years

How: As these programs are being funded as part of a research project please contact either the Stepping Stones research team or Lifestart to register your interest.
Stepping Stones  
Phone: 02 9114 4060  
Email: fhs.Steppingstones@sydney.edu.au
Lifestart  
Phone: 0476 984 640  
Email: adamdexter@lifestart.org.au