Dear Parents

Congratulations to all the students who were inducted into our 2016 SRC (Student Representative Council). The children were presented with their badges at last Friday’s ceremony. The opinions and views of students are extremely important and highly valued. As Principal, I look forward to working with our elected student leaders. Thank you to Mrs Weppler who co-ordinates the SRC and the many parents who attended the assembly. The school is very proud of our SRC reps!

School Swimming Carnival

Our annual Swimming Carnival was held last week and was a wonderful success. The girls and boys competed with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. We now have a team of strong swimmers who will compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 1 March at the Engadine Leisure Centre. Good luck to those children representing our school. Special mention to Mrs Payne and Mrs Leavai for organising the event. Thank you to the staff who worked so hard on the day and the many parents in attendance who cheered on our swimmers. Please note that a special swimming assembly will be held this Friday 26 February at 2.30pm to present students with their ribbons.

Sharks Visit

Today we had representatives from the Cronulla Sharks visit the school and talk to the children about Rugby League and the importance of eating healthily and balancing it with exercise. Hopefully the children will understand the value of this important message about wellbeing.

High School Open Nights

Engadine West is a feeder school for both Engadine and Heathcote High Schools. The scheduled “Open Night” for each school is listed below:

Engadine High School  Tuesday 1 March  6.30-9.00pm
Heathcote High School  Tuesday 8 March  6.00pm

Parents of students in both Years 5 and 6 will receive information about the nights. I highly recommend parents attend the evening to gain a better understanding of the local High Schools.

Whooping Cough

The school has received notification that one of our students has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough. Should your child display symptoms of a persistent dry cough, please seek medical advice.
**Principal’s Report Cont’d**

**2016 P & C**

The P & C AGM will be held in Week 9 of this Term on Monday 21 March in the staffroom commencing at 7.30pm. At this meeting all Executive positions will be vacated and elections will be held on the night. A description of the various positions and a nomination form is on page 7 of this newsletter. If you wish to nominate a candidate or run yourself, the completed nomination forms need to be returned to the Front Office by Monday 21 March.

**Drop and Go**

Our 2016 Kindergarten students are settling quite well into their new routine of “big school”. The majority of students are comfortable leaving their parents to go into class. For those students who do get upset at times, the best procedure is to say goodbye to your child and go. Once mums and dads have gone, the children tend to settle down quickly. If the child does not settle in a reasonable period of time, please be assured the school will contact you.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal

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**Deputy Principals’ Report**

**Special Religious Education Classes**

SRE (Scripture) is due to start on Wednesday 2 March as draft SRE classes are settled upon. For Catholic Scripture students interested in First Communion, Reconciliation or Confirmation, important information sheets are available from the Front Office.

**School Swimming Carnival**

Thank you to everyone who helped at our Swimming Carnival last week and a special mention to Mrs Payne and Mrs Leavai who organised this event. It was a great carnival which ran very smoothly and we were fortunate to have such lovely weather.

Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principals

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**Shining Star**

Congratulations to Mia L-S (6H), for performing her first Lyrical Solo at the ‘East Coast Dance Championships’ and receiving a mark of 80. Well done Mia!

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**Parents in the School**

The school is proud to have extensive parent involvement in the school. For WH & S reasons we need to have all parents who are working in classrooms to sign the Visitor's Book when they arrive and leave the school and wear a “Visitors” sticker. This procedure is important in the case of an emergency/evacuation in the school. The Administration staff will then know who is officially on site. If you are helping in the classroom or other areas of the school, please sign in at the front office. Please note that canteen helpers are excluded as the canteen has its own Visitor’s Book.

Parent volunteers please note you are required to have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) in accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act. For further information on the new WWCC process, please go to www.kids.nsw.gov.au
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 (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 5

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                     • Student Banking  
                     • Kindergarten Sport Commences |
| Wednesday 24 February | • Uniform Shop Open |
| Thursday 25 February | • |
| Friday 26 February | • Friday Swimming Program  
                     • Swimming Carnival Ribbon Presentation Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall  
                     • BEAR Reading Training Session in the Library (TBC) |

## Week 6

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                  • Student Banking  
                  • Zone Swimming Carnival at Engadine Leisure Centre |
| Wednesday 2 March | • Scripture Classes Commence |
| Thursday 3 March | • |
| Friday 4 March | • Friday Swimming Program  
                  • K-2 Assembly 12.00pm  
                  • 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm |

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## Excursions and Payments

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## Library News

- The Library has many wonderful new books that require covering. If you are able to assist, please call in to see Mrs Evans. All help is greatly appreciated.

*Margaret Evans and Janet Evans*  
*Teacher Librarians*
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

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 - 23 February**
*CANTEEN CLOSED*

**Wednesday - 24 February**
K Quine, J Davidson

**Thursday - 25 February**
M Healey, T Huntly, G Padgett

**Friday - 26 February**
A Pillington, D Osmond, K Holmes, A Bolton, R Maguire

**Monday - 29 February**
B Eshman, K Kingston
P & C AGM Nomination Form

The Engadine West Public School
P&C Association

would like to invite you to the Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday 21st March 2016
Venue: School Staffroom
Time: 7.30pm

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Nomination form for P & C Executive Committee
Annual General Meeting 2016

Person nominated: ________________________________________________

Position: ________________________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Seconder: _______________________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Please return this form to the Principal, Garry Royston, no later than 6.30pm on the 21st March 2016.
Introducing

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs LOOP
for Parents

NOW AVAILABLE AS AN APP!

**LOOP** is the **NEW** Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online** Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download our **NEW** iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT.

OPEN NIGHT 2016

Invitation to parents and students of Years 5 and 6

See demonstrations, performances and displays.
Visit classrooms, meet students and staff.

Don’t miss this opportunity to see the school in action!

TUESDAY 1st MARCH
6.30pm
Engadine High School auditorium
The “How to....”
PARENTING TEENS PROGRAM

This 6 week program will provide you with practical, effective ways of communicating with your teens.

We will explore how to........

- Resolve conflicts constructively
- Stay connected through the ups and downs
- Engage your teens cooperation
- Empower teens to develop a healthy self-image
- Maintain mutual respect and understanding

**Date:** TERM 2 Monday TBC

**Time:** 12:30pm—2:30pm

**Contact:** 9528 2933 ext 108

Sutherland Shire Family Services
90 Soldiers Road Jannali

**Venue:**

$60 Places are limited!
A program for parents living in the Shire or have teenagers attending local schools.

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To register please fill in the form with your contact details and email it to Vera or Michelle or call us on the above numbers to register your attendance.

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

Phone Number: ________________________________

Age of Children: ________________________________

Please return to 90 Soldiers Road Jannali NSW 2226 or email: yaf@ssfs.org.au, michelle.booker@auv.salvationarmy.org
Building Bridges

When parents separate, they often live in two homes and kids need to find a way to build their own bridge between their parents’ homes.

Building Bridges is a free two-hour workshop for children to discuss how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places.

Children will learn:

- to understand feelings about parental separation and conflict
- about changes in families following separation
- how to feel safe in the family
- to become emotionally stronger and more resilient

For Children aged between 8 and 12 years
Venue: Caringbah Interrelate or we will come to your venue.
$15 per child but negotiable
Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408
Stress Less

An interactive seminar designed to promote greater wellbeing in the workplace.

Participants will learn about:

- managing competing needs both at home and at work that can lead to exhaustion and distress
- time management strategies
- the effects of grief
- burnout vs. stress

This 2.5 hour program can be tailored to suit your needs and can be run at your worksite or at Interrelate Family Centre in Caringbah.

For more information please contact 8522 4450
Sutherland PCYC Concert Band

is proud to perform with the

NSW Police Band

Join us for an afternoon of entertaining music at

Club on East, Sutherland
2pm Sunday, 13 March

Entry:
Adults $10
School age children $5
Seniors $5
Tickets available at the door

Parenting Teenagers for Busy Parents

This course presented by experienced family therapist Yvonne McDonell, and is designed to assist busy parents with the skills and information you need to parent your teenager.

We will take a little time out of our busy lives to meet other parents, and have fun as we discover:

- What makes the Teenage Years so difficult? Modern theories of adolescent development will be covered.
- How to Communicate with your teenager – maybe difficult but not impossible.
- Raising the Self Esteem of everyone in the family. Yes. We can!
- Teaching Teenagers to take on more responsibility. Let’s face it. It’s time!
- There are some tricky things we need to cover like social media, drugs, teenage anger and lying.

We will meet at Orana, 3a Stapleton Avenue Sutherland on Wednesday 9th March from 7 p.m. to 8.30. with refreshments and a chat available 8.30 to 9 p.m.

The basic course will run for five weeks. For those parents who are interested in further developing their skills, an advanced course will be offered in Term 3 and attendance at the Introductory Course will be an entry requirement.

Cost $75 includes a book for parents and refreshments.
Numbers are limited. To book or access further information, phone Orana on 95218280 or Yvonne McDonell on 95215130.
(If the cost is prohibitive, please contact us to discuss)