Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are pleased to have the opportunity of teaching your child in 2016 and look forward to developing a strong partnership with you throughout the year.
The Year 1 teachers for 2016 are: Mrs. Maree Sterling (1S), Mrs. Deb Beech (1D), Miss. Katelyn McPherson (1M), Mrs. Jasmin Flett (1F), Mrs. Joanne Kelleher (1K)

Beginning a new year can be a little bewildering for some children. There are new friends to make, new rules to learn and new expectations. Children usually settle quickly into their new classroom environment. Positive attitudes expressed by parents and friends will help a great deal.

If you have any concerns about the education of your child, please do not hesitate to inform us immediately. We are the people who are most capable of dealing with your concerns and would welcome any enquiries. However it is school policy to arrange a time that is convenient to both you and the classroom teacher.

**Our week**
Monday: Homework sent home
Tuesday: Banking
Wednesday: Scripture
Thursday: Year 1 Sport (wear sports uniform)
Friday: Homework due in
K-2 Assembly 12noon alternate weeks

*Individual classes will be informed of their Library borrowing day once timetables are available*

**Dates for the diary**
Please refer to the School Website: [www.engadinew-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.engadinew-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/) for all the latest information, photos and dates. The school newsletter is put on the website every Monday.

**Classroom requirements**
To assist the children with their work we ask that they bring the following equipment to school:
- Glue sticks (3) – good quality (not liquid glue)
- HB lead pencils (5)
- Eraser
- Scissors
- Pencil sharpener (container type)
- Coloured pencils/crayons (no Textas)
- Pencil Case (small)
- Library bag
- Home Reading Pouch
- Roll of paper towel
- Box of tissues
- Antibacterial soap
- 2 packets of wipes
- Paint shirt

Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name.
Book Covering
All text books are to be covered in clear contact (not coloured) and labelled with name and class. Student’s exercise books are to be covered with the specific cover made in class, then clear contact over the top. It is important that these books are covered when they are sent home, to ensure durability for the duration of the year. Books will be sent home on Friday afternoons for covering and must be returned the following Monday.

Homework
Homework provides an opportunity to revise and extend class work as well as to develop good study routines. From time to time the students will be asked to complete additional activities. Please support your child’s work at home by allowing them time to complete activities.
A homework scrap book has been purchased through the school. Homework sheets are to be pasted into the children’s scrap book every week. Homework begins in Week 4 (Monday 15th February). Homework will be done in class during weeks 2 and 3. Please cover this book in contact and label your child’s name on it. Homework also consists of a page from the “Maths Plus” book. Home reading will commence in week 5 (Monday 22nd February).

Recorder
Auditions for the Year 1 recorder group will commence at the end of Term 1. A note will be sent home with if your child is successful. Recorder group will then commence in Term 2.

Parent/Caregiver Observation Survey
Please fill in the Parent Observation Survey attached and return it to your child’s class teacher by Friday 5th February. Information gathered will remain confidential but will assist teachers in catering specifically for your child’s needs.

Parent Helpers
Ways in which parents can be involved in the classroom:
 Reading Groups
 Assisting with Home Reading
 Typing Published Stories
 Sport Helper TERMS 2 and 4
 Covering Books
 Sharpening pencils
 Assisting children on the computer
If you can afford the time please fill out the form below and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Once the children are settled we will notify you when we need parent assistance.

Parent Information Night
Our Parent Information Evening will be held on Thursday 11th February 2016 at 5.00pm in your child’s Year 1 classroom. This will run for approximately 45 minutes.

We look forward to a very successful year during which parents and teachers work as partners towards the achievement of high quality education for all children at Engadine West Public School.

Regards,
Year 1 Teachers

Please return to your child’s class teacher

Parent Helpers Year 1

Child’s name_______________________________________________________Class_____________________

I will be able to help at school:
Day/Days: ________________________________________________________Time ______________________

Parent name___________________________________________________Phone________________________
Parent/Caregiver: Observation Survey

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Please fill out the following observation sheet and return promptly to your child’s teacher. This information will be kept confidential; however it will be useful in assisting the classroom teacher to cater learning experiences specifically to your child’s needs. Thank you for your support in providing a quality education for your child.

Child’s Name:_____________________________________________________
D.O.B:_________________________________________________________
Siblings:_________________________________________________________
Nationality:_______________________________________________________
Does your child speak a language other than English?  YES / NO
Language spoken at home:__________________________________________
Is your child LEFT / RIGHT handed?
Does your child wear glasses? YES / NO

1. What are your child’s strengths? (Abilities/personality traits)
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

2. What do they enjoy at school?
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
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3. What areas do they need assistance in, if any?
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
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4. Do they have any medical issues that could impact on their learning? YES/NO

5. If YES, What is the issue and what measures need to be taken in the classroom/playground to assist them?
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_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

6. Do you have anything further to add?
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