

Engadine West Public School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents

The end of the 2010 school year is fast approaching. Teachers are working extremely hard on the children's end of year school reports. Reports will be sent home to parents on Thursday 9 December. The last day for students to attend school in 2010 is Wednesday 15 December. Staff will remain at school for two School Development Days on Thursday 16 December and Friday 17 December.

Important Dates to Remember

Students in Years 1 to 6 in 2011 will return to school on Monday 31 January 2011. Staff only return to duty on Friday 28 January 2011. Our new Kindergarten students will participate in their "Best Start" literacy and numeracy assessments from Monday 31 January to Wednesday 2 February. All Kinders will commence their first full day of school on Thursday 3 February 2011.

School Leaders' Elections

Congratulations to the 12 students who last week were selected to deliver their speeches to the school as to why they would be best suited to be our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2011. Students in Years 2 to 5 and staff have now voted and the successful students will be announced at the Presentation Day Assembly on Monday 13 December. Well done to all the students involved. We, as a school, are very proud of you all!

K-2 Christmas Concert

The long awaited K-2 Christmas Concert will be held on Friday 3 December commencing 12.00noon.

Students and staff have worked exceedingly hard to prepare for this wonderful performance. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have helped supply and make the many colourful costumes. Don't miss the performance. We are hoping to see a big audience in attendance to cheer on our talented performers.

Canteen Helpers

Last Saturday was the Canteen Helpers' Christmas function which was very well attended. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank all those parents and particularly Leanne Best for their support in running such a successful Canteen at Engadine West in 2010.

Stranger Danger

Late last week a child was approached by a strange adult outside a school in the Sutherland Shire. Our teachers are regularly reminding and reinforcing to students procedures to deal with situations if they are approached by an unknown person. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could also constantly remind their children about the appropriate action to take if approached by a stranger.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal



We are striving to be a nut free school - please ensure peanuts, nuts, peanut butter and Nutella as an ingredient are not brought into the school

Deputy Principal's Report

Low Waste Winners

5H wins this week's low waste lunch award with an amazing 90% of the class bringing in no waste for the school to remove. We will continue to encourage low waste lunches and understand that it's not always possible.

Super Students

This week I was fortunate to see some great work from Max and Emily in 1SD, Ticara in 3RD and Jessica in KA.

Band Christmas Carols Performance

Wednesday 1 December is the Junior and Senior Band's final performance for 2010. All Band students will require their instruments on Wednesday at school as there will be rehearsals during the day. The BBQ for parents will begin at 5.45pm and the performance will begin at 6.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Band Instruments

Year 6 Band students will need to return their instruments to the Band Room for inspection on Thursday 2 December between 8.30am and 9.30am. Instruments should be clean and cases free from any personal items.

Band Fees

Thank you to all the parents who have paid the Term 4 Band Fees. Unfortunately we have a lot of parents who haven't paid. At the moment we are still owed about \$1700 for the term. This means we are unable to purchase some new instruments next year and it may result in Band Fees being increased.

New Computers

Stage 3 have received new computers in their corridor. Students now have access to more computers and many new software programs as well as faster access to the internet.

Group Photos

Order forms have been sent home to each family for the sporting and group photos. There is a folder in the office with all the photos for parents to have a look at before they purchase photos.

HSIE Development Day

Last Thursday Mr Hogan, Mr Murphy and Mrs Teal spent the day looking at ways we can improve the teaching of science and H.S.I.E. The team produced an excellent plan for the staff. They will now train the rest of the teachers on the first Staff Development Day at the end of the year.

Craig Snudden
Deputy Principal

Worms of the West

Thank you for your donations of plastic bottles. We still need more so please keep them coming in! We now have worm juice available for you to purchase from 6E classroom. See price list below:

1 litre	\$1.00
1.25 litres	\$1.25
2 litre	\$2.00
3 litre	\$3.00



Bright Green Sparks

Milo Cup Cricket

Another fantastic result for our boys and girls cricket teams. Both teams were recently crowned Sydney East Champions at the Milo Cup. They both remained undefeated for the year and now progress to the NSW finals at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 6 December. We wish them the best of luck as they compete against the best teams in NSW.

Boys Team

Jack Dwarshuis
Dylan Smith
Alex Lee
Chris Catt
Josh Smith
Brad Watts
Ben Watts
Harry Furlong
Dylan Croker

Girls Team

Emily Smith
Tessa Andrews
Parrish Leavai
Kristy McDonnell
Chantelle Smallman
Meghan Riordan
Kelsey Riordan
Amely Koenig
Ashlee Smithson



To view more great photos of our winning teams go to our school website and www.cricketnsw.com.au

PSSA Cricket

Congratulations to both our Green and Gold Cricket Teams. Gold defeated Bangor and Green defeated Tharawal in the semi-finals and will now play each other in the grand final on 3 December at Anzac Oval (location to be confirmed).



No Eftpos (Mon 22 Nov - Fri 3 Dec)

Due to the school's End of Financial Year, there will be **no** Eftpos payments taken between **22 November and 3 December**. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Shining Stars

Congratulations to Talia and Alec for their wonderful performances in the School Spectacular. Well done!



Congratulations to Abbey Godwin (3P) who competed at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush on Saturday and won Silver in the U/9's Mixed Relay Team for Helensburgh Little Athletics Club. Well done Abbey!

ATTENTION: Stage 1 Recorder Group

Please send your children to school in their black shorts, skirts or pants and white t-shirts on both the Year 1 Presentation Day Friday 10 December and the Year 2 Presentation Day Tuesday 14 December. **No pinning braces required.**

ATTENTION: 1B Parents and Children

Please wear "Santa Band" green and red clothes to school on Thursday 2 December and Friday 3 December. Thank you.

Mrs Beech

Thank You

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Lockwood for providing slushy machines for use at our lunchtime disco last week. Your generosity is appreciated.



Parents Please Note

If you need to change arrangements of children going home, please be aware that our classrooms do not have telephones and classes often go to sport or other activities in the afternoon. Despite our best efforts, this may lead to us being unable to locate your child in time. Please only change arrangements in emergencies and we will endeavour to do our best.

If you are running late and unable to be at your usual meeting place, your child is to go to the front office and wait for you.

Live Life Well

Drinks in lunchboxes

- Water makes the best drink.
- Milk for healthy teeth and bones, but no more than 500mL a day. Freeze the milk to keep it extra cold.
- Cordial, soft drinks, fruit drinks, fruit juices and many sports drinks are occasional drinks best kept for special days.



How much physical activity is enough?

The *National Physical Activity Guidelines for Australians* recommend at least 60 minutes of moderate, vigorous physical activity on most days, preferable everyday for children. If your child is just starting to get active, begin with moderate-intensity activity for 10 minutes, then gradually increase the active time.

Be active with your children

Walk with them to or from school, play Frisbee, ride a bike or create a garden together, walk to the local shops, dance or go swimming with them. Children learn by example.



South Eastern Sydney & Illawarra Area Health Service

Insurance for Students at School

From time to time there are media stories about the issue of whether children are insured for injuries while at school.

The Department of Education and Training does not provide, nor has ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools.

The Department is however insured to cover the financial impact of any legal liabilities that it faces arising from its activities. If the Department or one of its staff is negligent and this causes a student to be injured, then the student will be able to legally recover damages from the Department (and the Department's insurance will cover the cost).

However, if an accident occurs at school which is not caused by any wrongdoing or omission by the Department, then the Department is not legally liable.

Should parents wish to cover their children, there are various forms of insurance available, irrespective of whether fault can be assessable. These include:

- Student Accident Insurance - available through the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW and from commercial insurance suppliers;
- Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme - covering catastrophic injuries;
- The Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme; and
- Private Health Funds.

PSSA

SPORTS TEAM	OPPONENT	SCORE	FRIDAY'S GAME - Finals Location To Be Advised
Cricket - Gold	Bangor	Won	Engadine West Green
Cricket - Green	Tharawal	Won	Engadine West Gold

For Your Diary

Monday 29 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO EFTPOS payments until 3 December Uniform Shop Open 2D & 2M to Jibbon 	Monday 6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P & C Meeting 6.30pm at Engadine Hotel Milo Cup Cricket Finals
Tuesday 30 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen Closed Student Banking Year 6 Photos 	Tuesday 7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen Closed Student Banking Parent Helpers' Morning Tea 11.30am in Hall
Wednesday 1 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band Christmas Concert 6.30pm in Hall 	Wednesday 8 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stewart House Bazaar (Canteen Closed)
Thursday 2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Thursday 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports sent home
Friday 3 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 4 Swimming PSSA Finals K-2 Christmas Performance 12.00noon in Hall 	Friday 10 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 4 Swimming (Last Lesson) Canteen Last Day for Lunch Orders Kindergarten Presentation Day Assembly 10.00am Year 1 Presentation Day Assembly 2.00pm

December Dates to Remember

Wed 1 December	Band Christmas Concert 6.30pm in Hall	Monday 13 December	Presentation Day Assembly Years 5 & 6 - 10.00am
Friday 3 December	K-2 Christmas Performance 12.00-1.15pm in Hall	Monday 13 December	Presentation Day Assembly Year 3 - 2.00pm
Tuesday 7 December	Parent Helpers' Morning Tea 11.30am in Hall	Tuesday 14 December	Presentation Day Assembly Year 4 - 10.00am
Friday 10 December	Presentation Day Assembly Kindergarten - 10.00am Year 1 - 2.00pm		Year 2 - 2.00pm Year 6 Farewell 6.00-9.30pm Engadine Hotel

School Excursions & Payments

Due to the school End of Financial Year, there will be no Eftpos payments taken between 22 November and 3 December

	Outstanding Voluntary Contributions		\$50
Year 4	Year 5 Camp 2011 - Myuna Bay	By Friday 10 December 2010	\$50 dep

Uniform Shop

Please note students going into **Year 3 in 2011** will require a gold polo shirt for sports day (\$20).

The next Uniform Shop opening time will be on:

Monday 29 November from **9.00-10.00am**
Persons rostered on: J Catt, T Clark & J Critchley

Our very last Uniform Shop opening time for this year will be on **Monday 29 November**. The Uniform Shop will be closed after this date until 2011. Please note our school caps (\$9) and sport socks (\$8) are also available from the school canteen.

Kathy Cunyngname
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator



Canteen News

Please note that lunch orders must be placed by 9.30am. Thank you for your co-operation.

Lunch Special

Large Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Small Fruit Salad	\$2.50
Yoghurt extra	.50c
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$3.50
Rice paper rolls (gluten free)	\$3.00
Vegetable/ chicken & vege/ tuna & vege	
Hoisin or sweet chilli sauce	



2011 Roster - URGENT: Volunteers Needed for Wednesdays and Thursdays

Canteen Closed for Stewart House Bazaar on Wednesday 8 December

Last day for lunch orders will be Friday 10 December and the last canteen day will be Monday 13 December. Ice blocks, chips etc. only will be available on this day.

Red Light Day

A big thank you to everyone who helped in the Canteen last Thursday. It was a very busy day and your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to those who baked.

Canteen Christmas Party

A great night was had by all. Thank you to everyone who attended.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week's Roster

Tuesday - CLOSED

Wednesday - 1 December

S Redman, A Farr

Thursday - 2 December

N Bannister, E Martin, C Bennett

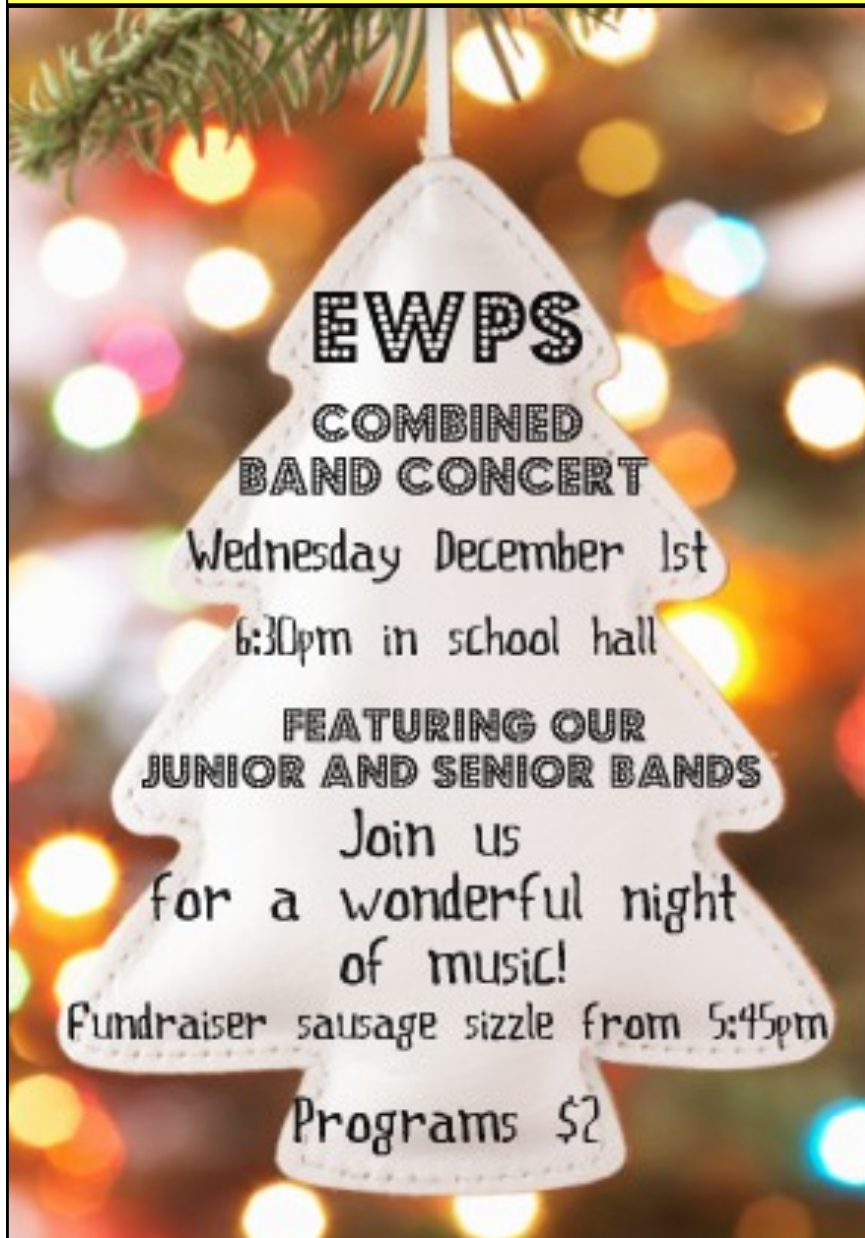
Friday - 3 December

A Astbury, L Gattone, T Farquhar,
 C Vitelli, L Duffy

Monday - 6 December

B Coman, J Spring

Band Christmas Concert



Community News

Kids Movie Night

@ Engadine Church of Christ

Saturday 11th December
6:30 – 8:15pm

Bring your friends & watch
an awesome movie
on a MASSIVE screen!

Who: For K-6 kids

Cost: \$2 – includes yummy
after-dinner snackages.

Note: Parents are welcome to stay
OR can also go out and have
a lovely couple of hours off...
Engadine Church of Christ is a 'not aware' environment.

Engadine Church Of Christ
131 Worosora Road, Engadine
phone 9520 0990
www.ecc.asn.au



SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 4 KIDS

Crusaders are running 20 awesome Christian camps for kids in school yrs 3-12 in the summer holidays.

Activities include: sailing, swimming, theme nights, abseiling, rock climbing, sand boarding, horse riding, beach days, HSC study, new friends and more!

For a free brochure or to register visit www.crucamps.com.au or call (02) 9874 8933.

'CRU Camps' is a division of the Crusader Union of Australia which has 80 years experience running safe, Christian camps for kids.

Your invitation to a lovely Christmas Fair
at the Don Moore Community Centre, North Rocks Road,
North Rocks

**December 3 from 1am – 7pm and
December 4 from 9am – 3pm**

more than 25 exhibitors with wonderful Christmas gift ideas
presented by the members and friends of the Treasury of Crafts
in aid of Children's Medical Research

Child Behaviour and Parenting

Assessing child behaviour and parenting accurately is vital if the issues that parents are concerned about today with regards to their children are to be adequately addressed. The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland has developed a new questionnaire to assess various child behaviour and parenting strategies and experiences. We are seeking parents of 2 to 12-year-old children to share their thoughts in an online survey, which takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please visit the website at <http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingsurvey> to find out more and take part in the survey.



Presents

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**Seymour Shaw Park
9.00am - 3.30pm**

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FREECALL 1800 35 14 15**

**Or visit
www.cricketcoaching.com.au
for more information**

SPORTIT's School Holiday Activities – Indoor Sportsworld Miranda

Keep the kids active & entertained during the Christmas school holidays with SPORTIT'S popular School holiday Sports Camps at Indoor Sportsworld Miranda. Suitable for children aged from 5 to 12 years of age, our holiday camps & new 'Play Days' run from December 20 to January 28 from 8.45am to 3.00pm & each day costs only \$44 (inc gst) with single & multi day options available.

To enrol and/or receive further information please go to www.sportit.com.au or call 0404 181 028.
Bookings are essential.

Community News

HEATHCOTE EAST VACATION CARE			Thurs 16 th Dec	Fri 7 th Dec
Within the grounds of Heathcote East Public School 5 Mimosa Street, Heathcote NSW 2233 (t) 02 9520 9066 (e) heps.oshc@bigpond.com Please check out our website for more info at: www.hepspandc.com.au/oshc			Party Day +\$3 if having Pizza Coloured hair spray, face painting & games to celebrate the end of school.	Laser Tag +\$10 Laser Tag is back!!! We'll be playing in teams on the oval. Fun for all ages!!!
Mon 20 th Dec	Tues 21 st Dec	Wed 22 nd Dec	Thurs 23 rd Dec	Fri 24 th Dec
Name on a Grain of Rice +\$5 each Choose from a DS charm, necklace or phone charm!	Plaster Run & Sand Paintings +\$3 Sandcastle making competition outside!!!	Messy Water Day Water fights, goop and slime making! Icy Poles! Old clothes a must!!	Christmas Fun +\$3 Make Christmas treats and 3D foam gingerbread houses.	CLOSED 
Mon 24 th Jan	Tues 25 th Jan	Wed 26 th Jan	Thurs 27 th Jan	Fri 28 th Jan
Chill Out Day +\$5 if having lunch Chicken lunch order! Bring your DS! Also, bin ball & capture the flag.	Mosaics +\$3 Make beautiful mosaic creations! charades & games on the oval.	CLOSED 	Aussie Day Make ANZAC biscuits, sausage sizzle, cricket, craft and games!	IMAX +\$20 Catch the train into the city and have lunch in the park

Bookings and payment are required **no later than 10 Dec** for permanent days (\$36 p/child). These may be swapped, however you will be charged for any days missed. Permanent bookings made after 6 Jan will be \$38 p/child, and casual days (refunds are given) are \$40 p/day. Payment for casual days is required BEFORE your child attends. Please contact Mel to see if you are eligible for CCB and to find out the amount required.

WOMEN'S COURSES!

SUTHERLAND TAFE LOFTUS & GYMEA CAMPUSES SKILLS FOR WORK & TRAINING

These courses are for women who wish to refresh their skills & to re-enter the workforce. Classes within school hours for 18 weeks. No administration fee. Some courses include Work Experience. Childcare available on campus.

Information session:

11am Thursday 27th January 2011
 in E Block at **Gynea** campus.

Enquiries: Phone 9710 5842 or 9710 5812



ENGLISH COURSES!

SUTHERLAND TAFE LOFTUS CAMPUS ESOL & English for Employment

Do you have a language background other than English?

We offer classes to help adults develop their English language skills. Part-time attendance within school hours. Childcare available on campus. Close to station & free parking.

Ask about possible fee exemptions.

Enquiries: Phone 9710 5417 or 9710 5812

