Engadine West Public School

Quality Education in a Stimulating Environment



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Last Friday Engadine West Public School held its K-2 Christmas Concert. Nearly 600 visitors were in attendance to witness what was an outstanding performance with over 320 students involved in the production. Congratulations to the very talented and excited students and well done to the staff who spent many hours organising and rehearsing the children. Thank you also to the many parents who helped with the costuming and props. This was an impressive way to end a successful school year.

Important Change in 2011

As from the beginning of the 2011 school year, the school newsletter will not be emailed to families. Instead, the newsletter will be posted each week on the school website www.engadinew-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. By doing this parents will have the opportunity to view our ever changing, informative website that contains student achievements, permission notes, photographs and any urgent news etc.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

In order to show our appreciation of the support the school receives from the many parents and friends of Engadine West, we will be holding a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea this Tuesday 7 December from 11.30am in the school hall. If you have helped at the school this year, you are cordially invited to attend our morning tea.

Presentation Day Assemblies

Following is the Presentation Day Assembly timetable. Hopefully this will assist parents to organise their work

commitments so they are able to attend and celebrate our students' achievements:

Presentation Day Assemblies

Kindergarten	10.00am
Year 1	2.00pm
Years 5 & 6	10.00am
Year 3	2.00pm
Year 4	10.00am
Year 2	2.00pm
	Year 1 Years 5 & 6 Year 3

P & C Meeting

The final P & C Meeting for the 2010 school year will be held tonight, Monday 6 December, at Engadine Hotel commencing at 6.30pm. Parents are most welcome to attend. As Principal I would like to thank the P & C for their strong support throughout 2010.

Student Reports for Semester 2

Students will receive their end of year reports this Thursday 9 December. Please check your child's bag on Thursday afternoon. Congratulations to students and staff for their application and efforts in 2010.

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

Band Christmas Concert

We were overwhelmed by the number of parents and family members who attended the combined Band Christmas Concert. Feedback from the community was extremely positive and there is strong support to make it an annual event. Once again, our band parents were extremely helpful and supportive throughout the entire night. Luana Fletcher took some amazing photos of the students on the night. You can see them on our school website http://www.engadinew-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/1324205.node or send in a thumb drive with your child and I will copy them onto the drive for you.

Thanks to Joanne Holloway, Heather Ryan, Nicole Olthof, Yvonne Savvas and Peter Mills for organising such a wonderful night.

Low Waste Lunch Winners

The winner of our low waste lunch for this term is 5H. They averaged 80% of students bringing no waste to school. They will receive a free pizza lunch this Thursday at school. Thanks all parents who are supporting our low waste initiative.

Super Students

Last week I had Bailey 3P, Bradley, Cody and Tom from 4/5H and Thomas from KA show me some of their fantastic work.

Staff Training

Last week Mrs Gilmore was released from class to plan for executive teacher training for teachers across all of Sydney Region. Mrs Gilmore plays an important role in developing executive teachers' knowledge and skills in many leadership areas.

Band 2011

Junior Band successful applicants will be notified this week.

Craig Snudden Deputy Principal

School Swimming Carnival 2011

Our annual school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 3 February 2011 at Engadine Leisure Centre.

To help run our carnival smoothly, we are inviting anyone interested in volunteering on the day to contact Mrs Leavai at school.

Permission Note Could you please ensure that your child returns the BLUE permission note and entry fee to their class teacher with all sections (A, B, C) completed.

Please note that in **Section B** only <u>1 of the three</u> options is completed. This is so we are able to determine which children will be competing in 50m and 20m events, as well as identifying non-swimmers.

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	Girls Team
Jack D	Emily S
Dylan S	Tessa A
Alex L	Parrish L
Chris C	Kristy M
Josh S	Chantelle S
Brad W	Meghan R
Ben W	Kelsey R
Harry F	Amely K
Dylan C	Ashlee S



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

Apologies to Dylan Croker for omitting his name from last week's Newsletter.

Shining Star

Congratulations to Mia L (KD) who at her first dancing concert with Danceology received a trophy for ballet. Well done Mia!



Student Banking

The last banking day for 2010 will be 7 December. We would like to thank you for your continued support of this program. Through teaching your child the importance of consistent saving the Commonwealth Bank has paid to our school a total commission of \$442.04 for Terms 1, 2 & 3.

The backpacks will be available for redemption until the end of Term 2, 2011. So if you're not quite there, keep your tokens safe as you still have time.

If you have claimed the backpack, there will be new rewards to continue saving for next year.

Thank you for your support.

Student Banking Co-ordinators Cherie Blamire & Tracey Clark



Aboriginal Art

Last Wednesday and Thursday I was lucky enough to work with four talented and inspiring students to create two exceptional pieces of Aboriginal art. Rhiannon (2B), Patrick (1S), Stephanie (1S) and Skye (4W) all worked together combining their knowledge and ideas of traditional and modern Aboriginal art. The students and I had two very fun filled days with lots of paint! It was a pleasure to witness their artistic talents and I am extremely proud of the two final pieces of work.





Amanda Sideris

Year 4 Model Towns

As part of Year 4 COGs learning this term, they designed, planned and built model towns. Students spent three weeks working in small groups to create detailed models of four different communities.

The towns that were built are on display in the Basement for the rest of this week. Please feel free to come and have a look at the fabulous work of our Year 4 students.

Year 4 Teachers

Information for Parents

Water

Remember to pack a water bottle for your child each day and remind them that they can also get water from the taps or bubblers throughout the day.



Internet Safety - Tips for Parents

The Internet and associated technologies offer many benefits to young people. They can communicate with friends and family from all over the world, access all types of information for school projects, and express themselves creatively, all with the click of a button.

Young people are quick to take up the latest developments in technology and are often the first to know when something new comes along. They are growing up in an ever-changing technological environment and can have a lot of fun doing so. With this in mind, we would like to share a great online resource with our community.

ThinkUKnow is an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers through primary and secondary schools across Australia using a network of accredited trainers.

Created by the UK Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre, ThinkUKnow Australia has been developed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia.

The link below will take you to the ThinkUKnow website. http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/index.asp We hope that this information helps you in keeping your children safe online.



PSSA					
SPORTS TEAM	OPPONENT	SCORE	FINAL		
Cricket - Gold	Engadine West Green	Lost	Congratulations to both cricket teams!!!		
Cricket - Green	Engadine West Gold	Won			

For Your Diary

Monday 6 December Tuesday 7 December	 P & C Meeting 6.30pm at Engadine Hotel Milo Cup Cricket Finals Canteen Closed 	Monday 13 December Tuesday 14 December	Presentation Day Assembly Years 5 & 6 - 10.00am Year 3 - 2.00pm Last Day for Canteen (no lunch orders)
	 Student Banking (Last for this year) Parent Helpers' Morning Tea - 11.30am in Hall 		Canteen ClosedPresentation Day Assembly Year 4 - 10.00am
Wednesday 8 December	Stewart House Bazaar (Canteen Closed)		Year 2 - 2.00pm Year 6 Farewell - Engadine Hotel 6.00-9.30pm
Thursday 9 December	Reports sent home	Wednesday 15 December	K-2 Movie Day
Term 4 Swimming (Last Lesson) Canteen - Last Day for Lunch Orders Kindergarten Presentation Day Assembly 10.00am Year 1 Presentation Day Assembly 2.00pm	,	 3-6 Mime-o-rama Incursion Last day of Term 4 for students Canteen Closed 	
	Day Assembly 10.00am • Year 1 Presentation Day	Thursday 16 December	Staff Development Day
		Friday 17 December	Staff Development Day

December Dates to Remember

Tuesday 7 December Parent Helper's Morning Tea

11.30am in Hall

Friday 10 December Presentation Day Assembly

Kindergarten - 10.00am

Year 1 - 2.00pm

Monday 13 December Presentation Day Assembly

Years 5 & 6 - 10.00am Year 3 - 2.00pm

Tuesday 14 December Presentation Day Assembly

Year 4 - 10.00am Year 2 - 2.00pm Year 6 Farewell

6.00-9.30pm Engadine Hotel

Years K-2 Movie Day

Years 3-6 Mime-o-rama Incursion

School Excursions & Payments

Wed 15 December

	Outstanding Voluntary Contributions		\$50
Year 4	Year 5 Camp 2011 - Myuna Bay	By Friday 10 December 2010	\$50 dep
Years 3-6	Mime-o-rama Incursion - 15 December	By Monday 13 December 2010	\$5
Years 2-5	Swimming Carnival - 3 February 2011		\$3.80
Years K-2	Movie Day (Megamind) - 15 December	By Monday 13 December 2010	\$20
Year 6	Year 6 Farewell - 14 December		\$15

Uniform Shop

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:

Wednesday 2 February 2011 from 9.00-10.00am

Please note our school caps (\$9) and sport socks (\$8) are also available from the school canteen. Uniform orders can be placed at the front office at any time.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for assisting me in the uniform shop this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Kathy Cunynghame Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Canteen News

Please note that the last day for lunch orders will be this Friday 10 December and orders must be placed by 9.30am. The last day for Canteen will be Monday 13 December with ice blocks, chips etc. only being sold on this day.

2011 Roster - URGENT: Volunteers Needed for Wednesdays and Thursdays

Canteen Closed for Stewart House Bazaar on Wednesday 8 December

Thank you to all my parent helpers for their assistance throughout this year. Your help and support is always appreciated and without you the Canteen would not be able to run as smoothly as it does. Merry Christmas to you all and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Leanne Best Canteen Supervisor This Week's Roster

Tuesday - CLOSED

Wednesday - 8 December CLOSED

Thursday - 9 December K Pollard, L Pyett, L Shepherd

Friday - 10 DecemberL Ingham, N Brydon, B Keegan, C Kemp

Monday - 13 December N Leppard, H Tonna, M Tilbrook

Care Centre News

Christmas Twilight Market Engadine West Public School Care Centre Enter Via Ridge Road Engadine

When: Wednesday 8 December

Time: 6.00-8.30pm
Where: In the Care Centre

Cost: \$5 entry fee (includes tea/coffee, soft drink and light supper)

Come join us for the evening to purchase some great Christmas gifts while having a nice evening out:

Christmas decorations and nic nacks
Fairy dresses and dance wear

Brand name toys and games i.e. BEN 10, Zhu Zhu Pets
Beautiful handmade candles

Vintage inspired clothing

Jewellery

Nutrimetics

Ladies Fashions

And more.....

Gourmet goodies - Christmas decorations - Beautiful gifts Tickets available at the door! (or pre-purchase through Care Centre)



Community News

Stanwell Park Arts Theatre presents our 36th Christmas Pantomime

Rudolf the Run Away Reindeer

Written by Cameron Sharp



4 & 12 December ~ 4.00pm 4, 10, 11 December ~ 7.30pm

Bookings 4294 4060

C.W.A. Hall - Stanwell Park



Sutherland Shire Council

Council will be operating four vacation care centres these school holidays

- Miranda 16/12/10-28/1/11 (Kindergarten-12yrs)
- Menai 16/12/10-28/1/11 (Kindergarten-12yrs)
- Caringbah 16/12/10-28/1/11 (Kindergarten-12yrs)
- Jannali 16/12/10-28/1/11 (Kindergarten-14yrs)

Cost: \$40 per child (excursions extra)

Dates: Thursday 16 Dec to Friday 28 Jan 2011

Hours: 7.00am to 6.00pm

For further enquiries please contact 9710 0466



