

# Engadine West Public School

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# e-West Side Story



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## Principal's Message

### Dear Parents

We are fast approaching the last weeks of the 2011 school year. I'd like to thank my staff for their dedicated and professional efforts during the last 12 months. Well done to all the students who have been a credit to the school and their families for their continued efforts and strong support of the school.

We have some exciting birth announcements to make. Congratulations to Mr Griggs and family for the birth of their son Max, to Mr Bridgland and his family for the recent birth of their son Harvey and to Mr Hogan and his family on the safe arrival of their daughter Stella. Mr Hogan is now taking paternity leave and Mr Snudden and Miss Koutzoumis will be teaching class 6H.

On other staff news, Mr Briton has unfortunately snapped his Achilles tendon and will not be returning to school this year. Class 3B will be taught by Mr Meakin for the remainder of Term 4.

### MILO Cricket

Our Senior Girls Cricket Team will be competing in the Regional Finals this Tuesday at Carss Park. Good luck to our very talented girl cricketers and their coach Mr Griggs.

### Summer PSSA Finals

This Friday will see a number of our school teams compete in the finals of the summer PSSA competition. Congratulations and good luck to the following teams in this week's matches:

Cricket Green  
T-Ball Green  
Girls Softball Green

### Year 6 Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families at Engadine West Public School who last week supported our Year 6 fundraising day. Everyone at the school had an enjoyable time and Year 6 raised around \$2,500 to help finance their farewell and school gift. Well done everyone!

### Christmas Concert

This year has been an outstanding success for our School Band Program. On Wednesday this week the culmination of the program will be the Band Christmas Concert in the school hall commencing at 6.30pm. Don't miss this great opportunity to come along and listen to our very talented musicians. A special thank you to the members of our Band Committee who have worked so hard this year.

### Industrial Action

The proposed 24 hour Industrial Action for Tuesday 29 November has been deferred while further negotiations continue. This will mean Engadine West Public School will be open for normal operation tomorrow.

### Cricket Achievement

Congratulations to Jack D for being selected in the NSW Cricket Team to compete in the National Titles to be held in Barooga, NSW from 6-14 January 2012. A fantastic achievement Jack!

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

### Kids 4 Kids

This week is the last week for the highly successful Kids 4 Kids peer tutoring. The Year 6 students will be having a celebration lunch with their buddies on Tuesday during lunch. The leaders may bring in some treats for their buddies if they wish. The school would like to thank all the students involved in this program and we already have Year 5 students interested in continuing the program next year.

### School Group and Sports Photos

The office staff have copies of all the photos taken and order forms for parents who are interested in purchasing the sports and performing arts group photos. Order forms are due back to school by Friday 2 December.

### Band Christmas Concert

The Combined Band Christmas Concert is on Wednesday 30 November at 6.30pm in the hall. There will be a sausage sizzle for parents from 5.30pm onwards. There are no more band tutorials this year. Students will need to wear their performing shirts and we are encouraging them to wear something Christmassy on their heads. The long black pants are not required. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Year 6 students leaving our band will need to return their cleaned instruments to the band room on Thursday morning and have their instrument marked off the list. Band fees for Term 4 are now overdue and we would appreciate payment as soon as possible.

### Being a Learner

Carly and Tim from 1S wrote some very interesting stories last week during all the wet weather. Elly and Hannah from 1B both made an activity book for learning lots of extra things in class.

**Steve Fuller and Craig Snudden**  
*Deputy Principals*

## Shining Star

Jack D (6H) who plays for Engadine Dragons 14A's recently represented EWPS & Sydney East at the Cricket State Titles held in Maitland. Sydney East finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Championship. At the conclusion of the tournament, Jack was picked in the NSW Team to play in the National Titles to be held in Barooga, NSW from 6-14 January 2012. Well done Jack!

## K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long

The K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long will be held this Friday 2 December at 12.00noon in the hall. All K-2 students will be required to wear mufti clothes in Christmas colours on this day. Parents, Grandparents and friends are welcome to attend.



## Sydney Region Public Speaking Finals

Our school proudly hosted the Sydney Region Public Speaking Finals on Tuesday 15 November. Twenty six students representing 24 schools, together with their parents and many grandparents travelled from all parts of the Sydney Region to participate. Dr Phil Lambert, Sydney Regional Director, attended for two stage finals and presented the awards. School Education directors from several networks also attended including Mrs Sue Cran from our Woronora River Schools Network. It was a very successful day thanks to the assistance and support of many people. Many thanks to the students of Year 6 who performed their roles hosting, timekeeping, impromptu helpers and greeters. Also the teachers and students for the performances by the Year 1 Recorder Group, K-3 Show Dance Group, Senior Choir and KJ percussion.

**Vince Murphy**  
*Assistant Principal*

## Australia Day Film & Photography Competition

Two competitions are currently open that celebrate what it means to be Australian.

The Australia Day Council's Living Australian online photography competition is running with the theme of 'Make your Mark Australia' for 2012. The junior division prize is \$1000 and a Canon EOS 600D DSLR Camera. The open division carries a cash prize of \$4000 with the winning image immortalized on an Australian stamp. The Reel Australian Short Film Competition is also open. Students can submit an original short film in response to the question: 'What makes a mark on your Australia?'

There are three divisions: junior, open and mobile with prizes including cash, an iPad2 and a camera. Both competitions close on 6 December. More info at: [www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au](http://www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au)

## Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

We are all so busy in the lead up to Christmas, but it is still important to provide your child with healthy, nutritious and filling lunches and snacks at school.

The School A to Z website has some great quick and easy lunchbox ideas.

The site has printable recipes and food tips as well as allergy buster lunches for the most sensitive.



And remember as the weather warms up, freeze a water bottle and place in the lunchbox (wrap in a cloth to keep food dry) to keep food at a safe temperature for consumption. Go to [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes)

## For Your Diary

<b>Monday 28 November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Uniform Shop Open</li> <li>♦ Yr 6 "High School for a Day"</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 5 December</b>	♦
<b>Tuesday 29 November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Canteen Closed</li> <li>♦ Student Banking</li> <li>♦ Sutherland Basketball Visit</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Stewart House Bazaar</li> <li>♦ Canteen Closed</li> <li>♦ Student Banking</li> <li>♦ P &amp; C Dinner/Meeting at Engadine Bowling Club 7.00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 30 November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Uniform Shop Open (Last day for 2011)</li> <li>♦ Combined Scripture Assembly 11.45pm Years K-2 12.30pm Years 3-6</li> <li>♦ Combined Band Christmas Concert at 6.30pm in Hall</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 7 December</b>	♦
<b>Thursday 1 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Milo Cup Regional Finals</li> <li>♦ Family Fun Day Meeting 7.00pm in Staffroom</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 8 December</b>	♦ Excursion to Engadine High School (Hotrock Bush Re-generation Action Day)
<b>Friday 2 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ PSSA Finals</li> <li>♦ Term 4 Swimming Program</li> <li>♦ K-2 Christmas Sing-a-Long 12.00noon</li> <li>♦ 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 9 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Canteen - Last Day for Lunch Orders</li> <li>♦ Last day - Term 4 Swimming Program</li> <li>♦ Kindergarten Presentation Assembly 10.00am</li> </ul>

## December Dates to Remember

Friday 2 December	K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long	12.00noon
Tuesday 6 December	Stewart House Bazaar	
Friday 9 December	Kindergarten Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Monday 12 December	Years 5 & 6 Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Tuesday 13 December	Year 2 Presentation Assembly	10.00am
	Year 3 Presentation Assembly	2.00pm
Wednesday 14 December	Year 1 Presentation Assembly	10.00am
	Year 6 Farewell	6.30pm
Thursday 15 December	Year 4 Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Friday 16 December	Last Day of Term 4 for Students	



## School Excursions & Payments

Band	Term 4 Band Fees		\$100.00
Years K-6	2011 EWPS Yearbook	Payment at Front Office (P & C) (NOTE: No charge for Year 6)	\$20.00

## PSSA Finals

<b>SPORTS TEAM</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>PSSA Finals - Friday 2 December</b>
Cricket Green	Menai	Won	Bangor (Heathcote Oval)
T-Ball Green	Heathcote	Won	Lucas Heights CS (Heathcote Oval)
Girls Softball Green	Lucas Heights	Won	Marton (Heathcote Oval)

# Good luck in the finals EWPS!

Go to [engadine.sessazones.com/](http://engadine.sessazones.com/) to view PSSA draws  
Buses Depart EWPS at 9.00am

## Uniform Shop

Our **last opening day for this year** will be on **Wednesday 30 November**. No orders or purchases can be made after this date, thank you.

**Wednesday 30 November 2011 from 9.30-10.00am**  
**Persons rostered on: D Kimber**

We would like to thank our wonderful parent helpers who assisted throughout the year and also on our Kindergarten orientation and transition days. Without your valuable assistance, the uniform shop would not be able to operate.

The uniform shop will be open on the first day of Term 1 next year, Monday 30 January 2012. We will then be opening on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. If there are any parents wishing to be placed on our roster for Wednesdays, please leave your details at the front office.

**Kathy Cunynghame & Jenny Stanley**  
**Uniform Shop Co-ordinators**



## Canteen News

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

**Last lunch order day for this term will be Friday 9 December. The canteen will be open on Monday 12 December for recess and ice blocks, chips etc. at lunch break and then closed until the new year.**

### New Item

Orchy Juice bottles (orange, orange/passionfruit, apple) \$1.50

### Lunch Specials

Fruit salad tubs	medium	\$3.00
	large	\$4.00
	yoghurt extra	50c

Rice Paper Rolls \$3.50  
(Chicken & vege or plain vege with sweet chilli or hoisin sauce)

### Beanie Bear Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting the Beanie Bear fundraiser. Your orders may be collected from the canteen between 2.00pm -3.30pm on Friday 9 December. If you require your order to be sent to the front office for collection, please advise the canteen as soon as possible.

If anyone has any questions regarding the canteen or are able to volunteer, please come in and see me.

**Leanne Best**  
**Canteen Supervisor**



### This Week's Roster

**Tuesday - CLOSED**

**Wednesday - 30 November**  
K Allbon, L Blaikie, A Wilson

**Thursday - 1 December**  
E Martin, T Clark, G Clark

**Friday - 2 December**  
A Astbury, L Gattone, T Farquhar,  
K Sigsworth, C Vitelli

**Monday - 5 December**  
B Coman, M Robertson, L Pyett

## Tips to Stay Safe and Cybersmart

### Cyberbullying

The same rules apply online as in the 'real world' about how to treat other people. Unfortunately, people don't always treat each other well online, and you, or a friend, may find that you are the target of cyberbullying. You might be teased or have rumours spread about you online, receive nasty messages or even threats. It can happen in school, or out of it, any hour of the day, from people you know, and sometimes people you don't know. It can leave you feeling unsafe and alone.

**No-one has the right to bully another person.** At its most serious, cyberbullying is illegal and can be investigated by the police.

#### Tips

##### If you are being cyberbullied

- ◆ **Ignore it.** Don't respond to the bully. If they don't get a response they may get bored and go away.
- ◆ **Block** the person. This will stop you seeing messages or texts from a particular person.
- ◆ **Tell someone.** Tell your mum or dad, or another adult you trust. Or you can call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800, visit their [website](#) or contact the [Cybersmart Online Helpline service](#).
- ◆ **Keep the evidence.** This can be useful in tracking the bully down. Save texts, emails, online conversations or voicemails as proof.
- ◆ **Report it to:**
  - your school—they should have policies in place about bullying and cyberbullying.
  - your ISP and/or phone provider or the website administrator—there are actions they can take to help.
  - the police—if there is a threat to your safety the police will help. Call Triple Zero (000) or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

##### If a friend is being cyberbullied

It can be hard to know if your friends are being cyberbullied. They might keep it to themselves. If they are being cyberbullied, you might notice that they may not chat with you online as much, suddenly receive lots of SMS messages or are unhappy after they have been on the computer or checked their phone messages. They may stop hanging around with friends or have lost interest in school or social activities.

#### Help stop cyberbullying

- **Stand up and speak out!** If you see or know about cyberbullying happening to a friend, **support them and report the bullying.** You'd want them to do the same for you.
- **Don't forward** on messages or pictures that may hurt or be upsetting to someone. Even though you may not have started it, you will be seen to be part of the cyberbullying cycle.
- **Remember to treat others as you would like to be treated** when communicating online.

### Netiquette

Sometimes it's easy to forget that the other person you are chatting to on IM, playing a game with, or posting to their profile is a real person. It's easier to say and do things online that you might not do in 'real life'. This may hurt that person's feelings or make them feel unsafe or embarrassed. It's important to be kind and polite to others online—and to stop and think about how your behaviour will affect them.

#### Tips

- ★ Treat other people the way you would like to be treated. Avoid using bad language and don't say things to someone to make them feel bad.
- ★ Learn about the 'netiquette' of being online. What's considered okay to do and say and what isn't? For example, if you type a message to someone in UPPER CASE they may think you are shouting at them.
- ★ If someone says something rude or something that makes you feel uncomfortable, don't respond. Leave the chat room or forum straight away.
- ★ Tell your parents or another adult you trust if you read upsetting language, or see nasty pictures or something scary.

Go to [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au) for further information.



# Gingerbread Houses

Saturday 3rd December

**TIME** 2.00pm

**WHERE** Engadine Church of Christ

**COST** \$30 for the kit\* (one person)

\$5 per extra attendee

Includes afternoon tea

**SPEAKER** Beth Ryan will be sharing a short Christmas message

**RSVP AND PRE-PAYMENT**

Saturday 19 November

Vanessa Stokes - 0405 323 806

\*The kit includes decoration lollies. Bring extra gifts, lollies/toys to put inside your gingerbread house.



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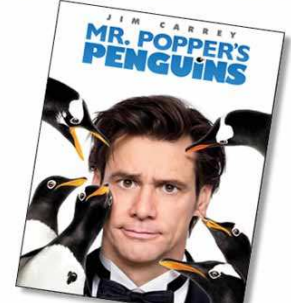
Leader TYNAN Jeep SOUTHERN DISTRICTS RUGBY

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER

• 9 METRE OUTDOOR SCREEN • PICNIC STYLE SEATING (BRING A RUG.)



SANTA ARRIVES IN HIS JEEP WITH GIFTS AT 7PM



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\$5 PER PERSON ENTRY GATES OPEN 6PM MOVIE STARTS AT SUNSET

HARRY PETERS' FAMOUS BURGERS AVAILABLE

JUMPING CASTLES

one for the younger child and one for the older children

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FACE PAINTERS

FAIRY FLOSS POPCORN ICE-CREAM

BEVERAGES AND FOOD FOR ADULTS

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**Do you have a disability, injury or health condition and want a job?**

**Are you a parent on a Centrelink payment?**

**Do you have limited time due to child care responsibilities?**

CRS Australia can help by connecting you with training programs that meet a diverse range of needs. Courses are nationally accredited and cover a broad range of industries, eg. Child Care, Hospitality, Business and IT.

To be eligible you must be:

a person with the care of a dependent child aged less than 16 years of age in receipt of a Parenting Payment Single, Parenting Payment Partnered Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) or Special Benefit.\*

Contact the friendly team at CRS Australia on 9545 9200 or come and see us at 2-4 Merton Street, Sutherland.

\*Additional eligibility criteria may apply

### TAFE Outreach

runs classes for women who need new skills and confidence to return to study and work. For more information about 2012 classes phone 97225469