

Engadine West Public School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Thank you to all the parents and friends of families who attended the Band Christmas Concert and the K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long last week. Both events drew large crowds. Congratulations to both the Engadine West Band and band staff, as well as the K-2 children and their teachers. Such events show what a great school we have and the strong parent support we enjoy. Well done to all involved.

The culmination of our 2011 school year are the Presentation Day Ceremonies. Listed below are the times of the presentation assemblies. We hope to see you there to celebrate your child's achievements.

Kinder	Friday	9 December	10.00am
Year 1	Wednesday	14 December	10.00am
Year 2	Tuesday	13 December	10.00am
Year 3	Tuesday	13 December	2.00pm
Year 4	Thursday	15 December	10.00am
Year 5	Monday	12 December	10.00am
Year 6	Monday	12 December	10.00am

Student Reports

The Semester Two student reports will be sent home in an envelope with the children this Thursday. Congratulations to the children for their efforts this year and thank you to the staff for their hard work during 2011.

Classes for 2012

The classes for 2012 have now been finalised and entered into our computerised system. Where possible, earlier educationally sound parent requests have been considered. Please note that no further parent recommendations for placement of children will be processed. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

P & C Meeting

The final P & C Meeting for 2011 will be held this Tuesday, 6 December, at the Engadine Bowling Club starting at 7:00pm. All parents are most welcome to attend.

On behalf of the staff at Engadine West Public School I would like to officially thank our P & C President, Nicole Hendry, the P & C Executive and all the parents who have worked so hard in 2011 to support our school. Your efforts are much appreciated. Special mention to Leanne Best our Canteen Co-ordinator and all the staff at the Before and After School Care Centre.

Stewart House Bazaar

This Tuesday, Engadine West Public School will be holding its annual Stewart House Bazaar to help support children attending Stewart House. There will be some fun activities and stalls and the school hopes to raise \$2011 for this very worthy cause.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

As a small token of appreciation of all the parents and helpers who have given up their time to work voluntarily in the school this year, the school will be hosting a morning tea in the hall this Wednesday, 7 December, from 11:20am. If you have helped this year we would love you to attend so that the staff can thank you for your support.

Sportsmanship

Congratulations to our girls Milo Cricket Team who last week just missed out on making the State finals. It was an outstanding effort to reach that stage of the competition.

Well done also to our three PSSA teams who narrowly lost their finals last Friday. While our teams didn't win, all of our children showed outstanding sportsmanship. This makes them real winners. Well done boys and girls!

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

Once again, we received very positive feedback on the performance of the Combined Band at the Christmas Concert. The band program for 2011 has come to an end and we would like to acknowledge all the hard work by our band team – Ms Olthof, Mrs Ryan, Ms Savvas, Jo Holloway, Kathleen Haines, Jonothon Normand, Greg Henson and all the parent helpers we have. We look forward to another successful year in 2012. It would be appreciated if all parents with overdue band fees could pay this week.

Steve Fuller and Craig Snudden
Deputy Principals

EWPS Recipe Book

Thank you to all the families who spent the time collating your recipes, and taking photo's, it is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, the printed recipe book planned for the Family Fun Day has been cancelled as we just did not have enough recipes. However, your recipes and photo's are still going to be collated and presented in a digital format in conjunction with the school's 50th Birthday celebrations. It will be available for sale on CD in August next year.

If you would still like to contribute to the digital recipe book, please send any recipes and photos to:
suegreen65@gmail.com

Again, many thanks for your efforts. The Engadine West Recipes on CD will be something to look forward to.

Sue Green

Shining Star

Congratulations to Adam G (3P) for achieving Purple 2 Grade at Taekidokai (Karate) on the weekend. Well done Adam!



Summer Fire Safety

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet: www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf

It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start.

Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website: www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Orientation Information

Monday 5 December is official Orientation Day for Year 6 students around the state. This is one of many opportunities your Year 6 child can be introduced to the high school environment.

During the holidays, have a look at the great information on the School A to Z website about starting high school and what to expect in the senior years. You'll find a wealth of tips and hints about moving up to high school, including a vodcast you can watch together at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

You can also download a handy high school checklist at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php

Student Banking

Tomorrow, Tuesday 6 December will be the last day for student banking for 2011. Thank you for your support.

Tracey Clark & Cherie Blamire
Student Banking Co-ordinators



Live Life Well

Tips to minimise fussy eating in young children:

Don't give up

Keep trying to offer healthy foods. A child might need to see a food up to ten times before they feel comfortable enough to try it. Try presenting new foods in different ways and with other familiar foods.

Reinforce

Encourage good eating behaviours in small children. When they do eat something healthy, congratulate them – even if it is just for trying one mouthful of a new healthy food.

Role Model

Let your children see you eating and enjoying healthy food. Involve young children in purchasing and preparing healthy food.

Consistency

Keep regular meal and snack times.

Stay Calm

If your child frequently resists food, mealtimes can become stressful. Avoid force feeding and do not feel resentful if your child refuses to eat.

Variety

Offer a range of healthy foods on the plate and allow your child to pick and choose what they will eat.



For Your Diary

Monday 5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 High School Orientation Day 	Monday 12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 3 Presentation Assembly 10:00am Year 6 End-of-Year Performance 1:30pm Canteen Open for recess & lunch break only (no lunch orders)
Tuesday 6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stewart House Bazaar Canteen Closed Last Day for Student Banking P & C Dinner/Meeting at Engadine Bowling Club 7.00pm 	Tuesday 13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Presentation Assembly 10:00am Year 3 Presentation Assembly 2:00pm Canteen Closed
Wed 7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 High School For a Day (at school) Parent Helpers' Morning Tea 11.20am in Hall 	Wed 14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Presentation Assembly 10:00am Year 3 Westgate Presentation 2:00pm Year 6 Farewell - St Moritz Room 6:30pm Canteen Closed
Thursday 8 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excursion to Engadine High School (Hotrock Bush Regeneration Action Day) Year 6 Graduation Photos 	Thursday 15 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-2 Christmas Picnic K-2 Funky Bugs Performance 2:30pm Year 4 Presentation Assembly 10:00am Canteen Closed
Friday 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen - Last Day for Lunch Orders Last day - Term 4 Swimming Program Kindergarten Presentation Assembly 10.00am 	Friday 16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day Term 4 Canteen Closed

School Excursions & Payments

Band	Term 4 Band Fees	NOW OVERDUE	\$100.00
Years K-2	Funky Bugs Performance		\$5.00

PSSA Finals

SPORTS TEAM	OPPONENT	SCORE
Cricket Green	Bangor	Lost
T-Ball Green	Lucas Heights	Lost
Girls Softball Green	Marion	Lost

Well done to our PSSA Cricket Green, T-Ball Green & Girls Softball Green teams for representing EWPS in the finals on Friday 2 December, great effort!!!

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now closed for 2011.

Our first openings for 2012 will be

Monday 30 January 2012
Persons rostered on: Jenny Stanley

Wednesday 1 February 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.

Friday 9 December Last Lunch Order Day
Monday 12 December Open for Recess & Lunch Break Only

Canteen will be closed for the rest of the week.

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)

Casual Assistant Position

Please be advised that the position of Casual Assistant in the canteen has been filled.

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 - 7 December
D Bennett, J Morrissey

Thursday - 8 December
K Pollard, L Shepherd, K Zaknich,
M Isemonger

Friday - 9 December
N Brydon, B Keegan, R Reynolds

Monday - 12 December
H Tonna, M Tillbrook, D Duffy



Stewart House Bazaar

On Tuesday 6 December, beginning at 11:25 am, we will be holding a bazaar to raise much needed funds to support the worthwhile programs run by Stewart House. This year, we hope to reach the target of \$2011.00.

There will be many activities and stalls available on the day including;

Face painting

Putt-putt golf

Jewellery making

White elephant stall

Spin and win

Singstar

....and many others

... and many delicious goodies such as cakes, lollies, drinks, ice-blocks and more. This year sausage sandwiches will be available for lunch at the cost of \$1.50, however no pre-orders will be taken. The canteen will be closed on the day, so you will need to send your child with lunch, or money to buy a sausage.

If you have any items suitable for sale at the white elephant stall, could you please start bringing these in to Mrs Highett or Ms Barrow as soon as possible (please note that games, DVD's or CD's with a rating higher than 'G' can not be sold at school).

On the day, cakes, slices, toffees, muffins etc will be needed. If these items could be brought into Mrs Gilmore on the day, it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember, NO NUTS.

Your ongoing support of this worthwhile charity is appreciated and we hope to reach our target of \$2011.00 and maybe even more. So start working around the house to raise some money to come and spend on the day.

Rebecca Barrow and Yvonne Savvas
Stewart House Fundraising Organisers

SPECIAL NOTE: Please be advised that this event will go ahead even if it is raining, so there is no need to call the office and check.

Tips to Stay Safe and Cybersmart

Online Friends

Chatting to friends using IM, in chat rooms and on social networking sites can be great ways to keep up to date. Meeting new friends online is also pretty fun, and you can meet people online that like the same movies or sports as you. But while there are lots of good points about keeping in touch with online friends, there are also some risks with meeting people online - especially if you don't know them in real life. To help stay safe while you chat, remember some simple tips:

Tips

- ★ Be careful who you trust online. A person can pretend to be someone they are not.
- ★ Choose your friends. While it's good to have a lot of friends, having too many makes it harder to keep an eye on who sees the stuff you post online. Don't accept friend requests if you're not sure about the person.
- ★ Keep your personal details private. Use a nickname instead of your real name if you are in a site or game where there may be lots of people you don't know. Ask your parents before giving anyone on the internet your name, address, phone number or any other personal details.
- ★ Set your profile to private, or ask your parents to help you do this.
- ★ Always keep your password secret. Don't even share it with your friends.
- ★ If you want to arrange to meet someone you've met online, check with a parent first and ask them to go with you. Always meet in a public place, preferably during the day.
- ★ If someone writes something rude, scary or something you don't like, tell your parents or another adult you trust.

Your Digital Footprint

It's great to share things online with your friends. Part of the fun of sharing videos, images and other content, is that lots of people can view and respond. Remember that what you share with your friends may also be viewed by others who you don't know. They may also be able to look at it for years to come. Everything you post adds up to make your digital footprint and, once it's online, it could be there forever. So think before you post.

Tips

- ★ Keep your personal details private. Use an appropriate nickname instead of your real name. Ask your parents before giving anyone on the internet your name, address, phone number or any other personal details.
- ★ Don't share your username or password with anyone.
- ★ Think before you hit send or post. Once posted, it can be difficult to remove content.
- ★ Don't post anything you don't want others to know or find out about—or that you wouldn't say to them face to face.
- ★ Remember that private images and videos you send to friends or post on a social networking site may be passed on to others and uploaded to public sites.
- ★ Be respectful of other people's content that you post or share. For example, a photo that your friend took is their property, not yours. You should post it online only if you have their permission and make a note about where you got it from.

Playing Online Games

Playing games online and using consoles or games on a computer can be great fun, but you need to be careful about how much you play and who you play with. Sometimes, if you are using a console, you can play games online with other people instead of going into game sites. It is important that if you chat with other gamers you protect your privacy and don't share personal or private information. If you are unsure whether a game is suitable, ask your parents or a trusted adult to check its classification and reviews for you.

Tips

- ★ If another player is behaving badly or making you uncomfortable, block them from your players list. You may also be able to report them to the game site operator.
- ★ Limit your game play time so you can still do other things like homework, jobs around the house and hanging out with your friends.
- ★ Keep personal details private.
- ★ Remember to make time offline for your friends, your favourite sports and other activities.

Go to www.cybersmart.gov.au for further information.

Community News

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

Colouring Competition for primary school children

Win one of 3 family season passes (worth \$260 each) to the

Illawarra Folk Festival

Bulli Showground

12-15 January 2012

Travel to the Festival on the Green Music Train with kids entertainment and workshops the whole way there.

You can pick up your entry from Wollongong City Council Libraries or our webpage:

<http://www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au/page/ColouringInCompetition/>

Get your completed entries in to your local library by Friday 16 December and be in with a chance to win. Don't forget to put your name and contact number on the back of the entry.

Get colourful and good luck

Sutherland Shire Council Vacation Care Programs

- * Miranda Vacation Care open from 19/12/11 to 25/01/12 for children aged between kindergarten and 12 years old
- * Lucas Heights Community School Vacation Care open from 19/12/11 to 25/01/12 for children aged between kindergarten and 14 years old
- * Caringbah Vacation Care open from 19/12/11 to 23/12/11 centre closed 28/12/11 to 30/12/11 and will re-open 3/1/12 to 25/1/12 for children aged between kindergarten and 12 years old.
- * Jannali Vacation Care open from 19/12/11 to 23/12/11 centre closed 28/12/11 to 30/12/11 and will re-open 3/1/12 to 25/1/12

Cost

\$41 per child (excursions additional cost)

Dates

Monday 19 December to Wednesday 25 January 2012

Hours of Operation

7.00am to 6.00pm

For Further Enquiries

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