

Engadine West Public School

Quality Education in a Stimulating Environment

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents

This is the last week of the 2011 school year. I would like to thank everyone for their support of Engadine West Public School. This year has been very successful thanks to the hard work of my dedicated staff and the commitment of our talented students and the parents who give up their time to assist in the many areas of the school e.g. P & C, canteen, uniform shop, in classrooms and much more.

In 2012 our school looks to be expanding to a total student enrolment of around 750 students. It will also be a year where we will celebrate the school's 50th Anniversary and we will hold a massive Family Fun Day, so it should be an exciting year ahead.

The final week is a busy one with Presentation Day Assemblies, the Year 6 Farewell and Funky Bug incursion. As Principal of the school I would like to thank our current Year 6 students for the application and achievements they have had during their time at Engadine West. I'm sure they are well prepared for the years ahead and I wish them every success in high school.

Teachers' Stop work Meeting

The NSW Teachers' Federation will be holding a 2 hour Stop Work Meeting this Thursday 15 December from 9.00am. While details are not yet confirmed please note that the Year 4 Presentation Day Assembly **will go ahead as scheduled**.

Further information about the general operation of the school during that morning will be sent home on a separate note as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Students Return

The school year for students for 2011 finishes this Friday 16 December. Teachers remain at school for two additional days (Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December). Students in Years 1-6 resume school on Monday 30 January 2012. Kindergarten students for 2012 commence school on Friday 3 February. The first four days of the term will be used to complete their Best Start assessment. Our annual school Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 2 February.

On behalf of all the staff at Engadine West Public School, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

See you in 2012!

Garry Royston

Principal



Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year



Deputy Principal's Report

Being a Learner

5H baked some delicious biscuits last week. It was great to see the students carefully following the procedure text and using various measuring devices to make their biscuits. We know by the smiles on their faces that they tasted great.

Special mention to Aleksia in KD, Kooper B and Kyle in 2SD for showing us their work this week.

2011 Yearbook

The Engadine West K-6 Yearbook is still for sale with limited copies available. Nova and Kylie have organised for the last remaining copies to be sold during the presentation days. They are \$20 each and they can still be ordered by sending in the money to your child's teacher.

Have you changed your contact details?

We have had difficulty contacting some parents recently as they have changed their contact details. It is very important that the office has your contact details so we can contact you in an emergency. Our SMS system will also send messages to the mobile phone number that you have given to the office.

Enjoy your holiday!

We would both like to thank all the students, staff and the community for their contributions in making Engadine West PS a great learning environment. We look forward to another busy year in 2012 and hope you all have a safe and well earned break. Take care!

Steve Fuller and Craig Snudden
Deputy Principals

To the School Community

Thank you for your sympathy and kindness shown to me during this difficult time. Your gifts, flowers, cards, thoughts, hugs, prayers and smiles have been appreciated more than words can express.

Bronwyn Sams and Family



Shining Star

Congratulations to Jake V (6C) who has been selected to accompany the Australian Youth Choir to Europe in May next year. Enjoy this wonderful experience Jake!



School Swimming Carnival

Our annual school Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 2 February 2012 at Engadine Leisure Centre.

As this is the second week back at school, permission notes have been sent home and are asked to be returned by Thursday 15 December 2011.

Please return the payment and permission note with ALL sections (A, B, C) completed and signed. Any note without three signatures and three completed sections will be returned.

It is important that your child's swimming ability is recorded correctly on the permission note. All students attending the carnival will be provided with a coloured wrist band based on the information provided on the permission note.

Children who are born in 2004 (8 years) and enter Year 2, who are **proficient swimmers over 50m in any stroke**, are invited to attend.

These children should be either attending squad training and/or swim club. It is expected that these children will compete in at least one 50m event.

Notes for those Year 2 students who are turning 8 in 2012 and wishing to compete at the carnival, can be obtained from Mrs Leavai.

We also invite any parent who would be interested in helping out on the day to contact us at school. Your support is invaluable and highly appreciated.

Lisa Leavai
Swimming Carnival Co-ordinator



Daily School Routine

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| 9.00am | School grounds are supervised by teachers
Students may arrive from this time |
| 9.25am | Morning Bell
Session One begins (including 10 minute fruit only break) |
| 11.25am | Recess |
| 11.45am | Session Two begins |
| 1.15pm | Lunch |
| 2.15pm | Session Three begins |
| 3.30pm | End of school day |



Year 1 Classroom Requirements 2012

- ♦ 3 glue sticks (good quality and not liquid glue)
- ♦ 5 HB lead pencils
- ♦ Eraser
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Pencil sharpener (container type)
- ♦ Coloured pencils/wind up crayons (no Textas)
- ♦ 1 pencil case (small)
- ♦ Library bag
- ♦ Home Reading Pouch
- ♦ Roll of paper towel
- ♦ Box of tissues
- ♦ Antibacterial soap or hand sanitiser
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ Raincoat
- ♦ 2 highlighters

Year 2 Classroom Requirements 2012

- ♦ 2 glue sticks (replace when used)
- ♦ Library bag
- ♦ Home reading bag
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Small pencil case
- ♦ Eraser, sharpener (container type)
- ♦ 2 HB pencils (replace when used)
- ♦ A4 128 page homework book (to paste A4 sheet into)
- ♦ Coloured pencils and/or crayons for colouring work in books
- ♦ 2 rolls of paper towels
- ♦ 2 boxes of tissues
- ♦ Pump pack of soap (or refills)
- ♦ Junior Macquarie Dictionary
- ♦ Raincoat (remains in school bag)

Years 3 & 4 Classroom Requirements 2012

- ♦ 2 HB lead pencils
- ♦ Red and blue pens (blue pens Year 4 only)
- ♦ Soft white pencil rubber
- ♦ Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) **not flexi type**, clear plastic if possible
- ♦ 2 glue sticks
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ Dictionary (Macquarie Primary-Kookaburra on cover)
- ♦ Pencil sharpener
- ♦ Coloured pencils and textas
- ♦ Highlighter
- ♦ Raincoat
- ♦ Sunscreen
- ♦ 96 page A4 ruled exercise book (homework)
- ♦ A book each day for silent reading
- ♦ A3 scrapbook
- ♦ 2 x A4 display folder
- ♦ Thin black artline texta
- ♦ USB thumbdrive - can be purchased for under \$10
- ♦ Box of tissues
- ♦ Paper towels or wet ones

Years 5 & 6 Classroom Requirements 2012

- ♦ 2 HB lead pencils
- ♦ Red and blue pens
- ♦ Soft white pencil rubber
- ♦ Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) **not flexi type**, clear plastic if possible
- ♦ Glue sticks
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ A4 Display homework folder
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ A3 size portfolio or scrapbook
- ♦ Clear contact (to cover class exercise books)
- ♦ Dictionary (Macquarie Senior)
- ♦ Pencil sharpener (container type)
- ♦ Coloured pencils and textas
- ♦ Highlighter
- ♦ Raincoat
- ♦ Books for silent reading
- ♦ Calculator (optional)
- ♦ Protractor
- ♦ A box of tissues
- ♦ Paper towels
- ♦ Liquid soap
- ♦ Correction fluid/tape not permitted



Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and replace items when used.




Money and Valuables at School

Students should not bring valuable items or toys to school. Computer games such as Nintendo DS, iPod Touch etc. should not be brought to school. It is DET policy that students do not bring mobile telephones to school. Should this occur the telephone will be confiscated by the staff and kept in a secure location for collection at the end of the day by the child or parent as required. Jewellery, including necklaces, bracelets and rings, are not part of the school uniform and are best left at home. Girls should wear studs in pierced ears instead of earrings.

From time to time students will be asked to bring money for payments for such things as excursions, textbook purchases and special programs. **These should be in clearly marked envelopes and given to the class teacher** first thing in the morning where a record of payments will be made.

Thank you

For Your Diary

Monday 12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Stage 3 Presentation Assembly 10:00am ♦ Stage 3 End-of-Year Performance 1:30pm ♦ Canteen Open for recess & lunch break only (no lunch orders) 	Monday 19 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Staff Development Day
Tuesday 13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Year 2 Presentation Assembly 10:00am ♦ Year 3 Presentation Assembly 2:00pm ♦ Student Leader's Appreciation Party ♦ Canteen Closed 	Tuesday 20 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Staff Development Day
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 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 ♦ 2hr Stop Work Meeting (details to be advised) ♦ Canteen Closed 	<h2 style="text-align: center;">For Your 2012 Diary</h2>	
Friday 16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Year 6 Archway Farewell 3.15pm ♦ Last Day Term 4 for Students ♦ Canteen Closed 	Friday 27 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Staff Development Day
		Monday 30 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ School Resumes for Students Years 1-6 ♦ Kindergarten Best Start Testing ♦ Uniform Shop Open ♦ Canteen Open
		Tuesday 31 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Kindergarten Best Start Testing ♦ Canteen Closed
		Wednesday 1 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Kindergarten Best Start Testing ♦ Uniform Shop Open
		Thursday 2 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Kindergarten Best Start Testing ♦ School Swimming Carnival Engadine Pool 9.00am-3.00pm
		Friday 3 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ First Day for Kindergarten Students

School Excursions & Payments

Band	Term 4 Band Fees	NOW OVERDUE	\$100.00
Years K-2	Funky Bugs Performance		\$5.00
Years 3-6	Swimming Carnival	By Thursday 15 December 2011	\$3.90



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now closed for 2011.

Our first openings for 2012 will be

Monday 30 January 2012 from 9.00-10.00am

Wednesday 1 February 2012 from 9.30-10.00am

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 the canteen will be closed from Tuesday 13 December and will re-open on Monday 30 January 2012.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Thank you for supporting the canteen throughout 2011. Thank you also to my wonderful volunteers. If you would like to place your name on the roster for 2012, please drop in and see me in the new year.

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor



This Week's Roster

Tuesday - CLOSED

Wednesday - 14 December

F Reusche, R Hutchison, N Grove

Thursday - 15 December

C Taranellos, A McInerney,
G Padgett

Friday - 16 December

D Goodyer, K Jenkins, J Catt,
N Ross, K Hansen

Monday - 30 January 2012

S McFarlane, V Olguin



FIREWORKS
Colin Buchanan

Children's craft activities from 6:30pm
Sausage sizzle (gold coin donation)

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sponsored by: Tradies, Westpac
Caringbah, Digerati, Sutherland Shire
Council, Westfield Miranda, Leader,
Storage King Kurnell

Sunday 18th December
8pm

Kareela Oval Kirrawee
(Plenty of parking off Bates Drive)
twitter @gbccarols

 **gymea baptist**
empower / live / engage



Present this ad when you register and we will donate \$5.00 to your school

Registration days for the 2012 junior rugby league season

All registration days are held at the clubhouse, Anzac Oval

Tuesday 31 Jan 2012 4.00 – 6.00pm for re-registrations only – get in early and beat the rush
Thursday 2 Feb 2012 4.00 – 6.00pm for new registrations only – get in early and beat the rush
Saturday 4 Feb 2012 2.00 – 4.00pm for all registrations
Tuesday 7 Feb 2012 4.00 – 6.00pm for all registrations
Thursday 9 Feb 2012 4.00 – 6.00 pm for all registrations

EFTPOS available

Contact: Marie Coughlan, Secretary, 0404 910 114; Paul Williams, Registrar, 0418 968 439

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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