

# Engadine West Public School

Quality Education in a Stimulating Environment

# e-West Side Story



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## Principal's Message

### Dear Parents

#### Welcome back Mr Royston

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to welcome back Mr Royston. I would like to thank the staff for being so supportive in Mr Royston's absence, in particular last Friday when many staff members attended a funeral.

#### Dance Group

Congratulations to our amazing dance group who performed at Engadine High School last week as part of the MADD night. Thanks to Candace Duncum, Mrs Payne and Miss Davis and the supportive parents for their hard work in organising the performance.

#### Year 6 Science.

Students in 6A have been lucky to have some very engaging science lessons lead by Lois Holloway. Students and teachers have been learning lots of scientific skills and knowledge through Lois' expertise and knowledge. It's great to see parents in partnership with teachers improving the student learning in our classrooms. You can see pictures of the science lesson on our website.

#### Recorder Group Perform at Bullfrogs

Mrs Beech's talented recorder group recently entertained the students and staff at Bullfrogs Pre-School. As always, the recorder team did a wonderful job and the pre-schoolers thoroughly enjoyed the visit from our students.

#### Band Christmas Concert

The final Band performance for 2012 is this Wednesday night. The barbecue begins at 5.45pm and the Bands will begin performing at 6.30pm. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. There is no Junior Band or band tutorials on Wednesday afternoon.

#### Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

We hope to see all of our parent helpers at the morning tea this Thursday at 11.25am in the hall. If you have assisted the school in any way this year we would love to see you at our morning tea provided by the staff.



Engadine West Public School would like to acknowledge the ongoing support provided to the *Community of Schools on the Park (COSOtP)* by the *Rotary Club of Engadine*



## *Principal's Report cont'd*

### **Super Students**

Jarrold, Brodie, Jayde and Taylah from 4E designed and built some solar powered machines last week. The machines were excellent and I know the students were very proud of their designs. Also Liam and Jarrod from KD had some great writing.

Have a great week!

*Craig Snudden*  
*Relieving Principal*



## *Junior Recorder Group News - Bullfrog Visit*

On Monday 19 November the Junior recorder group gave up half of their lunch play time to change into their outfits and walk next door to Bullfrog Preschool to perform. The children were looking forward to performing again and they played to a captivated audience of pre-schoolers, their teachers and a handful of our own helper parents. We played 4 songs and also taught the eager pre-school children how to do the clapping song, "A Sailor went to Sea" The pre-school teachers were very enthusiastic and have invited our recorder groups back in the future as it was such a successful, happy time.

The recorder group will finish the year off with a mini concert in 1/2 B's classroom next Monday 26 November (2:20pm) and a small party. All recorder parents are welcome. Please provide a small plate of food to share.

Mrs Beech would like to thank all of the wonderful recorder students and their parents for a wonderful year of music.



## *Office News*

Please note that Eftpos facilities **will not** be available from Monday 26 November until Wednesday 5 December 2012. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

## *Shining Star*

Good luck to Owen C (2S) who will be competing in the LAANSW State Relay Championships on Saturday for the Under 8 boys at Sydney International Athletics Centre, Homebush.

## Swimming Lessons - Term 1 2013

It is proposed to have swimming lessons offered to Years 3 to 6 (2013) as an option for Friday morning sport during Term 1. These lessons will be conducted at Sutherland Leisure Centre. Children will receive a 45-minute lesson from a trained instructor plus a cap. All levels of swimming will be catered for, from non-swimmers to stroke correction. A classroom teacher will be attending the lessons with the students.

Depending on the number of children wishing to attend, the cost will vary between \$112.50 (for 42 children or more) and \$130.50 (for less than 42 children). The lessons will be conducted over 9 weeks and will begin on Friday 8 February 2013 until Friday 12 February 2013

Please note: This is an opportunity for students who are not involved in PSSA sport. We require a minimum of 25 students to participate.

No payment is needed at the moment, but full payment will be required upon receipt of a confirmation letter to be issued at the beginning of Term 1 2013.

If you are interested in allowing your child to participate in swimming during Term 1 please return the EXPRESSION OF INTEREST form to the school by **Friday 7 December 2012**. An EXPRESSION OF INTEREST form will be sent home with Year 2 students, however, interested students in Years 3-5 will need to see Mrs Spencer to obtain a form.

## Sport and Special Photos 2012

Sport and Special Photographs may now be viewed at the Front Office or in the Library windows. Order forms may be downloaded from the school website or obtained from the Front Office and must be returned no later than **Thursday 6 December**. Payment can be made by cash, cheque (**made out to Academy Photography**) or credit card.

## Live Life Well

### Breakfast Provides Brain food

Children perform better when they have eaten breakfast. Some quick breakfast options include:

- \* Wholegrain breakfast cereals and reduced fat milk
- \* Baked beans on toast and a glass of reduced fat milk
- \* Fruit smoothie and toast
- \* Toast topped with cheese and sliced tomatoes
- \* Egg on toast with a glass of reduced fat milk



### Keeping Lunchboxes Safe

Before preparing your child's lunchbox, always wash your hands and ensure you have a clean chopping board, lunchboxes and utensils. Include a frozen drink or ice-brick to keep sandwiches fresh and safe.

*South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service*

## Help Your Children Enjoy Reading

How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out. Here are some other tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading>

## *For Your Diary*

<b>Monday 26 November</b>	♦	<b>Monday 3 December</b>	♦
<b>Tuesday 27 November</b>	♦ Canteen Closed ♦ Student Banking	<b>Tuesday 4 December</b>	♦ Canteen Closed ♦ Student Banking ♦ K-2 Christmas Concert 10.00am Pre-School & Yrs 3-6 12.00pm Yr 2 Parents
<b>Wednesday 28 November</b>	♦ Book Club Orders Due ♦ K-6 Combined Scripture in Hall ♦ Band Christmas Concert 5.45pm	<b>Wednesday 5 December</b>	♦ Uniform Shop open (last day) ♦ School Disco K-2 4.30-5.30pm 3-6 5.45-7.00pm
<b>Thursday 29 November</b>	♦ Parent Helpers' Morning Tea 11.25am in Hall	<b>Thursday 6 December</b>	♦ K-2 Christmas Concert 10.00am Kindergarten Parents 12.00pm Yr 1 Parents ♦ Final day to order Sports & Special Photos
<b>Friday 30 November</b>	♦ Mr Royston to Principal's Conference ♦ PSSA Sport ♦ Friday swimming program ♦ K-2 Assembly 12.00noon	<b>Friday 7 December</b>	♦ PSSA Sport ♦ Friday swimming program ♦ Kindergarten Presentation Assembly 10.00am

## *Excursions and Payments*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Excursion or Payment</b>	<b>Please pay by</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Band Members	All Band Fees <b>must</b> be paid by Friday 23 November	<b>Friday 23 November</b>	\$100.00

## *PSSA Sport - Semi Finals (Heathcote Oval)*

<b>SPORTS TEAM</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>FRIDAY'S GAME - 30 November 2012</b>
Cricket Green		To be advised
Cricket Gold		
T-Ball Green		
T-Ball Gold		
Softball Girls Green		
Softball Girls Gold		
Softball Boys Green		
Softball Boys Gold		

Go to [engadine.sessazones.com/](http://engadine.sessazones.com/) to view draws

Cost: \$5.00 per week

Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am

## Uniform Shop News

The last open day for the Uniform Shop will be **Wednesday 5 December**. This is also the last day for any orders to be placed. Please note orders placed after this date will not be filled until 2013.

**REMINDER:** Year 2 students going into Year 3 next year require a gold polo shirt for Friday sport (\$20).

The next Uniform Shop opening times will be:

**Wednesday 5 December 2012 from 9.15-10.15am (last day)**

**Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame**  
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators



## Canteen News

Please note that lunch orders **must be placed by 9.30am**. Don't forget to put your child's name and class on lunch order bags. Composite classes need to place full class name on orders e.g. 1/2B etc. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen

For information on menu updates, specials, red light days etc. The canteen price list can be found on the school website or spare copies are available in the canteen.

### Last Day for Lunch Orders - Friday 14 December

The last day for lunch orders will be **Friday 14 December**. The Canteen will be open on Monday 17 December and Wednesday 19 December for ice blocks etc. only at recess and lunch.

### 2013 Roster

I am starting to organise next year's volunteer roster. If you are interested in joining the canteen volunteers or you would like more information, please drop in and see me.

### Lunch Specials

Fruit Salad - Large	\$4.00
- Medium	\$3.00
- Yoghurt (extra)	.50c
Rice Paper Rolls	\$4.00
Vege or chicken & vege (hoisin or sweet chilli sauce)	

### Canteen Christmas Party

Thank you to everyone who came along to our fun-filled afternoon of barefoot bowling.

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 - 28 November**  
R Hutchison, J Toohey

**Thursday - 29 November**  
T Clark, G Clark, E Martin

**Friday - 30 November**  
A Astbury, L Gattone, T Farquhar,  
C Vitelli, L Duffy

**Monday - 3 December**  
M Robertson, B Coman



## Book Club News

Issue 8 catalogues will be delivered to classrooms this week. Orders are due by Wednesday 28 November. This is the last opportunity to get some great bargains for Christmas. Remember, every order placed earns free books for the school's library.

**If you are paying with cash, particularly coins, could you please tape unsealed parts of envelope to ensure coins do not fall out.**

Orders can be held at the office for collection. **Please clearly mark this on all the order forms and envelope with a contact phone number.** We will ring you when the books are ready for collection from the front office.

To ensure your order can be placed on time, please check the following:

- ★ Student's name and class on all forms and envelope.
- ★ For **cash** payments please check the amount if your child is paying and please ensure the envelope is well sealed.
- ★ For **cheque** payments the cheque must be made out to *Scholastic Australia*.
- ★ For **credit card** payments use the website to pay and get a receipt number or call the phone number on the form. **Only one receipt for the total amount is necessary and you only need to write the receipt details on one order form.**

Thank you for your support.

**Mandy Goodman & Stephanie Wise**  
**Book Club Co-ordinators**



## School Disco - Christmas Theme

Our final disco for the year will be held on **Wednesday 5 December**. Wristbands will be sold through your child's classroom, so please send \$5.00 in an envelope to the classroom teacher on the day (Wednesday 5 December) and the wristband will be placed on your child's wrist. The theme for this disco is "Christmas" so the children come along in something green, red or white to dance the night away with their friends. Our lucky door prizes will be a lucky dip for a gift card and your child will receive an entry form next week which can be returned in the envelope with their \$5.00 payment.

**Years K-2** 4.30-5.30pm

**Years 3-6** 5.45-7.00pm

Glow products, lollies and a sausage sizzle will be available on the night. If you are able to assist in anyway, it would be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to another successful disco and a great night of fun for the children.

**Tracy Farquhar**  
**Disco Co-ordinator**



## Student Banking News

# BANK SOME MONEY AND YOU COULD BANK YOURSELF AN iPad MINI.

Simply making a deposit through School Banking will put you in the draw to win one of twelve (12) iPad Mini's valued at \$369 each for Christmas\*.

Here's how it works -

- Make a deposit into your CommBank Youthsaver account at school any time between November 19 - December 14 2012.
- Every student that makes a deposit during the competition period will go into a draw to win one (1) of twelve (12) iPad Mini's (16GB with wi-fi).
- For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496.

**Start saving more today and you can be a winner!**

Stay Connected:

[www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



Terms and conditions: The competition will run from 6pm 18th November 2012 - 11.59pm 14th December 2012. Competition is Australia wide. The prize draw will take place at Level 53 Darling Park Tower 1, 204 Sussex Street, Sydney, NSW at 3pm 14th December 2012. The winner will be notified by telephone and by email. The winner will be published in the Australian Newsprint on 20th December 2012. The Sponsor is the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Darling Park Tower 1, 204 Sussex Street, Sydney, NSW. Terms and Conditions are available at [www.commbank.com.au/personal/parents-child/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/personal/parents-child/schoolbanking). \*A total of twelve (12) Apple iPad Minis (16GB with wi-fi) to be won. Two (2) each to be won in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia (excluding Northern Territory). Prizes: Banker NSW 1375/17/10/40.



## Community News

**TAFE NSW SWSi**  
South Western Sydney Institute

### Attention Parents!

Do you want to learn new skills and increase your confidence?

Outreach at **Lidcombe College** is offering fee exempt TAFE courses for parents and adults:

- Computing (Keyboarding, Word Processing, Internet, Email)
- Office Skills including Resume Writing
- Soft Furnishing (Curtain Making)
- Upholstery
- Furniture Finishing (French Polishing)

Day and evening classes | Women only classes

For Information Session dates contact the Outreach Coordinator on 9643 4703

[www.SWSi.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.SWSi.tafensw.edu.au)

Tired of buying more toys for the family at Christmas?  
We have the answer!

TREASURE CHEST



LIBRARY

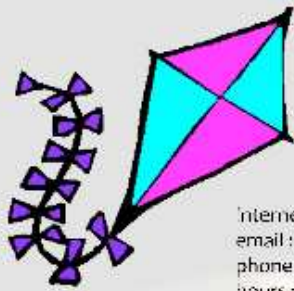
the sutherland shire toy library

Give the gift of membership.

When they get bored with a toy, just bring it back and swap it for another!

Visit [www.treasurechesttoys.net](http://www.treasurechesttoys.net) to find out more about membership









## Engadine Church of Christ Preschool

Internet : [www.shirechildcare.com.au/engadine\\_church\\_of\\_christ\\_preschool\\_kindergarten](http://www.shirechildcare.com.au/engadine_church_of_christ_preschool_kindergarten)  
email : [preschool@ecc.asn.au](mailto:preschool@ecc.asn.au)  
phone : 9520 6959  
hours : school terms only - 9am to 3pm or extended hours 8am to 4pm

Children engage in activities that promote learning in a variety of contexts such as :

-  Discovery
-  Exploring
-  Solving Problems
-  Social Relationships
-  Experimenting
-  Relaxing
-  and how to experience joy in learning

Engadine Church of Christ Preschool Educators believe in building connections between a child's home, family community and preschool -

**helping children to BELONG**

Our program is supported by the National Curriculum Framework and National Quality Standards for Early Childhood.



## *Community News*

### **Fundraiser for the O'Shea Family**

On Saturday 20th October 2012, Judd, Melissa, Paege, Max, Monike and Henning O'Shea lost practically everything in a house fire. They are a huge influence in our community and have done so much for sport/friends/family/strangers and your returned support would be much appreciated. Let's put a smile back on the kids' faces! Please come on down and help us with this great cause.

#### INFORMATION

LOCATION: AQUA LOUNGE, CRONULLA LEAGUES CLUB

DATE: SATURDAY 8TH OF DECEMBER

TIME: 2PM - 7PM

There will be auctions and raffles – sports memorabilia and much more

TICKETS: \$50 PER ADULT, CHILDREN ARE FREE

(PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MANY CHILDREN YOU WILL BE BRINGING ON THE DAY)

INCLUDES – FINGER FOOD, 1 X COMPLIMENTARY DRINK

(BEER,WINE,SOFT DRINK OR JUICE) & LOTS OF ENTERTAINMENT

RAFFLE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE VENUE: \$5 EACH OR 3 FOR \$10

As Paege and Monike have their birthdays in December we wanted to take this opportunity to have a celebration/party for them also – a gold coin donation is all we ask to go towards the girls birthdays.

The day of the auction we have a hairdresser available in Engadine for mens/boys haircuts for \$20 and ladies upstyles for \$20. All proceeds raised from this will go towards the O'Shea's. Please contact Rebecca on 0422 947 446 for the address.

Feel free to advise friends and family whom know Judd, Melissa, Paege, Max, Monike & Henning to also come along & show support

PAYMENTS ARE MADE BY DIRECT DEPOSIT, DETAILS AS FOLLOWED;

BANK: ST GEORGE

ACCOUNT NAME: V TALIPEAU

BSB NO: 112879

ACCOUNT NO: 010972188

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AS A REFERENCE.

YOUR HELP WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED, IF ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT  
WAYNE ON 0416358350 OR VINNY ON 0410879835

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TO THE O'SHEA FAMILY

THANKS :)

**PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY 30TH OF NOVEMBER**