

Engadine West Public School

Quality Education in a Stimulating Environment

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents

I would like to personally thank all those people (staff and parents) who recently sent me cards, flowers and messages on the recent death of my father. A special mention to my loyal staff who stepped up and covered my absence in such a professional and diligent manner. Your support during those hard times was greatly appreciated.

Parent Helper's Morning Tea

Thank you to the many people who have helped support the delivery of quality educational programs for our students. The partnership between the school and the community is vital in making Engadine West a great school. It was great to see all those helpers at the morning tea last week. Hopefully we will see you again in 2013.

New Building

After almost a year of submissions, the DEC has recently approved delivery of a new demountable building for our 30th classroom. This will mean our band room will be operational in 2013. The new demountable will be located opposite the Before and After School Care building. I must warn parents that the new building will be sited over the pathway from Ridge Road, however a new pathway will be laid once the new building has been delivered. This is due to recent changes in building codes.

Presentation Assemblies

The school has had a successful year and as a culmination the Presentation Assemblies will be held on the following days in the school hall:

Kindergarten Presentation Day	Friday 7 December 2012	10.00am
Year 5 Presentation Day	Monday 10 December 2012	10.00am
Year 1 Presentation Day	Tuesday 11 December 2012	10.00am
Year 2 Presentation Day	Wednesday 12 December 2012	10.00am
Year 4 Presentation Day	Thursday 13 December 2012	10.00am
Year 3 Presentation Day	Friday 14 December 2012	10.00am
Year 6 Presentation Day	Monday 17 December 2012	10.00am

The staff at Engadine West Public School look forward to seeing many parents at the assemblies to help celebrate the efforts of the students in 2012.



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

Semester Two Reports

This Friday student reports for Semester Two 2012 will be sent home. Please check your child's bag for their report. Congratulations to all the staff and students for their efforts in 2012!

P & C Meeting

The final P & C Meeting for this year will be held tonight commencing at 7.30pm at Engadine Bowling Club. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Aboriginal Presentation

Today Liz Cameron who lectures at Macquarie University about Aboriginal Culture visited our school to talk to students. An Aboriginal dance group also performed and the day resulted in a workshop. A great day was had by all involved.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal



Parents As Tutors

Due to the Christmas Concert and other exciting events, Parents As Tutors will be cancelled for the rest of this year.

A big thank you to our six dedicated mums and grandmothers who have volunteered their time to support this valuable program throughout the entire year. Your support and dedication is greatly appreciated and valued.

Lisa Leavai
Reading Recovery



Year 6 Gift to School

On Monday 26 November, the school was presented with a brand new 42 inch LG Smart TV by the School Captains. The TV has been mounted in the front foyer and will display images of the wonderful students and staff at our school.

The Year 6 students successfully raised funds for this gift through their fete as a thank you to the school for their time here. Engadine West thanks the students for their generous gift.

**THANK
YOU**



Year 6 News

Year 6 Presentation – Helpers Needed

Our Year 6 Presentation Assembly is on Monday 17 December at 10.00am. Traditionally, students in Year 6 wear a yellow graduation gown and a black graduation cap. Unfortunately we have had a problem with the order of our graduation caps, therefore the students will not be able to wear their caps to the presentation assembly. They will still be wearing the caps in the graduation photograph that the school provides in their end of year package as we have a few left over from last year.

In addition, we have an issue with the yellow gowns. We have 99 gowns and 120 students. We can either ask parents to make some more gowns or students can go without the gowns this year.

Can you help? We need 25 yellow gowns made by Friday 14 December. The school will pay for the material, but unfortunately cannot pay for the gowns to be made. Without parent help, the students will not be able to wear the graduation gowns this year. If you can assist, please contact the school as soon as possible and leave a message for Mr Hogan.

We thank you for your support.

Graduation Photographs

Each year, the school organises for students in Year 6 to have a photograph taken with the Principal and their teacher. This year the photographs will be taken on the morning of Thursday 6 December in the front office. Year 6 students need to wear their white Year 6 shirt on Thursday for the photograph.

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

Be Active Everyday

Physical activity means to move the body. Exercise classes, dance, sports, games, everyday playing, swimming, skating, cycling, active play, skipping and walking are all activities which keep adults and children healthy.

How Much Physical Activity is Enough?

The “*National Physical Activity Guidelines for Australians*” recommend at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity on most days, preferably everyday for children.

Be active with your children

Walk with them to or from school, play frisbee, ride a bike or go swimming with them. Children learn by example.

South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service

Year 3 Students - 2013

REMINDER: Year 2 students going into Year 3 next year will require a gold polo shirt to wear for Friday sport. These may be purchased from our Uniform Shop for \$20. Please note the Uniform Shop will be open for the last time this Wednesday 5 December. Orders placed after this time will not be processed until early next year.

Head Lice

Once again evidence of Pediculosis (head lice) has been found in the K-6 areas of our school. To prevent the spread, we ask you to please examine your child's hair thoroughly in good light, particularly around the hairline and ears. If there is any evidence of head lice or eggs treatment should be applied. It is usually necessary to apply the treatment twice – first to kill the lice and then a few days later to kill the eggs. If the second treatment is not applied it is likely they will reinfect.

Some facts that may assist you:

- ★ The most likely areas of the hair to observe lice are the nape of the neck, behind the ears and where the hair is thickest.
- ★ Lice lay their eggs near the scalp. If a small white spot or egg (nit) is found, it will be "cemented" to the hair and therefore will not slide off easily. **Sometimes using your fingernails to slide the egg down the hair shaft is needed.** Search blonde heads very carefully because the eggs are hard to see. NB Dandruff will blow away!
- ★ If evidence is found, a chemist will recommend a solution suitable for treating the hair. Washing the hair is only part of the treatment – the eggs also need to be removed with a special extra-fine toothed comb or your fingernails.
- ★ Everyone's hair (including parents) should be checked.

Pediculosis is a common school occurrence and should not be a problem if it is dealt with quickly and effectively. For persistent cases please consult your doctor for further advice.

If at any time infestation is found in your child's hair, please inform the school. We appreciate your assistance in making regular checks of your children's hair. Only with your cooperation can we hope to control Pediculosis in our community.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment/index.html>

or through the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-support/student-health/conditions/headlice/index.php>.

Chicken Pox

There has been a case of Chicken Pox recently reported in the school. Please see the list of symptoms below:

Chickenpox is a viral illness caused by the herpes zoster virus (also known as the Varicella-Zoster virus) In children it usually causes a relatively mild illness. Chickenpox in adults and immunosuppressed people can be severe. Infection in pregnancy can cause foetal malformations, skin scarring, and other problems in the baby.

What are the symptoms?

- Chickenpox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash.
- The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
- The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.
- Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.
- Most people recover without complications, but sometimes the infection can lead to serious complications, such as pneumonia and inflammation of the brain. Rarely, the infection can be fatal.

How is it spread?

- Early in the illness, the virus is spread by coughing.
- Later in the illness, the virus is spread by direct contact with the fluid in the blisters.
- The infection is highly contagious to people who have never had chickenpox or who have not been immunised.
- People are infectious from one or two days before the rash appears (that is, during the runny nose phase) and up to five days after (when the blisters have formed crusts or scabs)
- Chickenpox infection triggers an immune response and people rarely get chickenpox twice.

Your general practitioner can advise on ways to minimise the discomfort associated with the symptoms of infection. Chickenpox infection usually resolves without treatment.

For Your Diary

Monday 3 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ P & C Meeting 7.30pm at Engadine Bowling Club ♦ Aboriginal Performance 	Monday 10 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Yr 5 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Tuesday 4 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Canteen Closed ♦ Student Banking ♦ K-2 Christmas Concert 10.00am Pre-School & Yrs 3-6 12.00pm Yr 2 Parents 	Tuesday 11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Canteen Closed ♦ Student Banking (Last for 2012) ♦ Yr 6 Student Leaders Excursion ♦ Yr 1 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Wednesday 5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Yr 6 Orientation Day ♦ Uniform Shop open (last day) ♦ School Disco K-2 4.30-5.30pm 3-6 5.45-7.00pm 	Wednesday 12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Yr 2 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Thursday 6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ K-2 Christmas Concert 10.00am Kindergarten Parents 12.00pm Yr 1 Parents ♦ Final day to order Sports & Special Photos ♦ Yr 6 Graduation Photos 	Thursday 13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Yr 4 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Friday 7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ PSSA Grand Finals ♦ Friday swimming program ♦ Reports Home ♦ Kindergarten Presentation Assembly 10.00am 	Friday 14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Friday swimming program (last) ♦ Yr 3 Presentation Assembly 10.00am

Excursions and Payments

Year	Excursion or Payment	Please pay by	Amount
Year 6 Student Leaders	Zone 3 Laser Tag Caringbah	Friday 7 December 2012	\$30.00
Year 4 2012	Myuna Bay Camp Deposit		\$50.00

PSSA Sport - Grand Finals (Heathcote Oval)

SPORTS TEAM	OPPONENT	FRIDAY'S GAME - 7 December 2012
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/ 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.

K-2 Christmas Concerts

Please note lunch orders cannot be collected early on these days. All lunch orders will be ready at the usual time, thank you.

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)	

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 - 5 December

L Carr

Thursday - 6 December

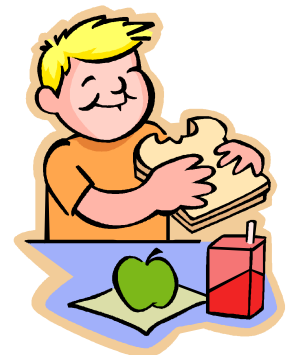
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Friday - 7 December

N Brydon, B Keegan, V Price,
N Shacher

Monday - 10 December

N Hardy, G Baigent



School Disco - Christmas Theme

Our final disco for the year will be held this **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. Wristbands for Year 6 will be pre-sold on Tuesday as they will be away from school on Wednesday. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night.

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.bank.com.au/schoolbanking



Terms and conditions: The competition will run from 19th November, 2012 - 11.59pm 14th December 2012. Competition is Australia wide. The prize draw will take place on 17th December 2012. The draw will be held by independent auditors. The draw will be published in The Australian Newspaper on 20th December 2012. The Promoter is the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Darling Park Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney NSW. Terms and Conditions are available at www.commbank.com.au/personal/young-adults/schoolbanking. A total of twelve (12) Apple iPad Mini's (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). Postal Number NSW 1512 1014.



Business Administration



PROPOSED COURSES – Semester 1, 2013

Students can make a personalised programme consisting of weekdays;
evenings; Saturdays; self-paced; on-line.

(see brochures for more information)

Course No.	Course Name		Timetable
17802	Certificate 2 - Day	Thurs & Fri	9:00am – 3:30pm
17802	Certificate 2 - Saturday	Saturday	9:00am – 1:00pm
17807	Certificate 3 – (Customer Service) Day	Wed & Thurs	9:00am – 4:00pm
17807	Certificate 3 – (Bookkeeping) Day	Mon – Wed	9:00am – 4:00pm
17807	Certificate 3 – Self-paced/On-line	Wednesday anytime	10:00am – 8:00pm
17807	Certificate 3 – On-line/Evening	Mon & Wed	6:00pm – 9:00pm
17808	Certificate 4 – Day	Tues & Thurs	9:00am – 4:00pm
17808	Certificate 4 – On-line/Evening	Tuesday	6:00pm – 9:00pm
17809	Diploma – On-line	Occasional Sat lectures	9.00am – 1.00pm
10443	WOW Bookkeeping	Wed & Fri	6hrs per week
10443	WOW Computing	Wed & Thur	5hrs per week

Contact
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Community News

Capable Kids School Holiday Groups

Due to the success of last years school holiday groups, Capable Kids will be running the following groups in the January School Holidays at Engadine & Helensburgh.

Ready for School: will include target fine motor skills, letter formation & attention, as well as story telling, phonics & comprehension. **Cost: \$260 4 x 2hr sessions**

Literacy: will be graded into junior and senior. The junior group will focus on developing phonological awareness and word attack skills. The senior group will focus on furthering word attack, developing rule knowledge and utilising Visualising/Verbalising techniques for reading comprehension. **Cost: \$260 4 x 2 hr sessions**

Food School: a group that focuses on fussy eaters. This group utilises the SOS Approach which focuses on increasing a child's comfort level with new foods by exploring and learning about the different properties of food and allows a child to interact with food in a playful, non-stressful way. **Cost: \$450 6 x 1 hr sessions**

Social Skills Group: these groups will be graded into junior and senior and will be targeting the development of nonverbal communication skills, collaboration and friendship skills. **Cost: \$400 6 x 2 hr sessions**

Handwriting: this group will focus on the fine motor, visual perceptual and motor planning skills necessary to develop efficient and concise handwriting. **Cost: \$260 4 x 1.5 hr sessions**



For more information please call
Capable Kids - 9520 3338
www.capablekids.com.au

SYDNEY INSTITUTE



FREE COURSE FOR WOMEN IN 2013!

The Career Education & Employment for Women course at Loftus Tafe is a course for women who wish to refresh their skills to re-enter the workforce or do further study.

Classes are 3 days per week in school hours for 18 weeks.

Subjects include: Computing, Communication Workplace Writing, Resumes, Interview Skills and more.

Childcare may be available on campus.

Information sessions:

At Gymea College in Block E, The Kingsway, Gymea
11 am Wednesday 23rd January 2013

Enquiries: Phone 9710 5136

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