

# Engadine West Public School

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## Principal's Message

### Dear Parents

This week is a very busy one with our long awaited K-2 Christmas Concerts being performed on Tuesday 2 December and Thursday 4 December. Due to popular demand the concert will be performed a number of times to accommodate the large audiences anticipated. Below is the official timetable:

**Tuesday 2 December 12.00pm for Year 2 Parents**  
**Thursday 4 December 10.00am for Kindergarten Parents**  
**Thursday 4 December 12.00pm for Year 1 Parents**

*We understand that some families have children in more than one grade. If this is the case, please attend the performance that is most suitable. All performances will be the same with the exception of the final song.*

Well done to all the students involved, Mrs Sterling for writing the script and all the staff involved in the production of this entertaining event.

### School Facebook Page

The official Engadine West Public School Facebook page was launched last week. This initiative seems to be a great success with well over 300 'likes' in the first week. Please check our Facebook page and website for accurate information regarding what's happening in the school.

### New Deputy Principal

Last week Mr Jason Wilkins was appointed, through transfer, as our new Deputy Principal commencing in 2015. Mr Wilkins replaces Mr Fuller and comes with a wealth of experience. I'm sure everyone at Engadine West will make him feel welcome. As Principal I would like to publicly thank Mrs Gilmore and Mr Hogan who shared the relieving Deputy Principal's role this year and did an outstanding job in supporting myself and the students, staff and parents of the school.

### P & C Meeting

The final P & C Meeting for 2014 will be held tonight at a special starting time of 7.00pm at Engadine Tavern. The event was originally advertised to be held at the Engadine Bowling Club, but the club is not open to the public tonight. Parents are most welcome to attend. Thank you to the P & C for their strong support of the school in 2014.



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*

### **Presentation Day Ceremonies**

Next week sees the commencement of our Presentation Day Ceremonies which will all be held at 10.00am in the school hall. The schedule is:

Kindergarten	Monday 8 December
Year 1	Tuesday 9 December
Year 2	Friday 12 December
Year 3	Wednesday 10 December
Year 4	Thursday 11 December
Year 5	Monday 15 December
Year 6	Tuesday 16 December

### **Dates to Remember**

The last day of the 2014 school year for students is Wednesday 17 December. Staff will remain at school on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December for Professional Learning activities as part of the scheduled School Development Days.

### **Special Mention**

Congratulations to Jessica H (4WP) who received a highly commended award for her entry in the 'Short Story Competition'. Her story was published in the book titled 'Drop Wind Keep'. Well done Jessica!

### **PSSA Finals**

This Friday Senior Boys Cricket (Green), Junior Boys T-Ball (Green), Junior Girls T-Ball (Green) and Senior Girls Softball (Green) will compete in the PSSA Finals. Congratulations to all players on their efforts this year and good luck in your matches.

Have a great week!

*Garry Royston*  
*Principal*



## *Deputy Principals' Report*

### **Summer Holiday Fun**

Book your children into one of the fun-filled camps next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.

For details, visit Sport and Recreation website [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/)

### **For the Love of Science**

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right.

Listen to the podcast: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-tips/for-the-love-of-science>

### **Pleasures of Free Play**

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

*Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore*  
*Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal*

## Parent Digital Citizenship Expectations Matrix

### Be Safe

At School	At Home	In Cyberspace
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect the privacy concerns of other parents - think about the photos you post publicly.</li> <li>• Maintain awareness of your environment when using devices on school grounds.</li> <li>• Take opportunities to learn by being involved in classroom ICT lessons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead by example for length of computer/screen time.</li> <li>• Allow time to familiarise yourself with what your kids are into.</li> <li>• Maintain open dialog.</li> <li>• Reward desired behaviour with screen time eg homework finished.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be part of your child's online life i.e. be online friends.</li> <li>• Talk to your child about cyber safety</li> </ul>

### Shining Stars



Congratulations to Rome L-S, Ava L-S and Liam C who competed at the Ishinryu Karate Tournament on Saturday. Rome won gold in Gladiator and Kumite, Liam won bronze in Kata and Ava received a participation award for her division. Well done!



Congratulations to Jonothon W and Jayden G who played at The Warriors Shield Baseball Classic, a 2-day competition at Penrith over the weekend. Their Cronulla South Team finished the competition as Tournament Champions for the Little League Minors (Zooka) Category. Well done!

### Dates for Your Diary

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|-------------------------|--|
| ◆ Monday 1 December     | P & C Meeting 7.00pm at Engadine Tavern  |
| ◆ Tuesday 2 December    | K-2 Christmas Concert in Hall at 12.00pm for Year 2 Parents  |
| ◆ Thursday 4 December   | K-2 Christmas Concert in Hall at 10.00am for Kindergarten Parents<br>K-2 Christmas Concert in Hall at 12.00pm for Year 1 Parents |
| ◆ Monday 8 December     | Kindergarten Presentation Assembly at 10.00am  |
| ◆ Tuesday 9 December    | Year 1 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am  |
| ◆ Wednesday 10 December | Year 3 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am<br>Year 6 Farewell at the St Moritz Room, Engadine Hotel at 6.30pm                       |
| ◆ Thursday 11 December  | Year 4 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am  |
| ◆ Friday 12 December    | Year 2 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am  |
| ◆ Monday 15 December    | Year 5 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am  |
| ◆ Tuesday 16 December   | Year 6 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am  |
| ◆ Wednesday 17 December | Last Day of Term 4 for Students  |
| ◆ Thursday 18 December  | School Development Day ( <i>no students</i> )  |
| ◆ Friday 19 December    | School Development Day ( <i>no students</i> )  |

### Term 1 2015

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|------------------------|---|
| ◆ Tuesday 27 January   | School Development Day ( <i>no students</i> ) |
| ◆ Wednesday 28 January | First Day of School for Students Years 1-6    |
| ◆ Monday 2 February    | First Day of School for Kindergarten Students |



### Early Bird Reading

The last day for Early Bird Reading is Tuesday 2 December. Many thanks to all the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have given up their time to act as tutors throughout the year.

**Jenny Scott**  
Learning and Support Teacher



## What's Happening at EWPS?

### Week 9

<b>Monday 1 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Band Auditions</li> <li>♦ P &amp; C Meeting at Engadine Tavern - 7.00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 2 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Canteen Closed</li> <li>♦ <b>Student Banking (LAST DAY)</b></li> <li>♦ Last Day for Early Bird Reading</li> <li>♦ K-2 Christmas Concert 10.00am and 12.00pm in Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 3 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Uniform Shop Open 9.15am (LAST DAY)</b></li> <li>♦ Yr 6 High School Orientation Day</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 4 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ K-2 Christmas Concert 10.00am and 12.00pm in Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 5 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ PSSA Finals (LAST DAY)</li> <li>♦ <b>Friday Swimming (LAST DAY)</b></li> </ul>

### Week 10

<b>Monday 8 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Kindergarten Presentation Assembly 10.00am</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 9 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Canteen Closed</li> <li>♦ Year 1 Presentation Assembly 10.00am</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 10 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Year 3 Presentation Assembly 10.00am</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 11 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Year 4 Presentation Assembly 10.00am</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 12 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Year 2 Presentation Assembly 10.00am</li> <li>♦ Last Day for Canteen Lunch Orders</li> </ul>

*Don't forget to check the school's website calendar for upcoming events!*

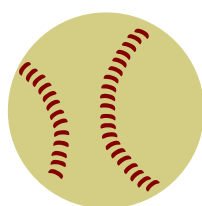
## Excursions and Payments

Year	Excursion or Payment	Please pay by	Amount
Year 5	Year 6 T-Shirts for 2015	<b>Between 3-10 December</b>	\$33.00 ea
Years K-6	2014 Yearbook	Wednesday 10 December	\$20.00
Years K-2	Noises for Kids Incursion (16 December)	Monday 8 December	\$5.00
Year 4	Year 5 Myuna Bay Camp 2015		\$50.00 Deposit
Band Members	Term 4 Band Fees		\$105.00 per term \$420.00 per year

**Please finalise all payments for 2014  
as soon as possible**

*thank you!*

## PSSA Finals - Friday 5 December



**Good luck to our teams competing in the Finals!  
All finals will be played at The Ridge**

**Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am**

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



## Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is operated by the P & C and is open every second Wednesday from 9.15am to 10.15am. The next opening times will be:

**Last opening for 2014: Wednesday 3 December**

Please note the **last day** the Uniform Shop will be open this year will be this **Wednesday 3 December**. Uniform orders will not be accepted after this date.



Please be reminded that Year 2 students going into Year 3 next year require a gold polo shirt for Friday sport (\$20).

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

## Canteen News

### LAST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS - FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

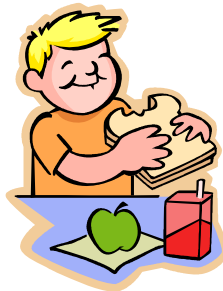
The canteen will be open on Monday 15 and Wednesday 17 December for recess and lunch break only, no lunch orders thank you.

### Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen

For information on menu updates, specials, red light days etc.

#### Lunch Order Specials

Banana Smoothie	\$3.00
Chicken Ceasar Wrap	\$4.50
Large Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Medium Fruit Salad	\$3.00
(Yoghurt Extra 50c)	



#### Special

Mini Mate Ice Creams	\$4.00 ea
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**PLEASE NOTE:** Banana milk has been discontinued.

### Volunteers for 2015

We are in urgent need of volunteers for next year to enable the canteen to operate four days a week. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me on 0408 697 660 for more information.

If you have any questions regarding the canteen, please come in and see me, you're always welcome!

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

### *This Week's Roster*

**Tuesday - 2 December**  
**CANTEEN CLOSED**

**Wednesday - 3 December**

**Thursday - 4 December**  
N Leishman, T Huntly

**Friday - 5 December**  
N Brydon, B Keegan, K Smith

**Monday - 8 December**  
J Morando, K Bacot

## Student Banking News

Please note the last day for student banking will be this **Tuesday 2 December**. Thank you for supporting student banking during 2014 and we look forward to your continued support in 2015!



2014 Family Fun Day Sponsors



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## Community News

### SENSORY MOVIE DAY - Maya the Bee

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive, monthly event for families with special needs or sensory processing disorders. Children are free to roam around the cinema, flap or stim, talk and generally be themselves. This is a non-judgmental session and there is no need for families to feel uncomfortable.

Lighting stays on dim (not dark) and sound is lowered. Fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers for those escape artists.

This month, there will also be free balloon sculpting and temporary tattoos on offer in the foyer from 12:30pm.

For more details visit <https://www.facebook.com/SensoryMovieDayCronulla>

**Next screening:**

#### **Maya the Bee (the movie)**

**1pm Sunday 7th December**

Entertainment from 12:30pm

**Cronulla Cinemas**

**All Tickets: \$8 each**

(You will need a membership card to purchase tickets at the cinema, but these are available in the foyer on the day)

Children 2 years and under are free

Companion ID cards accepted

Any questions contact Jo at [sensorymovieday.cronulla@hotmail.com](mailto:sensorymovieday.cronulla@hotmail.com)

## SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL VACATION CARE

**Enrolments are now open for Council's end of year school holiday Vacation Care program.**

There's plenty of fun at Council's centres at Miranda and Lucas Heights.

The programs feature many exciting activities – from craft creations, a 'Wet & Wild' day at the centre and excursions to Flip Out and Botany Water Slides.

Miranda caters for Kindergarten-12 years, and Lucas Heights Kindergarten-14 years.



**For program details and enrolment ph: 9710 0466, email [VacationCare@ssc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:VacationCare@ssc.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au)**



## Community News



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**For More Information Contact  
David - 0412 449 348  
or visit  
[www.heathcotehawks.org](http://www.heathcotehawks.org)**

**UNDER 13 PREMIERS 2014**



## ENGADINE CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

**Saturday 6 December  
from 9am to 3pm  
Engadine Town Square**

### Shop Local & Enjoy

- Santa's arrival with gifts for kids at 9.30am
- Activities for kids
- Mini Train Rides
- Hot Potato Band
- BBQ
- Entertainment
- Petting Zoo

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## Saturday 13 December 2014

Westpac is proudly sponsoring a fundraising day to support people with a disability to improve mobility, strength and wellbeing.

Come join us for a fun day in the sun starting at **Wanda Surf Club** at **9am** for a sponsored walk to **Dunningham Park**, followed by a carnival with loads of great activities.

- Reptile zoo
- Face painting
- Sausage sizzle
- Music
- Jumping castle
- Roving performers
- Coffee & food stalls
- Much more

### **Sponsored Walk (9am)**

Wanda Surf Club, 2 Marine Esplanade, Cronulla

### **Carnival (9.30am-4pm)**

Dunningham Park, Cnr Elouera Rd and The Kingsway, Cronulla

For more information contact Shaun Ferguson at [sferguson@sylvanvale.com.au](mailto:sferguson@sylvanvale.com.au) or visit [www.sylvanvale.com.au](http://www.sylvanvale.com.au)

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