

Engadine West Public School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents

We have now reached the second last week of the 2014 school year. This year has been a very successful one and the various achievements of our students and the staff will be celebrated at the numerous Presentation Day assemblies. We hope to see many parents, relatives and friends in attendance to watch the children receive their awards.

Student Reports

All students will receive their Semester 2 Reports this Friday. The reports are based on ongoing planned assessment tasks as well as teacher professional judgement. The reports will be given to the students in an envelope so please check your child's bag when they get home. Congratulations to the girls and boys for their efforts and application and thank you to the teaching and administration staff for their hard work in preparing the reports for distribution.

Year 6

Good luck to our Year 6 students who will soon be leaving our school to commence their high school education in 2015. Everyone at Engadine West wishes you well and hopes that the years ahead are full of success. Thank you also to the families who will be leaving the school at the end of this year. Our Year 6 students will enjoy their Farewell this Wednesday 10 December at the St Moritz Room at Engadine Tavern commencing at 6.30pm. A special mention to all the staff and parents who have helped with the preparation for the Farewell.

Talent Quest

As an enjoyable ending to the term, the school has organised a Talent Quest for the students next Monday afternoon. This is a fun event where there are no winners or losers. It is an opportunity for the children to perform in front of their peers.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal



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*



Deputy Principals' Report

Ready for High School

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.

Watch the videos: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

Choosing School Shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Teach Your Kids to be Waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

Road Safety Reminder for Parents and Carers These Holidays

Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child's hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal

Thank You Letter From Mr Bruce Taylor - Bus Driver

Attention: Mr Garry Royston (Principal)

I am a bus driver with Transdev Bus Company and I have been driving a lot of your students on the morning 993 route, (8.20am- 8.47am, Thursdays & Fridays) from their homes to school for the last year and a half.

A new work roster means that this will be the last week driving this run.

I wish to congratulate the school and the students associated with this run on their manners, communication skills and the polite way they treated myself and people older than themselves on my services over the last year and a half. In my six years driving numerous school buses, yours has been the best.

It's a real credit to the children, their parents and the teachers at your school.

Thursday and Friday morning have been a very enjoyable part of my job run in Engadine and I will miss all those happy faces,

Thanks to all

Regards

Bruce Taylor
Bus Driver
Transdev - Taren Point Depot

Thank you!

Parent Digital Citizenship Expectations Matrix

Be Respectful

At School	At Home	In Cyberspace
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show respect for others when posting. • Remember to talk face to face to your friends - it means more than just sitting there texting. • Keep conversations with other parents in the schoolyard positive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use appropriate language. • Be aware of use of social media but respect students' opinions. • Discuss together time and days for use of social media. • Show an interest in the use of digital tools and applications. • Respect teacher privacy at home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know who you are talking to. • Be respectful of others' comments and ideas and think before you respond. • Be respectful of the school when using social media. • Only post on social media what you would be happy to say face to face.

Dates for Your Diary

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| ◆ 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
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 |



Library News

We currently have many wonderful new books ready to be covered. Please call into the Library to see Mrs Evans if you are able to take home a bundle over the holidays.

Thank you, any help you are able to offer is greatly appreciated. Happy holidays!

Margaret Evans & Janet Evans
Teacher Librarians



School Security - A Community Responsibility

During the school holidays, please keep your eye out for any sign of vandalism or inappropriate behaviour in the school grounds. If you notice anything suspicious please ring the security hotline on **1300 880 021** or Engadine Police on **9548 4999**. Your support continues to protect our valuable assets.

The Writing Corner - Sharing and Celebrating Student Writing!

Tum-Tum looks very horrid and nasty. He has green and white wings. His eyes are brown. His teeth are white. He is not scared of anything and his tummy is pink. He has lots of spots. His scales feel really bumpy. He is bigger than a T-rex. His tummy feels really funny too.

By Tyson 1E

Tum-Tum is a massive dragon. He has sharp teeth and can breathe burning fire. Tum-Tum is covered in green scales. His blue eyes scare all the little villagers. When he roars it makes all the fire trees lose their red and hot leaves. Tum-Tum is scary because he can't control his fire.

By Ellie 1E

Tum-Tum is a baby dragon. He has sharp teeth and can breathe amazing fire. Tum-Tum is covered in shiny scales. His hot eyes scare all the old villagers. When he roars it makes all the old trees lose their old leaves. Tum-Tum is an awesome dragon.

By Zac 1E

Tum-Tum is a baby dragon. Tum-Tum's a fierce dragon. Tum-Tum has sharp teeth. But Tum-Tum hasn't learnt flame management. Tum-Tum is shiny blue like the moon. Tum-Tum's eyes are wild. Tum-Tum's eyes also have magical powers. Tum-Tum lives in a golden palace.

By Daniel 1E

Lost Property

There are lost property items being held at the front office including jewellery, glasses, wallets and toys. If you have misplaced any of the above items, please call into the front office to claim your property.

Please ensure that all items of removable clothing are clearly marked with your child's name. This makes identification and return of lost property to students much easier. Any clothing or items, lunch boxes and drink bottles found in the playground will be placed in lost property boxes in the Basement where parents and students can check for their items. After a reasonable time, unnamed and unclaimed articles will be sent to a local charity.

Live Life Well

Encourage Fair Play

Sport and games are a great way for children to learn about teamwork, rules, winning, losing as well as providing invaluable physical activity. Parents can encourage fair play by:-

- ★ Emphasising trying hard and having fun, not just winning.
- ★ Cheer and acknowledge good play by both teams.
- ★ Talk about the game not the result.
- ★ Don't add pressure to children's sport – it's their game not yours.

For more information about encouraging fair play go to the NSW Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or phone 13 13 02.

South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service



What's Happening at EWPS?

Week 10

Monday 8 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Tuesday 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen Closed Year 1 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Wednesday 10 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Presentation Assembly 10.00am Year 6 Farewell - St Moritz Room at 6.30pm
Thursday 11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Friday 12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Presentation Assembly 10.00am Last Day for Canteen Lunch Orders Student Reports will be sent home

Week 11

Monday 15 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Presentation Assembly 10.00am Canteen Open - No Lunch Orders
Tuesday 16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Presentation Assembly 10.00am Canteen Closed
Wednesday 17 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term 4 for Students Canteen Open - No Lunch Orders
Thursday 18 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Development Day
Friday 19 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Development Day

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	Between 3-10 December	\$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**



PSSA News

Well done to all of our PSSA teams for a wonderful season.



Congratulations to the Cricket Green team for
winning their Grand Final last Friday!



Uniform Shop News

The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

Term 1 2015

Wednesday 4 February from 9.15-10.15am



Thank you for supporting the Uniform Shop throughout 2014. Have a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

Canteen News

LAST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS - FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

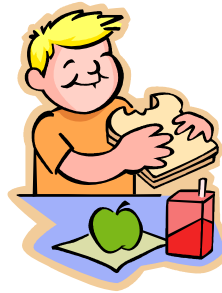
The canteen will be open on Monday 15 and Wednesday 17 December for recess and lunch break only, no lunch orders thank you.

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 Melts Ice Creams	SOLD OUT
Warm popcorn	SOLD OUT
LOL Drinks	LOW ON STOCK

This Week's Roster

Tuesday - 9 December
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 10 December

Thursday - 11 December
K Zaknich, M Tilbrook

Friday - 12 December
D Goodyer, R Hutchison, N Ross

Monday - 15 December
R Davoren, L Fordyce

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

Student Banking News

There may be a slight delay in receiving your chosen Student Banking reward item due to popular demand. We apologise and will forward it to your child as soon as possible.

Please note: If you ordered the **Swimming Bag** or the **Projector Cup** in the last two weeks, these items will not be received until Term 1 next year.

The **Ball** is no longer available for this year, however, we have been informed that a new design ball (next year's theme) will be a reward item in Term 1 2015. Any orders received last week will be placed early next year.

Thank you for continuing to support Student Banking and we hope that you all have a great holiday.

Cherie, Michelle & Jodie
Student Banking Co-ordinators

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Engadine Eagles Netball Club Inc.

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ENGADINE EAGLES NETBALL – YOUR LOCAL NETBALL CLUB 2015 REGISTRATIONS

Just a reminder as we all head off to enjoy Christmas and the start of the New Year, that Registration Days for the Engadine Eagles Netball Club for the 2015 Sutherland Shire Netball Association (SSNA) Competition, will be held *in the first week of school next year.*

- Nursery Squad: 6 and 7 year olds
- Junior Teams : 8 – 18years
- Senior Teams : 18 +

WHEN: Saturday 31st January 2015
10am - 2pm
Wednesday 4th February 2015
6pm – 8pm

WHERE: Engadine West Public School
Buckle Avenue, Engadine

Please have a look at the Engadine Eagles Club website
www.eaglesnetball.org.au for updates and times.

*****ARE YOU A PAST PLAYER OR MEMBER OF THE CLUB??*****
Engadine Eagles Netball Club is celebrating its **50th Anniversary in 2015** and to commemorate this we are publishing a history of the Club. If anybody has any information, stories, photos or memorabilia regarding their time at the club, we would very much like to include it. Please ask around; perhaps you know somebody else who has been involved over the years? All contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Jane Walker
Janie.W@bigpond.net.au
0410 053 930

TAFE COURSE FOR WOMEN!

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

Classes run 3 days per week in school hours beginning 9 February. Subjects include: Computing, Workplace Writing, Resumes, Interview Skills, First Aid and more.

Information session:

Gymea College Building A, Room AG18
The Kingsway Gymea
10.00am Tuesday 20 January 2015
Enquiries: Phone 9710 5136

