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Principal's Message



Dear Parents

As this is the last school newsletter of 2014, I would like to congratulate all our students on their efforts and application for the year. Thank you also to the entire school staff for their professionalism and hard work to ensure that our school delivers quality education and operates effectively. To the parents and P & C, thank you for your support and guidance and working in partnership with the school in 2014.

To the students in Year 6 and those families leaving us, I would like to wish you well in future years. All our Year 6 students should be well prepared for the educational changes ahead. Special mention to our student leaders who have done a great job throughout the year. The school is very proud of you. Congratulations to our 2015 student leaders who were announced at the Year 5 Presentation Day Assembly today:

School Captains 2015

Lira J and Jay S

Vice Captains 2015

Tomeka W and Ethan H

Sturt House Captains 2015

Maddison R and Luke W

Phillip House Captains 2015

Hannah R and Kurt P

Oxley House Captains 2015

Chloe M and Kye R

Cook House Captains 2015

Eden P and Thomas S

Term Dates

The last school day for students in 2014 will be this Wednesday 17 December. Staff will participate in two School Development Days on Thursday and Friday. During those two days staff will update their asthma and CPR training as well as complete data entry and finalise planning for next year.

Students return to school on Wednesday 28 January 2015 and staff return a day earlier on Tuesday 27 January. Our new Kindergarten students participate in their 'Best Start' assessments during Week 1 and will commence big school on Monday 2 February.

P & C News - Knockout Shoes, Engadine

If you are purchasing school shoes during the holidays, consider buying them from Knockout Shoes Engadine. If you mention Engadine West Public School, Knockout Shoes will donate \$5.00 for every pair sold to the school.

Staffing Matters

Best wishes to Mr Steve Fuller and Mr Trevor Lambert who both finish impressive careers as educators this Friday. On behalf of everyone at Engadine West, I wish them both a long and happy retirement. Thank you gentlemen for a job well done!

The school has had a new Deputy Principal appointed to replace Mr Fuller. I would like to welcome Mr Jason Wilkins to our executive team. He will officially commence duty at the beginning of the 2015 school year. Special thanks and well done to Mrs Gilmore and Mr Hogan who performed their duties as Relieving Deputy Principals incredibly well throughout 2014. Their support and hard work was very much appreciated. A replacement for Mr Lambert will be finalised through a merit selection process at the beginning of Term 1 next year.

As Principal, I would like to wish all the students, staff and families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. See you in 2015!

Principal's Report Cont'd

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Garry Royston
Principal



Deputy Principals' Reports

Leaving Your Child at Home Alone

Making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and can also keep you from worrying. Most children will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/development/leaving-your-children-at-home-alone>

Printable 2015 Homework Calendars

Children and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z's 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more at <http://bit.ly/2015SchoolCalendar>.

Swim and Survive Program

Lessons are for beginners through to confident swimmers keen to practise their technique (from infants to 12 years). See the map to find the pools where friendly swim teachers with AUSTSWIM accreditation teach across NSW.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/about.asp>

Ross Edwards & Nicole Gilmore
Deputy Principal & Relieving Deputy Principal

Year 6 Final Week Events

Our Year 6 Presentation Assembly will be held on Tuesday 16 December at 10.00am in the school hall. All Year 6 parents are invited to attend this special assembly to celebrate this occasion. Students will receive special awards and a graduation package which will include a graduation photo, a poem and the 2014 Yearbook, which the P & C have generously helped to fund this year.

This year our students voted to buy a 'Buddy Bench' for the school as their Year 6 gift. This will be installed outside Mrs Leavai's room and will be used as a special place for students needing some extra support to find a buddy to help them.

Other events happening in the last week include our Talent Quest and teachers vs. students sports competition (both for students and teachers only). Please join us at 3.10pm on the last day for our traditional final archway walk through, where the whole school comes out to say a last goodbye to our Year 6 students.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the support of this parent body with all our fundraising and other endeavours, in particular the parents who worked so hard to make the Year 6 Farewell happen.

Hugh Hogan
Assistant Principal



Parent Digital Citizenship Expectations Matrix

Be a Learner

At School	At Home	In Cyberspace
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiate time spent using devices. • Engage in conversations with children about online services. • Watch technology-based programs with kids. • Understand and be aware of systems for reporting web sites. • Play games on the computer with your children. • Accept opportunities for learning offered by the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of sites, apps and programs being utilised by students. • Support school activities and programs. • Understand the functionality of devices. • Support the development of parent workshops in technology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor time spent by children online. • Develop an understanding of your child's online experiences by engaging with websites and technology • Demonstrate proactivity for online forums and researching technology • Learn to keep a record of harmful messages.

Dates for Your Diary

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| ◆ 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>) |
|
<i>Term 1 2015</i>

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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.

Year 1 Classroom Requirements

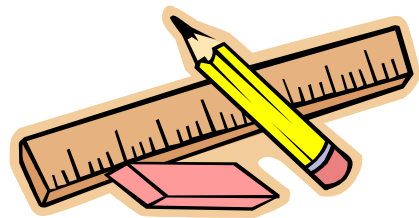
- ♦ 3 glue sticks (good quality and not liquid glue)
- ♦ 5 HB lead pencils
- ♦ Eraser
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Pencil sharpener (container type)
- ♦ Coloured pencils/wind up crayons (no Textas)
- ♦ 1 pencil case (small)
- ♦ Library bag
- ♦ Home Reading Pouch
- ♦ Roll of paper towel
- ♦ Box of tissues
- ♦ 2 packets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

Year 2 Classroom Requirements

- ♦ 3 glue sticks (replace when used)
- ♦ 2 highlighters (different colours)
- ♦ 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 wind up crayons for colouring work in books (textas are optional)
- ♦ 2 boxes of tissues
- ♦ 2 packs of wet wipes or hand sanitiser
- ♦ Raincoat (remains in school bag)
- ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use)
- ♦ Sunscreen to remain in school bag (replace when used)

Years 3 & 4 Classroom Requirements 2015

- ♦ 4 HB lead pencils - replace when used
- ♦ Red and blue pens
- ♦ Soft white pencil rubber
- ♦ Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) **not flexi type**, clear plastic if possible
- ♦ 2 glue sticks
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ Dictionary - Macquarie Primary is recommended
- ♦ Pencil sharpener
- ♦ Coloured pencils and textas
- ♦ Highlighter
- ♦ Raincoat
- ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use)
- ♦ 96 page A4 ruled exercise book (homework)
- ♦ A book each day for silent reading
- ♦ A3 scrapbook/artbook (can be re-used from Year 3 to Year 4)
- ♦ A4 display folder
- ♦ Thin black artline texta
- ♦ USB thumb drive - can be purchased for under \$10
- ♦ Box of tissues
- ♦ Paper towels or wet ones
- ♦ Liquid soap



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

Thank You

Years 5 & 6 Classroom Requirements 2015

- ♦ 6 HB lead pencils
- ♦ Red and blue pens
- ♦ Green pen
- ♦ Thin black artline texta
- ♦ Soft white pencil rubber
- ♦ Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) **not flexi type**, clear plastic if possible
- ♦ 2 Glue sticks
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ A4 Display homework folder
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ A3 size art portfolio or scrapbook
- ♦ Clear contact (to cover class exercise books)
- ♦ Dictionary (Macquarie Senior)
- ♦ Pencil sharpener (container type)
- ♦ Coloured pencils and textas
- ♦ Highlighters
- ♦ Plastic A4 storage envelope
- ♦ Raincoat
- ♦ Novel for silent reading
- ♦ Calculator (optional)
- ♦ Protractor
- ♦ Headphones for laptops
- ♦ USB thumb drive - 2GB
- ♦ A box of tissues x 2
- ♦ Paper towels
- ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use)
- ♦ Correction fluid/tape **not permitted**

What's Happening at EWPS?

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 ♦ K-2 Class Christmas Party Day ♦ Noises for Kids Incursion ♦ 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	♦ School Development Day
Friday 19 December	♦ School Development Day

Term 1 Week 1 2015

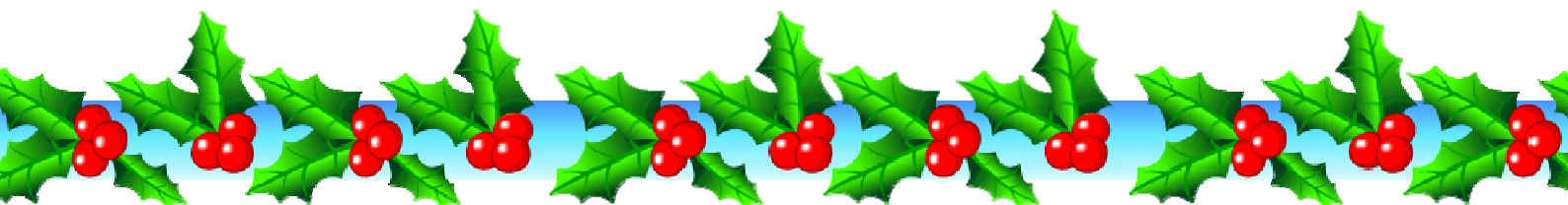
Monday 26 December	♦ Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 December	♦ School Development Day
Wednesday 28 December	♦ First Day of Term 1 for Students Years 1-6 ♦ Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Thursday 29 December	♦ Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Friday 30 December	♦ Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Monday 2 February	♦ First Day for Kindergarten Students

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



Excursions and Payments

Year	Excursion or Payment	Please pay by	Amount
Interested Year 3-6 Students	Friday Sport Swimming	Tuesday 16 December	\$147.50
Years K-6	2014 Yearbook	Wednesday 10 December	\$20.00
Year 4	Year 5 Myuna Bay Camp 2015	Monday 2 February 2015	\$50.00 Deposit \$280.00 Balance \$330.00 Total
Band Members	Term 4 Band Fees		\$105.00 per term \$420.00 per year



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

LUNCH ORDERS HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THE YEAR

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.

2015 Roster - Your Canteen Needs You

We are in urgent need of more volunteers for next year. Volunteers are rostered on once a month from school drop off until approximately 3.00pm, however, we are very flexible. Whatever time you are able to spare is greatly appreciated. Options to consider:

- ◆ Once a term
- ◆ A few hours of a morning to prepare fresh food
- ◆ Serving at recess and/or lunch breaks
- ◆ A few hours in the afternoon

All training is provided and we endeavour to provide a fun work place. You are welcome to drop in, have a look around and meet some of our wonderful volunteers.

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone for supporting our canteen this year. To all the wonderful volunteers, we couldn't operate without you. Whether you utilise the canteen on a regular basis, baked for cake stalls or supported fundraising, thank you!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. Good luck to this year's Year 6 students on their high school adventure.

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week's Roster

Tuesday - 16 December
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 17 December
K Kingston, J Toohey



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Program and Course Schedule 2015

RELATING AS STEPFAMILIES

3-session program specifically for couples either in a stepfamily or considering forming one.

Date: Monday nights, 16 February to 2 March 2015

Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm

Cost: \$150 per couple

PARENTS NOT PARTNERS

6-session program for separated parents who are in conflict over children. Focused on helping you manage conflict with the other parent to bring positive outcomes for your children.

Date: Monday nights, 9 February to 16 March 2015

Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm

Cost: \$150 per couple

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

8-session program to help young people (6 to 12 years) to understand and express experiences of significant change, loss and grief.

Date: Monday afternoon, 9 February to 30 March 2015

Time: 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Cost: \$50 per child (Includes booklet and afternoon tea)

BUILDING BRIDGES

This program, for 8-12 year olds, discusses how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places. When parents separate, children often live in two homes and they need to find ways to build their own bridge between the two homes.

Date: 10 February 2015

Time: 4.00pm to 6.00p

Cost: Free

BUILDING CONNECTIONS THROUGH PLAY

This program an attachment base program, aiming to improve father-child and mother-child relationships through encouragement of responsiveness to child's cues. As it is an individual program, it can run at a time, convenient for father or mother, child and facilitator between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. There is no charge for this program.

Bookings essential. Please call 8522 4450

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