

Engadine West Public School

Quality Education in a Stimulating Environment

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents

Staff have been very busy completing the Semester 2 Student Reports. The reports will be sent home via the children on Friday 11 December. Well done to all our students for their efforts and application during 2015. If parents require a follow up interview with the teacher, they are able to book online for an appropriate time.

Class Formations

The process of the formation of classes for 2016 has commenced. The teachers take into account all the educational aspects of each child when placing them into next year's classes. While parent requests are also considered, not all recommendations are possible.

Student Leadership

The election process for our student leaders has now been finalised. Congratulations to all the children who were involved in the nominations. The successful candidates will be announced at the Year 5 Presentation Assembly on Monday 14 December at 10.00am.

P & C Meeting

The final P & C Meeting for 2015 will be held tonight at the Engadine Bowling Club commencing at 7.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend. As Principal I would like to thank the P & C for their wonderful support during the 2015 school year.

K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long

This Friday 4 December the school will be holding a K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long under the COLA commencing at 12.00pm. Parents and visitors are invited to bring along blankets and fold up chairs to sit on and be entertained by our K-2 students.

School Shed

Thanks to the support of our P & C, the school is purchasing a large shed for storage. The concrete for the slab is being donated by the Sinclair family and the site was levelled off by 'Bobcat Bob' (M 0416 272 350) at no cost. Thank to all involved for their support of the school.



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 Message Cont'd

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Our special thank you Morning Tea for parent helpers will be held in the Library this Wednesday 2 December from 11.15-11.45am. This is an opportunity for the school to thank all the parent helpers/volunteers for supporting Engadine West Public School in 2015. We hope to see you there.

Presentation Day Ceremonies

Don't forget our Presentation Day assemblies commence next week. Below is the schedule for each grade:

Kindergarten	Monday 7 December	10.00am
Year 1	Tuesday 8 December	10.00am
Year 3	Wednesday 9 December	10.00am
Year 4	Thursday 10 December	10.00am
Year 2	Friday 11 December	10.00am
Year 5	Monday 14 December	10.00am
Year 6	Tuesday 15 December	10.00am

We hope to see many parents in attendance to celebrate what has been a very successful year!

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

Since starting at Engadine West, I have been very fortunate to witness first-hand the wonderful development of our Kindergarten students. I've watched, and have participated in, the development of these pre-schoolers into mature school students and have had immense pleasure in observing their initial breakthroughs in reading and writing. The Kindergarten team of Mrs Sams, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Browne, Ms Morgan, Mrs Maddick, Miss Sideris and Miss Brunning have all done a great job in preparing these children into successful students here at Engadine West and laying a beautiful and strong foundation for the love of learning and many years of joy at school.

Unfortunately for EWPS, at the end of this year both Mrs Sams and Mrs Browne will be retiring. I have had the pleasure of being in their classrooms and know how well behaved, attentive and excited their students are about learning. It will be very sad to see Mrs Sams and Mrs Browne retire knowing that no more children will receive such an excellent welcome and foundation to school as these two fabulous teachers have been able to provide.

On the other hand, they retire with an excellent career behind them and can now look forward to spending time in their own pursuits. I wish them well, like we all do. Some of our parents have organised a High Tea for Mrs Sams and Mrs Browne (originally a surprise!), so I look forward to seeing staff and parents at tomorrow's High Tea to acknowledge the achievements of these two wonderful teachers.

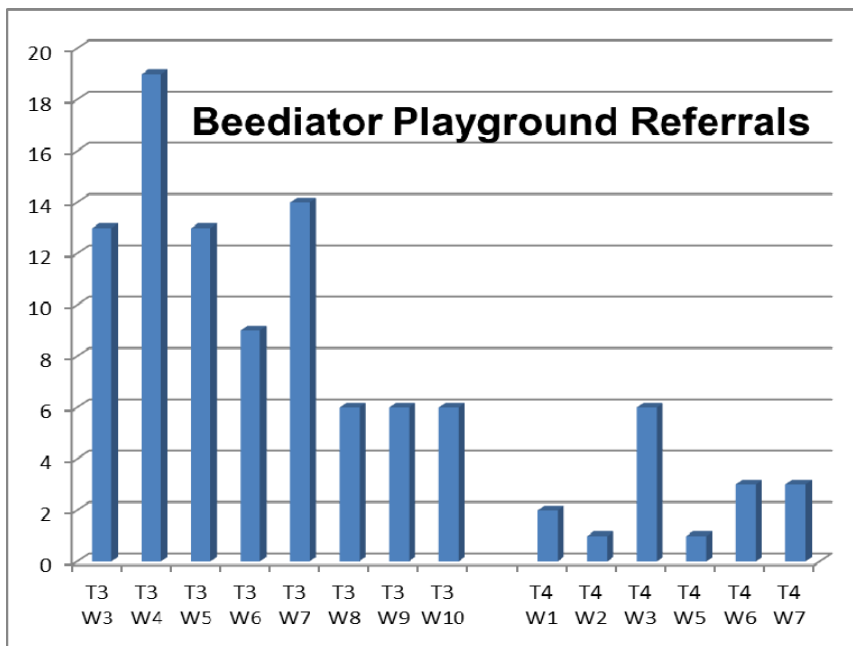
Where: School Hall
Date: Tuesday 1 December 2015
Time: 4.00pm

Please bring a plate to share!

Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principal



What's The Buzz



As the year is coming to an end I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our hardworking, kind and helpful Year 5 playground 'Beediators.' Their hardwork in the Future Leaders program and devising our school action plan for our playground has had fantastic results.

Our 'Beediators' collated the above data on playground referrals and analysed the effectiveness and success of their program.

The above data shows a direct decline in playground 'problems' and social issues being reported from the beginning of our 'Beediator' program to the end of Term 4.

WHAT WONDERFUL RESULTS!

Thank you for all your hard work – Hannah B, Harry B, Lachlan B, Paige C, Emma C, Ryley Dickenson, Cooper Henson, Kady Judd, Starr Lynch and Caitlin Sinclair.

Miss Connor
Assistant Principal

Harvesting Day - Bright Green Sparks

On Wednesday 2 December our Bright Green Spark Officers will be harvesting the vegie garden. Produce from the garden will be sold at recess on this day and profit made from the selling of this produce will fund our 2016 gardens.

Congratulations to all our Bright Green Spark Officers for maintaining our wonderful gardens in 2015!

Miss Connor & Miss Allatt



K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long 2015

Carols under the COLA

As this year comes to a close, all K-2 classes are busy preparing for our annual Christmas performance. This year we will be having a Christmas sing-a-long on Friday 4th December 2015 at 12.00pm under the EWPS COLA. Visitors are encouraged to bring chairs/picnic rugs to sit on. Throughout this term the children will be learning Christmas carols and classes will have an opportunity to lead one of the carols on the day.

Following the sing-a-long all visitors are invited to join their children for a picnic lunch. Children are asked to wear Christmas attire – there will be no formal costumes. We hope you can come along and join in the fun!



Miss M Emmett
Christmas Sing-a-long Co-ordinator

Shining Stars



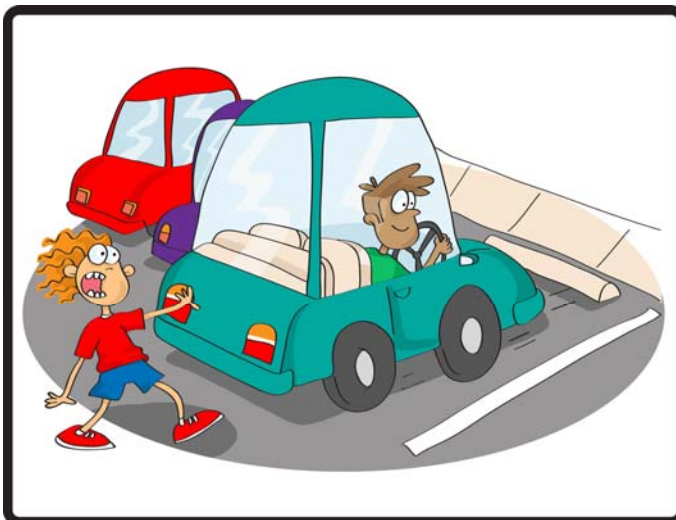
Congratulations to Ava, Mia and Rome L-S who participated in the Ishinryu Karate Spring Tournament on the weekend. Ava (1D) placed 1st in the Kumite and 2nd in Gladiator and Kata. Mia (5M) placed 1st in Gladiator and 3rd in Kumite and Kata and Rome received a participation. Well done!

Future Primary Students - Parent Workshop

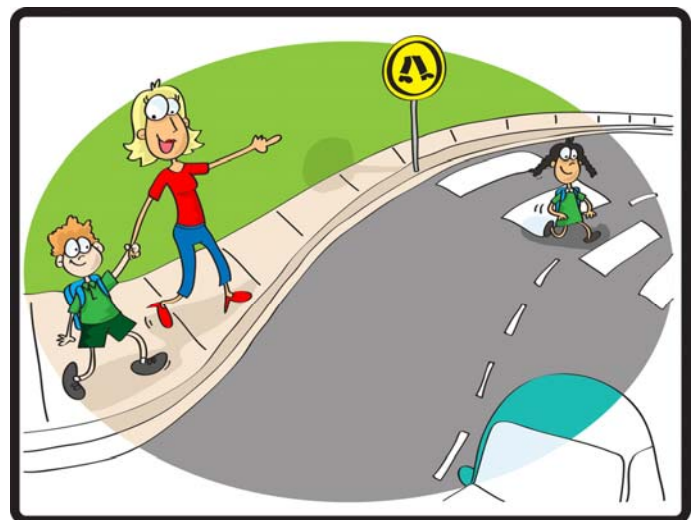
Please be reminded that Engadine West Stage 2 teachers will be conducting a workshop for Year 2 parents to assist in understanding the transition between Infants to Primary. The Stage 2 teaching team recognises that 'Primary' can be different to 'Infants' and we are endeavouring to make this a smooth transition for both students and parents. Please find details below, we would love to see you there.

When: Friday 11 December (after Year 2 Presentation Day Assembly)
Where: School Library
Time: 11.45am

Please RSVP to your child's teacher by Friday 4 December.



**NEVER WALK BEHIND
PARKED CARS.**



**TEACH YOUR KIDS ROAD SAFETY.
BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL!**

For Your Diary

Week 9

Monday 30 November	* P & C Meeting at 7.00pm at Engaging Bowling Club (Christmas Meeting)
Tuesday 1 December	* Canteen Closed * Student Banking (Last Day) * High Tea for Mrs Sams and Mrs Browne 4.00pm in Hall
Wednesday 2 December	* Uniform Shop Open 9.15am (Last opening time for this year) * Parent Helper's Morning Tea at 11.15-11.45am in the Library * Harvesting Day
Thursday 3 December	*
Friday 4 December	* PSSA Finals * Student Leaders' Party

Week 10

Monday 7 December	* Kindergarten Presentation Assembly 10.00am * Junior Band Auditions
Tuesday 8 December	* Canteen Closed * Yr 1 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Wednesday 9 December	* Yr 3 Presentation Assembly 10.00am * Yr 6 Farewell 6.00-9.00pm Engadine Bowling Club
Thursday 10 December	* Yr 4 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Friday 11 December	* Canteen - Last Day for Lunch Orders * Yr 2 Presentation Assembly 10.00am * Yr 2 Parent Workshop 11.45am in Library



Student Banking last day tomorrow, Tuesday 1 December

Thank you to our wonderful Student Banking ladies (Mrs Blamire, Mrs Birss and Mrs Armstrong) for supporting EWPS and volunteering their time this year!



Excursions and Payments

Year	Excursion or Payment	Please pay by	Amount
Interested Yr 3-6 Students	Term 1 Swimming 2016	Friday 11 December	\$126.00
Band Members	Term 4 Band Fees	As soon as possible	\$120.00

PSSA Finals - Friday 4 December

Good luck to our teams competing in the Finals!

**EWPS Green Teams (venue to be announced)
EWPS Gold Teams (venue to be announced)**



**All games start at 9.30am and are completed by 11.00am
Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am
Cost: \$6.00 per week**



Term 4 Dates to Remember

Day	Date	Activity
Wednesday	2 December	Parent Thank You Morning Tea 11.15am –11.45am in Library
Friday	4 December	K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long 12.00pm under the COLA
Monday	7 December	Kindergarten Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Tuesday	8 December	Year 1 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Wednesday	9 December	Year 3 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall Year 6 Farewell 6.00pm at Engadine Bowling Club
Thursday	10 December	Year 4 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Friday	11 December	Year 2 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Monday	14 December	Year 5 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Tuesday	15 December	Year 6 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Wednesday	16 December	Last Day of Term 4 for Students
Thursday	17 December	School Development Day for Staff (No Students)
Friday	18 December	School Development Day for Staff (No Students)
<i>Term 1 - 2016</i>		
Wednesday	27 January	School Development Day for Staff (No Students)
Thursday	28 January	First Day of Term 1 for Students Year 1 to Year 6 Best Start Testing for 2016 Kindergarten Students
Friday	29 January	Best Start Testing for 2016 Kindergarten Students
Monday	1 February	Best Start Testing for 2016 Kindergarten Students
Tuesday	2 February	2016 Kindergarten Students First Day of School



Uniform Shop News

The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

Wednesday 2 December 2015 from 9.15-10.15am

Please note this will be the last opening time for this year. No orders will be filled after this date due to stock-take.

Students commencing Year 3 in 2016 will need to purchase a gold polo shirt with school logo for sport. They are available from the Uniform Shop at a cost of \$20.00 and should be ordered by 2 December 2015.

The Uniform Shop is open every second Wednesday. If there are any parents wishing to be placed on our roster to help on Wednesdays, please leave your details at the front office.

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators



Canteen News

Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen

Please note that lunch orders **must be placed by 9.30am**.

2016 Roster - Your Canteen Needs You!

We are in urgent need of more volunteers for this year. Volunteers are rostered on once every 4 weeks from school drop off until approximately 3.00pm, however, we are very flexible. Whatever time you can 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 and have a look around and meet some of our wonderful volunteers.

Lunch Order Specials

Medium Fruit Salad	\$3.00
Large Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Yoghurt	50c extra
Banana Smoothie	\$3.00
Chocolate Smoothie	\$3.00

Friday 11 December - Last Day for Lunch Orders

Please note the last day for lunch orders will be Friday 11 December. On Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 the canteen will be open for recess and lunch only, no lunch orders.

If anyone has any questions regarding the canteen, please come in and see me.

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week's Roster

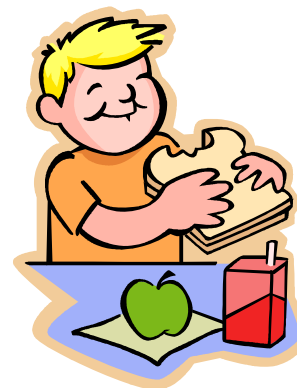
Tuesday - 24 November
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 2 December
L Adams, N Rylands

Thursday - 3 December
N McNally, H Trenberth, D Herd

Friday - 4 December
B Keegan, A Mathieson

Monday - 7 December
J Morando, N Hardy



Community News



KAREN'S LEAP OF FAITH

On 14 February, 2016 I will be jumping out of a plane to acknowledge the bravery of all Australians diagnosed with breast cancer. I'm jumping for all those who have affected my life and those whom I have affected through my breast cancer journey. I am holding a Twilight Market fundraiser at Cronulla Sharks Summertime indoor outdoor area on Friday 18 December, with great stalls, entertainment, Santa, silent auctions, raffles, jumping castles and lots more.

The money raised will be used to help Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) continue its work supporting the many women, men and families affected by breast cancer.

**TWILIGHT MARKET
@ Cronulla Leagues
Club Summertime
indoor outdoor area
FRIDAY 18TH
DECEMBER,
2015 From 4pm to
9pm**



**STALLS
ENTERTAINMENT
JUMPING CASTLE
FACE PAINTING
SANTA
SILENT AUCTIONS
RAFFLES
and much more**

Proudly
supporting

Breast
Cancer
Network
Australia



You can also support my efforts and this great cause by making a secure online donation at

<http://braveforbcna.qofundraise.com.au/page/KarenRook0>

And leaving me a message of support. I would also really appreciate it if you could "like" and share my page.



If you would like to donate your time or have a stall at the Twilight Market please contact Karen on

0402 012 798.



Basketball Camp

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMP

(Youth Centre Gym – formerly Boy's Town Gym)




Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd December, 2015

All levels welcome (beginners, intermediate, advanced). Participants will be divided into classes (age and ability).

Ages: 7 – 14 years

Duration: 9.00am to 2.00pm Lunch break: 12-12.30 pm BYO lunch and drink bottle

Cost for 3 days: \$80 (discount for siblings)

 **Learn to Play**  **Improve Your Game**  **Shooting Competitions**



ENQUIRIES: Trevor Kimber 0414 978 384 kimbies@ozemail.com.au

SENSORY SCREENING FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

6TH DECEMBER @ 11AM

THE ONLY THING SCARIER THAN BEING A MONSTER IS BABYSITTING ONE

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2



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 judgemental session and there is no need for families to feel uncomfortable. Lighting stays on dim (not dark) and sound is lowered.

Fire exit and main doors are monitored by volunteers for those escape artists.

Tickets: \$8 each (You will need a membership card to purchase tickets at the cinema, but these are available on the day).

Children 2 years and under are free.

Companion ID cards accepted

Cronulla Cinemas 2-6 Cronulla St, Cronulla NSW 2230
sensorymovieday.cronulla@hotmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/SensoryMovieDayCronulla>

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