Dear Parents and Carers

Professional Learning

On Monday afternoon teachers spent time entering student data on the PLAN data base to track student achievement. PLAN stands for Planning Literacy and Numeracy. This is an ongoing evaluative process for teachers to know where their students are now, what they need to learn, what they need to get there and how, as teachers, we know when they achieve learning goals.

On Monday and Tuesday this week Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Cross attended further LMBR training at Menai PS.

Kindergarten Transition

Our youngest and newest students visited Kindergarten on Tuesday morning and they had such a happy time, they came back again today. I really enjoyed talking with parents and starting to learn everyone’s stories. After visiting all the Kindergarten classrooms I can definitely say that the children were engaged, happy and content in the new learning environment.

Thankyou to the many families who are already supporting the upcoming Family Fun Day by sending items to school for the mufti days, White Elephant stall and various other voucher, item and money donations.

Bright Green Sparks

Last Friday, the Bright Green Sparks, supported by Mrs Allatt and Mrs Evans, undertook a wonderful make-over of the veggie gardens. They harvested, weeded, mulched, planted and watered. We now also have a new compost bin and the Principal from the environmental centre at The Royal National Park, Mrs Julie Gallan, came along in the afternoon to up-skill the students and teachers on how to get the best use from the bin. It’s full steam ahead now that Spring has well and truly sprung!
Principal’s Report Continued

Classes 2017

The Engadine West Public School teaching staff is a group of professional educators with many varying skills and abilities who work hard to offer the best curriculum options to your children. I am aware that this is the time of year where parent conversation turns to classes for the following school year. I also know that this conversation can turn into gossip about who has heard what about which teachers. My advice to parents is not to listen to ‘school gate gossip’. I will not be accepting letters from parents about which teachers they want for their children for the following school year. Teachers spend a lot of time and effort in forming classes (which will not be done for quite a few weeks yet as we are still operating in Term 4 2016), trying to ensure learners and friends are grouped appropriately.

Sue Roach
Principal

Public Speaking

Last week the school had two students who competed in the Woronora River Principal’s Network Public Speaking Final. I am pleased to announce that Emilia D (3B) received a Highly Commended Award in her Stage Two final and Noor M (2/3M) achieved First Place in her Stage One final. This is a fabulous result and effort from both these girls. Noor will now be competing in the Ultimo Operational Directorate Primary Schools Public School Final to be held at Clemton Park Public School on Tuesday 8 November. Congratulations to both girls and good luck, Noor.

Vincent Murphy
Assistant Principal

Year 6 Slideshow

If you would like to contribute to the Year 6 slideshow, please send a maximum of 10 photographs to: year6_2016@olvec.net. The slideshow will be shown at the Year 6 Farewell and if time permits at the Year 6 End of Year Presentation Assembly.

Additionally, I am organising an unofficial “Year 6 Yearbook” this year. If you would like more information about this, please email me and I will send through the details.

By submitting photographs to the email address above, you are granting permission for your images to be used in a public setting and also to be used in the unofficial “Year 6 Yearbook”. If you do not give permission for the images to be used in the unofficial “Year 6 Yearbook”, please mention this in your email. You also agree that you are the copyright owner of these images. Please submit photographs no later than Sunday 13 November for them to be part of the Year 6 Slideshow.

Angela Le Roy-Sheedy
Year 6 Parent

K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long

Carols under the COLA

As this year comes to a close, all K-2 classes are busy preparing for our annual Christmas performance. We will be having one sing-a-long at 12.00pm on Friday 2 December 2016 under the EWPS COLA.

Throughout this term the students will be learning Christmas carols and each class will have an opportunity to lead one of the carols on the day.

We hope you can come along and join in on the fun!
Did you know?
★ More than a third of young people in NSW report eating potato crisps or other salty snacks at least three times per week.
★ Over a quarter of young people in NSW eat confectionary at least three times per week.

Healthy snacks help kids and teens refuel

Healthy snacks in between main meals help kids and teens meet their daily nutritional needs. Young children have smaller stomachs than adults, so they need to eat every few hours to keep up their energy levels and get the right amount of nutrients. Teens get particularly hungry during periods of fast development and snacks are important.

Snacks based on fruit and veggies, reduced fat dairy products and whole grains are the healthiest choices. It is important to limit snacks that are high in sugar, salt or saturated fats – such as chips, cakes and chocolate – which can cause children to put on excess weight. These ‘extra foods’ should only be offered occasionally.

Ideas to help you ‘snack smart’

- The simplest way to limit unhealthy snacks is to not buy them. Instead, stock the pantry, fruit bowl and fridge with healthy snacks, and include them in lunchboxes.
- Commercial snack foods available in the supermarket have varying nutritional value. When choosing grain-based snacks, look for the healthier options which are high in fibre and whole grains – and look for products with the Heart Foundation Tick.
- Put a clear limit on the number of less healthy snack foods eaten each week, such as lollies, chocolate, donuts, some fruit/cereal/muesli bars, potato and corn chips, and sweet biscuits.

What makes a healthy snack?

Here are some simple ideas for healthy snacks that you can make at home or add to lunchboxes:
- fruit muffins or slices, baked using monounsaturated or polyunsaturated oils and margarine instead of butter
- fresh, frozen, canned (in natural or unsweetened juice) or occasionally dried fruit
- raisin or fruit toast
- toasted English muffins, preferably wholemeal or wholegrain
- reduced fat custard with fruit
- rice crackers or corn cakes
- plain popcorn (unbuttered and without sugar coating)
- muesli and fruit bars – look for the healthier choices or those with the Heart Foundation tick
- scones or pikelets (plain, fruit or savoury)
- plain breakfast cereals, such as wheat breakfast biscuits, with reduced fat milk, topped with sliced banana and a drizzle of honey
- snack-sized tub of reduced fat yoghurt (plain or fruit flavoured)
- cubes, slices, shapes or wedges of reduced fat cheese with wholegrain crackers or crispbread
- potatoes, topped with reduced fat cheese and baked in the microwave or oven
- corn on the cob
- a boiled egg.
For Your Diary

Week 4
Friday 4 November
• PSSA
• Term 4 Swimming
• K-2 Assembly 12.00pm
• 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm

Week 5
Monday 7 November
• Kindergarten 2017 Transition Day 2.15-3.15pm

Tuesday 8 November
• CANTEEN CLOSED
• Student Banking
• Year 6 Fete

Wednesday 9 November
• Kindergarten 2017 Transition Day 2.15-3.15pm

Thursday 10 November

Friday 11 November
• Remembrance Day
• Term 4 Swimming

Week 6
Monday 14 November

Tuesday 15 November
• CANTEEN CLOSED
• Student Banking

Wednesday 16 November

Thursday 17 November
• Band Excursion

Friday 18 November
• Term 4 Swimming
• K-2 Assembly 12.00pm
• 3-6 Assembly 2.30pm

Don’t forget Family Fun Day!
Sunday 13 November 2016
9.00am - 3.00pm

2017 School Term Dates

Term 1
Monday 30 January 2017 - Friday 7 April 2017
School Holidays: Sat 8 April - Tues 25 April 2017

Term 2
Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June 2017
School Holidays: Sat 1 July - Mon 17 July 2017

Term 3
Tuesday 18 July 2017 - Friday 22 September 2017
School Holidays: Sat 23 September - Sun 8 October 2017

Term 4
Monday 9 October 2017 - Friday 15 December 2017
School Holidays: Sat 16 December - Mon 29 January 2018

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PSSA Friday 4 November

EWPS Gold  V  Alfords Point at The Ridge (Middle)
EWPS Green  V  Yarrawarrah at Kingswood Oval (moved from Anzac Oval)

Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am
Cost: $6.00 per week
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Earning the right and not assuming a sense of entitlement is a life lesson parents, teachers and coaches must instil in children.

On talk-back radio recently I heard a caller tell a timely story about how as a child she was lucky enough to receive riding lessons from a renowned horse expert.

He had one condition. She had to earn the right to be taught to ride a horse. That meant she had to muck out the stables; brush and feed the horse; look after the gear and do everything else required to look after a horse. Only when she’d proved herself could she earn the right to ride a horse under his tutelage.

This caller said this powerful lesson shaped her entire life. It taught her that there were no entitlements in life; to work hard and value her achievements. She never took anything for granted.

Contrast this with the extraordinary sense of entitlement of Australian tennis players Nick Kyrgios and Bernard Tomic who routinely treat the public, players and the game that serves them well, with utter disdain. Their attitude of entitlement is mind-boggling, not to say embarrassing to reasonable-minded, hard-working people.

Our kids should earn the right

The talk-back caller’s earning the right story is a fabulous lesson for all parents and teachers. If we want to raise a generation to appreciate what they have, then we shouldn’t give children or young people everything on a platter. In an era of small families, child pester power and relative affluence it’s tempting to simply give kids what they want.

“Dad, can I have a…”?

“Sure!”

The Rolling Stones were right four decades ago when they sang, “You can’t always get what you want!” Those words form a great child-rearing lesson. That is, just because you can provide something for your kids, doesn’t mean that you do.

They need to earn the right to have something by saving, working for or simply waiting until they are old enough to appreciate it.

Similarly, kids don’t automatically have a right to greater freedoms such as going out at night; those rights need to be earned by proving they are trustworthy.

Also, kids who think they are entitled to use a part of the house such as a living room without clearing up mess are acting with a false sense of entitlement.

In fact, there are no entitlements, only rights. And rights are earned by being responsible.

A child has a right to use the living room but they also have a responsibility to clean up a rather than leave it a pigsty. A night banished to their room is a reminder that spending time in the living room is not an entitlement. It’s a right that comes with conditions.

Earning the right! A simple phrase with so much complexity.

I suspect it’s a phrase that neither Nick Kyrgios or Bernard Tomic heard much when they were growing up. Maybe their parents thought their prodigious talents excused them from having conditions placed upon them. If so, they did them no favours as good manners, gratitude and graciousness appear to be lacking in their social repertoires.

It usually takes a parent, teacher or coach to remind kids that they have to earn the right to have things, to do things and ultimately to be respected. That’s a lesson that stays for life.

Michael Grose

Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.
Please note that lunch orders must be placed by 9.30am.

Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen for information on menu updates, specials, red light days etc.

Email: ewps.canteen1@gmail.com

2016 Roster - Your Canteen Needs You!

Please let me know if you are able to assist. Helpers are required to have a Working with Children Check completed before volunteering. Please contact me for further information.

Lunch order specials this week
- Garlic bread roll $1.00
- Large fruit salad $4.00
- Medium fruit salad $3.00
- Banana or chocolate smoothie $3.00

Would you like to help?

The canteen is in need of extra volunteers this term. Come along and meet some new parents and find out how the canteen runs. Training and lunch is provided. You will need to have your Working with Children Check (WWCC) and our volunteers are to please wear covered shoes and have their hair tied back. Can you help on any of the following dates:

- Any Friday from 9.00am-12.00pm or 12.00-3.00pm
- Monday 28 November (from 12.00-3.00pm)
- Wednesday 9 November, 16 November, 23 November, 30 November, 7 December (from 12.00-3.00pm) or 14 December.

Call into the canteen to see me or contact me on 9520 8134 or 0408 697 660 if you are able to help!

Gingerbread House Kits are back!

We have placed an order for 40 regular and five gluten free gingerbread house kits at a cost of $32.00 per kit. Delivery will be in Term 4. Please send correct money along with your contact details to the canteen. Numbers are limited so get your orders in quick!

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor
**Family Fun Day News**

**ONLY 10 SLEEPS TO GO!**

**Pre-Purchase Ride Wristbands**
A note will be sent home shortly regarding purchase of ride wristbands before the day at a discounted rate. We require notes to be returned to school by Thursday 10 November.

**Our Bake Sale Stall Needs You!**
Year 3 will be running the bake sale this year and are in need of some wonderful parents to bake some goodies. We will be selling cakes, slices, jams, brownies, toffees etc. so if you could bake something to sold on the day it would be greatly appreciated. Cakes can be dropped to the stall on Sunday morning but if you need to drop them off before then we can make arrangements. The cake stall will be located outside the hall.

**Volunteers**
Your year coordinators are still looking for volunteers at various times during the day. If you can help out for any amount of time, please contact your coordinator.

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**THANKYOU, THANKYOU, THANKYOU!**
A special thankyou to all the wonderful families who have been supporting F U N D A Y so far. Huge shout out to the companies who have very generously donated some wonderful prizes for the day. It’s looking to be a huge day so we hope you will all be able to join us.
Plant Donations

Thankyou to the wonderful parents who have donated their free native seedling voucher from Sutherland Council, keep them coming! We are also in need of donations of plants. If you’re looking for a fun activity to share with your children, consider growing some seedlings for the plant stall eg herbs, veggies or pretty annuals! Hold onto your donations for now and we’ll keep you posted with delivery instructions.

Year 6 White Elephant Stall Donations

The Before & After School Care Centre will be accepting your donations from 7.00am-9.00am and 3.30pm-6.30pm until Wednesday 10 November 2016.

Please donate good quality items (e.g. clean, intact, working, complete sets etc.)

- Books, DVD’s, kitchen wear, jewellery, hand bags, bric-a-brac, toys and games, small appliances, good quality pre-loved children’s clothing, candles, new stationery, collectibles. Clean, intact reusable fabric/canvas shopping bags (from Aldi, Woollies etc.)

Please DO NOT donate dirty or broken items as this will cost the school money to dispose of them. Please DO NOT donate VHS/video tapes, old televisions or adult clothing.

If you have any questions or if you are a Year 6 parent wanting to volunteer for the White Elephant Stall, please contact Violet Van Luyt on 0418 961 694 or Ange Farr on 0429 100 573.

Thankyou for supporting the Family Fun Day!
Many Thanks to our Wonderful Sponsors for 2016

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2pm, Sunday 20th November 2016
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Carrying on our proud tradition of bringing you your very own “Proms” concert right here in the Shire. Soul-stirring standards like “Jerusalem”, Pomp and Circumstance”, and some classic British marches. Of course we will be playing some “Aussie” favourites too! Which ones will be your favourites?

Bring your friends, your voice to sing and flag to wave as we promenade through a fun-filled musical afternoon!

See you there!

Our new venue offers wheelchair access and is a great place to enjoy a meal beforehand at the bistro or have a leisurely tea and something sweet at the cozy cafe afterwards.

General Admission $20.00 cash
Concession $15.00 cash
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Every child has a right to a safe, happy and permanent home. SSI works with children and young people who need support from foster carers. This support could be on a short- or long-term basis.

They may need care just until it is safe for them to return to their parents care or until they are 18 years old. Important qualities of a foster carer include:

- Having a genuine interest and focus on a child’s wellbeing and future
- A willingness to help them understand their past
- A willingness to help them stay connected with their family, culture, language and religion

If you have a spare room and these qualities we need your support.

For more information about becoming a foster carer with SSI please contact
Kathy Karataseas, Manager
SSI Multicultural Foster Care
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