Dear Parents

What an amazingly busy two weeks we have had!

We have celebrated the **National Day Against Violence and Bullying**, with poster competitions for our Year 3-6 students and a performance showing the use of a variety of strategies in managing those students who are less than kind in their dealings with others. Strategies were also demonstrated teaching students how to be a “bully buster” by not just standing by, witnessing and allowing bullying to happen.

Our first **“White Ribbon” Awards** for the year were also issued in celebration of this day, recognising the student’s efforts to maintain a harmonious environment in our playground.

**Anti-Bullying Posters – Childrens’ Choice Winners**

William – Stage 3
Ellie - Stage 2

**White Ribbon Awards 2013 SRC**

Our **SRC students** have formally commenced their duties as representatives of their classes, after being badged at a School ceremony on March 19.

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Engadine Public School supports the Sydney Region White Ribbon Project.
The Harmony Day Celebrations were wonderful, with students from every class planting colourful hands in the gardens in the K-2 playground area. Each of these hands had key words, poems or writings about the diverse, multicultural nature of our society - promoting friendship and harmony. Much thanks to teachers and students for their lovely work.

Some examples of the colourful garden display.

The Easter Hat Parade on 27 March 2013, was a marvellous success! Students from Kindergarten worked with their Year 6 buddies to create their Easter Hat masterpieces, which they proudly displayed as they paraded around the Years K-2 playground. Thanks to Miss Crutcher who was an excellent master of ceremonies, that morning. Mrs Bourke too, was in the hall, guiding families to the “Eggshibition” on display. Students from Years 3-6 made “eggscellent eggsamples” of different kinds of eggs – with those that were decorative and those that modelled the play on words, using “egg” creatively. Well done to all students for their contributions for the celebrations.

Our Mufti-Day which required the donation of Easter Eggs, was well supported, enabling our active P&C to wrap Easter Raffle prizes for each class, and major raffle prizes were also drawn on the day. What an amazing way to finish the celebration, with families joining together with the “Chicken Dance” and then sharing time together for recess with their children.

Eggscellent Eggshibition!
Thanks to all our wonderful families and carers who supported the event, showing the fabulous community spirit which abounds here at Engadine Public School. Further photographs are available in our gallery on the website.

As we now head towards the end of this first Term of the school year, we still have many exciting things happening!

We look forward to our **Mufti-Day on Thursday, 4 April**, when students will “pay” for the privilege of being out of uniform with a gift for the Mother’s Day Stall, which will be held early in Term 2. We also look forward to our **School ANZAC Day Service on Wednesday, 10 April** at 10:45am and our **Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 11 April**.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our community that **Friday, 12 April is a Pupil Free Day**. Staff from our School will be attending professional development on the new English Syllabus, implementation of which is mandatory from the beginning of the 2014 school year.

I would like to thank all the staff, students and families of our community for an amazing first Term. We all wish you a happy and safe holiday. We welcome your support for students from our leadership team, who together with Mrs Ellis, will be representing our School at the local Engadine **ANZAC Day Dawn Service** during the holidays, on **Thursday, 25 April**.

We look forward to **students returning on Tuesday, 30 April**. after staff have an additional staff development day on 29 April.

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**Staff Development Days**

**On 12 & 29 April**

The last day of Term 1 for students will be **Thursday, 11 April** and the first day of Term 2 for students will be **Tuesday, 30 April**.
IMPORTANT

Please note that there is no supervision on School grounds before 9-00am.

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Easter
Thank you for all the Easter eggs donated for our Easter raffle.

Those of you that were there on Wednesday for our Hat Parade, you would have seen there were a lot of prizes. Each class had 8 prizes and then there were the major prizes.

The winners were:

1st Cooper K/2D
2nd Joshua 1/6E
3rd Taliese 1C
4th Isabella 3/4RW
5th James K-6CL
6th Allirah 2/3S
7th Zachary KC
8th Zac 4/5W
9th Rayden 6D
10th Chad 2/3S
11th Finn 2/3S
12th Charlotte 1C
13th Taliese 1C
14th Rachel 2/3S

I would also like to thank Helen Ledlin, Jenny Harris and Joe Slade. It would have been a mammoth task without your help.

Mothers’ Day Mufti Day & Wrapping
We will be having our Mothers’ Day mufti day on Thursday, 4th April. Please donate appropriate items for our Mothers’ Day Stall and if you can come and help wrap the Mothers Day gifts, we will be wrapping on Monday 6th May 7pm.

Aleeta Schutt
P&C President
FROM THE OFFICE

Payments Due
We are now collecting payments for the following activities:
* Blue Gum Lodge due by 10 April
* UNSW Tests due by 10 April
* Athletics Carnival due by 9 April
* Got Game Sports due by 11 April

Please help us
To avoid confusion and ensure your payment is recorded against your name, please clearly write your child’s name and class on the front of each envelope or zip lock bag and put it into the slot in the payment box in the Office foyer.

Coins
There are limits to the amount of silver coins the bank will accept for deposits. Wherever possible, could you please limit payments with 5, 10, and 20 pieces to assist the banking process.

Office Hours
Our Office hours are 9am to 3.30pm. If you need to see us at the end of the day, please come into the Office prior to 3.30pm. Thank you.

Please remember to pack some spare underwear and shorts, etc into school bags to support your child if an accident occurs. Whilst the Office has some spare items for use on these occasions, items are often the wrong size or have not been returned after being laundered.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Hospital Visits
1-6E and K-6CL - 9 April

Mothers Day
Mufti Day & Donations - 4 April
Wrapping Night - 6 May
Stall - 9 May

Change from Summer to Winter Uniform
Change-over to Winter Uniform on **Monday, 20 May 2013**.

Anzac Day Dawn Service
5.30am Engadine Town Square
Commemorative March from Engadine Water Tower to War Memorial commencing at 2.15pm on 21 April.

School Anzac Day Service
Wednesday, 10 April at 10.45—brings some flowers or foliage for class bouquets to be made up.

Hot Dog Day
1 May return order by 10 April

**Websites to help parents on the go**


“Dad and Partner Pay gives new dads and partners some extra support to take time off to bond with their baby and help mum recover from the birth.

For many self-employed dads, contractors and casual workers it provides a means to access paid paternal leave.”

The Raising Children Network visit: [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)

The website has been designed for easy use on smartphones and tablets, giving parents better access to helpful hints and tips on raising their children, wherever they are.

This website offers a wealth of information for parents, including information specifically tailored to new mums and dads,
An important note.

The Canteen will close for Term 1 on **Thursday, April 11th** (due to pupil free day) and re-open for Term 2 on May 1st.

Thankyou to everyone for supporting the Cheese and Bacon Roll day - it was a great response and helps to raise much needed funds to keep the Canteen running.

Also a big thankyou to all the parents and grandparents who have volunteered for the canteen roster. You should have received a copy of the roster, if not, it is available on the school website under the heading Newsletters. If you look at the Week 6 Waratah it contains the roster on page 9 and the Canteen pricelist on Page 10.

The canteen price list is also available on the school website under the tab Canteen & Uniforms.

HOT DOG DAY
Please note a few amendments to the recent Hot Dog Note.

This package will include a treat e.g. packet of Tiny Teddies. If you order ½ a Hotdog the cost should read $4.00 (including treat and drink).

We can no longer source Passio Juice, so children ordering this will receive orange juice.

The date for return of the Hot Dog orders is **Wednesday the 10th April**. Due to the holidays we will need to adhere to these deadlines, so please have your orders in on time.

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**P&C Meeting**

Next meeting is **Tuesday, 20 May**

in the Staffroom. All welcome!

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**Banking**

There will be **NO School Banking on Friday, 5 April**.

School Banking will recommence for Term 2 on Friday, 3 May.

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**Fete 2013**

Expression of interest

We have had a lot of parents inquire about a fete. As the last fete we held was in 2008, we thought it was time to hold another. So the date is set for **Saturday, 7 September 2013**.

As you can imagine, putting on such a large event will take a lot of people power, so this is where we need you! None of the roles are difficult but do require some time.

At this stage, we are looking for people to express an interest in being a part of the fete committee and also taking on some important roles such as: External Stall Coordinator; P&C class stalls; Competitions; Sponsors/Donations; Publicity/Signs; Performances; Treasurer; Set up/ Clean up Coordinator; and Class Coordinators.

If you would like to see the fete be as successful as our last two fetes that profited $18,000 each and are willing to help in any way, please fill in the slip below and return it to the office by Friday, 12 April.

Thank you.

**P&C Committee**

Yes I’d be interested in helping with the Fete.

- [ ] External Stall Coordinator
- [ ] Competitions
- [ ] Publicity/Signs
- [ ] Treasurer
- [ ] Coordinator
- [ ] P&C class stalls
- [ ] Sponsors/Donations
- [ ] Performances
- [ ] Set up/ Clean up
- [ ] Class Coordinators
- [ ] Other skills

(please specify) ____________

Parent’s Name: ____________

Phone: ____________

My Child is: ____________

In class: ____________

Please return to Office. Thanks!
UNI of NSW TESTING
For Students in Years 2-6 only.
Please return form & payment to the School Office by 10/4/13.

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NAPLAN TESTING

Tuesday, 14 May
Language Conventions
Wednesday, 15 May
Reading
Thursday 16 May
Numeracy

REMEMBER
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We are a Nut Free School.

Uniform Shop
OPEN
Friday, 5 April
from 8.45am—9.30am.
Orders can be left at the Office and will be filled asap.
No orders can be accepted without payment.
Cash or cheque (made out to Engadine Public School Uniform Shop) only please.
Next Open Friday, 3 May.

Curtain Up on Murder
Featuring Mrs McAlpine
By Bettine Markelshu
Directed by Peter Monahan
April 2013
Sutherland Memorial School of Arts
Kingsgrove Uniting Church Hall
Fri 2nd - 8pm
Sat 6th - 2pm, 8pm
Sun 7th - 2pm
Tickets: Adult $25, Concession $22
http://www.cameotheatre.org.au
Bookings: 9579 4591

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Bullying in Australian schools is a huge concern for teachers, parents and students. While schools are promoted as a safe place for children and anti-bullying policies are in place, there is a gap in linking parents and school professionals to work together in understanding and providing early intervention.

This workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, the different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented.

Without appropriate support and intervention, bullying can have lifelong negative consequences for the child and their family.

**Date:** Wednesday, 29 May 2013  
**Time:** 6.00pm-9.00pm  
**Venue:** Learning Links Penshurst  
10 Railway Parade, Penshurst NSW 2222  
**Cost:** FREE*  
**Suitable for:** Parents and Carers ONLY

For enquiries and bookings please phone Dana on 8568 8200

*This workshop is funded by the Department of Education and Communities.*