Band Performance  

Students of our school were granted the pleasure of witnessing a High School Band, when students from Years 8 and 9 of James Ruse Agricultural High School performed for us on Monday 16 November.

What an amazing, harmonious acoustic performance the students of James Ruse displayed when playing for our star stunned students of Engadine Public School! They provided an opportunity for our students to see how well children can play after practising and committing to a program of learning an instrument. This is particularly valuable inspiration for our Band and Musical Instrument students (Violin and Keyboard) to continue in their musical passion.

Additionally, listening to such talented performers can initiate interest in some of our up and coming students planning to take up instruments.

The students of James Ruse Agricultural High School were a credit to themselves and their teachers who led them through their day with us - and we, as a school were mesmerised by their talent. It was a remarkable experience - I enjoyed being serenaded by the sounds wafting across the school!

Our own school band program has been developing well under the leadership of Mr Jack Petsche and we know we will miss him upon his retirement at the end of the school year. We certainly will be wishing him all the very best in his new chapter of his life.

Parents and students of the school will also be very pleased to hear we have been in negotiations with a new Band Leader who will commence in 2016. The band program will be able to continue, with an experienced team of a leader and tutors, with no increase of costs. This is very exciting for the school!

Lions ' Club Fete.

Our dance ensembles of the Senior Girls, Junior Girls and our Boys Group recently at the Lions Club fete, and were a real credit to their teachers, families and selves. It is fabulous to contribute to our wider community. Thanks to students, families and teachers who supported this event.

Thanks also to all families who supported our EPS Marquee stand with the supply of goodies for sale. Your support is greatly valued.
Classes for 2016

It is that time of year when Executive staff work with teams to determine placement for classes in 2016. Please provide any details of movement out of the school area, or of new families moving into the area to assist us with this process.

It is important to note that specific parental requests may be considered together with a number of other social, emotional and educational factors. Please note our staff are professionals, and at all times endeavour to meet the best interests of the students in their care, within the limits of class numbers and staffing available. Parents who have specific requests for their child’s placement for 2016, should provide details to the Office, on paper in an envelope marked confidential. Please note specific requests based solely on friendship will not be considered. We thank you for your assistance and understanding with this.

Dates to Remember

**SCHOOL DISCO** 26 November - Cost $7:00 Pay at the door.

K-2: 5:30 to 6:30 pm  3-6: 6:45 to 8:00 pm

**SPORTS PRESENTATION DAY**  8 December  12:15 pm

**PRESENTATION DAY**  11 December  12:15 pm

**K-6 PICNIC & FUN DAY**  15 December

**YEAR 6 FAREWELL**  15 December

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**  16 December

Notes and Money Due

Year 6 T-Shirts 2016 $40.00
Due by 27 November

MULTILIT Reinforced Reading Program

**Do you have 20 minutes a week?**

Parents are needed to help as tutors for the MULTILIT Reinforced Reading Program to support some of our students in Years 2-6.

As this is an evidenced based intervention to maintain validity Parent Tutors will need to attend a one-time training session early Term 4. The techniques in the training will be useful in supporting your own child’s literacy development as well as any students you may tutor. If you are willing and able please add your name to the roster at the office.

WALKATHON Money

Please be prompt with your money for the walkathon as we are trying to raise as much as possible towards the installation of air conditioning.

With the hot weather we have experienced over the past weeks, we feel this a valuable target for community raised funds.
Application is defined as putting things into action.

In the school environment, we ask that students apply themselves to the tasks that are assigned to them, whether in the classroom environment, on the playground, or in friendship groups. It means that we have an expectation that each student applies themselves to the best of their ability, with an aim to achieve their own personal best—at whatever level that may be. We aim to respect their effort. Some people try very little and achieve great results, but others may try with mammoth effort to achieve a lesser result—it is the effort we are aiming to acknowledge—and when each one is pushing themselves to their own limits, all will have a greater opportunity to improve their personal levels of success.

Applying yourself so that you always put forward your best effort, means you show yourself in the best light at all times. It ensures that you are being valued for what you are able to do.

Applying yourself to building relationships and friendships, means that you try to support others, and that you too seek support when you need it—not shutting others out of your world. These skills are important life skills for mental and social well-being. They also help to build personal self esteem.

When applying yourself to a group task, others in your group understand that they can rely on you—it builds a sense of trustworthiness, and a knowledge that you will contribute a fair share to the entire group task. In turn it builds a sense of value in you as a valuable person to select in group tasks.

As students consistently aim for their personal best, their opportunity to succeed increase and their sense of achievement in attaining improvement becomes an ongoing motivator.

Students who have a high level of personal motivation to succeed tend to apply themselves better to tasks and so the cycle becomes self perpetuating.

YEAR 6 T-SHIRTS REMINDER

Don’t forget to bring in your order form for the Year 6 T-Shirts.

**Orders must be in before Friday 27th November.** Please note that no late orders will be accepted.

**Year 6 T-Shirts**

Name: ________________________________ Class: __________

Qty ___ x $40 Total Enclosed: ________

Size:  8  10  12  14Y  16Y  Sm Mens Med Mens

I have **checked the spelling of my child’s name and certify that it is correct.**

(Parent / Guardian’s Signature) ____________________ Date __________

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Please note that the image contains a graphic element, which is not transcribed.
Throughout the school year, teachers focus on developing skills to building positive relationships among peers—some children learn these through experience and others need to be taught these skills specifically in order to apply them. The focus of our teaching points will last for blocks of two weeks, and will be placed in the newsletter.

**Social Skills Topic 16: Giving and Receiving Compliments**

Parents, we ask that you too go through these skills with your children, and discuss the dos and don'ts. Perhaps you can ask them if they have tried some of the strategies and what the result was. Children learn best when they are supported from both school and home with a consistent message. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

### Good Mates Look for the Good Things about Others

#### Giving Compliments

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Kids can become bored with the same foods packed in the lunchbox each day. Try some of these tips to keep lunch interesting and healthy:

- Wholegrains: Swap sandwiches for a wholegrain roll, wrap, savoury crackers or pasta.
- Meat & meat alternatives: Boiled egg, hummus spread, turkey or chicken slices, canned tuna or salmon, beans & lentils.
- Vegetables: Cut vegetables into different shapes and sizes. Select a rainbow of colours try cherry tomatoes, green, red or yellow capsicum, carrots, snow peas, cucumber, celery.
- Fruit: Mix it up. Select fruit that is in season for sweetest flavour and best value.
- Dairy: Reduced fat cheese cubes, yoghurt or milk are all great options to increase your child’s calcium intake – important for strong, healthy bones.

For more information on packing a healthy lunchbox visit www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au
Year 6 Cake Stall

Next Tuesday 1 December at recess year 6 will be holding a cake stall. For only $2.00 students will be able to purchase a cake and ice block. So don’t forget to bring your $2.00 coins.

PSSA Results

Friday 20 November—All games cancelled due to weather.

This Friday 27 November we are playing a friendly against Engadine West Gold at Anzac Oval Bottom field.

School Banking — Thursdays

Rewards Update

The rewards still available to order are the ET DVD, Invisible Ink Pens, Intergalactic Rocket, Money Box and a new option of a Frisbee. To order a Frisbee, just pop a note in with your deposit book and tokens. Unfortunately handballs, solar systems, torches and light bands are no longer available. Tokens can be kept until next year and be redeemed on the new 2016 rewards early in Term 1. New Bankers welcome at any time. Put your deposits in your Dollarmites deposit book and bring to school on Thursdays. Last Banking Day 4 December 2015

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will open on Friday morning of weeks 1 & 5 of each Term.

Orders can be placed in the Office money box and they will be filled fortnightly. Cash or cheque only. Cheques to be made out to Engadine Public School P & C Uniform Shop.

Please direct all enquiries to Mrs Cody on Wednesday to Friday from 9.30—11.00am. Please be aware Mrs Cody is also running the canteen and not all orders/enquiries can be dealt with immediately.

Year 6 Shirts Some Year 6 Shirts for sale in the canteen if anyone would like an extra size 12 or size 14 $35.00.

ON SALE - ORDER THROUGH UNIFORM SHOP

Maroon Fleecy Track Pants, (old style) $10 each - size 4, 14, 16 only.
Maroon Flying Jacket $20.00 - size 6, 8,10,12, 14, 16, & small men’s.

Second Hand Uniforms

The Uniform Shop is always happy to accept donations of second hand items in good condition. If you have any items you wish to donate, please bring them into the Office or direct to the Uniform Shop when it is next open. Please see NEW UNIFORM ORDER FORM ATTACHED.
DRAMA CLUB

The King’s Magic Drum
A play based on an African folktale (from Nigeria)

Invitation

Dear K/Yr1 Drama Club Family,
You are invited to our performance of The King’s Magic Drum.
It will be performed in the School Hall on:
Week 9 Term 4, Tuesday 1st December at 2.10 pm.
We look forward to seeing you, and will also video the performance for the students.
Regards, Mrs Grinham.

SCHOOL DISCO

EPS DISCO
THURS 26th November

Kinder – Yr 2: 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Yrs 3-6: 6.45 - 8 pm

Theme: Christmas is coming
Come dressed in your favourite summer clothes.
Cost: $7
(includes a drink and chips at the end)
Pay on the night at the canteen

Parents/carers’ notes:
1. You need to pick up your child from the hall before they can leave.
2. Some help during the disco is appreciated (e.g. for water serving)

Glow Bands will be available to purchase: 2 for $1 or 12 for $5 (fundraiser for Yr 8 2018)
THE JOHN FRANKLIN

Christmas Lunch

We would like you to join us for traditional Christmas fare and great company at the John Franklin Christmas Lunch

On Christmas Day

25TH DECEMBER – 11:30AM - 2:30PM
AT SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
ETON STREET, SUTHERLAND
COST: FREE!

The venue is located a short, easy flat walk from Sutherland Railway Station and has Wheelchair access.

John Franklin lived on the streets of Sutherland. He spoke of the loneliness on Christmas Day for people such as himself before his tragic death in 2000. The John Franklin Christmas Day lunch, held in the memory of John’s life for all persons wanting company on Christmas Day, is a joint initiative of the St. Patrick’s and St. John’s Churches at Sutherland with help from the surrounding community.

For more information, to find out how you can volunteer your time on Christmas day or Christmas eve, or where you can donate items, go to www.johnfranklinchristmaslunch.com.au, contact us on 9545 0498 or email: JFCL.2001@yahoo.com.au

The John Franklin Christmas Lunch is generously funded by financial and product donations from individuals, schools, churches and commercial enterprises throughout the Sutherland Shire and neighbouring areas.