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2015
Term 3

September
1  Regional Athletics
3  Fathers Day Stall
4  Hot Dog Day
5  Code Club
6  Flower Show
7  Swimming Scheme starts

October
29  Grandparents Day

Term 4

December
9  Year 6 Musical
   Performance 7.00pm
15  Year 6 Dinner
16  Year 6 Graduation

Superb Efforts !

Hendrika Green, Principal

Huge thanks to P & C, Fete Committee, Parents Helpers, Staff and Students and our wider Engadine community!

What a magnificent day we had on Saturday 29 August for our School Fete and Family Fun Day! The weather was perfect and so was the fantastic organisation of the P & C and their Fete committee! From the beginning of the day with our wonderful performances of band, dancers and choir, together with the dance companies and martial arts exhibitions—there was wonderful entertainment for the benefit of all who visited our school and had the chance to join in the fun.

It was wonderful to see our whole community working together so well, with families each supporting the Class Stands, with our Year 6 students manning their fund-raising stand, bustling help in the canteen for delicacies and the ongoing running of the bbq—non-stop all day long and not to forget the many local organisations who supported our school and had stands in the market areas.

Talking with the students, many enjoyed the chance to spend hours walking from ride to activity, through stalls and right to the Trash and Treasure area to see if they could win prizes, or find bargains or enjoy rides to have the time of their lives. I could hear many say “This is the best day ever” — or “This fete is the best ever!” - and this was reflected in their smiles and their parents mentioning their children were having a fabulous time, only coming to check in when needed.

Great to see so many of our staff bring family and friends and spend time on or at some of the stands to support their class and families in their fundraising efforts. A loud, huge expression of thanks to our P & C, who spent many, many hours in preparation, marketing and seeking support from local businesses to arrange such a well organised and well managed fete.

Special thanks to Natalie C for her work behind the scenes gaining support from business houses, to Brooke G, for her amazing graphic artistry, maps and all her face-book management and advertising. Also to the amazing Fete crew who made such wonderful props and signs on display around the school—they were simply the best! Thanks again also to Aleta and Jenny H, who spent hours throughout the day, and after the fete was over, managing the huge accounting process. Special thanks to our willing crew, who remained back at the school for a further two and a half hours organising the clean up of the area. Your assistance is greatly appreciated—as the school was to be re-opened to community users again on Sunday.

Our fete was a magnificent example of our Learning Community working together to achieve wonderful results—raising approximately $15,000. Well done all!

Thanks for your hard work, your attendance and sharing in the fun!

We hope to include photographs in our next newsletter and to update our website with photographs shortly.
### School News Cont’d

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<td>Deer Park Excursion $310.00 Due by 28 October</td>
<td>Congratulations to Tye G, who proceeds to the Regional level for Athletics. Tye was successful at the Zone carnival and will be contesting in the 11yrs 200 metres, 800 metres and Long Jump. We wish him every success.</td>
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**Special Thought**: George Elliston

How beautiful a day can be when KINDNESS touches it.

Please join with us in thanking our amazing and hardworking School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Staff — our Administrative Manager, Administrative Officers, School Learning Support Officers and our General Assistant. Without these wonderful people in our school, we would find it impossible to do all the things we do for our school community, and beyond.

SASS Staff, whether they work in the office, the library, on the school grounds or in a classroom setting, are important, dedicated contributors to the education of our students.

This week, we would particularly like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the professional work our SASS staff do and celebrate the vital role they play in making Engadine Public School the successful learning community it is.

### SASS WEEK - Celebrate our fabulous Staff

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### CONGRATULATIONS

**IT'S A BOY…. Congratulations to Mrs Perry for the safe arrival of her new baby boy Archer Mackay Perry, born on Wednesday 26th August, 47cm length and 2.6 kilos.**

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### WELCOME

We would like to welcome Ms Christine Franklin who has been appointed to our school as a new teacher commencing in 2016.

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### Frit uand Vegetable Month 24th August to 18th September ,2015

‘Let’s Go Green’ is the theme for Fruit and Vegetable Month. We are encouraging our community to eat more Green foods (everyday foods) and less Amber and Red foods (sometimes food) during this time.

On Wednesday 2nd September we are inviting the children and staff to bring GREEN BEANS to eat at Crunch and Sip for the chance to enter The Sydney Markets ‘Eat Fresh and Win’ competition.

On Wednesday 9th September we are encouraging children and staff to bring a GREEN COLOURED FRUIT to eat at FRUIT BREAK (Recess). Fruit such as green apples, kiwi fruit, green grapes or honeydew melon may appeal to your palate. Those who participate will earn a sticker for their entry coupon.

On Wednesday 16th September we are encouraging children and staff to bring a GREEN SALAD to eat for lunch. Those who participate will earn a second sticker for their entry coupon.

Once the entry forms are complete with 2 stickers, they will be sent off to the competition. Good Luck to everyone who participates.

Being open minded can be really tough sometimes. Most of us are brought up with a set of beliefs and values and tend to surround ourselves with people who share the same values and beliefs. Therefore, it can be difficult when we’re faced with ideas that challenge our own and, though we may wish to be open-minded, we may struggle with the act of it from time to time.

**Letting go of control.** - When you open your mind, you free yourself from having to be in complete control of your thoughts and challenge the beliefs that you have.

**Experiencing changes** - Opening up your mind to new ideas allows you to take the opportunity to change what you think and how you view the world. Now, this doesn’t mean you necessarily will change your beliefs, but you have the option to when you think about it with an open mind. When you open your mind and allow yourself to see things from other’s perspectives, you allow yourself not only to recognise potential mistakes you’ve made, but also to make new mistakes. Doesn’t sound like much fun, but it’s actually a great thing to fall and get back up again.

**Strengthening yourself** - Open-mindedness provides a platform on which you can build, piling one idea on top of another. With an open mind you can learn about new things and you can use the new ideas to build on the old ideas. Everything you experience can add up, strengthening who you are and what you believe in. At EPS we want our students to be open-minded, to value the opinions of others and to try new ways of doing things—and to develop their own strengths as a result, in informed decision making.

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**Uniform Shop**

**Opening Hours** : 8.45am to 9.30am

**The Uniform Shop will open 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.

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**Road Safety Matters !**

We remind our families of the importance of Road Safety—When dropping off or collecting your children from the school, please ensure you use the drop off zone near Dernancourt Road, or come into the school grounds to drop off or collect your children.

Please understand that your children may be very excited to see you at the end of a school day and may not remember to exercise caution as they near the roadways. Please do not call them across the road to you—young children do not have the same skills of judging distances or making decisions to cross in time before vehicles which may be travelling towards them.

We want all our children to be safe on their journey to and from school.

**Parents in our Playground.**

We value our parents and carers. We are aware that there are times when your children may be saddened by a friendship that has had a tough time during a day, or when they are concerned that a friendship is struggling.

We ask that you be mindful to refrain from asking (or telling) other children about their behaviour, or indeed approaching other parents about children’s behaviour.

Should you have any concerns at any time, please ensure you speak with a teacher. Our teachers are professionals. Please allow them to sort out any issues which may present between children at times. (Sometimes children only tell part of a story and inadvertently give an incorrect impression.)

This may help to prevent awkwardness between adults, especially when it is often found, children have moved past a “fall out” quite quickly.
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 11: Making Decisions In Groups**

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.

**Do’s**
- Someone in the group makes a suggestion and gives good reasons.
- Ask each person in the group, one by one, how they feel about the idea.
- If there is complete agreement, you have a decision.
- If there isn’t agreement, ask for another idea and then check how everyone feels about the new idea.
- Keep doing this until you get a decision that everyone is comfortable with. You may have to negotiate.

**Don’ts**
- Don’t just ask one or two people how they feel about an idea. Check with everyone!
- Don’t see it as “losing” if your idea isn’t accepted by other people.

Make sure everyone has heard the comments, before making a group decision.

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**Return of loaned underwear**

Please return any loaned underwear to the school office, as our supplies have dwindled and we need to cater for any pressing needs. We have a very small supply held in case of “accidents” and so would really appreciate their prompt return.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Please keep collecting the Earn & Learn stickers for our school. Stickers can be placed in the box which is located outside the microphone room. The last day to collect stickers is Tuesday 8 September. Thank you for your support.
School News (Cont’d)

LIVE LIFE WELL

Our children are actively moving to gather the points they need to participate in and complete the Premier’s Sporting Challenge!

Canteen Roster Term 3

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As you are aware the school canteen relies on our volunteers to help the canteen run smoothly. Unfortunately for the most part we have had none of the rostered volunteers turn up to help. If you are on the roster but have had a change of circumstances and are unable to help any longer could you please let Deidre know and we can arrange another helper in your place. Please contact Deirdre on 0412 212 750 or leave a message at the office. Thank you.
Fathers Day Stall

**Thursday 3 September**

Don’t Forget our Fathers Day Stall!

We have some great gifts and they only cost $5.00.

School Banking

Bring your banking in on Thursday, for processing on Friday morning. Deposit books are returned on Friday. You can use the locked pigeon hole in the office for larger amounts, or to drop your book off anytime in the week (up until 9.30 on Friday morning). If you’d like to know more, please chat with Kelly Bilek or Cherylyn Hare (0404 405 201).

Community News

**Flower Show - Win a Prize**

Saturday, 5 September 11—4pm

Why not enter the Flower Show

it’s only 10 cents to enter?

Students are invited to enter their own display. Cost for students is only 10 cents per item.

1st, 2nd & 3rd prize awarded for each section.

$5 Prize for 1st Place and $2 for 2nd Place.

Section H - Decorative - Younger Set Only

9 years and under

Class 110: Novelty Animal using fruit and or vegetables

Class 111: Floral Saucer using saucer or shallow bowl with wet sand

10-14 years only

Class 112: Arrangement of flowers and or herbs in an unusual container

Class 113: Miniature garden of succulents using damp sand in a shallow dish or saucer

Entries can be staged on the day between 7am and 10am.

**Entries close at 7pm on Thursday, 3 September 2015**

and are made by phoning Mrs Heffernan 9520 7578, Mrs Hoppitt 9548 4708 or Mr Morrison 9520 0670.
Community News

HEATHCOTE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
Mimosa St, Heathcote
Spring Fair
Sat. 5th September
9am – 4pm
- Market stalls
- Trash and Treasure
- Plants
- Clothing & accessories
- Cakes
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Toys
- NRL Pass the Ball Competition.

Amusements and Rides.
Lots of performances & activities to keep you entertained all day!

Heathcote East Troop

ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS
WHEN
Monday 7 September
6.00pm - 7.30pm
WHERE
Caringbah Library
378-378 Port Hacking Road
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Book online today
Phone 9524 3803 for details.

Senior Constable Deb Wilson, Youth Liaison Officer with Miranda police, speaks about ways parents can keep children safe online.

Topics covered include cyberbullying, online grooming and sexting.
Real life examples will be used and useful resources provided.

LIBRARY SERVICES
Enquiries: 9520 0391

Sutherland Shire COUNCIL

Understanding ADD/ADHD in Children
FREE workshop for Sutherland Shire parents, grandparents & teachers

This FREE workshop is for anyone living in Sutherland Shire who would like to know more about ADD/ADHD in children 6-12 years old.

Through presentations, case studies and panel interviews, the workshop will give participants the opportunity to ask questions, receive relevant information and learn practical strategies on how to best support children.

Date: Monday 14th September 2015
Time: 10am - 1.30pm
Venue: School Hall
Menai Public Primary School
4 Hall Drive, Menai

Registration is essential: Numbers are limited. Registration closes 5pm Friday 4th September. For further information, please contact Rosanna, Community Development Manager, Gymea Community Aid on 9524 9559 or censervice@gcais.ngo.org.au

Thank you to Menai Public Primary School for donating their time and venue.

Seagulls
Why not come and join us this summer for Nippers at Stanwell Park Beach
We are welcoming any child between the age of 5 and 13 (depending on height until they are 8)
The 2015/2016 Season will commence Sunday 11 October 2015
Registration can also be completed via The Club webpage www.stanwellparksurfclub.com
or
Registration Days
Saturday 5 September 2015 – 9am - 12 noon Outside Old Pizza Mama Building, Walker Street, Helensburgh
or
Saturday 12 September 2015 – 10am - 1pm Helensburgh/Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Beach Road, Stanwell Park

NOTE: For ALL new memberships you must provide a copy your child’s birth certificate/passport to register

Early Bird Membership are required by 30th/3 of after this date normal fees will apply.

Please feel free to contact the Juniors if you have any questions at seagulls@stanwellparksurfclub.com or visit our club webpage www.stanwellparksurfclub.com