Dear Parents

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students who commenced on Monday. Within a very short time, the children were settled into class and seemed as if they had been here for weeks! Our Kindergarten students will finish early, at 3:00pm, for their first 4 weeks of school, and will then follow the normal school timetable for the rest of their schooling.

We welcome our new families to our school. We also welcome Ms Lisa Carter, who has commenced with the school on our additional class. Ms Carter has previously provided casual relief in the school.

What an exciting time it is in Education, with educational and administrative reform at all levels! The impacts of “Local Schools, Local Decisions”; restructuring of the State Office of Education; the introduction of new models to support schools; “Learning Management and Business reform (LMBR)”; together with the ongoing introduction of new Australian curriculum over the next few years, will have an effect on schools and school leadership throughout the State.

As collectively we progress through the process of change, I would like to reassure you that with the skills, commitment and dedication of all staff members, Engadine Public School will continue to provide its nurturing environment in which we promote high expectations and work together towards the best outcomes for your children in all areas of their development.

Additionally, I would like advise you that the Engadine School community will be kept informed as the changes progress over time. I invite parents to take an active part in the Engadine Public School P&C, your representative voice, and look forward to meeting you at the first meeting, which will be held in the Staffroom at 7:30pm on Monday, 18 February, 2013.

Hendrika Green
Principal
Welcome back to 2013! We hope that all are settling in well with their new teachers and a special welcome to our Kinder families. The Patter is news from the P & C committee and we hope to keep you informed with the events of 2013 as they unfold.

We would also like to invite any parents, new or established, to come to our meetings to stay informed of what is happening, share any worries that you may have or make suggestions that would benefit our students. It is a great portal to finding out what is happening around the School.

Welcome also to Ms Hendrika Green, our new Principal. On behalf of our students and parents, we hope that your time at Engadine Public School will be enjoyable. We look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks and hope that you have also settled into your new role.

PANCAKE DAY
We are off to flying start with Pancake Day early this year. This will be Tuesday, 12 February. As usual we are asking parents to make and donate the pancakes to be sold. If you would like to donate a batch of pancakes we would be grateful. You can ring Jo (0400 416 640) to let me know. The pancakes will be 2 for $1, and the children have a choice of lemon and sugar, maple syrup or plain. Helpers on the day would be appreciated as well, just turn up at the canteen at 11.15am. A note will be circulating with these details.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The AGM will be on Monday, 18 February at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. All welcome! All positions will be vacated and refilled after expressions of interest have been made. Members wishing to vote will need to pay 50 cents. This allows you to be a financial member for the whole year, and gives you an opportunity to vote on relevant and important decisions. President; Vice President; Treasurer; Secretary; and sub-committee positions will be up for voting. Please come if you can and remember that many hands make light work.

Jo Breese
P&C Vice President

REMINDER
Our Canteen is not open on TUESDAYS for lunch orders or over the counter sales.

Tuning into Teens
Emotionally Intelligent Parenting Program
For parents of children over 11 years of age
6 sessions commencing 21/2/13 Thursdays, 6.30—8.30pm at Community Health Department at Sutherland Hospital. For bookings and more information contact Intake Officer on 9522 1000.

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2013
House Captains

**Kangaroo**
Captains: Emma Brandt
Vice Captains: Zoe Coldwell
Jacob Barling
William Craggs

**Koala**
Captains: Anesisha Hunt
Vice Captains: Sarah McGuirk
Nathan Freestone
James Mills

**Possum**
Captains: Jade Towler
Vice Captains: Tealeah Shepherd
Rayden Tregubov
Dylan Webb
**Presentation Assembly**

**Tuesday, 12 February**

The 2013 Sports Captains will be presented with their badges.

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**School Banking**

*will recommence on Friday, 15 February.* If you would like to help, please contact Janice through the Office.

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**Swimming Carnival**

**Wednesday, 20 February**

For Yrs 3-6 and Yr 2’s who are turning 8 this year and are competent swimmers only. $7 due now to Office with signed notes.

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**Dance Auditions**

**Tap Ensemble & Dance Ensemble**

**For Years 1 to 6.**

If you are interested in joining either of our Ensembles please come to the auditions.

**Tap audition will be held Wednesday, 20 February at 8.30am in the hall. Bring your own tap shoes.**

**Dance audition will be held on Thursday, 21 February commencing at 8.30 in the hall. No dance shoes will be required - we will be dancing in bare feet. Further information will be forwarded in a detailed note next week.**

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**School Photos**

**Thursday, 28 March**

**Family Photos** from 8.30am

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**BBQ & Disco**

**Thursday, 21 February**

Yrs K-2 from 5.30—6.15pm

Yrs 3-6 from 6.30—8.00pm

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**Uniform Shop**

Next open Friday, 8/2/13 from 8.45 to 9.30am.

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**REMINDER**

**We are a Nut Free school.**

**REMINDER**

Hats are available at the office for $12.

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**Canteen News**

**Help needed!**

If you would like to help in our School Canteen this year, please see Diedre our Canteen Manager to add your name to this year’s roster. Dates are flexible and you can assist as often as you like remembering that the Canteen is closed on Tuesdays.

Your children will love seeing you here helping. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

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**Thank you!**

A big thank you to our P&C and Uniform Shop for purchasing our new Kindergartens their Library bags!
ANAPHYLAXIS

At the end of last year, the Department of Education and Communities announced that all government schools would receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit. We have received ours, and will purchase an additional pen for first aid purposes.

However, this does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis, signed and dated by their doctor, when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis.

The school’s general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school.
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student.
- A student requires further adrenaline to be administered after his or her own autoinjector has been administered.

It is vitally important that parents and carers provide the school with updated medical information and a completed ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis, signed and dated by their doctor, when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis.

We will soon be sending home our annual student information sheets for updating, but ask any parent of a child with any serious health condition (including Asthma and Epilepsy) to contact the Office as soon as possible, so that health care plans can be put in place.

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments
We are now collecting payments for the following activities:
Swimming Carnival $7 due by Friday, 15 February.

When making payments, please clearly write your child’s name and class on the front of the envelope and put it into the box in the payment box in the Office foyer.

Foreign Coins
We have had a lot of coins from overseas being handed in as payment for excursions. This is money we cannot process. Please check coins before payments.

Delivery Bay
Please do not drop-off or pick-up children in our Delivery Bay at anytime. This is a serious safety issue.

Pancake Day
Tuesday, 12 February
Recess
2 pancakes for $1-00 with a choice of several toppings.

Help is needed on the day. Please meet at the Canteen from 11am if you can spare an hour or so to help.
Your children will love seeing you here helping!

Uniform Shop
NEXT OPEN
Friday
8/2/13
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.

Opening times
15 Feb and 1 March.

DUE BY DATES

Please pay careful attention to the final day money for payments must be made.

This date can be found on the bottom of every note. Please avoid disappointment as this date will be adhered to.

Thank you for your assistance as we do not want your child upset because they have to miss out on excursions and activities.
Year 7 Students 2014

Parents of current Year Six students who are considering applying for their children to enrol at Endeavour Sports High in their ‘Targeted Sports Program’ are advised of the school’s information night on Wednesday, 6 March 2013 from 6pm to 8pm. Information packs, including an application form for the program, are available from our school Office.

Heathcote High School leaflets, advising of their selective class placement tests, on 22 February, 2013, have been sent home with Year 6 students this week.

EPS Awards Program

Your child will receive a folder containing a tracking sheet for all their awards.

When your child receives enough awards (see the chart opposite) to receive the next certificate, please present the complete folder with all past awards therein, to the Office.

Parents will be contacted and advised the date of the assembly in which the award will be presented.

Please note that Merit awards do not count in this program.

School Photos
28 March

Correct full school uniform required. Last day for money Thursday, 22 March. Please place envelope in the payment box in the Office.

PLAY HOCKEY
YEARS K - 12 & Adults
BEGINNERS WELCOME

INFORMATION
9520 0108 - Robyn 0420 834 562 - Lawrie
www.boscohockey.com.au

Yarrawarrah
Physical Culture

Physi is for girls and women aged from 3 years and aims to improve physical fitness, flexibility, coordination and posture. We are a not for profit organisation affiliated with the Edith Parson School of Physical Culture and have been established in the local community for 28 years.

Contact: Kim on 42949782 or 0407 952 083
# 2013 Class Information Night
Tuesday 26 February, 2013

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| **Meetings to be held in own classroom** | | |
| Miss Marianne Steven | 2/3S | Year 3 parents of 2-3S |
| Year 3’s only | | 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm |
| Mrs Lauraine Reynolds & Mrs Tiffany Wirth | 3/4RW | 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm |
| Mrs Chris Weston | 4/5W | 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm |
| Mrs Patsy Dyszel | 5/6D | 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm |
| Mr Michael Dickson | 6D | 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm |
| Ms Dean | K-2D | 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm |
| Mrs Ellis | 1-6E | 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm |
| Mrs Chandler/Lawson | K-6C | 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm |

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**QUEENSLAND FLOOD RELIEF DONATIONS**

7,500 Bundaberg residents are displaced in evacuation centres.

We have a freight truck coming on Wednesday, 13 February to take our donations to them. They need NEW underwear and toiletries of every description:

- Undies, socks, singlets, bras, shoes, shampoo, conditioner, soap, sanitiser, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, nappies, wipes, all sorts of creams, Aerogard (pump only), sunscreen, etc.
- And back to school items.

- This Saturday, 9 February & Sunday, 10 February
- 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Engadine Girl Guides Hall, 43 Archillies Road (up driveway)

**Spread the word!** It doesn’t matter how small or large your donation is, it will be GREATLY received. **Thank you!**
Fun French classes
re-starting 15 February

Learn to speak French! - 45min session @ $48 per Term ($12 per lesson per child). Classes are before school on Fridays, 8.30-9.15am in the Library.

This course is provided by LCF Fun Languages. To enrol your child please email Agnès Thévenin at agnes.thevenin@lcfclubs.com.au or for more information you can telephone Agnès on Tel: 0425 821 223.

Numbers are limited.

The Sutherland Parish of the Greek Orthodox Church runs Modern Greek Language School. Enrolment is at the following times and locations:
Tharawal Primary, Illawong Monday, 4 February 2013, between 4 and 5 pm.
Gymea Greek Orthodox Church Hall (808 The Kingsway, Gymea) Tuesday and Wednesday, 5-6 February, between 4 and 5 pm.
Enquiries to Fr Constantine on 0418511212

Greek Dancing Lessons at 6:30 pm every Tuesday at the Gymea Greek Orthodox Church Hall (808 The Kingsway, Gymea) and every Wednesday at Sylvania Heights Primary School Hall. Enquiries Maria 0431152159.

Engadine Congregational Church offer a “Kids Club - Junior Youth” held on Friday afternoons. Those families whose children attend, or would like to attend, may call Liz Kerr on 95481614 or 0403927249.
Dear Parents and Carers

In an effort to better serve the School and community, I would like to invite you to participate in this survey and share your opinions about Engadine Public School and the directions you feel the School should take. Your response by 22 February will allow collation to report to staff and the community through the P & C meeting in March.

Regards

Hendrika Green
Principal

What are some of the successes of Engadine Public School, which make you proud to have your children attend?

What do you see as particular strengths of Engadine Public School?

In what areas do you believe Engadine Public School should develop?

What are things in place that Engadine Public School should continue to do?

What should our School change or do differently?

Other comments...

Thank you for your ideas and input.