



The Engadine Public School

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CALENDAR

2011

Term 4

November

29 Yr 6 Dress Rehearsal 10am

December

- 1 Carols evening & Thank You Morning Tea
- 5 Yr 6 to Yr 7 Orientation
- 6 Combined Scripture & Variety Club Concert
- 7 Presentation Day 12pm
- 8 Yr 6 Musical
- 9 Pink Day
- 13 Yr 3-6 Fun Day
- 14 Yr 6 Farewell & Engadine Idol
- 15 K-2 Fun Day
- 16 Student's last day & Y6 Farewell Assembly

2012

Term 1

January

- 27 Staff Return
- 30 1-6 Students return Best Start
- 31 Swimming carnival Best Start

February

- 1 Kinders commence

Dear Parents

Grandparents Day

What a day it turned out to be! No rain but the wind was a shocker. Never the less, the day was brilliant. For the 200+ visitors the day started with a cuppa and cake. Many thanks to Stage 3 for providing the eats.

Up first, we had a parade of students dressed in book week costumes. There were many mighty fine costumes but I was taken by a senior student who had turned blue for the day as a "smurf". Couldn't recognise him at all! This was then followed by a terrific concert. I must commend the Band as they not only had to cope with playing outside but they had to try to read music that at times was fast disappearing off the music stand. They were champions! During the concert each Stage performed an item. We also saw items from the Choir, who also had to battle the elements to be heard, and the dance groups including our brand new tap group. This group have only been rehearsing for a month or two and did a great job. Following the concert, it was off to classrooms to take in what kids get up to at school these days.

The weather improved marginally and many grandparents stayed to participate in a great picnic lunch.

Meanwhile, in the Library our Book Fair was in full swing and the level of support was outstanding.

What a tremendous day it was! Students and Staff were overwhelmed by the outstanding support of our community.

2012 Leaders

The results for the election of the 2012 Leaders have been announced: Girls – (in alphabetical order) Chloe G, Theresa H, Mya S and Chloe S. Boys – (in alphabetical order) Jacob B, Jye P, Joel T and Blake W. Each of the elected Leaders was given the opportunity to nominate for Captain. Following interviews held last week the School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at our Presentation Assembly.

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Engadine Public School supports
the Sydney Region White Ribbon Project.

NOT VIOLENT,
NOT SILENT



FROM THE FRONT CONT'D

Thank You Morning Tea

All our parent helpers have been invited to attend our Thank You Morning Tea on Thursday, 1 December. The morning tea will take place in the Library commencing at 11.30am.

Now whenever you make a list, inevitably someone gets left off, so if by some chance we have missed you, please do not take offence, come along and join us.

Pink Day

On Friday, 9 December we will be holding a "Pink" mufti day to raise funds for research into and support of breast cancer. Students will be asked to wear something pink (if they have it) and make a gold coin donation. The canteen will have a special order pink biscuit available for purchase on the day. All funds raised will go directly to the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the McGrath Foundation.

Laps For Literacy (L4L)

It is now over a month since L4L. At last week's P & C meeting it was announced that all up a total of just under \$7100 was raised. What a fantastic effort! At that same meeting, the P & C topped up the amount to \$8000 which will pay the bill for the order Miss Crutcher, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Raudaschl have been busy preparing for literacy resources. All the staff have been involved in the process in developing the list or resources needed and now we are awaiting the arrival of these resources with great anticipation.

Thank you to our community for the brilliant support and also to our P & C for their generous support. Your children will all benefit from this event. Now lets see, in 2012 - "Metres for Maths".

Interactive White Boards (IWB)

Once again, a huge thank you to the P & C, as they have made available funds for the purchase of another 3 IWB's. Once installed, hopefully during the holidays, each classroom in the school will have access to this technology.

Presentation Assembly

The Presentation Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 7 December commencing at 12noon. All students will be present at the Assembly and it is anticipated that it should take approx 90 minutes.

This year there have been some changes made to the format of the Assembly. A new initiative will be that each child will be given an award for performance in a specific Key Learning Area (KLA). These ribbons will be presented to the children

earlier in the day and they will wear them to the main presentation. Similarly, students who have participated in extra-curricular activities: Band, Dance, Choir and Eco Warriors, will be presented with certificates earlier in the day. During the main presentation, these students will be recognised for their efforts.

At the Presentation Assembly only major awards will be presented. These will include: Class awards for selected students in each class; Sports awards for champions in swimming and athletics, as well as Stage awards for participation and or performance in Art and Library. Citizenship and Dux of the School awards will be a highlight of the Assembly along with the School Medallions. The families of all students who are to receive one of the special awards will receive a letter, so that they may be able to attend.

Weekly Assembly

Our final weekly assembly will be held on Tuesday, 6 December. Students wishing to receive Silver and Gold awards need to ensure they bring in their Bronze awards by 25 November. Students from the Support Unit will be attending the Variety Concert in Sydney that day and so their Silver and Gold Awards will be presented to them at a later date.

Update

A little update on Miss Crutcher. She visited the school last week and is in fine spirits. She is commencing the next phase of her treatment this week. At this time, we have no specific date for her return but we are anticipating mid-2012. In the meantime, Mrs Reynolds has been doing an outstanding job with 3/4C.

Overheard at the Checkout

Apparently, there is only going to be one Kinder class at Engadine Public School next year, well that's according to a source in a supermarket checkout. Now that is news to the 34 Kinders, parents, staff and I. It just shows what misinformation is out there floating around. Speculation is not fact!

In the last newsletter, I outlined how classes are formed and at this stage, we are still developing plans A, B, C and D to cope with any variables that will come our way. Teachers have not and will not be allocated to classes until the end of the year.

(Hint – if anyone tells you that "Teacher XX" is teaching Year 2 and "Teacher YY" is on Year 3 - you now know it is purely speculation.)

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Teacher Vacancy

With Mrs Ellis being appointed to the position of Assistant Principal of the Support Unit, there is now a vacancy for a full-time teacher. Last week, I was given approval to fill this vacancy by way of merit selection. A panel has been formed and an advert written. It is hoped that the process will be completed prior to the end of the year.

Ron Pallas, Principal

AWARDS



Gold

Isabella 1-2S
Brayden 1-2S
Alyssa 2-3D
Daniel 3-6M
Jacob 4-5-6W
Jessica 4-5-6W



Silver

Elizabeth KR
Margaret KR
Bailey KR
Jared KR
Elly KD
Charlie KD
Samuel K-6C
Samuel K-6C

Mack K-6C
Brodie K-6
Bill K-6C
Ming K-6C
Sophie 1M
Jake 1-2S
Brayden 1-2S
Brandon 1-2S
Sarah 3-4C
Jade 3-4C
Emma 3-4C
Teleah 3-4C
Luke 5-6D
Jessica 4-5-6W
Cooper 5-6D
Cooper 5-6D
Rhys 5-6D



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HOURS OF OPERATION:

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE: 7.00 am - 9.00 am
AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
VACATION CARE: 7.00 am - 6.00 pm

LOST PROPERTY

FOUND



2 Rings and
a Child's Wallet



Claim at the Office.

FROM THE OFFICE

Receipts

Please note that no receipts can be processed until the commencement of our new school financial year in December 2011.

Excursion Payments

We are accepting payments for the following excursions:

- Variety Club Christmas Party \$20
- End of Year Fun Days \$15
- Part payments for Stage 3 Camp 2012



Uniform Shop

Last Day 2011

2/12 from 9 -10am.

Swimming Carnival

Tuesday, 31 January.

(2nd day back in 2012)



CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

Week Starting	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28-Nov	Helen Ledlin	Tracey Rea	Aleta Schutt	Anita Hoad
5- Dec		Mel Shepherd	Birgit Hardman	Kylie Morrell
12- Dec	Lyndall Carter	Robyn Janbroers, Jody Mielke	Margaret Chapman	Shelley Williams

If you cannot make it on your day, please organise to swap with somebody else. The contact details are on the list provided to you previously or if this is not possible, please call Deidre on 0412 212 750.

Do you have a disability, injury or health condition and want a job?

Are you a parent on a Centrelink payment?

Do you have limited time due to child care responsibilities?

CRS Australia can help by connecting you with training programs that meet a diverse range of needs. Courses are nationally accredited and cover a broad range of industries, eg. Child Care, Hospitality, Business and IT.

To be eligible you must be:

- a person with the care of a dependent child aged less than 16 years of age
- in receipt of a Parenting Payment Single, Parenting Payment Partnered Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) or Special Allowance.

Limited places available – enrol NOW for courses in 2012

Contact the friendly team at CRS Australia on 9545 9200 or come and see us at 2-4 Merton Street, Sutherland.

*Additional eligibility criteria may apply

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, Scandinavia and the U.S.A will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

TAFE Outreach runs classes for women who need new skills and confidence to return to study and work.
For more information about 2012 classes phone 97225469

Road safety this Christmas



Always supervise your children in the traffic environment.

Wishing all our families safe travels this holiday season

As the Christmas and New Year holiday season approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for a holiday adventure. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over this time. There are more people using our roads at this time meaning there is a higher risk for accident, injury or even death. Motorists are urged to be extra cautious especially at night and when passing through residential areas, due to the unpredictable actions of pedestrians.

Driving tips that will help make sure your journey is a safe one

- Don't set off on a long trip at the end of a day's work.
- Sleep well before travelling. Don't drive at times you would normally be asleep.
- Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.



Road safety tips to discuss with your children

- Click Clack Front 'n' Back when in the car.
- Use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Hold a grown-up's hand when on the footpath, in a car park or crossing the road.
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! When crossing the road.
- Cross the road at a pedestrian crossing where possible.
- When getting off a bus, wait until the bus has gone before using a safe place to cross the road.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike and don't ride on busy roads.

"Road crashes account for 58% of all accidental deaths among children aged 5-14 years."



Double demerit points apply over the holiday period.

For more information check the Transport Roads and Maritime Services website <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au>