

The Engadine Public School

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CALENDAR

2012

November

- 12 S Shire Writers Festival
- 13 Kinder Transition (Last)
- 14 Hot Dog Day
- 17 Fete Band/Dance Perform.
- 19 Dance Performance
- 19 P&C Meeting
- 20 Yr 5 Leader Speeches
- 21 Grandparents Day & Book Fair
- 22 Voting for Leaders (only Yrs 3-6 vote)
- 27 Combined Scripture 9.30 - 10.10am in Hall

December

- 4 Variety Club Exc - Unit
- 5 Yr 6-7 High School Day
- 6 Carols
- 7 Reports go home
- 10 Yr 6 Musical Dress Rehears
- 11 Presentation Day Assembly
- 12 Eng Youth Service 2.30pm Yr 6
- 13 Yrs 6 Musical
- 17 Fun Day Yrs 3-6 & Funarama Yrs K-2
- 18 Yr 6 Farewell
- 19 Pupil's Last Day
- 19 Yr 6 Farewell Assembly
- 20&21 Staff Development Day

2013

Term 1

January

- 29 Staff Development Day
- 30 Students Yrs 1-6 Return
- 30 Kinder Best Start
- 31 Kinder Best Start

February

- 1 Kinder Best Start
- 4 Kinder's First Day

March

- 12 Interrelate 6pm/7.15pm
- 28 School Photos

Dear Parents

2013 Leaders

A total of 19 students have been nominated for our 2013 Leaders Election. The next stage will be Leadership Speeches which will be held on Tuesday, 20 November at 2pm. Congratulations to all of the students who accepted their nomination and we wish them all well as we head into the election.

As a result of this activity, we will not have any awards presented at this assembly - they will be held over to the following assembly.

Silent Art Auction

Major art works completed by most classes will be sold using a silent auction. When ready, the art works will be advertised via note and also on the website and will be open for a period of time for bids. The highest bidder buys the art work. Funds raised through this auction will go straight back into purchasing art resources for all students.

DET Restructure

As a result of a large amount of money being cut from the education budget, the structure of the DET is changing. Where currently our school belongs to the Woronora River Network of schools and then Sydney Region, in 2013 our school will move to a newly established network of schools called Sutherland Network and our region (now called a Group) has also been changed and if as proposed, will include a band of schools stretching from the Blue Mountains through Campbelltown, Canterbury, Fairfield, Kogarah, Liverpool, Macarthur, Marrickville, Strathfield, Sydney and Botany Bay. Approx. 510 schools. These changes will most likely affect the existing Sydney East Sports Region. As a result of these changes, 97 jobs will be lost from within the area covered by the new Group. Where previously we had 10 regions this has been condensed to 6 Groups.

Money Matters

I am most impressed with the response to our voluntary contributions this year. Just under 80% of our families were able to make their contributions this year. This was an increase of over 5% over previous years. These contributions make a huge difference to our bottom line and enable the school to divert funds into educational programs. Thank you once again.

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Engadine Public School supports
the Sydney Region White Ribbon Project.

NOT VIOLENT,
NOT SILENT



CONT'D FROM FRONT COVER

Deadlines

I know this has been raised before but every activity that we run has a deadline.

Currently, we still have one or two students (Families) that are late to extremely late in providing consent or payments. This puts us in a terrible quandary – say no and your child misses out and the school is then seen as heartless or make the phone call to chase it – often it takes two or more calls per student after the deadline to round up the stray payments!

In all this, we as a school have to be organised and provide exact numbers to venues, book the correct sized bus, have enough accommodation available, etc and because of this need for us to be organised, we need our community to be organised.

With end of year activities coming up – Fun Days for all students as well as the Year 6 Farewell and the Year 6 Musical, there will be deadlines associated with these activities and they will be adhered to.

If there is a problem in meeting a deadline, please do not hesitate to contact the school, prior to the deadline, so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Bush Poets and Story Tellers

On Sunday, 25 November the Engadine Lions Club, in partnership with our school P&C, will be hosting an afternoon of Bush Poetry and Yarns by two of Australia's champion Bush Poets. (See advert in this newsletter). Funds raised from the afternoon will support our Special Needs students.

Spelling

In response to a “not as good as we had hoped” performance in spelling in the 2011 NAPLAN assessments, we have changed the way we approach spelling in the classroom. After the pre/post-test evaluation just completed, I am excited to say that

there has been an overall average growth of 29.7% across the school. Our 2012 spelling trends in NAPLAN also reflect this improvement. Well done students and staff!

Class Structures 2013

I have sat down and compiled numbers for 2013 and every time I think I have a clear number – yes you guessed it, it all changes. Classes are staffed under the general rule - that no class need exceed: Kinder - 20; Year 1 - 2; Year 2 -24; Years 3 to 6 - 30.

As is always the case, we will prepare a number of scenarios, especially so for 2013, as there is very strong chance that we will move to a 10th class in mainstream. There will also be a number of changes in our Support Classes as we lose 8 students to high school.

Staffing News

I will be retiring at the end of this school year.

It will indeed be a sad day for me when I finish my career after 40 years and 11 schools. I started teaching in 1973 in a one teacher school surrounded by a wheat field and visited by a group of nuns once a week and the mailman twice a week. It is fitting that my career comes to an end at Engadine. A school which I would rate as amongst the best, if not the best, in which I have taught.

The position of Principal will be filled by merit selection. Shortly, the position will be advertised which is then followed by a short listing process and then suitable candidates will be interviewed. The panel is made up of the School Education Director, a principal from another region, a parent representative and a staff representative.

All going well, the successful candidate will be announced towards the end of the year.

Ron Pallas
Principal

Year 6 T-Shirts 2013

Order forms will be sent home early February 2013.

The price will remain the same as last year, at \$27 each.



Last Kindergarten 2013 Transition to School

13 November from 10am—11.30am.

AWARDS



Merit

Owen	KP
Yasmine	KP
Ben	KP
Dale	KP
Jyna	KR
Charlotte	KR
Nicole	KR
Zac	KR
Aaron	K-6C
Samuel	K-6C
Brodei	K-6C
Ming	K-6C
Rachel	1M
Braden	1M
Kaili	1M
Jamieson	1M
Noah	1-6E
Michael	1-6E
Antony	1-6E
Logan	1-2S
Isabella	1-2S
Mikayla	1-2S
Billy	1-2S
Youssef	2RW
Abbi	2RW
Brandon	2RW
Jasmin	2RW
Zac-Lee	3-6M
Daniel	3-6M
Tanisha W	3-6M
Lucy	3CR
Chris	3CR
Lachlan	3CR
Sarah	3CR



Silver

Steven	4W
Josh	4W
Lauren	4W
Tahlia	4W
Drew	4-5D
Emma	4-5D
Nathan	4-5D
Juanita	4-5D
Blake	5-6D
Zak	5-6D
Alyse	5-6D
Natalie	5-6D

Hayden	KR
Ming	K-6C
Brodie	K-6C
Emily	K-6C
Mack	K-6C
Astrid	K-6C
James	K-6C
Kali	1M
Elly	1-2S
Maddison	3CR
Jye	3-6M
Daniel	3-6M
Tanisha W x 2	3-6M
Justin	3-6M



Gold

Chris	3CR
Ryan	5-6D
Maddison	3CR



White Ribbon

Ayda	4W
Lauren S	4W

EPS Silent Auction

Coming soon to the Office foyer

Own an original EPS artwork. It's as easy as making a bid through the Office by phone or in person.

These pieces will be available for a very limited time only and just in time for Christmas!

Detailed note on page 6 of this newsletter.



P&C PATER

CAKE DAY

Thank you to all the Kinder/Stage 1 families that donated cakes this week. It is great to see so many people support these days which are enjoyed and appreciated by all the students. Thanks also to the parents that helped in the canteen selling the cakes. It was also appreciated.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

The Lions Club is having a **BUSH POET AFTER-NOON** on Sunday, 2 December in our school hall. Afternoon tea will be available and money raised will go to the support unit. A detailed note will follow.

CAROLS

We are once again having our Carols Night on Thursday, 6 December. This is a relaxed way to celebrate the year and enjoy the coming Christmas season.

The next P & C meeting is 19 November at 7.30PM. We meet in the staff room next to the Office. Hope to see you there!

Jo Breese
P & C Vice President

Maianbar

Art Show 25 November

This is an invitation to you and friends to the annual Maianbar ***Wind, Sea and Sand*** festival on **Sunday, November 25, from 10am to 3pm.**

The festival is set beautifully on the edge of Port Hacking, in our park and on the beach – on Pacific Crescent. The beach may have the imaginative ***Sculptures on the Sand*** at low tide, many of them gaining added attraction as the tide comes in.

There will be delicious food and refreshments, live music with Bundeena-Maianbar musos, & photos with Santa, as well as plenty of kids' craft and other children's activities.



Uniform Shop

NEXT OPEN

6/12

from 8.30am—9.30am.

Leave orders at the Office
anytime with payment.

Forms on Website.

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments

We are currently collecting for: Variety Club Excursion - \$17.

Thank you for completing your band payments.

We will soon be collecting payments for the end of year activities (Jnr and Snr) which will be \$12. A note will go home soon with all the information and permission slip.

Change of Clothing

If your child is given a change of clothing, could you please ensure you wash and return them to the Office asap so we can assist other students who may need to use these items.

Money

As always, we appreciate correct change when making payments.



Banking

Redeem your tokens

To receive your awards by the end of the year, please redeem your tokens within the next 2 weeks of banking so they arrive in time.

Please note that there is only 5 weeks of banking left. The last banking day for 2012 will be 7 December.





EPS Band & Dance Performance



at the McAlister Fete
Saturday, 17 November
performing at 12noon.

FREE WOMEN'S COURSES



Returning to work?
Looking for a new career?
Need new skills and confidence?

Loftus and Gymea TAFE campuses are offering a range of **FREE** courses for women in 2013. Choose from: **Basic Computing for Employment, Computing & Basic Financial Skills, Computing & Bookkeeping using MYOB**

Ring for information sheet 9710 5004 or go to www.sit.nsw.edu.au/gymea and click on Women's and Community Programs (left side of home page)

Information & Application Session:
11am Thursday 6th December 2012 OR
Wednesday 23rd January 2013
E Block, Gymea Campus
Cnr Hotham Rd and Kingsway
Gymea

Inquiries: Course Information Tel: 9710 5812
or Patricia or Jean Tel: 9710 5004

HOT DOG DAY

14 November



Every child deserves to feel the joy, happiness and warmth of Christmas

Christmas is one of the most stressful times of year for many families but for those living in poverty, stress during the festive season has a much greater negative impact on children's lives.

When you buy a **gift** or make a **cash donation** for Barnardos Gifts for Kids you are giving a child not only some Christmas cheer, you are also giving them hope. Hope for a brighter future. Hope for a life that can be without abuse or neglect. Hope that they can and will be supported and nurtured. And most of all, the knowledge that someone cares. If you would like to donate a gift you can leave it at the School Office.

Gift Guidelines

So we are looking for brand new, unused toys. We prefer not to get stuffed toys like teddy bears due to safety reasons. Please also exclude toy guns, knives and swords.

For more information about Barnardos Gifts for Kids Campaign visit www.giftsforkids.org.au or contact the Barnardos Gifts for Kids Coordinator

at giftsforkids@barnardos.org.au or phone (02) 9218 2300



GREAT COURSES STARTING IN NOVEMBER
Learn & Grow with SGSCC

www.sgcc.edu.au
Tel: 9528 3344

GROW VEMBER

Great courses in November
Learn and Grow with SGSCC

SHARKS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

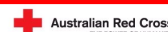
22nd to 25th January 2013
9am - 2pm Age 6 to 15 years
T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants



Enrolments close
16th January 2013.
(Unless maximum
numbers are reached
prior to closing date).
Book early to avoid
Disappointment.

Download enrolment form from our website:
www.sutherlandbasketball.net.au

Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland
Phone: 9542-1999 Fax: 9521-5696
Email: admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au
Website: www.sutherlandbasketball.net.au



WILLS FOR LIFE

**Everyone should
have a Will.
Do you?**

Your Will is one of the most important documents you sign during your lifetime. It's the only way to be certain that your possessions and assets go to the people and charities that you care about.

Red Cross has arranged a special offer with local solicitors who will donate their time to prepare a simple Will from \$75.

This is a great opportunity to make or update your Will!

SUTHERLAND

Friday, 16 November 2012 - 9.00am to 4.00pm
Stapleton Avenue Community Centre, 3A Stapleton Avenue Sutherland

To book call Joanne on 02 8295 2791 or email jfmeredith@redcross.org.au

Coming soon **Art Silent Auction 2012**

Very soon you will have the opportunity to bid for unique and original artworks produced by all students from Engadine Public School. Works are a collection of small group and class works on paper, canvas and mixed media.

You will begin to see completed works on display in early November in the foyer near the Office. We encourage you to **visit the foyer to view the works**. As each class completes their art, the display will grow, filling the foyer until the silent auction commences.

Where possible, (given that the foyer space is limited) I will attempt to display as many works at a time as possible. Class auctions may need to be staggered....we'll keep you up to date about the details as necessary.

You will also be able to **view the works on our school website and facebook page**. Images will be added as works are completed, so keep checking for updates. There are limited works available. If previous sales are anything to go by, there will surely be a high demand for some of the pieces.

HOW THE AUCTION WORKS

You will be notified (by note) when the silent auction commences.

There will be a starting bid for all artworks (this will cover the material cost of the work plus a little extra to begin bidding).

You are free to make as many bids as you like on any artworks (not restricted to your child's class) when the auction commences.

The auction will be active for a period of **1 week**.

No bids will be accepted prior to the scheduled auction date or after closing time. The person who makes the final bid (highest amount) on each artwork at the close of the auction will be the winner.

Artwork must be paid in full (cash payment preferred) as soon as possible at the school Office prior to pick up.

HOW TO MAKE A BID

1. By **phoning the Office (9520 8559)** and making a bid on any artwork once auction commences. Your bid will be recorded by our office staff and increments of as little as \$5 will be accepted.
2. By popping into the Office **in person** and leaving your bid with our Office staff.

Money raised from 'A Mixed Palette 2011' greatly enhanced the Visual Arts program at our school. All money raised from sales in 2012 will be used to enhance student learning in the arts. For further information or questions please see Mrs Gizas.

Nicole Gizas
Art Teacher

Painting on Canvas

All paintings on canvas are whole class works inspired by a study of basic elements of design (colour/shape/space) and elements in nature – things like the sea and water, plants and fish. A variety of paint applicators including brushes, paint scrapers, combs, sponges, toothbrushes and cardboard were used to apply paint to create texture.

Works on Paper

All works on paper are collections of smaller pieces produced by each class member. Pieces have been assembled together and framed. Students have been working on things like mini-abstracts, studies of nature and fairytales.





Engadine Lions Club



**Centre Stage
Entertainment
Sponsored by:**



**ENGADINE
TOWN SQUARE
Shopping Centre**

Hand Knitting
Plants
Home Made Cakes
Books
Craft Work Galore
Trash & Treasure

Fairy Floss
Face Painting
Animal Nursery
Carnival Rides
Toys
Hoopla

**FUN
for the
whole
family**

Tea/Coffee
Pies & Sausage Rolls
Lions Famous BBQ
Cold Drinks



Engadine Lions Club



McAlister Fete

Cooper Street Reserve

From 9am



Saturday



November 17

Susan Carcary and Melanie Hall. Bush Poets on Tour. Coming to The Shire

Engadine Public School Hall
Sunday 25 November at 2.30 p.m.

A joint fund raiser for the Special Needs
Classes at Engadine Public School by the
Engadine Lions Club and the school P&C.

Tickets available at the door.

Doors open at 2 p.m.



Adults \$10

Students \$5

**Multi award winning Australian
Bush Poets and story tellers.**

The Impact of a Father's Presence What your kids want you to know...

7.00pm, Thursday 15 November
Yarrowraah Public School Hall

Speaker: Darren Lewis Cost (includes supper): \$5.00

(\$5.00 early bird online rate, \$8.00 at the door)

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/33339



Darren was named Queensland Father of the Year in 2011. Through his organisation, 'Fathering Adventures' he works with dads and their children, coaching and leading them to assist the development and continuation of authentic relationships. Darren sees the father-child relationship as crucial in children growing up to become all they can be. He will be sharing some of his insights and tips for Dads of children all ages who want to make the most of the unique relationship they have with their children.



www.fatheringadventures.com.au

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Cinderfella

**Featuring
Mrs MacAlpine**



KINGSGROVE UNITING CHURCH HALL
CNR KINGSGROVE RD & MORETON AVE, KINGSGROVE

Sat, 24 Nov 2012, 2pm

Sat, 1 Dec 2012, 2pm

Adults: \$10

Children (5 and over): \$5

Light refreshments included

Bookings: 9579 4591

www.cameotheatre.org.au



Update of Student Information

Please complete, and return to Office

Date: _____

Student Surname: _____

Other Names: _____

Residential address: _____

In the event of an emergency, we will contact Parent/Carer 1 first and then Parent /Carer 2 second, followed by the emergency contacts as listed.

Parent / Carer 1: _____

Phone numbers: (H)_____ (W)_____ (M)_____

Parent / Carer 2: _____

Phone numbers: (H)_____ (W)_____ (M)_____

Emergency Contact 1 (other than parent) _____

Phone numbers: (H)_____ (W)_____ (M)_____

Emergency Contact 2 (other than parent): _____

Phone numbers: (H)_____ (W)_____ (M)_____

Does the child attend Before & After School Care? Yes No

If so, which days and when: _____

officeshare/stationery/update of student information