

Engadine West Public School

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents

The end of the 2015 school year is fast approaching. This week is a busy one with the various Presentation Day Ceremonies being held. The timetable is listed below with all the assemblies commencing at 10.00am in the hall.

Kindergarten	Monday 7 December
Year 1	Tuesday 8 December
Year 3	Wednesday 9 December
Year 4	Thursday 10 December
Year 2	Friday 11 December
Year 5	Monday 14 December
Year 6	Tuesday 15 December

Please come along and celebrate the achievements of the students at Engadine West.

Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 students will be celebrating their primary school careers when they attend their Farewell this Wednesday night commencing at 6.00pm at Engadine Bowling Club. Congratulations to all our Year 6 students on their achievements and application during their time at Engadine West. Thank you to the parents and staff who have worked so hard to make the evening a memorable experience for the children.

School Crossing

Last week it was reported to me that some parents are using their mobile phones as they cross the road on the pedestrian crossing. Apparently there was a near miss between a car and pedestrian. The Crossing Supervisor is there to keep us all safe, so please listen to his instructions and as adults, be good role models for our students. Take care on the crossing and avoid a serious accident.

Carols Under the COLA

Thank you to all the families and friends who came to last Friday's sing-a-long. The event was a great success and was well attended. Special mention to Miss Emmett for co-ordinating the event.

Whooping Cough

Recently there has been two cases of students with Whooping Cough diagnosed in the school. Please seek medical advice if your child becomes unwell.



Engadine West Public School would like to acknowledge the ongoing support provided to the *Community of Schools on the Park* (COSOtP) by the *Rotary Club of Engadine*



Principal's Message Cont'd

Year 2 Parent Workshop

A workshop for the current Year 2 parents will be held this Friday at 11.45am in the Library. The workshop is to assist parents to better understand the transition of students from Year 2 (Infants) to Year 3 (Primary). We hope to see many parents in attendance.

PSSA Champions

Congratulations to the two PSSA teams who played in the finals last Friday. Our Green Cricket team defeated Bangor, while our Gold Softball team lost to Marton Public School. Well done to all our students and their coaches, Mr Briton and Miss Matheson.

Have a great week!

Garry Royston
Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

Parent Teacher Interviews

For Teacher/parent interviews, please go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> and enter the code 8NGNR.

Sports and Special Photographs

The Sports and Special Photographs are available to order on line from Academy Photography for parents who missed ordering them recently.

Go to www.academyphoto.com.au and follow the on line ordering prompts (shoot key MGR4XRPM). There is a \$7.95 postage fee as the photos will be posted directly to your home. There is no discount available for the on line ordering therefore each photograph will be \$15. Parents may call Academy on 1300 766 472 and pay over the phone to obtain the discount.

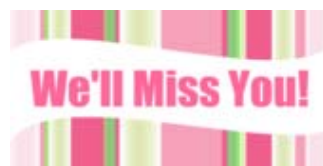
Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principal

Thank You from Mrs Sams & Mrs Browne

We'd like to say a big thank you for the beautiful High Tea held in honour of our retirement last Tuesday. Our colleagues, together with Mrs Handley and her team, worked very hard to make this such a special occasion for us and we enjoyed it immensely.

Thank you to everyone who attended, we will certainly miss you all!

Bronwyn Sams & Deb Browne



Shining Stars



Congratulations to Jayden G (3W) and Jonothon W (4G) who competed in a representative baseball tournament over the weekend. Their team went to the final undefeated and won, earning them the Warriors Shield. This is the second year in a row the boys have won this title. Well done Jayden, Jonothon and team!



Congratulations to Caitlin S (5/6D) and Molly F (4KJ), who danced in the 'Matilda Medley' at the School Spectacular recently. Well done Caitlin and Molly!



Future Primary Students - Parent Workshop

Please be reminded that Engadine West Stage 2 teachers will be conducting a workshop for Year 2 parents to assist in understanding the transition between Infants to Primary. The Stage 2 teaching team recognises that 'Primary' can be different to 'Infants' and we are endeavouring to make this a smooth transition for both students and parents. Please find details below, we would love to see you there.

When: Friday 11 December (after Year 2 Presentation Day Assembly)
Where: School Library
Time: 11.45am

Please RSVP to your child's teacher by Friday 4 December.

Lost Property

There are lost property items being held at the front office including jewellery, watches, wallets and reading glasses. If you have misplaced any of the above items, please call into the front office to claim your property.

Please ensure that all items of removable clothing are clearly marked with your child's name. This makes identification and return of lost property to students much easier. Any clothing or items found in the playground will be placed in lost property boxes in the Basement where parents and students can check for their items.

Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying

Social networking sites like Facebook are extremely popular with young people and adults alike. These sites can be a great way for people to communicate and express themselves. There are, however, risks that come with the use of these sites. For more information, a great site is: <http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

It has two parts, one for parents, carers and teachers, and one for students. We recommend parents take the time to have a look at this site and discuss internet safety with their children. Do you know what your child is doing online?

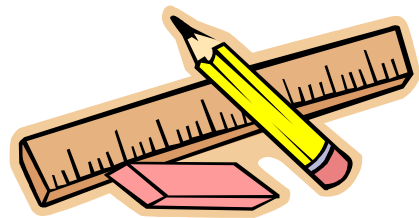
Year 1 Classroom Requirements 2016 Year 2 Classroom Requirements

- ♦ 3 glue sticks (good quality and not liquid glue)
- ♦ 5 HB lead pencils
- ♦ Eraser
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Pencil sharpener (container type)
- ♦ Coloured pencils/wind up crayons (no Textas)
- ♦ 1 pencil case (small)
- ♦ Library bag
- ♦ Home Reading Pouch
- ♦ Roll of paper towel
- ♦ Box of tissues
- ♦ 2 packets of wet wipes or hand sanitiser
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ Raincoat
- ♦ 2 highlighters
- ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use)

- ♦ 3 glue sticks (replace when used)
- ♦ 2 highlighters (different colours)
- ♦ Library bag
- ♦ Home reading bag
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Small pencil case
- ♦ Eraser, sharpener (container type)
- ♦ 2 HB pencils (replace when used)
- ♦ A4 128 page homework book (to paste A4 sheet into)
- ♦ Coloured pencils and/or wind up crayons for colouring work in books (textas are optional)
- ♦ 2 boxes of tissues
- ♦ 2 packs of wet wipes or hand sanitiser
- ♦ Raincoat (remains in school bag)
- ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use)
- ♦ Sunscreen to remain in school bag (replace when used)

Years 3 & 4 Classroom Requirements

- ♦ 4 HB lead pencils - replace when used
- ♦ Red and blue pens
- ♦ Soft white pencil rubber
- ♦ Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) **not flexi type**, clear plastic if possible
- ♦ 2 glue sticks
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ Dictionary - Macquarie Primary is recommended
- ♦ Pencil sharpener
- ♦ Coloured pencils and textas
- ♦ Highlighter
- ♦ Raincoat
- ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use)
- ♦ 96 page A4 ruled exercise book (homework)
- ♦ A book each day for silent reading
- ♦ A3 scrapbook/artbook (can be re-used from Year 3 to Year 4)
- ♦ A4 display folder
- ♦ Thin black artline texta
- ♦ USB thumb drive - can be purchased for under \$10
- ♦ Box of tissues
- ♦ Paper towels or wet ones
- ♦ Liquid soap



Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and replace items when used

Thank You

Years 5 & 6 Classroom Requirements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 6 HB lead pencils ♦ Red and blue pens ♦ Green pen ♦ Thin black artline texta ♦ Soft white pencil rubber ♦ Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) not flexi type, clear plastic if possible ♦ 2 Glue sticks ♦ Scissors ♦ A4 Display homework folder ♦ Paint shirt ♦ A3 size art portfolio or scrapbook ♦ Clear contact (to cover class exercise books) ♦ Dictionary (Macquarie Senior) ♦ Pencil sharpener (container type) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Coloured pencils and textas ♦ Highlighters ♦ Plastic A4 storage envelope ♦ Raincoat ♦ Novel for silent reading ♦ Calculator (optional) ♦ Protractor ♦ Headphones for laptops ♦ USB thumb drive - 2GB ♦ A box of tissues x 2 ♦ Paper towels ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use) ♦ Correction fluid/tape not permitted |
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Ready for High School

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.

Watch the videos: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

Road Safety Reminder for Parents and Carers These Holidays

Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child's hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit: <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

Choosing School Shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Skoolbag App



Recently we launched our new school app: Engadine West Public School through Skoolbag.

Last term, at a P&C meeting, parents asked if we could investigate such an app to support parents in their organisation and communication with the school. One of our Strategic Directions in our School Plan 2015-2017 is 'Strong, positive school community partnerships'. Under this direction we have evaluated our communications policies and processes and have found that Skoolbag fills a gap in our communication systems.

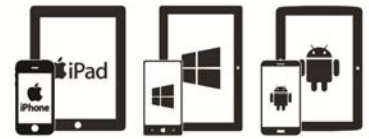
The Skoolbag app has many functions. Initially, we will mainly be using the app to 'push' notifications to parents. This means that once you download the app to your smart device, you can receive notifications and your phone or device will make a sound, just like receiving a message. We have created different notification groups in the app which parents can manage. For example, parents may like to receive notifications just for Year 6 events, so they could turn on notifications for that group. The push notifications will be particularly useful for last minute messages, such as late excursion buses; and important reminders, such as notes due.

We will explore the additional functions of the app as time progresses and will keep all of our community members up to date as things change. As with all new technology, there may be hiccups and things to iron out, so we appreciate your understanding in advance.

The app is free to download and use for parents. Instructions for downloading and setting up notifications have been included in this newsletter (see next page) and posted on our school's official Facebook page.

Please remember that the key portal to our school is still through the official website at <http://www.engadinewp.schools.nsw.edu.au/>. The website hosts all of the vital information for our school and should always be checked before calling the school.

Skoolbag App



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



For Your Diary

Week 10

Monday 7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Kindergarten Presentation Assembly 10.00am * Junior Band Auditions
Tuesday 8 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Canteen Closed * Yr 1 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Wednesday 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Yr 3 Presentation Assembly 10.00am * Yr 6 Farewell 6.00-9.00pm Engadine Bowling Club
Thursday 10 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Yr 4 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Friday 11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Canteen - Last Day for Lunch Orders * Yr 2 Presentation Assembly 10.00am * Yr 2 Parent Workshop 11.45am in Library * Semester 2 Reports Sent Home

Week 11

Monday 14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Yr 5 Presentation Assembly 10.00am * Canteen Open Recess & Lunch - No Lunch Orders
Tuesday 15 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Canteen Closed * Yr 6 Presentation Assembly 10.00am
Wednesday 16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Canteen Open Recess & Lunch - No Lunch Orders * Last Day of Term 4 for Students
Thursday 17 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Staff Development Day
Friday 18 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Staff Development Day

Thursday 28 January 2016

First day of school for students in Years 1-6

Excursions and Payments

Year	Excursion or Payment	Please pay by	Amount
Interested Yr 3-6 Students	Term 1 Swimming 2016	Friday 11 December	\$126.00
Year 4	Year 5 Camp 2016	Friday 11 December	\$50.00 Deposit
Years K-5	Yearbook 2015	Wednesday 9 December	\$20.00
Band Members	Term 4 Band Fees	As soon as possible	\$120.00

PSSA Finals - Friday 4 December

Well done to all our PSSA teams and coaches for a fantastic summer season!

Congratulations to the teams who made the finals and a special mention to our Green Cricket Team who defeated Bangor on the day.



Dates to Remember

Day	Date	Activity
Monday	7 December	Kindergarten Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Tuesday	8 December	Year 1 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Wednesday	9 December	Year 3 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall Year 6 Farewell 6.00pm at Engadine Bowling Club
Thursday	10 December	Year 4 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Friday	11 December	Year 2 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Monday	14 December	Year 5 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Tuesday	15 December	Year 6 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Wednesday	16 December	Last Day of Term 4 for Students
Thursday	17 December	School Development Day for Staff (No Students)
Friday	18 December	School Development Day for Staff (No Students)
<i>Term 1 - 2016</i>		
Wednesday	27 January	School Development Day for Staff (No Students)
Thursday	28 January	First Day of Term 1 for Students Year 1 to Year 6 Best Start Testing for 2016 Kindergarten Students
Friday	29 January	Best Start Testing for 2016 Kindergarten Students
Monday	1 February	Best Start Testing for 2016 Kindergarten Students
Tuesday	2 February	2016 Kindergarten Students First Day of School



School Security - A Community Responsibility

During the school holidays, please keep your eye out for any sign of vandalism or inappropriate behaviour in the school grounds. If you notice anything suspicious please ring the security hotline on **1300 880 021** or Engadine Police on **9548 4999**. Your support continues to protect our valuable assets.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is now closed for this year. Orders may be placed at the Front Office but will not be filled until the new year. The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

Term 1 2016

Wednesday 3 February 2016 from 9.15-10.15am

Students commencing Year 3 in 2016 will need to purchase a gold polo shirt with school logo for sport. They are available from the Uniform Shop at a cost of \$20.00.



Thank you for supporting the Uniform Shop throughout 2015 and a big thank you also to our wonderful volunteers. Without their help, the Uniform Shop would not be able to operate. If you would like to be placed on our roster for next year, please leave your details at the front office.

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

Canteen News

Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen

Please note that lunch orders **must be placed by 9.30am**.

2016 Roster - Your Canteen Needs You!

We are in urgent need of more volunteers for this year. Volunteers are rostered on once every 4 weeks from school drop off until approximately 3.00pm, however, we are very flexible. Whatever time you can spare is greatly appreciated. Options to consider:

- ★ Once a term.
- ★ A few hours of a morning to prepare fresh food.
- ★ Serving at recess and/or lunch breaks.
- ★ A few hours in the afternoon.

All training is provided and we endeavour to provide a fun work place. You are welcome to drop in and have a look around and meet some of our wonderful volunteers.

Lunch Order Specials

Medium Fruit Salad	\$3.00
Large Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Yoghurt	50c extra
Banana Smoothie	\$3.00
Chocolate Smoothie	\$3.00

Friday 11 December - Last Day for Lunch Orders

Please note the last day for lunch orders will be Friday 11 December. On Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 the canteen will be open for recess and lunch only, no lunch orders.

If anyone has any questions regarding the canteen, please come in and see me.

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor



This Week's Roster

Tuesday - 8 December
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 9 December
C Wilson

Thursday - 10 December
G Padgett, J Grinham, M Boughton

Friday - 11 December
LAST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS
K Hansen, N Ross

Week 11

Monday - 14 December
N Leishman, R Davoren, L Fordyce

Tuesday - 15 December
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday - 16 December
K Quine

Community News



NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

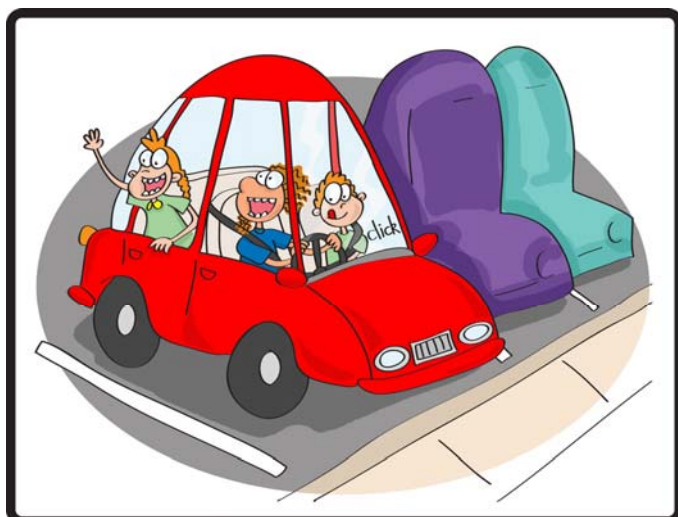
Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

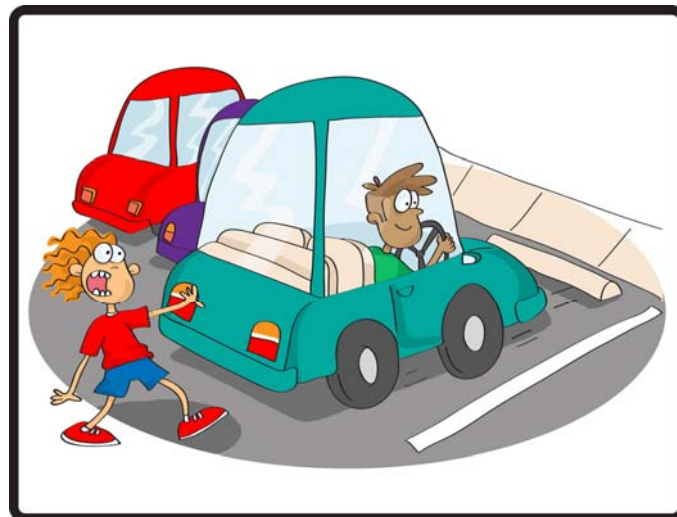
Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).



**MAKE SURE ALL SEATBELTS ARE ON
BEFORE MOVING.**



**NEVER WALK BEHIND
PARKED CARS.**