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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Carers

Band Brilliance

Last night the students, teachers and band tutors entertained families and friends with a fabulous end of year performance. Speaking to Mrs Winton and Mrs Ryan this morning, they were still reflecting on how great the students were for the whole event - through set up, rehearsals and the performance. Mr Edwards was a great support too. Well done to everyone involved.

Late last week the band ventured to the Frank Vickery Village for a performance and then to have a fun time at Lazer Tag to celebrate their year. The feedback I have had from residents at Frank Vickery has been wonderful - phone calls and letters - highlighting student behaviour, skill, patience, attitude, manners and maturity. Hearing these sorts of things makes me feel very proud.

Community of Schools on the Park (COSOTP)

Today Mr Edwards is running a science sustainability day in the Royal National Park for students from local schools. Year 4 students (including a group from Engadine West) will be developing skills in group work and developing actions in sustaining our environment. What a great day out!



Year 6 Camp



All the best to our campers - students and staff - who will be heading off to the nation's capital early on Monday morning. The group will be based at the Australian Institute of Sport for the three days.

End of the 2017 School Year

Student reports will be sent home on Friday 9 December (end of Week 9). Friday 16 December will be the final day of school for students and staff.



School Uniform

A reminder that coloured hair bows are not part of the Engadine West PS uniform. I ask parents to please check that students wearing hair bows are in fact not wearing brightly coloured ties and bows, but are the correct school coloured accessory.



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 Report Continued

Classes 2017

The Engadine West Public School teaching staff is a group of professional educators with many varying skills and abilities who work hard to offer the best curriculum options to your children. I am aware that this is the time of year where parent conversation turns to classes for the following school year. I also know that that conversation can turn into gossip about who has heard what about which teachers. My advice to parents is not to listen to 'school gate gossip'. I will not be accepting letters from parents about which teachers they want for their children for the following school year. Teachers spend a lot of time and effort in forming classes (which will not be done for quite a few weeks yet as we are still operating in Term 4 2016), trying to ensure learners and friends are grouped appropriately.



Sue Roach
Principal



Sports and Special Group Photographs

The sports and special group photographs are now available to view and purchase online. To access photographs, please visit www.academyphoto.com.au and go to "online ordering" then enter the following eight digit shoot key: **MC2F7222**. Photographs will be available online for six months, alternatively you may contact Academy on 1300 766 472.

Library News

The library is in need of volunteers to cover our wonderful new books. If you're able to take home a bundle of books to cover, please call into the library and see Mrs Evans.

Thankyou kindly.

Margaret Evans and Janet Evans
Teacher Librarians



What's the Buzz

For six weeks now, the Beediators have been doing a great job on the playground helping out with the students with their playground problems.

We are so glad to see the children playing nicely on the playground and thankyou to the people who have been making our job a lot easier.

Beediator Izzy and Anna



K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long

Carols under the COLA

As this year comes to a close, all K-2 classes are busy preparing for our annual Christmas performance. We will be having one sing-a-long at 12.00pm on Friday 2 December 2016 under the EWPS COLA.

Throughout this term the students will be learning Christmas carols and each class will have an opportunity to lead one of the carols on the day.

We hope you can come along and join in on the fun!



Upcoming Events

Day/Week	Date	Activity	Time
Week 7			
Friday	25 November	Canteen Red Light Day	
Week 8			
Monday	28 November	Year 6 Canberra Excursion	Depart 6.10am
Tuesday	29 November	Year 6 Canberra Excursion	
		Sausage Sizzle Lunch	
Wednesday	30 November	Year 6 Canberra Excursion	Return approx.8.00pm
		Book Club Orders Close	
Friday	2 December	PSSA Finals at The Ridge	
		Years K-2 Carols under the COLA	12.00pm
		Last Day of Term 4 Swimming	
		3-6 Assembly	2.30pm
Week 9			
Monday	5 December	Kindergarten End of Year Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Tuesday	6 December	Year 1 End of Year Presentation Assembly	10.00am
		Junior Band Auditions	
Wednesday	7 December	Year 3 End of Year Presentation Assembly	10.00am
		Uniform Shop Open (last time this year)	9.15am
Thursday	8 December	Year 4 End of Year Presentation Assembly	10.00am
		Year 6 Farewell	6.00pm
Friday	9 December	Year 2 End of Year Presentation Assembly	10.00am
		Reports to be sent home	
Week 10			
Monday	12 December	Year 5 End of Year Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Tuesday	13 December	Year 6 End of Year Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Thursday	15 December	Kindergarten-Year 1 Christmas Incursion	12.30-1.15pm
Friday	16 December	Last Day of School for Students and Teachers	

P & C News

The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle lunch to use all remaining sausages and drinks from FUNDAY.

We are offering a sausage sandwich and drink (either can of soft drink or bottle of water) for \$5.00 **on a pre-ordered basis** (cash only please).

Please complete the order form sent home and return note and money to the class teacher by Friday 25 November 2016. No orders will be accepted after this date.

Thankyou for your continued support.

Tracy Farquhar
Family FUNDAY Co-ordinator



2017 Dates For Your Diary

Term 1 – 2017

Friday	27 January	School Development Day (Staff Only)
Monday	30 January	First Day of Term 1 for Students Years 1 to Year 6
		Best Start Testing for Kindergarten Students
Tuesday	31 January	Best Start Testing for Kindergarten Students
Wednesday	1 February	Best Start Testing for Kindergarten Students Uniform Shop Open 9.15am
Thursday	2 February	Kindergarten Students' First Day of School

2017 School Term Dates

Term 1			
Monday 30 January 2017	Friday 7 April 2017	School Holidays	Sat 8 April - Tues 25 April 2017
Term 2			
Wednesday 26 April	Friday 30 June 2017	School Holidays	Sat 1 July - Mon 17 July 2017
Term 3			
Tuesday 18 July 2017	Friday 22 September 2017	School Holidays	Sat 23 September - Sun 8 October 2017
Term 4			
Monday 9 October 2017	Friday 15 December 2017	School Holidays	Sat 16 December - Mon 29 January 2018

Excursions and Payments

Year	Excursion or Payment	Please pay by	Amount
Years K-1	Christmas Incursion	Monday 5 December	\$6.00
Year 6	Canberra Excursion	Friday 4 November	\$340.00 Balance
Year 4	Year 5 2017 - Myuna Bay Camp	Monday 5 November	\$100 Deposit
Band Members	Term 4 Band Fees	As soon as possible	\$125.00 per term
Years K-6	Voluntary School Contribution	As soon as possible	\$50.00

PSSA Friday 25 November

**EWPS Gold V Engadine PS at Anzac Oval (Bottom)
EWPS Green V Marton at Kingswood Oval**

**Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am
Cost: \$6.00 per week**



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

How to encourage kids to be problem-solvers



When parents solve all children's problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach kids to be afraid of making mistakes and to blame themselves for not being good enough. That's fertile ground for anxiety and depressive illness.

So, how can we raise kids to be courageous problem-solvers rather than self-critical scaredy cats?

Here are six practical ideas to get you started.

1 Turn requests into problems for kids to solve

Kids get used to bringing their problems to parents to solve. If you keep solving them, they'll keep bringing them. 'Mum, my sister is annoying me!' 'Dad, can you ask my teacher to pick me for the team?' 'Hey, I can't find my socks!' It's tempting if you are in a time-poor family to simply jump in and help kids out. Alternatively, you can take a problem-solving approach, cuing them to resolve their own problems and take responsibility for their concerns. 'What can you do to make her stop annoying you?' 'What's the best approach to take with your teacher?' 'Socks, smocks! Where might they be?'

2 Ask good questions to prompt problem-solving

A problem-solving approach relies on asking good questions, which can be challenging if you are used to solving your child's problems. The first question when a child brings you a problem should be: 'Can you handle this on your own?' Next should be, 'What do you want me to do to help you solve the problem?' These questions are not meant to deter children from coming to you; rather, to encourage and teach them to start working through their own concerns themselves.

3 Coach them through problems and concerns

So, your child feels she was unfairly left out of a school sports team by a teacher and asks you get involved. The easiest solution may be to meet with the teacher and find out what's going on. You may or not resolve the problem but in doing so you are teaching a child to become dependent on you. Alternatively, you could coach your child to speak to the teacher herself and find out why she was left out. Obviously, there are times when children need their

parents to be advocates for them such as when they are being bullied, but we need to make the most of the opportunities for children to speak for themselves. Better to help your child find the right words to use and discuss the best way to approach another person when they have problems. These are great skills to take into adulthood.

4 Prepare kids for problems and contingencies

You may coach your child to be independent – walk to school, spend some time alone at home (when old enough), catch a train with friends – but does he know what to do in an emergency? What happens if he comes home after school and the house is locked? Who should he go to? Discuss different scenarios with children whenever they enter new or potentially risky situations so that they won't fall apart when things don't go their way. Remember the Boy Scouts motto – be prepared!

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5 Show a little faith

Sometimes you've got to show faith in children. We can easily trip them up with our negative expectations, such as by saying 'Don't spill it!' to a child who is carrying a glass filled with water. Of course, your child doesn't want to spill it but you've just conveyed your expectations with that statement. We need to be careful that we don't sabotage children's efforts to be independent problem-solvers with comments such as, 'Now don't stuff it up!' 'You'll be okay ... won't you?' 'You're not very good at looking after yourself!'

6 Applaud mistakes and stuff-ups

Would a child who accidentally breaks a plate in your family while emptying the dishwasher be met with a 'That's really annoying, you can be clumsy sometimes' response or an 'It doesn't matter, thanks for your help' type of response? Hopefully it won't be the first response, because nothing shuts a child's natural tendencies to extend themselves down quicker than an adult who can't abide mistakes. If you have a low-risk-taking, perfectionist, consider throwing a little party rather than making a fuss when they make errors so they can learn that mistakes don't reflect on them personally, and that the sun will still shine even if they break a plate, tell a joke that falls flat or don't get a perfect examination score.

Michael Grose



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Uniform Shop News

The last Uniform Shop opening time for this year will be:

Week 9

Wednesday 7 December 2016 from 9.15-10.15am

We need your help! The Uniform Shop is in need of volunteers for 2017. Please leave your details at the front office if you are able to assist us. Thankyou!

Students commencing Year 3 in 2017 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.

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators



Canteen News

- ★ Canteen is closed every **Tuesday**.
- ★ Lunch orders **must be placed by 9.30am**.
- ★ **Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen** for information on menu updates, specials, red light days etc.
- ★ **Email:** ewps.canteen1@gmail.com

2017 Roster - Your Canteen Needs You!

Please let me know if you are able to assist. Helpers are required to have a Working with Children Check (WWCC) completed before volunteering. Please contact me for further information.

Garlic bread roll	\$1.00
Large fruit salad	\$4.00
Medium fruit salad	\$3.00
Banana or chocolate smoothie	\$3.00



Would you like to volunteer?

The canteen is in need of extra volunteers this term. Come along and meet some new parents and find out how the canteen runs. Training and lunch is provided. You will need to have your WWCC and our volunteers are to wear covered shoes and have their hair tied back. Can you help on any of the following dates:

- ★ Any Friday from 9.00am-12.00pm or 12.00-3.00pm
- ★ Monday 28 November (from 12.00-3.00pm)
- ★ 30 November, 7 December (from 12.00-3.00pm) or 14 December

Call into the canteen to see me or contact me on 9520 8134 or 0408 697 660 if you are able to help!

Red Light Day Tomorrow, Friday 25 November

Lollies will be available from the canteen at recess and lunch!



Gingerbread House Kits - Orders Close Friday 25 November

We have placed an order for 40 regular and five gluten free gingerbread house kits at a cost of \$32.00 per kit. Delivery will be this term. Please send correct money along with your contact details to the canteen.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

Week 7	Roster
Friday	25 November RED LIGHT DAY A Pillington, D Osmond, K Holmes
Week 8	Roster
Monday	28 November B Eshman, A Edwards
Wednesday	30 November L Adams, N Leishman
Thursday	1 December M Healey, S Savania
Friday	2 December HELP NEEDED C Vitelli, T Huntly, K Quine





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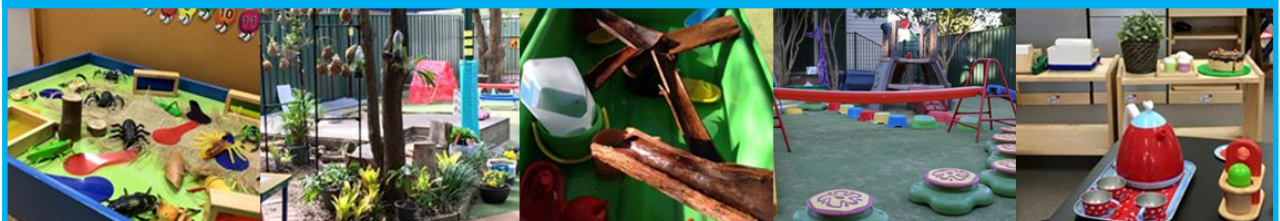
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Monday 28 November

1.30pm – 6.30pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

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Please bring photo I.D. with you

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CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

FREE



Thursday 8th December 6–8pm

Bring the family along for a
great night of fun

- Meet Santa in store
- Dinner and drinks
- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service

Plus more great activities in store including:

- An interactive display by Aeromodellers NSW suitable for all ages
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