

# Engadine West Public School

*Quality Education in a Stimulating Environment*

## e-West Side Story



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### Principal's Message



#### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Apart from the tired faces I saw this morning, all reports are that the students had a great time in Canberra over the past three days. Teachers have praised the behaviour of the students and how they represented themselves, our school and their families. I am sure the students had plenty of happy stories to tell you when they arrived home last night. My thanks to Mr Hogan for all of his organisation and the support of Mrs Winton, Mrs Payne, Ms Barrow, Mr Edwards and Mr Wilkins for the time they took away from their families to ensure your children had an enjoyable and rewarding time.

#### Environmental News



Congratulations to the environment team in securing a further grant of \$3500 from the NSW Environmental Trust Eco Schools grant application process. This grant will enable our team to support our Bright Green Sparks in their endeavours to further expand our native garden by planting a native bird garden beside our existing garden. Our project will also include the building of a platform, from which our students will be able to observe and count native birds, as well as participate in environmental lessons. We look forward to beginning this project in 2017.

#### Koori Art Expressions

Last Thursday night saw the opening night of the Koori Art Expressions at the NSW Maritime Museum. Engadine West PS was proudly represented by members of 4M who submitted an artwork titled 'The Story of the Gynea Lily'. You can see by the photo how happy and proud the students and Miss Matheson were on the night. The 4M art work and many more works from public schools in the Sydney area will be on display until the end of January.



#### Presentation Assemblies

End of Year Presentation Assemblies start on Monday. I am looking forward to seeing parents, families and friends celebrating the year of success in the coming 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.



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

### 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.

### 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 this 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](http://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.

## Staff Carpark

The staff carpark should not be used as a drop off or pick up area or as a thoroughfare through to the main playground. The carpark is a very busy and dangerous area. Please do not put your child or yourself at risk by entering the staff carpark. Your total co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



## K-2 Christmas Sing-a-long

### Don't Forget - Carols under the COLA this Friday!

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!



## *School Travel 2017 - OPAL Card*



Transport  
for NSW

# School travel 2017

Application information Nov 2016

### Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

**Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via**  
**[www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)**

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

## *Upcoming Events*

| Day/Week       | Date        | Activity  | Time         |
|----------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| Thursday       | 1 December  | Last day of Early Bird Reading                  |              |
|                |             | Year 6 Linkages - Heathcote High School         | 9.30am       |
| Friday         | 2 December  | PSSA Finals at The Ridge                        |              |
|                |             | Years K-2 Carols under the COLA                 | 12.00pm      |
|                |             | Last Day of Term 4 Swimming                     |              |
|                |             | Years 3-6 Assembly                              | 2.30pm       |
| <b>Week 9</b>  |             |   |              |
| Monday         | 5 December  | Kindergarten End of Year Presentation Assembly  | 10.00am      |
|                |             | P&C Christmas General Meeting - Engadine Tavern | 7.00pm       |
| 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                         |              |
| <b>Week 10</b> |             |   |              |
| 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    |              |

## *Live Life Well*

### **Healthy eating doesn't have to be expensive**

Grocery shopping doesn't have to be a drain on your purse and your patience. What you need is some pre-planning about your family meals, techniques to manage your child's 'pester power' and some know-how to spot healthy foods.



### **Eat well – and save money!**

- ★ Write a shopping list and plan your meals for the week ahead. This helps avoid impulse purchases that may not be the best for your wallet or your health.
- ★ Set limits on treats – tell your children that each time they ask for something else, one item will be go back on the shelf.
- ★ Don't shop when you're hungry. You'll find yourself buying more than you'll actually eat.
- ★ Allocate more of your budget to staple foods that provide the most nutrients, such as breads, cereals, fruit, vegetables and legumes, rice, pasta and dairy. These tend to last longer through the week and form the basis of your meals.
- ★ Make your meat go further – replace some of the meat you'd usually use with beans or legumes for added fibre.
- ★ Staple items, like bread and meat, can be bought in bulk. This can work out cheaper and they can be frozen for up to a month.
- ★ Choose fruit and vegetables that are in season, as they tend to be cheaper and better quality. For more information on buying seasonal produce, go to Buying Seasonal Produce.
- ★ Visit a local fruit and vegetable market. They can have cheaper and sometimes better quality produce - plus the kids will have fun exploring the place!



## *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<br>Uniform Shop Open 9.15am |
| Thursday  | 2 February | Kindergarten Students' First Day of School                               |

## *2017 School Term Dates*

|                        |                          |                        |                                       |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Term 1</b>          |                          |                        |                                       |
| Monday 30 January 2017 | Friday 7 April 2017      | <b>School Holidays</b> | Sat 8 April - Tues 25 April 2017      |
| <b>Term 2</b>          |                          |                        |                                       |
| Wednesday 26 April     | Friday 30 June 2017      | <b>School Holidays</b> | Sat 1 July - Mon 17 July 2017         |
| <b>Term 3</b>          |                          |                        |                                       |
| Tuesday 18 July 2017   | Friday 22 September 2017 | <b>School Holidays</b> | Sat 23 September - Sun 8 October 2017 |
| <b>Term 4</b>          |                          |                        |                                       |
| Monday 9 October 2017  | Friday 15 December 2017  | <b>School Holidays</b> | 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 4       | Year 5 2017 - Myuna Bay Camp  | Monday 5 December   | \$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 Finals - Friday 2 December*

### All games played at The Ridge

Girls T-Ball Green v Bangor  
Boys T-Ball Green v Bangor  
Cricket Green **(Final)** v Bangor  
Softball Green v Bangor

Girls T-Ball Gold v friendly  
Boys T-Ball Gold **(Final)** v Heathcote  
Cricket Gold v Tharawal  
Softball Gold v Tharawal

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

## 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
- ★ Thursday 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!

### Gingerbread House Kits - Orders Close this Friday 25 November



We have two gluten free and six regular gingerbread house kits at a cost of \$32.00 per kit left. 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 8    | Roster   |
|-----------|--|
| Friday    | <b>2 December</b><br>C Vitelli, T Huntly                                 |
| Week 9    | Roster   |
| Monday    | <b>5 December</b><br>N Hardy   |
| Wednesday | <b>7 December</b><br>K Schnabel, K Dickenson,<br>K Sinclair, H Trenberth |
| Thursday  | <b>8 December</b><br>M Boughton, K Allbon                                |
| Friday    | <b>9 December</b><br>A Mathieson, A Bolton, C Milliken                   |



## P&C Christmas Meeting

The P&C Christmas Meeting will be held at Engadine Tavern on Monday 5 December commencing at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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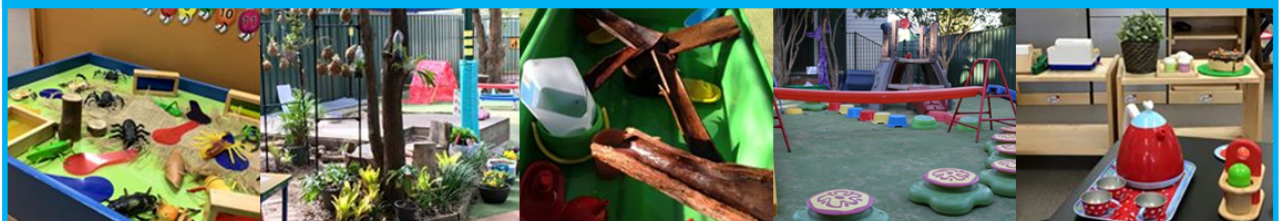
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