

Engadine West Public School

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Carers

Presentation Assemblies

It has been lovely seeing families coming together this week to celebrate the year of success students have had. The smiles, the singing, the slide shows - have all been a great reflection on student achievement.

End of the 2017 School Year

Student reports will be sent home on Friday 9 December (end of Week 9). Occasionally a typing error may appear in a student report. If this is the case with your child's report, please contact your child's class teacher so they can rectify the typo.



Parent/Teacher interviews are NOT compulsory this reporting period. However, if you would like to discuss something particular about your child's report, please contact your child's class teacher by phoning the school office.

Last Day of School....

....will be Friday 16 December for students and staff.

Year 6 Farewell

I am looking forward to attending my first Year 6 Farewell for Engadine West tonight. Students always look so different out of school uniform and dressed up. Suddenly they seem not to be little primary school kids any more. I wish them well for their special night.

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.



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

Bright Green Sparks....

....have been busy in the garden preparing, harvesting and selling. Fresh produce is always so good. Well done to them.



Expectations

With only just over a week remaining of the school year, the expectations of students are unchanged at school. Students are expected to speak and play with respect, follow teachers' instructions - both in the classroom and in the playground, show care and kindness towards others and be safe. With students and teachers working together with the support of families, the end of the year is looking to be smooth and happy.



Sue Roach
Principal



Sports and Special Group Photographs

The sports and special group photographs are still available to view and purchase online. To access photographs, please visit www.academyphoto.com.au 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.

Year 6 - Parliament & Civics Education Rebate

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. As this rebate will not be received by the school until very late in the term, we have already deducted the rebate from the cost of the end of year activities for Year 6 students, including the Year 6 Farewell, which means that there will be no cost for the farewell this year. We are looking forward to a fun educational experience at our national capital.

Hugh Hogan
Assistant Principal

Essential Learning Materials

Next year we will be again streamlining the essential learning materials (workbooks) delivery and payment process. In deciding on this new process, we will be able to commence using the essential learning materials as soon as possible at the start of the year to maximise students' learning.

To that end, we have engaged L J Harper Educational Suppliers to hold a **SALE DAY** on **Wednesday 1 February** in the Basement (for Years 1 to 6). This will be the ONLY day book packs will be sold by L J Harper. Kindergarten will have a separate purchase day on Friday 3 February. The same payment arrangements will apply.

During this day L J Harper representatives will sell individual packs of essential learning materials to Engadine West Public School students and all monies/payments will be paid directly to L J Harper Educational Suppliers. Details regarding payment options will be sent home on Monday of Week 1 2017.

Should you require assistance with these payments, please don't hesitate to contact the office on 9520 8134.

Year 2 Parent Workshop

Engadine West Stage 2 teachers will be conducting a short presentation for parents to assist in understanding the transition from Year 2 to Year 3. Topics covered will include primary sport, carnivals, NAPLAN and home reading. Please find details below:

When: Friday 9 December 2016 (after Year 2 Presentation Day celebrations)
Where: School library
Time: 11.45am (end of recess)

We thank you for your support in making the transition for students as smooth as possible.

Stage 2 Teachers

2016 K-6 Yearbook

The school will again be selling a K-6 yearbook this year that will feature photos from all classes and from many of the wonderful events held at our school. The format will be similar to last year. There is a copy of the yearbook in the office if parents would like to see what it looks like.

We have ordered a limited number of yearbooks this year, so parents are encouraged to order early to avoid missing out. The cost of the yearbook is \$20, including GST. Money is due in by Tuesday 13 December.

If you would like to purchase a 2016 K-6 yearbook, please fill in the order form sent home (also available on the school website under 'Notes & Forms') and return it to the front office.

YEAR 6 PARENTS - PLEASE NOTE: Year 6 students will receive a yearbook as part of their farewell package therefore do not need to order a copy.

Danielle Sprod
Yearbook Coordinator

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.

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

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.



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose



Goodbye primary school, hello secondary

The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children's lives. They've spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.

Developmentally they've come a long way from those skinny little kids who lined up for class on the first day holding a parent's or carer's hand. Now entering puberty, most are taller than their mothers and the only people they'll hold hands with are 'special friends', but not in public. Those displays of affection will come later in the secondary school years.

Changing from primary to secondary brings a mixture of emotions in kids such as excitement, apprehension, pride and, in many cases, sadness about leaving friends and familiar surrounds behind.

Parents often go through the same range of emotions as children at this time so we need to acknowledge those feelings in ourselves, just as we should in our children.

LOOKING BACK

This is a time for kids to celebrate their achievements; show appreciation to their teachers and enjoy the friendships that they've formed. Here are three ideas:

1 Let's celebrate

Primary school graduation ceremonies play an important part in the primary school life, as they mark the end of an era and the start of a new part of their lives. We need to be careful that the meaning doesn't become lost as graduations become increasingly lavish, even to the point where some students are transported to their graduation in a stretch limo. *Keep them simple and keep them close to the school's values.*

2 Show gratitude

As a former teacher I know how much a simple thank you can mean from students at the end of the year. So make sure your kids take the time to thank their final year teacher and as well as seek out to thank other teachers who contributed to their education over their primary school journey. *Gratitude costs nothing but has a great impact.*

3 Enjoy friendships

Encourage your kids to be open and friendly at this time of the year, and steer clear of

cliques and fellow students who want to exclude others from their groups. The end of primary school can be tricky to navigate, particularly when early maturers stick together and ostracise certain classmates. *This is the time for friendly behaviour and inclusiveness.*

LOOKING AHEAD

When primary school is finished and the holidays are coming to an end it's time to focus on the new experiences of secondary school. Some kids take secondary school in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty.

If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school's culture and communication methods.

Your attitude as a parent can help your child quickly adjust. Here are three ideas for you to help kids make a smooth adjustment:

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... Goodbye primary school, hello secondary school ...

1 Promote friendships

The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they'll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

2 Be ready to listen

Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it's normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

3 Keep your attitude positive

Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.

Michael Grose 



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Parking at Engadine West Shops

When attending school functions, please consider the local businesses at Engadine West shopping centre, by **NOT PARKING** in their customer parking spaces. Please leave these parking spaces free for customers of these valued businesses.

Thankyou for your consideration in this matter.

Dear Parents



L J Harper

Student Pack

SALE DAY

For Years 1 to 6

Wednesday

1 February 2017

Don't Forget

Kindergarten Sale Day

Friday 3 February

*Please send payment in the envelope
provided with your child/children on the day
(payment options available)*

Upcoming Events

Day/Week	Date	Activity	Time
Week 9			
Friday	9 December	Year 2 End of Year Presentation Assembly	10.00am
		Year 2 Parent Workshop in the library	11.45am
		Student Leader's Appreciation Party	11.30am
		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
		Stage 2 students (Years 3 & 4) celebration day	
Friday	16 December	Last Day of School for Students and Teachers	

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
		LJ Harper Sale Day (Years 1 to 6)
Thursday	2 February	Kindergarten Students' First Day of School
Friday	3 February	LJ Harper Sale Day (Kindergarten)

Excursions and Payments

Year	Excursion or Payment	Please pay by	Amount
Years K-5	Yearbook	Tuesday 13 December	\$20.00
Years K-1	Christmas Incursion	As soon as possible	\$6.00
Year 4	Year 5 2017 - Myuna Bay Camp	As soon as possible	\$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

Congratulations to our Boys T-Ball Gold team for winning the PSSA final last Friday!

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is now closed for the year. The next opening time will be:

Week 1 - Term 1 2017

Wednesday 1 February 2017 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 for supporting us this year!

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



Gingerbread House Kits



We have a few gingerbread house kits at a cost of \$32.00 per kit left. Please send correct money along with your contact details to the canteen if you are interested.

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

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

Week 9	Roster
Friday	9 December A Mathieson, A Bolton, C Milliken
Week 10	Roster
Monday	12 December J Morando, R Bromwich
Wednesday	14 December S Savania, A Edwards
Thursday	15 December K Zaknich, G Padgett, M Tillbrook
Friday	16 December LAST DAY K Hansen, R Hutchison, N Ross, T Huntly

School Banking News

Well that's a wrap for 2016! I would like to say thankyou to our families who bank each week. I'm proud to announce that a total of \$1089.04 was raised this year for our school.

I would also like to thank Michelle Birss for her many years spent coordinating school banking along with other voluntary duties within the school. Michelle, you will be missed!

Finally, thankyou to Tracy and Jackie, the lovely ladies who help me every week. Without your help, School Banking would not be possible.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Justine Morando
School Banking Coordinator





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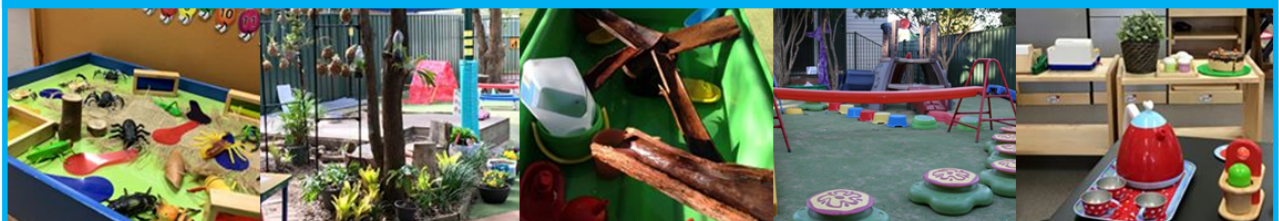
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Community News



The Russian Language School in Sutherland Incorporated is a NSW Community Language School. We are a not-for-profit, incorporated community organisation.

Community languages schools help students learn and use their community language and allow different generations communicate with each other.

They are open to any student who wants to learn a new language and any school-aged student attending a NSW government, Catholic or independent school.

We are located at Minerva Public School, Eton Street, Sutherland, NSW 2232. We operate from 12pm to 2pm every Saturday during school term.

To enrol or for any queries, please contact Alena McNally, Principal, on 02-85440616 or e-mail:

russianlanguageschoolshire@gmail.com

For more information on the NSW Dept. of Education Community Languages Program, please refer to the link below:

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/what-we-offer/community-programs>



ENGADINE EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB

2017 Registration Days

Player Registrations will be held at the Engadine Eagles Club Room, Anzac Oval on the following Days:

Sun 29th January	4.00pm to 6.00pm
Tue 31st January	6.30pm to 8.00pm
Sun 5th February	3.00pm to 6.00pm

All players who wish to play with EEFC in 2017 must register online. All Registration Fees must be paid when registering. Payments will be able to be made online.

New Registrations

New players who have never registered with SSFA previously are to supply an original birth certificate or passport. Proof of residency in the Sutherland Shire is also required for all new players this season. **COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.** New players **MUST** attend one of the registration days so the documentation can be sighted by an appropriate club official.

For those without a place to be on Christmas day due to family or financial circumstances, please join our family:

**Engadine Anglican Church would like
to welcome you to our first annual**

Community Christmas Lunch

12pm till 2pm 25 December 2016

Engadine Anglican Church Building
4 Waratah Rd Engadine (Opposite Primary School)

For catering and resourcing if you are able, please RSVP
to: eacchristmas@gmail.com or 0490 605 916
by 15 December 2016

*This event is provided at no charge through the generous sponsorship
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