#### **Engadine West Public School**

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## Principal's Message



#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

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#### **Presentation Assemblies**

Thankyou to the many family and friends who came to the school over the past couple of weeks to see their children receive end of year awards. Students love to see their family members at school, and so do teachers. Thankyou to the teachers who coordinated each of the presentation assemblies and congratulations to all students - with a special mention to specific award recipients - for such a successful year at school.



#### Last Day of School....

....is tomorrow. Teachers will not be at school next Monday or Tuesday. School resumes for teachers on Friday 27 January and students Year 1 to Year 6 on Monday 30 January 2017. Kindergarten 2017 begin their best start assessments on Monday 30 January and continue Tuesday 31 January and Wednesday 1 February. The first official day for Kindergarten is Thursday 2 February 2017.

#### Classes 2017

Students will return to school in their 2016 classes with their 2016 teachers (with the exception of a couple of changes) until numbers and confirmed for the year. As soon as numbers are confirmed 2017 classes will be formed.

Teachers have been considering all factors for students in anticipating class placement for next year. I remind all parents that classrooms are a place of learning and not socialising. The playground and group activities are the places for this. Teachers will work hard to get to know students and students will have the opportunity to form new friendships, building resilience, understanding and tolerance.

At this stage, without numbers confirmed, there will be some stage and cross stage (composite) classes in 2017. Some students will find they are in one of these classes and have been in one in a previous year. This does happen from time to time. Teachers of these classes know how to differentiate the teaching and learning program (as do all teachers) and work to ensure learning outcomes aimed at each student's needs. It is an exciting time when classes are formed in the new year and should be promoted as such at home as it will be at school.

#### And So We Say Farewell....

......to a number of staff members this year. My personal thanks to Mrs Flett, Mrs Kelleher and Miss Brunning for the year they have given to the students and families in their classes. They have shown a keen interest in your children's development and they will be missed. Mrs Palmer has been at Engadine West for six years and has undertaken a number of



roles during that time. She has shown a great deal of flexibility and generosity in her teaching and interactions with staff. Thankyou to Mrs Palmer. Mrs White our school counsellor has been part of the Engadine West team for the year and has had such a positive influence on the students with whom she has had contact. Parents who have had involvement with Mrs White have been so complimentary of her guidance, support and knowledge. Thankyou to Mrs White.

### Principal's Report Continued

And to Miss Davis.....Her seven years at our school have seen her move from a young casual teacher to being promoted to Assistant Principal at a new school. Students, parents and staff all share the same thoughts of congratulations and sadness at the same time. We will miss her warm, generous, kind nature coupled with her dedication to outstanding teaching and learning for students. Farewell to Miss Davis.

#### Year 6 Shirts

Year 6 shirts will be available for students to wear earlier than last year, however not from the beginning of the year as classes have not yet been formed and teachers assigned. To ensure we have the correct information on the shirts, these things need to be confirmed. Once in place, sizes can be tried and an order placed.

On behalf of the staff at Engadine West PS have a safe and happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

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 <a href="https://www.academyphoto.com.au">www.academyphoto.com.au</a> go to "online ordering" then enter the following eight digit shoot key: <a href="https://www.academyphoto.com.au">MC2F7222</a>. 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). <u>This will be the ONLY day book packs will be sold by L J Harper</u>. 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.

### Farewell Year 6

This week our senior students finish their primary schools careers after seven years of learning here at Engadine West. We are proud of their achievements and growth and are very sad to see them go. On Friday at 3.00pm we will hold the farewell archway - *bring your tissues!* 

We would like to wish students and parents a safe and happy holiday.

Year 6 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.

### Thankyou to our Volunteers

We wish our volunteers a wonderful Christmas and a very well earned holiday!

#### **Uniform Shop**

A special thankyou to Tracy Farquhar, Cathy Cunyngham, Deb Kimber and their team of volunteers who all do an amazing job running the uniform shop. We appreciate your hard work throughout the year.



#### Canteen

Thankyou to our volunteers who assist Leanne Best in the canteen and to all those talented bakers who donate delicious goodies on our special days. Your time and generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### Student Banking

Student banking is carried out every Tuesday thanks to the dedication of our "banking ladies". Special mention to Justine Morando, Tracy Ebdon, Jackie Blakeney and Michelle Birss for looking after this very important role. We sadly say goodbye to Michelle after many years volunteering at Engadine West.

#### **Book Club**

Our book club co-ordinator does a marvellous job each month. Special thanks to Stephanie Wise for processing Scholastic orders and ensuring these books are delivered to students.



As we wish our Year 6 students good luck as they move onto high school, we'd also like to say farewell and good luck to any Year 6 parents who will be leaving our school community this year!

## Kindergarten Classroom Requirements 2017

- A paint shirt (old t-shirt or smock with face cloth sewn across the front) no buttons please and labeled with name on the front
- Library bag
- Home reading pouch (green pouch given to parents at the Parent Information Session)
- Headphones
- School hat, rain coat, jumper and/or jacket
- Box of tissues
- Wet-ones in a packet
- Hand sanitizer or hand wash
- 4 Bostik glue sticks these will need to be provided each term
- Pencils and crayons supplied (no need for a pencil case)

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

Thankyou



#### Year 1 Classroom Requirements

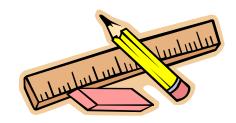
- 3 glue sticks (good quality and not liquid glue)
- 5 HB lead pencils
- Eraser
- Scissors
- Pencil sharpener (container type)
- Coloured pencils/wind up crayons (no Textas)
- 1 pencil case (small)
- Library bag
- Home Reading Pouch
- Roll of paper towel
- Box of tissues
- 2 packets of wipes
- 1 antibacterial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

### Year 2 Classroom Requirements

- 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)
- Coloured pencils and/or wind up crayons (textas optional)
- Raincoat (remains in school bag)
- Sunscreen (for personal use to remain in school bag
  - replace when used)
- · Roll of paper towels
- 2 packets of wipes/sanitisers
- Box of tissues

### Years 3 & 4 Classroom Requirements

- 6 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
- A4 display folder
- Thin black artline texta
- USB thumb drive (Year 4 only) can be purchased for under \$10
- Box of tissues
- Paper towels or wet ones
- Liquid soap/antibacterial gel



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

Thankyou

## Years 5 & 6 Classroom Requirements

- 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
- Clear contact (to cover class exercise books)
- Dictionary (Macquarie Senior is preferred but not essential)
- Pencil sharpener (container type)

- 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

### School Travel 2017 - OPAL Card



### 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 will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

# 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
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 As soon as possible		\$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

# 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 Sept - Sun 8 Oct 2017
Term 4			
Monday 9 October 2017	Friday 15 December 2017	School Holidays	Sat 16 Dec - Mon 29 Jan 2018

### 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

u	Friday	16 December LAST DAY
		K Hansen, R Hutchison, N Ross, T Huntly

Roster

Week 10

#### 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.

#### Thankyou!

Thankyou to everyone who has helped me this year. From volunteering in the canteen, to donating cakes and slices for special days, your generosity and dedication is always appreciated. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Good luck to this year's Year 6 students who are about to embark on their high school adventure!

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

#### Leanne Best Canteen Supervisor







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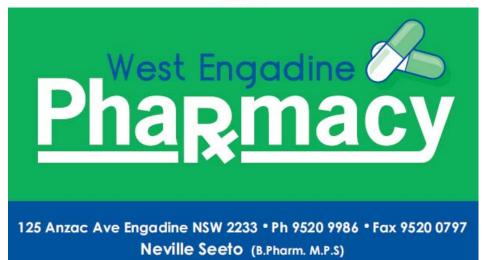








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### Community News



#### 2017 Registration Days

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

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> January
Tue 31<sup>st</sup> January
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> February
3.00pm to 6.00pm
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 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.





#### CONFIDENT COMMUNICATION FOR KIDS



Effective communication is an important part of everyday life. In this workshop children will build skills and confidence in interacting with others.

Join a small group to explore and practise non-verbal communication and conversation skills.

Topics covered will include:

Posture, gesture, facial expressions, volume and tone of voice, how to start, maintain and finish conversations ... all done through games and activities delivered by a speech pathologist.

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Group sizes are limited to 6 participants

Groups run from 9:30am —12:15pm

Cost \$60.00

Wednesday 17 January 2017

Suitable for 8-10 year olds

Enquiries welcome for other ages