

# 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

#### Showcase

I am looking forward to our inaugural Showcase performances next Wednesday afternoon and night. This creative and performing arts Showcase will be a great celebration of some of the programs that have run in our school this year. I look forward to seeing the many parents of the involved students.

#### Mum's Movie Night

The second night of this great initiative saw nearly 100 mums gather for a fun evening at GU Cinema in Cronulla. Lots of prizes were on offer and appreciated by the winners. Thankyou to all who supported the night, especially the sponsors and Justine Morando and Toni Keegan who generously donated their time to organise such a successful fundraising night.

#### Teacher Professional Learning

On Monday afternoon a number of staff participated in a writing module led by Mr Griggs. It was an extended afternoon of teacher learning in embedding writing skills in the teaching and learning program to support students with higher order writing skills.

Our thoughts are with the community of Banksia Road PS during their time of great hardship in light of the accident at their school this week.

It is a timely reminder to members of our community not to drive onto the school grounds. We are currently reviewing parking and teacher vehicle movement in the car park, as well as car park gates. I am grateful to the many families to drive and act with care and consideration, particularly during drop off and pick up times. The safety of our students is second to none.

**Sue Roach**  
Principal



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



# Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2019

## Message for Year 5 parents/carers

Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2019 are now open and can be made online until 13 November 2017.

Go to: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 15 March 2018.

## Message for Year 6 Parents

The Year 6 Farewell is fast approaching (7 December 2017) and the farewell committee is working hard to make this night a memorable one! The committee requires **six photos** of each Year 6 student (**either portrait or group photos from school based activities eg easter hat parade, education week, assemblies, awards, school sports etc.**) to be emailed to [ewpsyear6photos@gmail.com](mailto:ewpsyear6photos@gmail.com) or copied onto a clearly marked USB and dropped into the canteen **before Friday 1 December 2017**. Thankyou kindly.

## Library Pillow Week

This is the last week for student borrowing. We are holding 'pillow week' during Week 6 (13-17 November 2017) where students are encouraged to bring a pillow to lay on during their library lesson. We also plan to show a G rated movie to years K-2 and PG rated movie to Years 3-6 during this time.

Please ensure all library books are returned by Friday 17 November 2017.

**Margaret Evans and Janet Evans**  
**Teacher Librarians**



## Koori Art Expressions

*Koori Art Expressions* is a Public Schools NSW visual arts program open to all students Kindergarten to Year 12. The exhibition will run from 22 November 2017 to 28 January 2018 at the Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences. This year 3 of our classes have entered the art exhibition with the hope of having their art works displayed. The theme for this year's exhibition is ***Our Languages Matter***. The 2017 theme aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

1/2S



5/6F



5H



**Maree Sterling**  
**Aboriginal Committee Coordinator**

## Kindergarten Transition Program



Over the past two weeks our brand new Kindergarten 2018 students have had four transitions to 'big school'. They have enjoyed reading stories, playing, craft and getting to know other students. We look forward to welcoming them to Engadine West Public School next year and wish them all the best for the years ahead.

**Amanda Turner**  
Kindergarten Coordinator

## Excursions and Payments

Year	Excursion or Payment	Please pay by	Amount
Year 3	Symbio Wildlife Park excursion	Wednesday 22 November	\$26
Dance Group	Women's Rugby World Cup Opening Ceremony	Friday 10 November	\$7
Year 5	Heathcote High School Production	Friday 24 November	\$6
PSSA	PSSA sport bus fare	every Friday	\$6
Years K-6	Reading Eggs/Groove Nation/technology levy		\$40
Years K-6	School voluntary contribution		\$50
Band members	Term 4 Band fees		\$125 per term

## Round 4 - PSSA

**Friday 10 November 2017**

**Engadine West Gold v Menai at ANZAC Oval**  
**Engadine West Green v Heathcote East at Heathcote Oval**

Games start at 9.30am and are completed by 11.00am  
Buses depart EWPS at 9.00am  
Cost: \$6.00 per week



## K-2 Carols Under the COLA

- ★ Wednesday 13 December 2017 (Week 10) at 12.00pm.
- ★ K-2 students can wear Christmas attire.
- ★ Bring a picnic blanket or chair.
- ★ Picnic lunch in the playground to follow the carols.



## Creative and Performing Arts Showcase

On Wednesday 15 November 2017 there will be a creative and performing arts showcase for parents and friends in the school hall consisting of two concerts at 2.00-3.00pm and 6.00-7.00pm.

The following groups will be performing, highlighting the hard work and talent of our young dancers, musicians and artists throughout the year: junior dance, junior choir, junior band, senior dance, senior choir and senior band.

### Junior Choir Costumes

Junior choir members are required to wear an outfit that is a combination of black pants and a white top. This could be:

- ♦ Black jeans and a white t-shirt (black pants from the music festival).
  - ♦ Black tights and white t-shirt/white shirt (black tights from the music festival)
  - ♦ Black dress
  - ♦ White dress
  - ♦ Black shoes or white shoes with white socks.
- School shoes are suitable (no runners or joggers)

### Senior Choir Costumes

Senior choir members are required to wear an outfit that is a combination of blue denim and white. This could be:

- ♦ Denim jeans and a white top.
- ♦ Denim shorts/skirt and a white top.
- ♦ White pants and a denim top.
- ♦ Denim dress.
- ♦ White dress.





## How much is too much to tell our kids?

by Dimity Sharpe

*In a world where transparency is the new black, does modern day parenting need to follow suit? Do our children need to know explicit details about relationship breakdowns, disability or themselves?*

### **Culture of transparency**

As a teacher I am increasingly being challenged by children who tell me they can't engage in particular activities because of ailments or labels that they throw across the desk like a fidget spinner. Truly out of the mouths of babes comes very adult language and concepts like 'diagnosis', 'ADHD' and brain problems. There are also relationship observations such as "Dad's too busy for us, my parents are separated".

We seem to have created a culture where discussing these often complex issues is done openly and in great detail. Perhaps this is reflective of the greater transparency we see in the world today, with personal information being shared on social media and reality TV.

Our society has evolved to favour transparency in most aspects of life. It's the new norm. But is it in the best interests of our children's wellbeing that our parenting follows suit?

My gut says no. When a child says these things, I find my heart skipping a beat. I can see by the way kids casually deliver these terms and labels that they don't – they simply can't -- understand what they are saying and what it means for their own identity.

### **The dangers of labelling**

I'm sure that most adults can remember a time when they were given a particular label as child. You're the "clever one", you're "not good at sport", you're "better at maths". How many of those things stayed with us into adulthood and continue to change the way we perceive ourselves? Were those thoughts responsible for us not attempting things, a subconscious block to our learning and development?

This issue becomes even more difficult in relation to a disability or difficulty. When we tell a child about a disability or difficulty that they are experiencing, we are potentially giving them a story to follow. We are telling them 'this is what you are'. Of course we don't mean for this to have a negative effect, and we are for the most part trying to help the child. But disability is difficult. Often as adults we are left without concrete answers and we struggle to cope, so how then do we expect a child to be able to effectively deal with these issues?





## Children's brains are poor processors

The problem is, and this has been beautifully articulated by Michael Grose, that children are essentially poor processors. Their brains do not process information the same way as an adult brain does.

How many times has a child told you "everyone hates me" or "I did nothing on the weekend"? They see things in absolutes, black and white. Of course they did things on the weekend, and often with structure and encouragement targeted at the children's developmental level you will find out that the events of the weekend were vast.

We don't teach six year olds about calculus because their brains are not ready for that. They don't have the mathematical building blocks to understand those higher order concepts. How then do we expect that children will be able to weed through the true facts and ramifications of delivering news like, "We are going to the doctor to see why your brain isn't working properly".

As adults we often find solace in more information, more details. But as adults we can sort this information: our brains and bodies can let go of things we know are not important. We can seek the support of other adults. We can google things. Children aren't equipped the same way. They are told something and it becomes a fact. Real. It becomes a part of who they are.

By tailoring the narrative you give your children to better suit their developmental age and stage in life, by telling them just enough to get them through, you give their minds and bodies a better chance to process complex issues.

## How much is enough?

The question then becomes how much is enough? When children ask where babies come from, we don't tell them the intricate details of reproduction. We tell them just enough to satisfy their curiosity. "Mummy's tummy" is enough for some young children. Then as they grow developmentally and their mental faculties expand, their questions evolve and so can our answers.

Schools are increasingly adopting the Growth Mindset philosophy, that is, that intellect is not finite, it's a growth process. We work at things, we make mistakes and we progress.



I encourage you to try to tailor what you are telling your children to align with their developmental age and abilities. Support them and in time they may seek further answers. Be confident that you have told them enough and that you aren't swamping them with too much information for them to accurately process!



## Dimity Sharpe

*Dimity is a passionate and experienced Primary school teacher. She endeavours to ensure all students feel valued, and builds instant rapport through humour and empathy. Dimity strives to provide a learning environment where all children can flourish. She has a degree in Special Education and is a Growth Mindset advocate.*

## Upcoming Events

Day/Week	Date	Activity	Time
<b>TERM 4</b>			
<b>Week 6</b>			
Sunday	12 November	Women's Rugby World Cup opening ceremony rehearsal	9.30am
Monday	13 November	Pillow week in the library (bring your pillow for library lessons)	
		Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2019 close	
Wednesday	15 November	Creative and performing arts Showcase in the hall	2.00-3.00pm and 6.00-7.00pm
Thursday	16 November	Women's Rugby World Cup opening ceremony	8.45am
Friday	17 November	K-2 assembly	12.00pm
		3-6 assembly	2.30pm
		Please return all library books for stocktake	
<b>Week 7</b>			
Monday	20 November	Library closed for stocktake until end of year	
Wednesday	22 November	Uniform shop open	9.15am
<b>Week 8</b>			
Monday	27 November	Year 3 Symbio Wildlife Park excursion	9.10am
Thursday	30 November	Year 5 to Heathcote High School ( <i>Peter Pan</i> & <i>Wendy</i> )	9.25am
		COSOTP Sustainability Science Conference	9.00am-3.30pm
		Junior Band expressions of interest due	
<b>Week 9</b>			
Monday	4 December	Kindergarten Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Tuesday	5 December	Year 1 Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Wednesday	6 December	Year 3 Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Thursday	7 December	Year 4 Presentation Assembly	10.0am
		Year 6 Farewell at Engadine Bowling Club	6.00pm
Friday	8 December	Year 2 Presentation Assembly	10.00am
		Last day to drop off used containers to the basement (TerraCycle)	
<b>Week 10</b>			
Monday	11 December	Year 5 Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Tuesday	12 December	Year 6 Presentation Assembly	10.00am
Wednesday	13 December	Years K-2 Carols under the COLA	12.00pm
Friday	15 December	Last day - class parties	

## Win a Recycled Playground for Engadine West PS



### 2017 Garnier & TerraCycle Recycled Playground Competition

## WIN A RECYCLED PLAYGROUND

*Our school could win a playground simply by recycling used beauty product containers!*

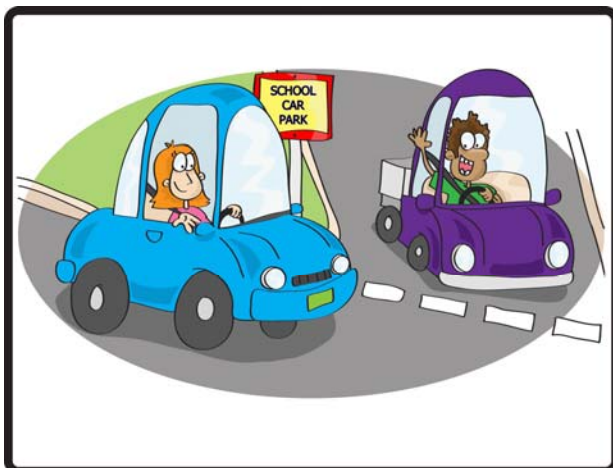
Engadine West PS is calling for all students to bring in empty shampoo, conditioner, soap, sanitiser, gel and/or bubble bath containers.

Please drop containers in the box located in the Basement before 8 December 2017

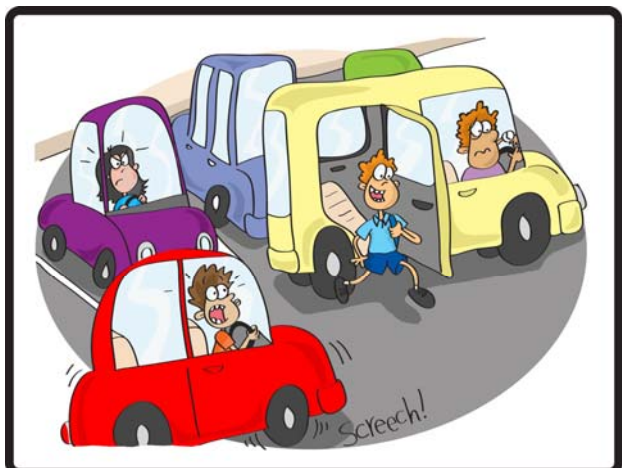
## Driving and Parking Safely Near the School

- ★ School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.
- ★ Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
- ★ Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- ★ Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.
- ★ NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.
- ★ Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child - they will learn from you.
- ★ Slow down near the school crossing.
- ★ At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- ★ Always park and turn legally around the school. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- ★ Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- ★ Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
- ★ Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.

For more information visit [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)



BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER DRIVERS  
IN THE SCHOOL.



NEVER DOUBLE PARK TO PICK UP  
OR DROP OFF CHILDREN.



## Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop is open every second Wednesday. If you are unable to attend on this day, orders may be left at the front office and will be filled on Wednesdays only. Order forms are available from the office or the school website under "Notes & Forms".

Our next opening time will be:

**Wednesday 22 November from 9.15-10.15am**

**Flexischools** is now available for you to purchase uniforms. Please note that online uniform shop orders need to be placed before 5.00pm Tuesdays for delivery to your child's class on Wednesdays.

**Rebecca Kiellor & Clare Ritchie**  
Uniform Shop Coordinators



## Canteen News



**EWPS Canteen**

- ★ The canteen is closed every **Tuesday**
- ★ Lunch orders **must be placed by 9.00am on Flexischools or 9.30am at the canteen.**
- ★ **Email:** ewps.canteen1@gmail.com

### Volunteers Needed

The canteen is in need of new volunteers to assist as we're sadly losing 12 Year 6 mums at the end of this year as their children move onto high school. All training is provided. You will require a WWCC (Working With Children Check) and a sense of humour! A normal rostered day is from drop off until approximately 3.00pm once a month, however, if you are only available once a term or for a few hours in the morning or afternoon, please call into the canteen to see me.

### Can you help on the following days?

Wednesday 22/11 and 29/11  
Thursday 30/11  
Friday 1/12 and 15/12

### Flexischools is here!

Lunch orders can now be placed (**by 9.00am**) and paid for online using Flexischools. See details on the next page.

**Leanne Best**  
Canteen Supervisor

Week 5	Roster
Friday	<b>10 November</b> Everyone who has volunteered
Week 6	Roster
Monday	<b>13 November</b> N Hardy, R Bromwich
Wednesday	<b>15 November</b> K Schnabel, K Dickenson, K Sinclair
Thursday	<b>16 November</b> M Healey, J Wood
Friday	<b>17 November</b> H Chappell, T Ebdon, R Hutchinson C Vitelli



# P&C Mum's Movie Night

## • MOVIE NIGHT WRAP UP •

Bad Moms Christmas was very entertaining and educational, with many laugh out loud moments. It was such a fun night, supported by 99 wonderful women...thankyou for coming along and sharing lots of laughs together. Some of you got together for a meal before, some celebrated after, but most importantly we had a great time and raised approximately \$1700 for the Engadine West PS P&C at the same time. Well done team.

Thanks to some great local businesses and school families who donated prizes for our raffle and giveaways:

- ★ The Blakeney Family - Maxwell Williams
- ★ The Trenberth Family - Prime Resurfacing
- ★ The Bevan/Keegan Family - Found: The Store/Mor Boutique
- ★ InnerSense Day Spa Massage & Laser Clinic
- ★ Plus The High Tea Party, Unilever, Fresh Roasted Nuts - Stax Foods & CocoJoy for the goody bags.

We appreciate your ongoing support.

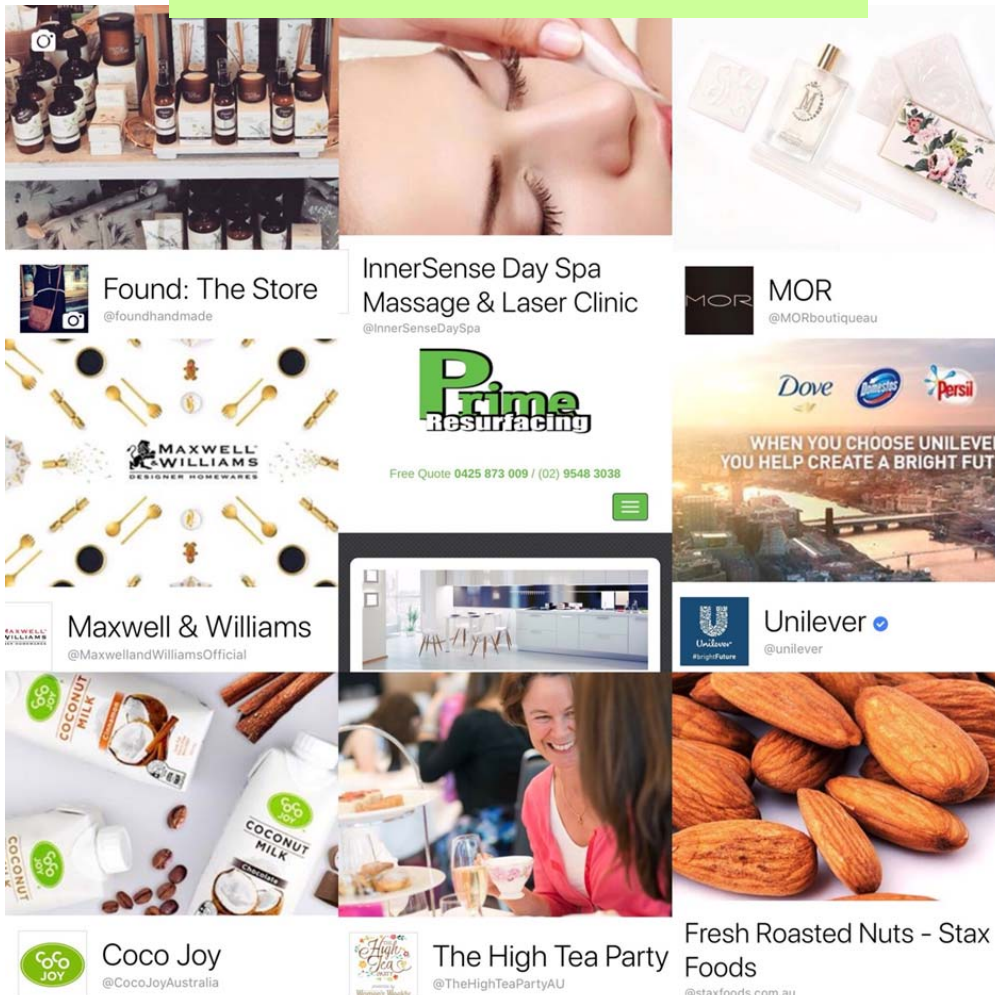


Thankyou to Mrs Roach and Mrs Ryan for drawing the raffle, to Mrs Best for allowing us to collect movie night money via the canteen and to Ms Reynolds for all your admin help. Thanks to Steph, Jac and Shelley for selling raffle tickets on the night.

We hope to see you for another night or two in 2018.

**Justine Morando and Toni Keegan**  
P&C Fundraising Team

## Thankyou to our wonderful sponsors!





## Community News



### Southern Sydney Youth Girls Come and Try

All girls in Southern Sydney are invited along to an evening of footy fun! AFL staff will be running skill clinics and modified activities catering for all skill levels!  
PLUS there will be a free BBQ and prizes up for grabs!

**Date: Wednesday, 22 November, 2017**

**Time: 5.30-7pm - please arrive at least 15 minutes in advance**

**Age: 9 -17 year old girls (U10 – U18 age groups)**

**Location: Waratah Park Field 3, Sutherland**

For more information, contact Aimee Rainbird: [aimee.rainbird@ afl.com.au](mailto:aimee.rainbird@ afl.com.au) or 0447 455 185



Heathcote High School Presents

## Peter Pan and Wendy

Friday 1 December 2017

7:00pm

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Saturday 2 December 2017

7.00 pm

Tickets \$15 adult, \$10 child/student, \$40 family  
(two adults and up to three children under age of 15).

A comedy/adventure by Doug Rand  
from the novel by J. M. Barrie  
Directed by Bernadette Coppock  
with permission from Playscripts Inc



## Community News

# SHARKS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

**22nd to 25th January 2018**  
**9am - 2pm Age 7 to 15 years**  
**T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants**



Download enrolment form from our website  
[www.sutherlandbasketball.net.au](http://www.sutherlandbasketball.net.au)

Enrolments close  
**15th December 2017**  
 unless maximum  
 numbers are reached  
 prior to closing date

Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland  
 Phone: (02) 9542-1999  
 Email: [admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au](mailto:admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au)  
 Website: [www.sutherlandbasketball.net.au](http://www.sutherlandbasketball.net.au)

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!!**

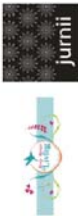
**17th  
 November  
 6.00pm-9.00pm**

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## Boutique Shopping Experience

Come & enjoy a boutique shopping  
 experience at Yowie Bay Public School.

This year we have many new exciting stalls  
 and many of our favourites returning.

Bring your friends, Mum, Grandma and  
 your Christmas shopping list!

Gold coin entry. Browse through many  
 unique and exciting stalls.

Port Hacking High School are sending  
 special selections from their Performing  
 Band to give us the music to shop to.

Buy a \$10 ticket for your chance  
 to win a door prize and  
 receive a free glass of champagne  
 to sip whilst shopping!

Delicious finger food will be available for  
 purchase on the night.

*We hope to see you at the 2017  
 Yowie Bay Public School Twilight Markets*

Please note: This is an adults only event