

Dear parents and carers

Showstopping Showcase

What a fantastic night of performances. Thankyou teachers....thankyou families....thankyou students.



Principal's Report cont'd

Professional Learning

On Monday Miss Barrow and Mrs Howden attended a professional learning session on writing to deepen their skills in supporting students in the classroom. They will be sharing their learning with their colleagues so they too can trial new and dynamic ways to engage students and get their best thoughts on paper. Next Monday night all staff are staying at school until early evening to update their CPR and anaphylaxis training.

Are You Leaving Us?

If you know that your family is moving and your child will not be attending Engadine West PS in 2018 it would be extremely helpful to let the office know so that we can work on formulating class numbers in preparedness for 2018.

Kindergarten 2018

A wonderful 99 students have enrolled in Kindergarten for 2018. But...it's not too late if you are ready for your child to come to school next year! Please contact the school for more information and to organise a meeting with me and/or a tour of the school if you would like one.





Sue Roach Principal



Parent Survey

Engadine West PS parents and school community members are invited to have input into our school's future by completing this two question survey. <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X52RK9N</u> The survey will close Friday 24 November 2017. The feedback and data from this survey will be used to inform the development of our school's improvement plan 2018-2020. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Ross Edwards Deputy Principal

Engadine West PS Mo Bros - Movember

These two darling gentlemen are starting to look very dapper indeed as their moustaches continue to develop. Mr Fleming and Mr Hogan are taking part in Movember, raising money and awareness for men's health.

The Movember Foundation is the only charity tackling men's health on a global scale, year round. It addresses some of the biggest health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health and suicide prevention. You can support our teachers and Movember by donating on Mr Fleming's Movember page https://mobro.co/fattmo?mc=1





Forensic Science Day

On Tuesday 7 November 2017, Year 6 students left their uniforms home for the day and came dressed as scientists, police officers or detectives. A "crime" had been committed in our administration block late Monday afternoon when Mrs Roach's shoes and hair fascinator went "missing" from her office. Mrs Roach was understandably quite upset as these two items were to be worn to an after-school Melbourne Cup event. Year 6 had the challenge of identifying the thief. Our school's security coding system had identified Mr Hogan, Mrs Leavai, Miss Barrow, Mrs Weppler and Mrs Long as being in the crime scene location at the time of the crime.

After a briefing by Dr Lois Holloway and Detective Sergeant Broome, our students went to interview each of the suspects and collect evidence. Our Year 6 forensic scientists then split up into small groups and participated in different activities where they examined the evidence that had been collected. These activities included the comparison of finger and shoe prints, hair strands and handwriting samples. Also, students investigated how the process of chromatography separates the inks in different textas and the effect of UV light on common kitchen items. A police representative from the Menai dog squad visited to show the students two puppies in training and to discuss how trained dogs are used to help solve crimes.

After lunch, several students from each group summarised their group's evidence findings and nominated the suspect teacher, who they believed "borrowed" Mrs Roach's shoes and fascinator.







All groups thought the most likely thief was Mrs Weppler. A timely interruption was made by a relieved Mrs Roach, where she announced that the box with her shoes and fascinator had been returned to her office while she was at a meeting. All five suspects professed their innocence, however, Mrs Weppler, with a guilty conscience, admitted to borrowing Mrs Roach's items as she "just wanted to be tall like Mrs Roach."

Year 6 students and teachers would like to thank Mrs Roach and our teacher suspects, for being good sports on the day. Also, we'd like to thank Dr Holloway, Detective Sergeant Broome and the police representative from the Menai dog squad, for volunteering their time and expertise during both the planning and implementation of our Forensic Science Day.

Year 6 teachers and Mrs Evans

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.

It's wonderful to see so many used beauty product containers in the basement, please keep them coming in! You can now register a vote online every day by visiting:

https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/contests/garnierplayground

Enter your name, email address and our school name in the fields provided, verify your email then your vote will be registered. Pass this onto family and friends, every vote equals one point and will get us closer to winning! Voting and container collection closes on Friday 8 December 2017.

Excursions and Payments

Year	Excursion or Payment	Please pay by	Amount
Year 3	Symbio Wildlife Park excursion	Wednesday 22 November	\$26
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 5 - PSSA

Friday 17 November 2017

Engadine West Gold v Helensburgh at Heathcote Oval Engadine West Green v Marton at Kingswood 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

As this year comes to a close, Kindergarten to Year 2 classes are busy preparing for our annual Christmas carols sing-a-long. We will be having one sing-a-long at **12.00pm on Wednesday 13 December 2017** under the Engadine West PS COLA.

This year all students will sing together and you are welcome to join in. Students are asked to wear Christmas attire (no bare shoulders please) with sensible shoes. Following the sing-a-long all visitors are invited to stay for a 'picnic lunch' in COLA area. Due to allergies, we request that you do not share food and a reminder that we are a nut aware school.

You may like to bring a rug, cushion or chair as no formal seating will be provided.

The school canteen will be open as usual and lunch orders will be available on the day. Lunch orders can be picked up after the performance.



If you plan to take your child home after the sing-a-long, please sign them out with their class teacher. We hope you can come along and join in on the fun!

K-2 Teachers

SRC Christmas Appeal

Our armed forces spend hours, days and weeks away from home serving and protecting our country.

Engadine West PS would like to recognise their efforts and create some care packages to send to our soldiers for Christmas.

Below is a list of suggested items we would like each grade to donate. Any donation will be much appreciated. If you could follow the guide it will make package creation more efficient.

Kindergarten	Bags of lollies (strictly no chocolate please)
Year 1	\$2.00 each for the care package boxes from AusPost
Year 2	Roll on deodorant or shaving cream (male or female)
Year 3	Small bottle of talcum powder (male or female)
Year 4	Shower gel, soap or lip balm (male or female)
Year 5	Instant noodles or biscuits (strictly no chocolate please)
Year 6	Small tinned foods with ring pull for ease of opening

Students can also write letters to male or female soldiers to express their gratitude for the outstanding job that the armed forces do for our country. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

All donations need to go to your classroom teacher **before** Friday 24 November 2017. We will be packaging items on Friday 24 November 2017 so that they can make their overseas destination in time for Christmas.

Thankyou to all of our families for supporting such a worthwhile cause at Christmas time.



Karen Weppler and Maree Sterling

Upcoming Events

Day/Week	Date	Activity	Time
TERM 4			
Week 6			
Friday	17 November	K-2 assembly (last for the year)	12.00pm
		3-6 assembly (last for the year)	2.30pm
Week 7			
Monday	20 November	Library closed for stocktake until end of year	
Wednesday	22 November	Uniform shop open (last for the year)	9.15am
Week 8	07.1		0.40
Monday	27 November	Year 3 Symbio Wildlife Park excursion	9.10am
Thursday	30 November	Year 5 to Heathcote High School (<i>Peter Pan & Wendy</i>) COSOtP Sustainability Science Conference	9.25am 9.00am-3.30pm
		Junior Band expressions of interest due	9.00am-9.30pm
Friday	1 December	Reach Out Christmas party	2.15pm
Week 9			
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)	
Week 10			
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	
TERM 1	2018		
Week 1			
Monday	29 January	School Development Day (staff only)	
Tuesday	30 January	First day for students Years 1-6	
		Kindergarten Best Start	
Wednesday	31 January	Kindergarten Best Start	
Thursday	1 February	Kindergarten Best Start	
Friday	2 February	First day for Kindergarten students	
Week 3			
Thursday	15 February	School swimming carnival at Engadine Leisure Centre	

Uniform Shop News

Thankyou for supporting the uniform shop throughout 2017. If you would like to place an order before the end of year, do so before 22 November 2017 (or by 5.00pm Tuesday 21 November if ordering through Flexischools) or visit on the last opening day.

2018 Price Increases

Prices will increase from January 2018.

Pop Up Sale

Keep an eye out for 'pop up' uniform sales on the EWPS P&C Fundraising & Events facebook page.

Good Quality Uniform Donations

We accept good quality donations. You may leave them by the uniform shop door or at the front office. Proceeds from sales go to the P&C.

Rebecca Kiellor & Clare Ritchie Uniform Shop Coordinators

Our last next opening time for this year will be:

Wednesday 22 November from 9.15-10.15am

Last opening day!



Canteen News

- ★ 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 6	Roster	
Friday	17 November	
	H Chappell, T Ebdon, R Hutchinson, C Vitelli	
Week 7	Roster	
Monday	20 November	
	R Davoren, T Goard, C Bacot	
Wednesday	22 November	
	K Foden, P Howe HELP NEEDED	
Thursday	23 November	
	K Zaknich, T Huntly, N Turner, G Padgett	
Friday	24 November	
	A Pillington, D Osmand, K Holmes, S Josland, C Milliken	



f Find us on: facebook, EWPS Canteen

CODE IT YOURSELF

School Holiday Camps for kids aged 7-17



WHEN: 8.30am - 2.30pm

Game Coding Thursday 21st December Monday 8th January Wed 24th January

3D Printing and Design Friday 22nd December Tuesday 16th January

Thursday 25th January Tuesday 9th January **Minecraft Modding**

Monday 15th January Website Coding

WHAT:

Keep the kids busy with our fun and interactive school holiday coding camps

WHERE:

Caringbah High School Caringbah NSW 2229 85 Willarong Rd

BOOK NOW:

www.bit.do/CaringbahCIY

For more information visit www.CIY.Club or contact Sheree via M. 0400 685 586 or E. sheree@scopelTeducation.edu.au





SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUAR)

8PM



Community News

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TICKETS

MEET & GREET PACKAGES