

Engadine West Public School

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Principal's Message



Dear parents and carers

Staff Professional Learning

On Monday evening all staff remained at school for a late training session on CPR and anaphylaxis - in case of an emergency. This is a timely reminder that it is never too late to notify the school about a child that has a health care need. An individual health care plan can be developed to meet the specific needs of your child. This includes a medical action plan for a child with anaphylaxis. If you are unsure, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher for further information.



Busy Busy Busy

There are so many things happening in and around school at this time of the year. Please ensure you consult the calendar in the newsletter regularly and watch for updates on Facebook and Skoolbag. We do not want you or your children to miss out on anything.

Student Leaders 2018

I was very impressed by the calibre of students who were interviewed by Mr Field, Mr Wilkins and me last week. All students showed strength and interest in the role. Congratulations to the girls and boys who were nominated to proceed to deliver speeches to the students and teachers on Tuesday. I must commend the resilience of the students who did not get this opportunity and how they were encouraging of their peers. The voting is complete and an announcement will be made at the Year 5 presentation assembly. I wish good luck to all candidates.



Year 5 and Year 6 Camps

In 2018 Year 5 will be attending Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre and Year 6 will be travelling to our nation's capital. Both excursions will be occurring in Term 1. Students in Year 5 2018 and Year 6 2018 will soon receive a note for a **deposit to be paid early in Term 1 next year** to confirm their place on their camp. **No money is required this year**, however, there is an option to pay the deposit should you wish to.

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.

Sue Roach
Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

'Step Up' Transition Sessions

In support of all our students' transition into their new grades next year, we plan to hold two 'Step Up' sessions. Students will visit the classrooms for the grades that they will be enrolled in during 2018. This will support their transition into the new year. Identified students with additional needs will receive further transition support. Year teaching teams will plan for two 45 minute sessions to be held on both Tuesday 5 and Monday 11 December 2017.

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. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X52RK9N> 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 dashing 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>



Medication at School

Students are not permitted to bring medication to school unless they are suffering from a chronic illness eg diabetes, asthma etc. Only prescribed medication can be given at school and the following procedures must be adopted:

- ★ Parent/carer must complete a request form which can be obtained from the office or on the school website. The medicine and administration procedures must be clearly identified.
- ★ It will be the responsibility of the student to come to the office at the correct time to receive their medication.
- ★ Administration procedures will be recorded.
- ★ The medication will be kept secure in the office and administered by authorised staff.
- ★ All medication needs to be brought to school in the original container labelled with the student's name and doctor's instructions about dosage, times and storage details.
- ★ Teachers and other staff are not permitted to administer medication.

Engadine West PS Dancers Dazzle



Last Thursday our junior and senior dance ensembles performed in the Opening Ceremony for the Women's Rugby League World Cup. It was a colourful and vibrant display of dance and music. Our students looked fabulous representing Australia in green and the Cook Islands in blue. Miss McPherson and Mrs Duncum were proud of all the students who participated in this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Miss McPherson and Mrs Duncum



Year 6 Farewell Photographs

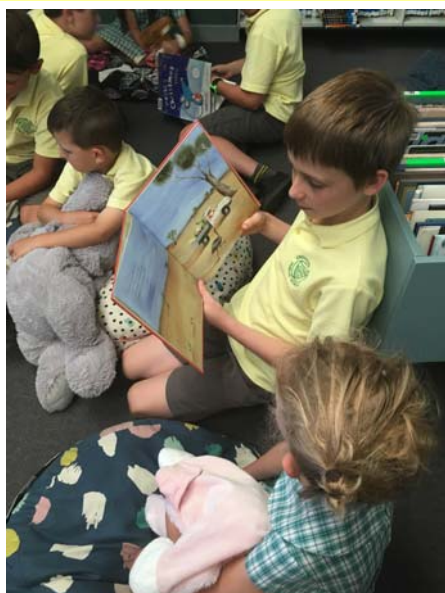
The Year 6 Farewell is fast approaching (7 December 2017) and the farewell committee is working hard to make this night a memorable one! The committee requires **six photos** of each Year 6 student (either portrait or group photos) to be emailed to ewpsyear6photos@gmail.com or copied onto a clearly marked USB and dropped into the canteen before **Friday 1 December 2017**.

Thankyou kindly.

Year 6 teachers



Library News



The Engadine West library is a very busy place during the school year. This year a total of 41,329 loans were made! The students and staff are avid library users and are also very responsible when returning their loans.

Pillow week in the library was a great success. The students enjoyed watching a book based movie and reading quietly with others. Thankyou to all the students who returned their library books during the week and we ask that all other books are returned as soon as possible for stocktake purposes.

Thankyou.

Mrs Margaret Evans and Mrs Janet Evans
Teacher Librarians

Student Success

Congratulations to Haylee M and Sam H on a spectacular performance last Thursday night in the Sydney Southeast Showcase as members of the Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds Ensemble (SSSWE). The concert highlighted amazing musical talent from schools across southeast Sydney and our students' band was certainly no exception. Haylee and Sam have represented our school in SSSWE with performances at the Sydney Opera House, the Royal National Park and Hazelhurst Art Gallery, as well as a three day regional music camp. We wish them every success in their future high school music ventures!



The very talented
SSSWE members,
Haylee and Sam



Year 5 students Emily B, Tori B, Kate M, Mia M, Kate M and Lucy V are rehearsing tirelessly this week for Schools Spectacular over the weekend at Qudos Bank Arena. The girls (together with Mrs Ryan) will be part of televised performances with Voices of Sydney, both in the choir and on the arena floor. This is an amazing opportunity for these students to perform with over 5000 students selected through audition from across NSW. Good luck to the girls!

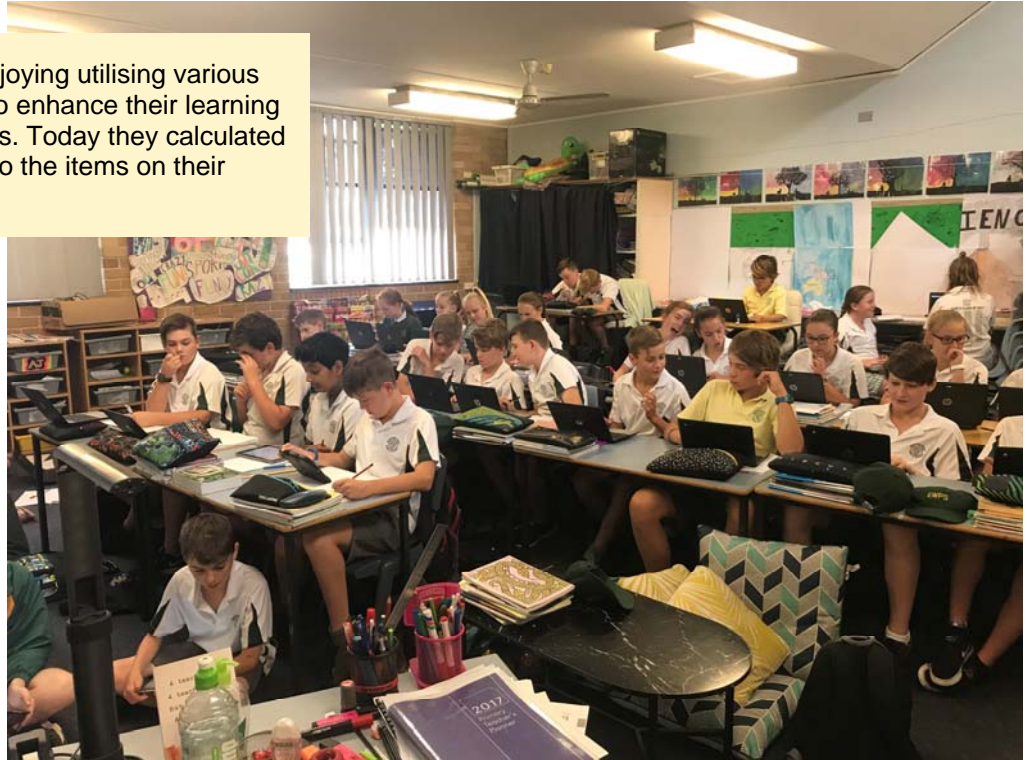


Good luck at the Schools Spectacular
Emily, Lucy, Kate, Tori and Mia!



Tech Savvy Year 6

Year 6 is thoroughly enjoying utilising various technological devices to enhance their learning of financial mathematics. Today they calculated and applied discounts to the items on their Christmas wish lists.



Thankyou Morning Tea



You are invited to the

Thankyou Morning Tea

Come and join us for a thankyou morning tea for all parent helpers, SRE teachers and volunteers

Wednesday 29 November 2017

11:15 – 11:45

School Library

RSVP to the office

Sport and Special Photographs

You may now view the sport and special group photographs online, displayed in the library window or at the front office. Order envelopes are also available at the front office. Please place orders by **Monday 4 December 2017** to avoid a late fee. Find the online school code, prices and further details below:



ABN 47 083 674 613
Unit 20, 14-16 Stanton Road
Seven Hills ~ NSW ~ 2147
Phone: [02] 9674 9824
Fax: [02] 9674 9834
e-mail: enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au



17th November 2017

Engadine West Public School

The School Photographer Re-Order Photos

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs. These can be viewed both online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and at the school.

School Online Code: 17S938PSB37E

If you wish to order please either;

- collect an order envelope, fill out/enclose payment and return to school.
- visit our website and order/pay online.

The photo prices are:

\$16.00 each, 2 for **\$30.00**, 3 for **\$42.00**, 4 for **\$52.00** or 5 for **\$60.00**.

Any additional photographs are **\$10.00** each. This discount is only available per family order.

Payment options –

Cash or Money Order payments enclosed in the order envelope.
ONLINE Payment by credit card – Envelope NOT required
The photos will be available to view and purchase online

All Orders to be made by 4th December 2017

****Please note if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school,
a late fee of \$5 will be incurred****

Name of Group	Name of Group
Combined Band	Cricket – Gold
Cricket – Green	Debating
Junior Choir	Junior Dance
Netball – Junior Gold	Netball – Junior Green
Netball – Senior A Green	Netball – Senior B Gold
Oztag – Junior Boys Blue	Oztag – Junior Boys Gold
Oztag – Junior Boys Green	Oztag – Junior Girls Gold
Oztag – Junior Girls Green	Oztag – Senior Boys Blue
Oztag – Senior Boys Gold	Oztag – Senior Boys Green
Oztag – Senior Girls Blue	Oztag – Senior Girls Gold
Oztag – Senior Girls Green	Oztag – Senior Girls White
Recorder Group	Rugby League - 10 Years
Rugby League – 11 Years	Rugby League -12 Years
School Captains	Senior Choir
Senior Dance	Soccer – Girls Knockout
Soccer – Junior A	Soccer – Junior A-2
Soccer – Junior B Green	Soccer – Junior B Red
Soccer – Senior B Green	Soccer – Senior Red
Softball – Gold	Softball – Green
SRC	T-Ball – Junior Boys Gold
T-Ball – Junior Boys Green	T-Ball – Junior Girls Gold
T-Ball – Junior Girls Green	Year 6 FUN

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 24 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 Wepler and Maree Sterling

**Thankyou for so generously supporting the SRC Christmas appeal.
Packing commences tomorrow!**

Upcoming Events

Day/Week	Date	Activity	Time
TERM 4			
Week 8			
Monday	27 November	Year 3 Symbio Wildlife Park excursion	9.10am
Tuesday	28 November	Last day for uniform shop orders (Flexischools or order forms)	
Wednesday	29 November	Thankyou morning tea in the library	11.15-11.45am
Thursday	30 November	Year 5 to Heathcote High School (<i>Peter Pan & Wendy</i>)	9.25am
		COSOtP Sustainability Science Conference	9.00am-3.30pm
		Junior Band expressions of interest due	
		Book club orders due online	
Friday	1 December	Reach Out Christmas party	2.15pm
Week 9			
Monday	4 December	Kindergarten Presentation Assembly	10.00am
		P&C meeting (location to be advised)	7.30pm
		Sport and special group photograph orders due	
Tuesday	5 December	Year 1 Presentation Assembly	10.00am
		Last day for school banking	
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	



Preparing your child for high school

by Sharon Witt

Entering high school can be just as daunting for parents as it is for a child. It is a huge time of change, and coupled with the fact that starting secondary school often coincides with the onset of puberty, it can be quite a roller-coaster ride!

Spend as much time as you can reassuring your child that they do not have to face this change alone and that it will be, for the most part, a positive experience. Avoid sharing any horror stories you may have experienced as a teenager in high school – these will not help your child. Rather, recall any positive experiences you had, especially if you made life-long friends at high school.

Organisation is crucial to helping your child cope well with entering high school. Those students that are well organised have a much better chance of settling in those first few weeks of secondary school.

Here are 6 tips for preparing your child for high school:

1. Ensure your child has everything they need for high school well before school starts for the year

Having items missing at the beginning of the year will frustrate not only your child but the teachers. Ensure they have enough books to write in for each subject and always have spares on hand at home.

2. Practise using public transport if your child is using it for the first time

For many students, changing schools means they may now have to travel on buses or trains for the first time. Help them to familiarise themselves with the bus/train timetable and offer a contingency if they miss their transport. If possible, practise the trip during the holidays.

3. Set up a designated study space in the home

This tip is so important as so many children don't have a specific area set up to allow them to quietly complete their homework. The bedroom is not recommended as this is purely a space for sleeping and relaxing. Use any area that is reasonably quiet and well lit. Set up a desk with a computer, if possible, along with stationery items.



4. Set up a high school parent folder

This will be a place to file all correspondence so that you can know exactly what is happening for your child at high school, including important dates. If you know what is going on at school, you will be able to help your child feel in control and stay organised. I cannot recommend this highly enough. As a parent you really need to stay on top of school information, at least until your child has established their own routine and systems for staying organised at school.

5. Encourage healthy sleeping patterns at least one week before starting high school

If your child has got into a holiday habit of staying up late and waking up at lunch time, they will get a rude shock come first day of school when their sleeping patterns are all out of whack! Get your child into 'school routine' for sleeping during the final week of the holidays.

6. Keep your child's high school in the loop

Inform your child's new school if they have special needs or learning difficulties. Teachers will benefit from being made aware of any particular needs or special circumstances that will help them in working with your child. If there are any specific family issues that might affect your child's ability to settle into high school, communicate these to your child's class or home-room teacher as soon as you know who they are. Never underestimate the importance of keeping the lines of communication open with your child's school.



Sharon Witt

Sharon Witt has been immersed in teen world for over two decades in her role as a Secondary teacher, Author and Presenter. Sharon is one of Australia's leading book authors for young people. She has written 12 books for young people to help guide them through many of the issues they face in early years and help them develop key strategies in building resilience. www.sharonwitt.com.au

Uniform Shop News

As the end of year is fast approaching, the uniform shop is preparing to close for stocktake. If you would like to place an order before the end of year, do so before **5.00pm Tuesday 28 November 2017 if ordering through Flexischools or order form** to ensure delivery before the end of year.

2018 Price Increases

Prices will increase from January 2018 due to supplier price rises.

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.

Year 2 Students

Reminder: Year 2 students moving into Year 3 2018 require a gold sport polo for Friday sport. Please order through Flexischools prior to Tuesday 28 November 2017 to ensure delivery before the end of this year.

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?

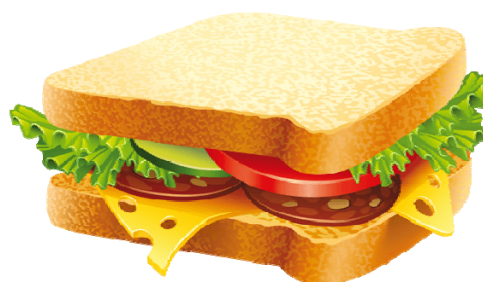
Wednesday 29/11
Thursday 30/11
Friday 1/12 and 15/12

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 7	Roster
Friday	24 November A Pillington, D Osmand, K Holmes, S Josland, P Howe
Week 8	Roster
Monday	27 November B Eshman, L Fordyce
Wednesday	29 November HELP NEEDED
Thursday	30 November N McNally, H Trenberth HELP NEEDED
Friday	1 December K Croaker, A Mathieson HELP NEEDED



Book Club News

The last catalogue for this year (Issue 8) has been sent home and orders are due by **30 November 2018**. Visit <http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP/> to order and pay. Every order earns free books and learning resources for Engadine West PS. Thankyou kindly for supporting Book Club!

Book Club



School Banking News

Thankyou for supporting school banking throughout 2017. The last banking day will be **Tuesday 5 December 2017** and the last day to claim reward prizes will be next Tuesday 28 November 2017. To claim rewards, don't forget to submit a voucher with your prize of choice, this does not happen automatically (10 deposits = 1 reward).

To check account balances, deposits and reward points, download the Commbank app:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/online-banking/commbank-youth-app.html>



Cyber Handball NO LONGER AVAILABLE



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

3D Chalk Set Released in Term 2, 2017



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Smiley Emoji Keyring Released in Term 3, 2017



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Pencil + Tech Case Released in Term 4, 2017



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Colour Change Markers Released in Term 1, 2017



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Tablet Case Released in Term 2, 2017



W 18cm
H 25cm

Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Volt Handball Released in Term 3, 2017



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Epic Earphones Released in Term 4, 2017



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

SRC Christmas Appeal



Summer Writing Club

For Kids

40 BOREDOM BUSTING creative writing challenges in 40 days!



- Sign up online
- Creative writing challenge emailed daily
- Commences 11th December
- Tips and tricks from a real Aussie Author
- Improve creative writing skills while having FUN
- Awesome Christmas Gift idea
- Sign up at www.juniorwritersclub.com.au
- Only \$9.95 for the entire holidays

www.juniorwritersclub.com.au



Engadine TLC

Early Learning Centre

Engadine TLC ELC
252 Woronora Road, Engadine, NSW 2233.
02 9548 2332
info@Engadinetlc.com.au

2 Weeks Free*
Conditions Apply

High Quality Care and Education

Children Aged 2 - 6 years

Open 52 Weeks a year

CCB and CCR available

Highly Trained Educators

ENROLLING NOW for 2018

At Engadine TLC ELC our highly Qualified and Passionate educators plan, and implement experiences and opportunities for our children to develop their skills and knowledge in a safe, fun and inviting environment.

We provide a holistic program meeting individual children's needs and interests including an extensive Pre-School and School Readiness Program.

Playing, Learning and Growing Together.



* Conditions Apply: Child/ren must be enrolled for 4 weeks before discount applies and CCB/CCR will be claimed as per normal from centrelink.

