

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

It is that time of the year again when the newsletter takes a summer vacation. This will be the final edition of the e-West Side Story for 2017.

Presentation Assemblies

The celebrations of student success have been wonderful and continue until next Tuesday's final assembly for Year 6.

Classes 2018

Teachers and classes will not be announced until the new school year begins in 2018. Upon return, student numbers will be confirmed and classes will be formed as soon as possible.

Step Up

Yesterday saw a new practice introduced at our school, called Step Up. Students right across the school were able to experience some new classrooms and content in preparation for the following academic year. They 'stepped up'! We will be doing another 'step up' session next Monday for another opportunity for students to experience different classrooms again.

Students have been told very clearly that the teachers they are having during 'step up' is no way indicative of who their teacher may be next year.

Please reinforce this with your children. Students do not know who their teachers will be in 2018. It is part of the fun and expectation of coming back to school after holidays. I do, however, acknowledge that for some students this may be an anxious time. This is the reason behind the Step Up initiative.

Student Reports....

....will be sent home on Thursday 14 December 2017. Should you be leaving early for holidays, your child's report will be posted to you.

Last Day of School

A reminder that the last day of school for students is next Friday 15 December 2017.



Principal's Report cont'd

First Day of School

The first day back at school in 2018 for students is Tuesday 30 January. Teachers will return one day earlier for all the preparation needed for the term on Monday 29 January 2018. First day for Kindergarten students will be Friday 2 February 2018.

Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings to All

It has been a busy year filled with challenges and highlights. Students have learned so much socially, emotionally and academically. Thankyou parents, families and friends for your wonderful support and generosity.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff at Engadine West PS to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.


Sue Roach
Principal



Thankyou Year 6

We would like to thank the Year 6 class of 2017 for their contribution in providing Engadine West PS with a new flag pole. This will allow us to fly both the Australian and Aboriginal flags proudly.



Year 6 Celebrations

The end of the year is very near, which is both exciting and a little sad. As this is such a busy time, here are a few reminders for your diary:

Thursday 7 December Year 6 Farewell, Engadine Bowling Club at 6.00pm.

Tuesday 12 December Year 6 presentation assembly at 10.00am. Parents are invited to the school hall.

Tuesday 12 December Student talent show (students only - no parents as the hall will be full of students.)

Thursday 14 December Class party day. Students are permitted to bring in food and will spend time with their class participating in all sorts of exciting activities.

Friday 15 December Farewell Arch. Students will be farewelled by the whole school commencing at 3.15pm. Parents are invited to attend the COLA for a last photo opportunity of their child in primary school. Tissues are optional!

goodbye ♥

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!



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 Sutherland police on 9542 0899. Your support continues to protect our valuable assets.

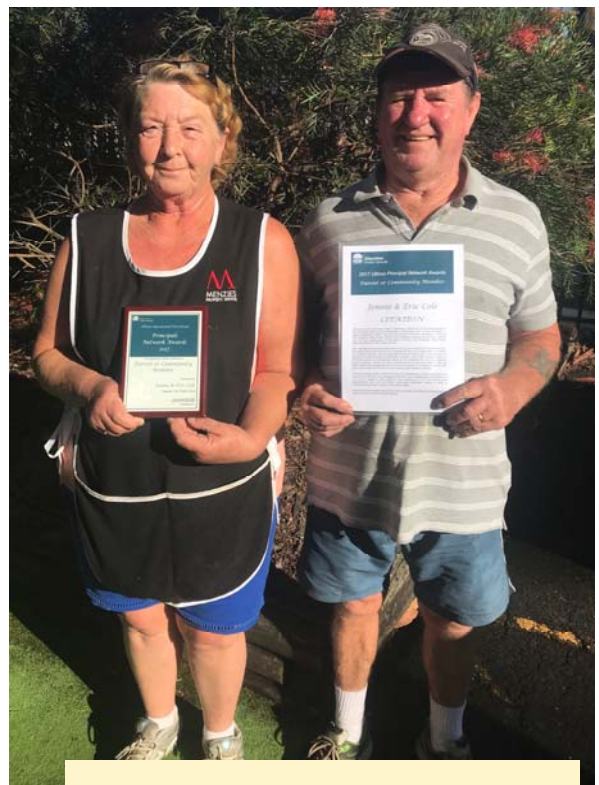
Award Winners - Jennie & Eric Cole

Congratulations to Jennie and Eric Cole who have won the 2017 Ultimo Principal Network Award for outstanding service by community members.

They are key school community members in ensuring that Engadine West PS is an effective learning environment. Jennie and Eric give generously of their time to ensure that Engadine West PS is kept very safe, clean and tidy.

Eric volunteers his service every school morning in cleaning the school grounds. Engadine West PS has a substantial amount of large trees and debris is a constant concern. Eric ensures that the school is kept clear of all hazards. An example of their exceptional dedication includes, when heavy winds cause an enormous amount of dangerous debris to be scattered all over the students' playing surfaces. Jennie and Eric volunteer hours of their own time to clean up even making the exceptional effort to be at the school on Sunday to ensure that the school was safe for the school community by 9.00am Monday morning.

Jennie's cleaning of the school is recognised as outstanding. She has received an award from Menzies for exceptional service. Her outstanding performance is not only in regard to the quality of her cleaning but her consultative and collaborative style with all school community members. Jennie is open to advice and responds to school community needs.



We are very fortunate to have Jennie and Eric's outstanding care and support.

Farewell Miss Smith

To acknowledge the fine career and retirement of Miss Joanne Smith, you are invited to a morning tea to be held in her honour following the Year 2 Presentation Assembly on Friday 8 December 2017 from 11.00am-12.00pm.



COSOTP Year 4 Science and Sustainability Day 2018

On Thursday 30th of November 2017 we went with Brodie, Anders, Kyson, Thomas, Daniel from our school and 60 students from across our community of schools to a science and sustainability day at the Royal National Park Environmental Education Centre. High school students led workshops called, Totally Rubbish, Wise Water Wise Waste, Bush Tucker and Butterfly Gardening. We also learnt about compost, worms and what you put down a drain and what you don't put down a drain.

So what do you put down a drain? You can put anything in except, paint, slime, but not things like microbeads and hair. Why? Because that stuff can easily go down the drain. Microbeads are toxic and can kill animals and fish. When learning about bush tucker we were shown food from the bush you can eat. They also told us that you can't just eat any type of bush food. Don't just eat anything if you don't know if it's ripe or not.

At Totally Rubbish we learnt about what was general waste and recycling waste. We made badges about recycling and did a race who was the fastest at putting in recycling and general waste. We had five minutes to see how much we could get in a bucket.

At Butterfly Garden we made some plants. We then put them in the garden and at the end we took them home. In the afternoon we went to learn about worms and compost bins and other animals that live in the compost. We tried to get worms in our containers. We got several worms into the container. We also got an apple in our tub. There were millions of worms in one big container.

At the very end of the day we made a slide show of what we remembered throughout the day. Before we left we had a presentation where everybody that attended got an award. Then we went home.

By Tiylha and Tom

Shining Star



Congratulations to Baylie G (6J) who recently completed her BP Award for girl guides. To receive this award requires great strength and determination. Baylie completed the seven fundamental sections comprising three activities per section: service, guiding traditions, outdoors, world guiding, promise and law and patrol systems/leadership. Baylie's favourite activities included abseiling, camping and participating in the Kirrawee Gang Show.

Well done to Baylie!



Upcoming Events

Day/Week	Date	Activity	Time
TERM 4			
Week 9			
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 and farewell morning tea for Miss Smith	10.00am
		Last day for Friday sport swimming	
		Please finalise all school payments	
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 of school	
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 2			
Tuesday	6 February	Harper's student pack sale day	
Wednesday	7 February	Uniform shop open	9.15am
Week 3			
Thursday	15 February	School swimming carnival at Engadine Leisure Centre	

2018 NSW School Holidays and Term Dates

Period	Start	Finish
Term 1	Tuesday 30 January 2018	Friday 13 April 2018
School Holidays	Saturday 14 April 2018	Monday 30 April 2018
Term 2	Tuesday 1 May 2018	Friday 6 July 2018
School Holidays	Saturday 7 July 2018	Sunday 22 July 2018
Term 3	Tuesday 24 July 2018	Friday 28 September 2018
School Holidays	Saturday 29 September 2018	Sunday 14 October 2018
Term 4	Monday 15 October 2018	Wednesday 19 December 2018



L J Harper
Student Pack
SALE DAY

Tuesday
6 February 2018

Don't Forget

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

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop is now closed for stocktake and will re-open on Wednesday 7 February 2018 (Week 2 Term1).

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.

Thankyou for supporting the uniform shop throughout 2017. Happy holidays!

Rebecca Kiellor & Clare Ritchie
Uniform Shop Coordinators



Next opening: Wednesday 7 February 2018 from 9.15-10.15am

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

The canteen will be open and taking lunch orders until the last day of school (15 December 2017).

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.

HELP NEEDED on Friday 8/12 and 15/12

Thankyou to the many volunteers who have helped in the canteen during 2017, your support has been amazing and we couldn't operate the canteen without your help. To our Year 6 parent volunteers, thankyou for generously donating your time over many years, you will be sadly missed.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

Week 9	Roster
Friday	8 December C Vitelli, C Milliken HELP NEEDED
Week 10	Roster
Monday	11 December N Hardy, L Adams
Wednesday	13 December K Schnabel, K Dickenson, K Sinclair
Thursday	14 December M Healey, T Farquhar
Friday	15 December (LAST DAY) H Chappell, T Ebdon, R Hutchinson, N Leishman HELP NEEDED



Community News



1st Engadine Scout Group

NEW Cub Scout Pack starting February 2018

Cub Scouts - 8 to 10 years old

We are looking for young enthusiastic boys and girls to start up a New Cub Scout Pack. Have lots of fun, games, activities and experience new adventures outdoors such as camping, rock climbing, bushwalking, canoeing, campfires and billy-karting.

Come along and try, four week free!
We have experience trained Leaders.

First meeting: Wednesday 7 February 2018
at 7.00pm, Amiens Avenue, Engadine
Enquires: Please call Denise on 0410 308 942
for any Scouting enquires



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMP

YOUTH CENTRE GYM - FORMERLY BOY'S TOWN GYM
Woronora Rd Engadine

Monday 22 January - Wednesday 24 January 2018

*All levels welcome - beginners, intermediate, advanced
Participants will be divided into classes - age and ability.*

Ages: 7 – 14 years

Duration: 9.00 - 2.00 Lunch break: 12-12.30 pm

BYO lunch and drink bottle

Cost: \$90 (discount for siblings)

- Learn to Play
- Improve Your Game
- Shooting Competitions

ENQUIRIES: Trevor Kimber 0414 978 384 or

kimbies@ozemail.com.au

ENROLMENTS MUST BE CONFIRMED BY THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2018

Community News



HEATHCOTE WARATAH NETBALL CLUB

REGISTER FOR 2018 SEASON



**WANT TO
JOIN OUR
FUN AND
FRIENDLY CLUB?**



Online registration for current members will open on 1st January through to 31st January 2018 via MyNetball: my.netball.com.au

NEW PLAYERS AND NURSERY

New Players and Nursery must attend our Registration night on Monday, 29th January 2018 between 6pm-8pm at Club Heathcote

Uniforms can be purchased online via MyNetball and will be available to try on at Registration night

Hope to see you there!

**ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
FROM 5 YEARS AND UP**



Heathcote Waratah Netball Club is the foundation Club of current Australian Samsung Diamonds player, April Brandley



If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact us:

Registrar: Lara Clark
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Secretary: Tiana O'Hara
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SUTHERLAND SHIRE

THE COOLEST PLACE TO BE THIS SUMMER

VACATION CARE

Kids Kitchen classes, science fun, water games, hama bead creations, dance parties and more. Excursions to places like Sky Zone, the movies, Shelly Beach and much more. Centres open 7am-6pm. Burraneer Bay: K-12 yrs. Lucas Heights & Miranda: K-14 yrs.

PROGRAMS AND ENROLMENTS
P: 02 9710 0466 E: VacationCare@ssc.nsw.gov.au
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/vacationcare

THE JOHN FRANKLIN

Christmas Lunch

We would like you to join us for traditional Christmas fare and great company at the John Franklin Christmas Lunch

On Christmas Day

25TH DECEMBER – 11:30AM – 2:30PM
AT SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
ETON STREET, SUTHERLAND
COST: FREE!

The venue is located a short, easy flat walk from Sutherland Railway Station and has wheelchair access.

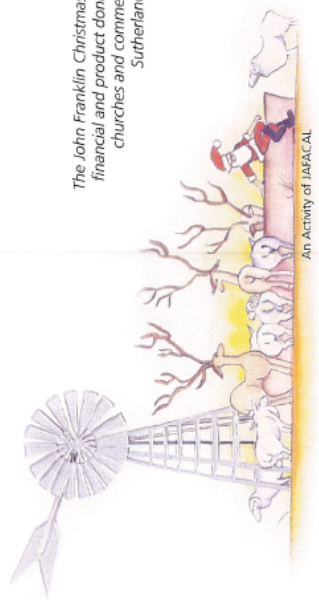
John Franklin lived on the streets of Sutherland. He spoke of the loneliness on Christmas Day for people such as himself before his tragic death in 2000. The John Franklin Christmas Day lunch, held in the memory of John's life for all persons wanting company on Christmas Day, is a joint initiative of the St. Patrick's and St. John's Churches at Sutherland with help from the surrounding community.

For more information, to find out how you can volunteer your time on Christmas day or Christmas eve, or where you can donate items, go to www.johnfranklinchristmaslunch.com.au, contact us on 9545 0498 or email: jfdl.2512@gmail.com

The John Franklin Christmas Lunch is generously funded by financial and product donations from individuals, schools, churches and commercial enterprises throughout the Sutherland Shire and neighbouring areas.



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CAROLS AMONG THE GUM TREES

SUN 10TH DECEMBER
5PM – FREE BBQ | 6PM – CAROLS

BUSH RESERVE BEHIND 48A DILLWYNIA GROVE
HEATHCOTE (ENTER VIA THE DRIVEWAY)

Relaxed evening in a beautiful bush setting
CAROLS, KIDS ENTERTAINMENT AND THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

ENGADINE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WWW.ECONG.ORG.AU