

Engadine West Public School

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Deputy Principal's Message



Dear parents/carers

Whooping Cough

There has been an outbreak of whooping cough in schools in our network and other schools across the southern Sydney area, however, none identified specifically attending Engadine West PS.

Please see the NSW Health factsheet <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/factsheets/pages/pertussis.aspx> for more information or consult your family health care practitioner if you are concerned about the health of anyone in your family.

Step Up Program

On Tuesday 4 December 2018 all Engadine West PS students experienced our Step Up Program which is designed to ease the transition into next year's grade. Our Year 6 students were visiting their high schools and being given orientation into that new learning environment. Students in Kindergarten to Year 5 visited teachers and classrooms of the year above. The teachers they visited talked about their 2019 year's expectations and learning program. Students talked about goal setting and planned for success. Our Step Up program provides all students with the knowledge and understanding that every classroom and teacher is fantastic and their learning in the new year will be wonderful.



Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 students are having their farewell dinner tonight. This will be an exciting time and many students are looking forward to their big night. Thankyou to the many teachers and parents for organising this event.

Teachers have now finished their student assessments and parents and carers will receive student reports at the end of next week.

Professional Learning

Staff professional learning this week was CPR and anaphylaxis training and certification. All permanent and temporary staff have once again updated their skills as part of our health and safety responsibilities. The final professional learning session for the year will include workshops this coming Monday for whole school evaluation.

Ross Edwards and Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principals



Forensic Science Day

On Tuesday 27 November 2018, Year 6 students left their uniforms at home for the day and came dressed as scientists, police officers or detectives. Mrs Roach had been cleaning out her office cupboard when she discovered a belated birthday gift. With the gift was a birthday card. Curiously, the card had some unfamiliar language written on it BUT not the giver's name. Mrs Roach was very pleased with her gift and was hoping to find out who gave her this gift so she could thank him or her. Year 6 had the challenge of identifying the gift giver. Our school's security coding system had identified Mr Hogan, Mrs Leavai, Ms Barrow, Mrs Evans and Mrs Ryan as being around Mrs Roach's office at the time when her door was open.

After a briefing by Dr Lois Holloway and Detective Sergeant Richard Broom, our teacher suspects were asked to report to the hall for our Year 6 students to interview each of them and collect their fingerprints. 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 from Mrs Roach's office. These activities included the comparison of fingerprints and handwriting samples. Also, students investigated how the process of chromatography separates the inks in different textas, and the effect of UV light on hidden smudges of highlighter pens. To detect the liquid in Mrs Roach's bottled gift, students investigated and compared different liquid solutions. A police representative from the Menai dog squad visited to show the students one of the trained police dogs and to discuss how trained dogs are used to help solve crimes.

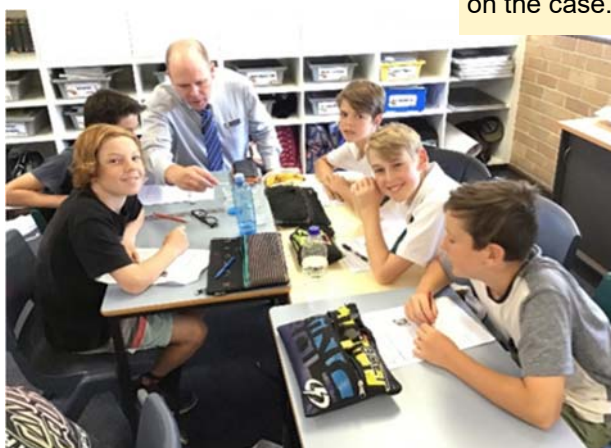
After lunch, several students from each group summarised their group's evidence findings and nominated the suspect teacher, who they believed gave Mrs Roach her birthday gift. All groups thought the most likely gift giver was suspect three. All five suspects professed their innocence, however, when Mrs Leavai began to wish Mrs Roach "happy birthday" in Samoan, the mystery was solved as our forensic scientists had identified the unfamiliar language on the birthday card as Samoan.

Year 6 students and teachers would like to thank Mrs Roach and our teacher suspects for being good sports on the day. Also, we thank Dr Holloway, Detective Sergeant Broom 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 Janet Evans



Our budding Year 6 scientists, police officers and detectives on the case.



Year 6 Student Opal Cards



Year 6 students who have an Opal card and are moving into Year 7 in 2019 are required to update their new high school information via:

<http://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

prior to 31 December 2018. If this information is not updated, Transport NSW will cancel the Opal card and a new one will need to be issued.

For further information, please visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

Shining Stars

Congratulations to Brodie M and Emilia D who attended the Cronulla Nippers carnival recently. Brodie and Emilia met each other as babies and have been good friends ever since. Brodie is a member of Era Nippers and Emilia of Burning Palms Nippers. They joined as a team to compete for Royal National Parks in the U12s 1km beach relay and ended up finishing second with a silver medal. Well done to Brodie and Emilia.



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:

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| Thursday 6 December | Year 6 Farewell, Engadine Bowling Club at 6.00pm. |
| Tuesday 18 December | Year 6 presentation assembly at 9.25am. Parents are invited to the school hall. |
| Tuesday 18 December | Student talent show (students only - sorry no parents as the hall will be full of students). |
| Wednesday 19 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 singalong. We will be having one singalong commencing at **12.00pm on Tuesday 11 December 2018 under the Engadine West PS COLA.**

Prior to the singalong, parents and carers are invited to join us for a morning tea picnic from 11.30am under the COLA within the sectioned area. Our canteen will be closed on Tuesday so please bring your own food and drinks. The SRC will be selling zooper doopers for \$1 at the hall canteen during recess. 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 on which to sit as no formal seating will be provided. Please be aware that there are to be no chairs on the fake grass, thank you.

Following morning tea, K-2 students will stay under the COLA, seated with their class, and commence the sing-along. Students are asked to wear **Christmas attire with sensible, covered in shoes.**

If you decide to take your child home after the singalong, we request that you sign them out with their class teacher. If you are taking a child that is not your own, you will need written permission from that child's parents or caregivers and they need to be signed out also.

We hope you can come along and join in on the fun!

Kindergarten to Year 2 Teachers



End of Year Presentation Assemblies

A reminder to parents and carers that the last K-2 and Years 3-6 Friday assemblies for the year will be held tomorrow, Friday 7 December 2018.

End of Year Presentation Assemblies

Thursday 13 December 2018	Year 2	10.00am
	Year 4	12.00pm
	Kindergarten	2.20pm
Monday 17 December 2018	Year 5	10.00am
	Year 3	12.00pm
	Year 1	2.20pm
Tuesday 18 December 2018	Year 6	9.25am



2019 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2019. Enrolment forms are available on the school's website <https://engadinew-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doi/sws/schools/e/engadinew-p/localcontent/Enrolment%20Form%202018.pdf> or from the school office.

If your child is starting Kindergarten in 2019, please submit an enrolment form as soon as possible.

- All children must be in compulsory schooling by their 6th birthday.
- Children can start kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before 31 July that year.
- Students should start school at the beginning of the school year.



Education

Upcoming Events

Day/Week	Date	Activity	Time
TERM 4			
Week 8			
Thursday	6 December	Year 6 farewell at Engadine Bowling Club	6.00-9.00pm
Friday	7 December	Final round of summer PSSA	
		Final K-2 assembly for the year	11.45am
		Final Skyzone visit	
		Final Years 3-6 assembly for the year	2.15pm
Week 9			
Monday	10 December	P&C meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday	11 December	K-2 Carols under the COLA	11.30am
		Last school banking day for the year	
Wednesday	12 December	Last uniform shop opening for 2018	9.15am
		One Mob cultural activities day at 5 Sports, Caringbah	11.00am
Thursday	13 December	Year 2 Presentation Day assembly	10.00am
		Year 4 Presentation Day assembly	12.00pm
		Kindergarten Presentation Day assembly	2.20pm
Friday	14 December	Canteen - last day for lunch orders	
Week 10			
Monday	17 December	Year 5 Presentation Day assembly	10.00am
		Year 3 Presentation Day assembly	12.00pm
		Year 1 Presentation Day assembly	2.20pm
Tuesday	18 December	Year 6 Presentation Day assembly	9.25am
		K-6 talent quest in hall (students only)	
Wednesday	19 December	Last day of Term 4	

Know Your Parking Signs

SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND SCHOOL



NO PARKING

What does it mean?
You CAN stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.



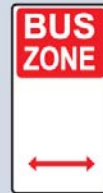
NO STOPPING SIGNS & CONTINUOUS YELLOW EDGE LINES

What do they mean?

You CANNOT stop in these areas FOR ANY REASON.

Why are they there?

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes.



BUS ZONE

What does it mean?

You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.

2019 - Dates for Your Diary

TERM 1

Week 1

Tuesday	29 January	School development day (no students, staff only)
Wednesday	30 January	First day of school for students Years 1-6
		Kindergarten Best Start testing
		Uniform shop open 9.15am
Thursday	31 January	Kindergarten Best Start testing
Friday	1 February	Kindergarten Best Start testing

Week 2

Monday	4 February	Kindergarten Best Start testing
Tuesday	5 February	First day of school for Kindergarten students
Thursday	7 February	LJ Harper book sale day

Week 3

Monday	11 February	School swimming carnival at Engadine Leisure Centre
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Week 4

Thursday	21 February	School photo day
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Week 10

Monday	1 April	Year 5 Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation excursion (depart)
Thursday	4 April	Year 5 Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation excursion (return)

TERM 2

Monday	24 June	Band camp at the Tops, Stanwell Park (depart)
Wednesday	26 June	Band camp at the Tops, Stanwell Park (return)

TERM 3

Week 2

Tuesday	30 July	School athletics carnival at Sylvania Waters Athletics Track
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Week 5

Wednesday	21 August	Zone athletics carnival at Sylvania Waters Athletics Track
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Week 8

Monday	9 September	Year 6 Canberra excursion (depart)
Wednesday	11 September	Year 6 Canberra excursion (return)

TERM 4

Week 4

Thursday	7 November	Sport and special group photo day (including Year 6 photo)
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Kindergarten 2019 - Best Start Testing

There has been a slight change to the Best Start testing schedule. It will now run over four days. Your child will be required to come to school for one hour on one of the following days:

Wednesday 30 January 2019
Thursday 31 January 2019
Friday 1 February 2019
Monday 4 February 2019

The first full day for Kindergarten students will be **Tuesday 5 February 2019**. Best Start testing time letters will be sent home shortly.

Payments

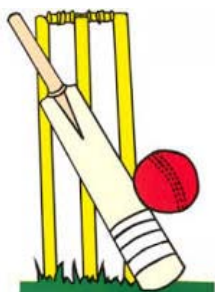
Year	Payment	Please pay by	Amount
Year 4 (2018)	Year 5 2019 Myuna Bay Excursion (1-4 April 2019)	Friday 8 February 2019	\$100 deposit
Years K-6	Student curriculum programs (<i>including Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress, Groove Nation, technology levy, Mathseeds (K-2) and Literacy Pro (Years 3-6)</i>)	overdue	\$55
Years K-6	Voluntary school contribution		\$50
Band fees	Term 4 band fees	as soon as possible	\$125



**2018 Statement of Accounts
have been emailed and mailed parents**

As the year is drawing to a close, Statement of Accounts were again emailed and mailed to parents last week. To make a payment, click on the payment link on the Statement of Account **OR** visit the school website and click on the 'Make a Payment' tab. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you would like to discuss your account or require assistance.

PSSA - Round 8 (LAST ROUND)



FINAL Summer PSSA Friday 7 December 2018

Engadine West Gold v Alford's Point at The Ridge (bottom 1 & 2)

Engadine West Green v Yarrawarrah at Anzac Oval (bottom)

Games start at 9.30am and are completed by 11.00am

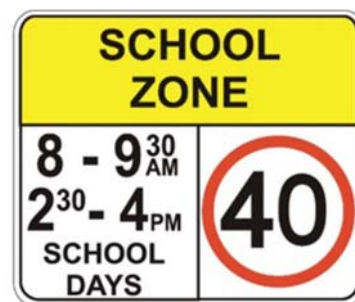
Buses depart Engadine West PS at 9.00am

Bus cost for away games: \$7.00 per week

Slow Down in School Zones

In NSW, more than one million school children travel to and from school every day. To keep our children safe during school travel times, the Centre for Road Safety has developed some practical solutions such as:

- ♦ School zone flashing lights - all schools in NSW have at least one set of school zone flashing lights.
- ♦ 40 km/h speed limit - motorists should drive no faster than 40 km/h through school zones, which operate from 8.00am to 9.30am, and from 2.30pm to 4.00pm, on gazetted school days.
- ♦ Drop-off and pick-up areas - using the designated area allows parents and carers a safe environment to drop off and collect children from school by car, and
- ♦ School crossing supervisors - these supervisors help students use crossings on roads adjacent to or nearby schools.



Uniform Shop News

→ Orders may be placed through **Flexischools** during the school holidays and will be filled on Wednesday 30 January 2019, Week 1.

→ OR leave orders at the school office or call into the uniform shop on open days.

→ Find order forms on the school website under the 'Notes and Forms' tab or at the school office.

Our next opening times will be:

Week 9

Wednesday 12 December from 9.15am
Last opening time for 2018

Week 1 2019

Wednesday 30 January 2019



Clare Ritchie
Uniform Shop Coordinator

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

Can you help in the canteen?

HELP.....the canteen is in need of volunteers! Can you help once a term, two-to-three hours a morning (help preparing our fresh fruit and vegie items) or one-to-two hours of an afternoon (help with pack up and cleaning)?

Please drop in and see Leanne to discuss options. As always, any offer of help is greatly appreciated and don't forget, lunch and coffee are provided.



Last Day for Lunch Orders - Friday 14 December 2018

The canteen will be open on Monday 17 December and Wednesday 19 December (last day of term) for recess and lunch.

Sushi Roll Wednesdays - \$4.50 per roll

Every Wednesday until the end of term (no other lunch orders available):

- ♦ chicken teriyaki, chicken schnitzel or cooked tuna
all with either avocado or cucumber
- ♦ vegetarian (cucumber, carrot, avocado)

Orders must be placed by 9.20am (sorry late orders will not be accepted). Fresh sandwiches, salads or hot food WILL NOT be available on Wednesdays. ONLY sushi rolls.

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

Week 8	Roster
Friday	7 December H Chappell HELP NEEDED
Week 9	Roster
Monday	10 December S Josland, L Fordyce
Wednesday	12 December J Knight, K Kingston, P Paton
Thursday	13 December M Boughton, T Ebdon, K Allbon, K Spicer
Friday	14 December K Holmes, P Howe, D Osmand LAST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS



Sushi Roll Wednesdays
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Gingerbread House Night Wrap Up

What a fantastic night we had for our first ever Gingerbread house event. The Christmas vibes were flowing and the sound of laughter echoed through the school. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we were witness to some great imagination and creativity.

Some houses stood grandly whilst some suffered collapse but were soon rectified with the help of friends. All in all a successful first time with many saying they can't wait for next year!

Congratulations to raffle winners who scored some amazing prizes thanks to our sponsors.

Evolve Design
Six Star Beauty
Facefxx
Kindred Souls
Found : The Store

Thankyou to all those who attended, we have such a great supportive school community. A big thanks to our helpers Miriam, Megan, Justine, Nat and Toni and a big shout-out to Mrs Weppeler and Miss Barrow for their terrific hosting skills. A special mention to Mrs Roach and her fabulous house, we loved the fence!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

Lucy and Shelley
Gingerbread House Night Organisers



Community News

Liesel and the Lost Melody

Pantomime dates are:

Saturday 8 December at 7.30pm

Sunday 9 December at 3pm

Friday 14 December at 7.30pm

Saturday 15 December at 7.30pm

Sunday 16 December at 3pm

Doors open 30 minutes before each show at the CWA Hall (15 The Drive, Stanwell Park) and show run is 2 hours including interval (approximately).

Tickets available at www.spat.org.au

\$20 adult, \$15 concession and \$55 family (2 adults, 3 school-aged children).



Relating as Stepfamilies

This three-session program assists couples to manage the demands of life as a stepfamily.

It will assist parents to:

- examine the challenges and positives of stepfamilies
- examine personal beliefs and the effects of holding onto these
- highlight the losses stepfamilies have suffered
- recognise the importance of developing stepfamily rituals
- compare different communication styles

Tuesdays, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

19 March | 26 March | 2 April

Cost: \$75 per couple

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd South, Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408