

Engadine West Public School

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Principal's Message



Dear parents/carers

Staffing...and so we say farewell....

A HUGE farewell to Mrs Deb Sambuco. After 23 years of loyal service to students at our school, Mrs Sambuco is moving into retirement. Mrs Sambuco has worked tirelessly as a School Learning Support Officer and has worked with students in every grade, in every classroom and every inch of our playground. I can imagine the stories she would tell if she were to put pen to paper and write mémoires of her time here at Engadine West PS. On behalf of every student, past and present, every teacher and every parent who has had the pleasure of her professional company over the past 23 years, we salute you, we thank you and we wish you the very best in retirement.

A temporary farewell to Mr Hogan as he takes a year's leave from work to embark on exploring some cultural activities, travel and spend time with his family. Mr Hogan's leadership of his classroom, across Stage 2 most recently and as a member of the school executive, will be sorely missed, but we know he will be back in 2020.

Student Reports

Your children's reports will be sent home tomorrow. Please check their school bags for the white envelope. They are being sent home in Week 9 this year in response to parent feedback to receive them a little earlier than in previous years. Should you need to discuss something from a report, please contact the school to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. There are no formal interviews at this time of the school year.

Year 6 Gift

A big thankyou to the fundraising efforts of Year 6. The gift to the school was given on Monday morning. It consists of two mobile green screen sets for movie making. Each kit includes a green screen, lighting set, boom mic, tripod and various other equipment. This is a great addition to our teaching and learning resources for our students.

All 2018 fundraising money has been expended between the Year 6 gift and the Year 6 Farewell. Each year the school receives a donation from the Australian government for visiting various sites on the Year 6 Canberra excursion. It is this money that rolls over each year (sometimes referred to as left over money) to decrease the cost of the following year's Year 6 Canberra excursion.



Thankyou Year 6

Principal's Report cont'd

Carols

What a super happy time we had at the carols on Tuesday. Thanks to all the wonderful families who attended and the teachers who put the show together. And a very special thankyou to Mrs Claus for visiting. How special!


Presentation Assemblies....

....have begun today in a new format. They have been planned this way to lessen the impact on parents having to take time away from work and their daily activities on more than one occasion, especially where families have more than one child at school. We hope this is a more suitable format and I welcome any feedback about the change this year.

On behalf of the staff at Engadine West PS I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. Enjoy the break away from the rigours of school and I hope you all get to spend some quality time with family and friends.

First Day of School

The first day back at school in 2019 for students is Wednesday 30 January. Teachers will return one day earlier for all the preparation needed for the term on Tuesday 29 January 2019. First day for Kindergarten students will be Tuesday 5 February 2019.


Sue Roach
Principal



Our special visitor,
Mrs Claus

Deputy Principal's Report

One Mob Day

Yesterday, some of our Aboriginal students had a wonderful time connecting with people and culture. Harper, Billy, Reid, Tiylha and Skyla enjoyed many different activities and were able to follow the activities that interested them. We did all enjoy the welcoming dance, more dancing, didgeridoo and clap sticks, even in the light rain. The smoking ceremony was also enjoyed by everyone in attendance, as was Uncle Col's singing. Our students were excellently behaved and we were all proud of Tiylha when he independently went up and thanked the performers. Students from Engadine West PS were excellent representatives of our school and Aboriginal people.

Thankyou and Have a Safe, Happy Holiday

Both Mr Edwards and I would like to thank the many people who have contributed to such a successful year at Engadine West PS including our wonderful students, teachers, staff, parents and carers, volunteers including SRE and SEE volunteers and casual teachers. We wish you a very safe and happy holidays. Merry Christmas to all!

Jason Wilkins
Deputy Principal



Students enjoying the
One Mob cultural experience

Shining Star

Toby (2N) has just been announced as junior ambassador for the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital after raising \$1700 selling cupcakes in the local community and showing a deep interest in all animals - from feathers to scales! He wants to be a vet when he grows up and make a difference to sick and injured wildlife. Toby and his family are currently in Currumbin (QLD) where Toby is having some amazing experiences in the hospital and has become a bit of a local star. We are very proud of Toby being part of our school community.



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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| 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 ♥

Bright Green Sparks Report

Recently I attended the COSOTP Sustainability science conference at the Royal National Park Environmental Education Centre, with eight of our Year 4 Bright Green Sparks students. Along with Year 4 students from other primary schools, Rebecca, Claire, Gemma, Emma, Kyah, Lauren, Margot and Arianne participated in five workshops throughout the day. These workshops included:

- ◆ Low Waste Lunch
- ◆ Propagation Nation
- ◆ Upcycling - Waste to Art
- ◆ Our Wasted World - Landfill Alternatives and a bit of Trashion
- ◆ Nature photography

Our students thoroughly enjoyed participating in these workshops. They were very enthusiastic and fantastic ambassadors representing our school. They have brought back to school some ideas for worm farming and composting.

Over the last few weeks of term we will be harvesting our spinach, tomatoes and parsley from our vegetable garden and our Bright Green Sparks will set up a stall to sell our produce on presentation days.

Janet Evans and the Bright Green Sparks



Student Text Books 2019



Student text books for 2019 will be ordered through LJ Harper online. Information will be sent home with students next week explaining the ordering process. This information will also be available on the school's website.

End of Year Presentation Assemblies

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Monday 17 December 2018	Year 5	10.00am
	Year 3	12.00pm
	Year 1	2.20pm
Tuesday 18 December 2018	Year 6	9.25am



Beediator Reports

Week 7

The Beediators selected one person this week to receive the Beediator respect award. The award went to Harrison D. We had a meeting on Friday to select the award recipient. Harrison received his award for assisting other kids as they created their block structures. Keep up the good work!

Emilia D and Madison D

Week 8

The Beediators selected one person this week to receive the Beediator respect award. The award went to Zola J. We had a meeting on Friday to select the award recipient. Zola received her award for playing with a student alone. Great job Zola!



Lyla H and Lachie H

Beediators Final Week

This week is the last week that the Beediators will be on the playground. We were impressed by the amount of respectful students on the playground at Engadine West PS during our time as Beediators. Every week it was hard to choose who our respectful winners were going to be. This week our winners were Lucy H and Evie M from 3/4H.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting us while we did our job. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SRC Report

The SRC ice block fundraiser at Carols Under the COLA on Tuesday raised an amazing \$495!

As this was so popular with the students and there are ice blocks remaining, the SRC will again be selling them next Tuesday 18 December.

Zooper Doopers for sale from the hall canteen for \$1 on Tuesday 18 December at recess and lunch or until sold out

Thankyou again for supporting the SRC.

Karen Wepler
SRC Coordinator



Technology holiday guide for parents

by Martine Oglethorpe



As holidays approach, the role that screens and devices will play becomes an increasing concern for parents. Days when kids are usually tied up with school and activities make way for many an idle hour and, as such, parents fear those hours will be spent largely engaged with a screen or gaming console. While there is certainly no harm in some well-balanced screen time and developmentally appropriate online activities, we must remember that, as parents, we have an important role in helping our kids manage and balance that screen time. Here are a few things we can do:

Understand the battle

It is important parents know the beast they are dealing with. It is easy to shout from another room to get off a screen or whinge to our friends that 'kids of today' are all addicted to their phones, but we need to recognise the pull that many of these devices have. The social networks are designed to keep us liking, commenting and sharing. The games cajole us into having 'just one more' turn at being the last man standing. These technologies tempt us to reach just one more level, or to scroll for just a few minutes more. Our brains experience a dopamine release and a sense of insufficiency when we use a device. There is always something else to do or something else to scroll through, or one more YouTube video to watch. So our kids are up against it when trying to control their time on a device. We need to help them with that.

Get outside

We can complain that kids never go outside and play anymore, but sometimes we have to physically get out there with them or offer opportunities in which being outside and active play are appealing. We have to work a little harder at this today because we are competing with a device that answers many of our kids' perceived needs. We need them to know that their needs are greater and more varied than what their screens can offer.

Have some rules

Despite their apparent dislike of rules around technology, kids will (one day) appreciate having boundaries to help them manage their screen time. Rules can be established regarding time limits, devices in bedrooms, device-free meal times, etc. Whatever you decide is important, be sure that you have those discussions with your kids. And any discussion around rules or consequences should happen away from the screens so they are clear on the expectations. (Talking about their screen-time habits while they are just about to be the last man standing on Fortnite is probably not going to make for engaging conversation.)

One console on one television...outside the bedroom

Having only one television that is connected to a gaming console or to Netflix is a good way of ensuring that the device gets shared and one child doesn't monopolise the screen. And leave consoles out of bedrooms where the appeal of just one more quick game can very quickly rob them of important sleep time.

Role model

Make sure you are showing your kids how you want them to be. Have times when the devices are put away and you give full attention to the people around you. Don't answer calls or emails at the dinner table. Don't fall asleep with a device landing on your forehead. Take time to get outside and do things active and in nature. Don't ever use a phone while driving. Use the Screen Time feature on iOS products to monitor just how you are using your technology and whether you could be making some changes. Kids learn more from what we do than what we say.

We know the technology isn't going anywhere, and we know there are many wonderful benefits that screens provide. But ensure that holidays and downtime hours can be filled with many different experiences and in ways that leave your kids in control, even if you have to work a little harder to give them that.



Martine Oglethorpe

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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

As the year is drawing to a close, we would appreciate payment of outstanding accounts. Year 4 parents please note, the Myuna Bay camp deposit of \$100 will appear on your Statement of Account, however, payment is not due until Friday 8 February 2019.

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.



Please remember that Flexischools is to be used for P&C payments only (canteen, uniform shop and P&C fundraisers).

Upcoming Events

Day/Week	Date	Activity	Time
TERM 4			
Week 9			
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	Year 6 farewell arch	3.15pm
		Last day of Term 4	

Kindergarten 2019 - Best Start Testing

There has been a slight change to the Best Start testing schedule. It will run over four days. Kindergarten students 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 posted this week.

2019 NSW School Holidays and Term Dates

TERM	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	WEEKS
Term 1	Tuesday, 29 January 2019 - Development Day Wednesday 30 January - Students return	Friday, 12 April 2019	11 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 13 April 2019	Sunday, 28 April 2019	
Term 2	Monday, 29 April 2019 - Development Day Tuesday 30 April 2019 - Students return	Friday, 05 July 2019	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 6 July 2019	Sunday, 21 July 2019	
Term 3	Monday, 22 July 2019 - Development Day Tuesday 23 July 2019 - Students return	Friday, 27 September 2019	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 28 September 2019	Sunday, 13 October 2019	
Term 4	Monday, 14 October 2019 - Students return	Wednesday, 18 December 2019 Last day for students	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 21 December 2019	Monday, 27 January 2020 Tuesday, 28 January 2020 - Development Day Wednesday, 29 January 2020 - Students return	

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 6

Tuesday	5 March	Zone swimming carnival
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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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Uniform Shop News

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

→ Orders may be left 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 time will be:

Week 1 2019
Wednesday 30 January 2019

Year 2 Students

Reminder: Year 2 students moving into Year 3 2019 require a gold sport polo for Friday sport.

Thankyou for supporting the uniform shop throughout 2018. Happy holidays!

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

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.

Volunteers Needed

The canteen will be in need of many new volunteers to assist in the canteen next year. All training is provided. 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.

Thankyou to the many volunteers who have helped in the canteen during 2018, 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	14 December K Holmes, P Howe, D Osmand Last day for lunch orders
Week 10	Roster
Monday	17 December J Morando, R Archer
Wednesday	19 December K Schnabel, L Matar LAST DAY



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.

Community News

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Summer is finally here and the weather is really heating up.

We've got oodles of Council-run FUN to keep the kids cool these summer school holidays and you'll find all activities in one place. From basketball to drama, painting to picnics, stories to swimming and everything in between.

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Proudly announce the award winning
2019 TRADIES SURF AWARENESS CLINIC



'Benefitting the Community Together'



CLINIC PROGRAM

Preliminary Swim

Friday 4 January 2019
9:00am to 10:30am
Caringbah Leisure Centre
Jacaranda Rd Caringbah

Surf Awareness Clinic

Monday 7 January to
Friday 11 January 2019
9:00am to 12:15pm
Elouera Beach

Awards Presentation

Friday 11 January 2019
From 10:30am
Elouera Surf Club



To register go to
[www.elouera.com/
tradies-surf-awareness-clinic](http://www.elouera.com/tradies-surf-awareness-clinic)

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ELOUERA S.L.S.C.

The THIRTY SEVENTH annual TRADIES SURF AWARENESS CLINIC conducted by Elouera SLSC will be held at Elouera Beach for children 7 to 12 years of age. The Clinic enables youngsters to have a lot of fun while learning important surf safety do's and don'ts. All participants **must** attend Caringbah Leisure Centre on Friday 4 January 2019 and **competently swim 50 metres unaided**.

ENTRY FEES

\$55.00 per child payable by Monday 24th December 2018 or \$65.00 if paid after this date. Payment can be made online (preferable), in cash at Elouera SLSC or via credit card on 9523 7295. A cancellation fee of \$10.00 will be charged if registration is cancelled before the start of the clinic and fees are non-refundable if registration is cancelled after the commencement of the clinic or if sessions are cancelled during the clinic.

TO REGISTER

To register and pay online (preferable), go to www.elouera.com and click on 2019 Tradies Surf Awareness Clinic or email or mail the below entry form and pay over the phone on 9523 7295.

ENTRY FORM

Email to: sac@elouera.com

Mail to: **2019 TRADIES Surf Awareness Clinic**
PO Box 46
CRONULLA NSW 2230

Payment: **Cash or Credit Card**
Elouera SLSC 9523 7295

I/We authorize the participation of my/our child to participate in the 2019 Tradies Surf Awareness Clinic and understand they may be photographed for promotional use.

CHILD'S NAME: _____ AGE (as at 01/01/2019): _____ GENDER: _____

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY MEDICAL CONDITION: (if Yes, please specify) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT DURING CLINIC: _____

PHONE: (H/W) _____ (MOBILE) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TRADIES SURF AWARENESS CLINIC? _____