

The Engadine Public School

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CALENDAR

2012

October

30 Kinder Transition (1st)

November

6 Kinder Transition (2nd)

6 Cake Day

12 S Shire Writers Festival

13 Kinder Transition (Last)

19 Dance Performance

19 P&C Meeting

20 Yr 5 Leader Speeches

21 Grandparents Day &
Book Fair

22 Voting for Leaders
(only Yrs 3-6 vote)

27 Combined Scripture
9.30 - 10.10am in Hall

December

4 Variety Club Exc - Unit

5 PSSA Finals

6 Carols

7 PSSA Finals

7 Reports go home

10 Yr 6 Musical Dress Rehears

11 Presentation Day Assembly

13 Yrs 6 Musical

17 Fun Day Yrs 3-6 &
Funarama Yrs K-2

18 Yr 6 Farewell

19 Pupil's Last Day

19 Yr 6 Farewell Assembly
20&21 Staff Development Day

2013

Term 1

January

29 Staff Development Day

30 Students Yrs 1-6 Return

30 Kinder Best Start

31 Kinder Best Start

February

1 Kinder Best Start

4 Kinder's First Day

Dear Parents

NAPLAN

Our NAPLAN results have arrived and it is now time to start looking at what all the data can tell us to assist in shaping what we do in the future. As an example, our spelling results, whilst not too bad, could be better and so this year we have changed the way spelling is being taught in the classroom. We are starting to see improvements with trend lines heading upward.

Perhaps the most important piece of data for us is the growth factor. Students who sat Naplan here in Year 3 are tracked with their results in both tests compared and a growth factor established. In the areas of Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy our growth factor was considerably higher than the average of all NSW schools and all Government schools. Reading was the only area that was below these two averages. Our reaction to this result begins with a very detailed evaluation of each student's performance. Which question did they have correct? Which did they have wrong? What answer to they put instead of the correct answer? In doing this, we will be looking for areas where the skill level of our Y5 students is not up to the level it should be. Once we establish this, then we start looking at what and how we are teaching these skills and then what are we going to do to ensure that these skills are consolidated.

Highlights include our Year 5 boys being 51 points higher in Spelling and our Year 3 girls being well above the reading average for the State. It was indeed pleasing to see that 75% of our Year 3 students are in the top 2 bands for writing.

Leaders

Our current Year 5 students will very soon be given the opportunity to participate in the elections for 2013 School Leaders. The students will shortly be given information outlining the election process which will culminate in the announcement of our new leaders at our Presentation Day on Tuesday, 11 December.

Speaking of Leadership, it was extremely pleasing to see Engadine ex-students Grady Smith and Emma Free elected to leadership roles at their high schools. Grady is the incoming Captain of Heathcote High School whilst Emma is an incoming Prefect at Engadine High School. Congratulations to both of these students! They are fine examples of our ex-student body.

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Engadine Public School supports
the Sydney Region White Ribbon Project.

NOT VIOLENT,
NOT SILENT



CONT'D FROM FRONT COVER

P&C Support

At the last P & C Meeting, a very generous sum of \$10,000 was given to the school. This donation will help our students in a number of areas:

- Additional laptops and wireless access points to allow us to set up a cord-free, go-almost-anywhere learning centre within the school.
- Funding for the purchase of additional literacy resources providing extra Home Reading books, big books, interactive resources.
- Tactile calming devices to assist students at times of stress and anxiety.
- Funding to freshen-up line marking within the playground.
- Funding to replace existing soft fall material under our play equipment

The P&C have worked hard over the past 12 months to raise funds and it is great to see that our students will soon be benefiting as a result of their hard work.

Walkathon

The expected 31 degrees was tempered by a delightful north easterly breeze as our students set off on their laps at Cooper Park.

The Yrs 3-6 were first out on the walking path and they were making short work of their laps when K-2 joined them. There was a large number of our community on hand to cheer on the kids. There was more than one or two yummy picnics set up to keep the pre-schoolers well fuelled.

As the morning wore on, the kids took advantage of the "P&C Pit Stop". With a drink and sausage sandwich under the belt, the remaining laps were polished off quite quickly.

Joining the students as they clocked up their laps were a number of parents, pre-schoolers, prams and grandparents all doing their bit to support their children.

It was indeed a great day and the P&C deserve a big thankyou as they were certainly well organised to cope with the ravenous tribe.

It is to parents and community members that a big, big thank you is also needed – your support financial and in being present, makes it a very meaningful event.

Ron Pallas
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

If your child is given a change of clothing at school, could you please ensure you wash and return them to the Office asap so we can assist other students who may need to use these items.



Every child deserves to feel the joy, happiness and warmth of Christmas

Christmas is one of the most stressful times of year for many families but for those living in poverty, stress during the festive season has a much greater negative impact on children's lives.

When you buy a **gift** or make a **cash donation** for Barnardos Gifts for Kids you are giving a child not only some Christmas cheer, you are also giving them hope. Hope for a brighter future. Hope for a life that can be without abuse or neglect. Hope that they can and will be supported and nurtured. And most of all, the knowledge that someone cares. If you would like to donate a gift you can leave it at the School Office.

Gift Guidelines

So we are looking for brand new, unused toys. We prefer not to get stuffed toys like teddy bears due to safety reasons. Please also exclude toy guns, knives and swords.

For more information about Barnardos Gifts for Kids Campaign visit www.giftsforkids.org.au or contact the Barnardos Gifts for Kids Coordinator at giftsforkids@barnardos.org.au or phone (02) 9218 2300

AWARDS



Merit Term 3 Week 10

Hayley	KD
Sophie	KD
Savanna	KR
Charlotte	KR
Bill	K-6C
James	K-6C
Ming	K-6C
Sam	K-6C
Emily	K-6C
Brodie	K-6C
Aaron	K-6C
Charlotte	1M
Brayden	1M
Michael	1-6E
Isabella	1-2S
Arthur	2RW
Allirah	2RW
Matthew	3-6M
Zac-Lee	3-6M
Alex	3CR
Traci	3CR
Tom	4W
Steven	4W
Drew	4-5D
Joel	5-6D
Cheyenne	5-6D

Term 4 Weeks 2&3

Hayley	KD
Logan	KD
Keira	KD
Ben	KD
Mirren	KR
Fletcher	KR
Nicole	KR
Lincoln	KR
Ming	K-6C
James	K-6C
Charlotte	1M
Jake	1M
Christopher	1M

Leilani	1M
Mitchell	1-6E
Luke	1-2S
Rory	1-2S
Jazmine	1-2S
Sarah	1-2S
Jessica	2RW
Brayden	2RW
Baylie	2RW
Lavinia	2RW
Liam	3-6M
Michael	3-6M
Samantha	3CR
Drew	3CR
Maddison	3CR
Ellie	3CR
Owen	4W
Teagan	4W
Morgan	4W
Chris	4W
Stephen	4-5D
Lara	4-5D
Andrea	5-6D
Jacob	5-6D
Rhys	5-6D
Millie	5-6D



Silver

Lincoln	KR
Chloe	KP
Lara	KP
Leilani	1M
Tara	1-2S
Chris	3CR
Bradley	3CR
Elisha	3CR
Rhys	5-6D



Gold

Allirah	2RW
Wade	2RW
Rhys	5-6D

P&C PATTEN



WISH LIST

At our last meeting it was pledged to donate \$10,000 from the P&C funds to some school resources, including literature needs (books, reading resources, etc) technology (access points and netbooks) and some money will be directed to student welfare and play equipment. We hope that the children will be gaining the benefits of these resources soon.



WALK-A-THON

A big thank you to the students of Engadine Public school who walked (some ran) their laps for our recent walk-a-thon. Money raised this year will be channelled into the maths resources, so given a few weeks, we will tally the donations and the children will be reaping the benefits of their hard work!

Lots of happy kids also enjoyed a sausage sandwich and cold drink— so I must thank the parents who helped cook and serve on the day. A lot goes into organising even a small event like a walk-a-thon BBQ, so it is appreciated when we have our parents help. A big thanks to Helen who organised the BBQ and to Mrs McKinnon who co-ordinates the school children and teachers on the day.

The class that raises the most money and the class that gets all their donations back first will receive an ice-block and there will be a reward for the child that raises the most money. So start collecting that money back from your sponsors and get it back to school.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar.



We will be having a **Cake Day** on Tuesday, 6 November. This will be an opportunity for Kinder/Stage 1 to donate the cakes for the day. A more detailed note will be sent out soon.



We are once again having our **Carols Night** on Thursday, 6 December. This is a relaxed way to celebrate the year and enjoy the coming Christmas season.

The **next P & C meeting is 20 November, 7.30pm**. We meet in the staffroom next to the Office. Hope to see you there.

Jo Breese
P & C Vice President

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*Come and be part of the excitement
as we celebrate*

125 years of Education

10th NOVEMBER 2-7pm

**NOW and
THEN**
1887-2012



Stalls
BBQ
Band & Dance
Performances
Acappella Singers
Reunions
Storytelling
Tours
Featured Artists
Art Show
Historical Display

Canteen News


Halloween Day

Wednesday, 31 October

Mixed Lolly Bags will be available at Morning Tea and Lunch (while stocks last) for \$1 each.

Cake Day

Tuesday, 30 October

Cupcakes, slices, etc  will be available at Morning Tea for 50cents each. It is Kindergarten's turn to donate the items and donations should be taken to the Canteen or the Office upon arrival.



Uniform Shop

OPEN

8/11 & 6/12

from 8.30am—9.30am.

Leave orders at the Office
anytime with payment.

Forms on Website.

Kindergarten 2013 Transition to School

30 October, 6 November & 13 November from 10am—11.30am.