



The Engadine Public School

# WARATAH WHISPERS



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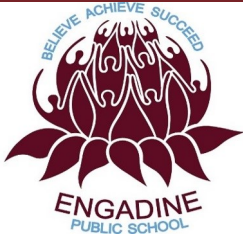
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Term 4 Week 10: 11th - 15th December

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## SCHOOL DIARY

Dec	
15	Last day for students
Jan	
29	Uniform Shop Open 9.00am—10.00am
30	First day back for students Year 1-6
Feb	
13	Pancake Day
15	Welcome BBQ & Disco
19	P & C Annual General Meeting
24	Working Bee
Mar	
4	Engadine Markets
6	Hot Cross Buns orders sent home
15	Hot Cross Bun orders due back to school
19	P & C Meeting
22	Easter Egg donation and mufti day
26	Easter Egg wrapping night
29	Easter parade and raffle

## Karen Simula—Principal (Relieving)

### Merry Christmas Wishes

I would like to thank the Engadine Public School community for welcoming me so warmly this term. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with students, staff and families over the last ten weeks. I would like to extend warm wishes to each of you for the Christmas period and wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Mrs Green has also asked me to share her well wishes with all the families at EPS for an enjoyable Christmas and holiday season.

We look forward to seeing our students back at school refreshed and ready for a new year on Tuesday 30th January.

### Year 6 farewell

Last night was such a beautiful evening for our Year 6 students who are celebrating the culmination of their primary education. Thank you firstly to the students who were so well-mannered to the venue staff and for your exceptional behaviour throughout the night. A huge shout out to Cathy and Tracy who were the force behind such a wonderful event. Also thanks to all the staff from Kinder to Year 6 for your guidance and care that you have shown to the students over the last seven years.

Year 6 have their Graduation Assembly this afternoon from 2.15pm.

### Highland Haven

Thank you to Highland Property who has very kindly supported the creation of "Highland Haven" our outdoor learning space for students and meeting place for families. This hopefully will be installed over the Christmas vacation and will be ready for use early in the term.

Hendrika and Karen

### Kindergarten Graduation

Our gorgeous Kindergarten students had their graduation ceremony on Thursday. They brought their parents and teachers to tears with their beautiful singing and lovely smiles. We are so very proud of each and every one of them and the progress they have made in their first year of school.

### Big Day In

Students had a marvellous time on Tuesday at the Big Day In. Students showed their groove at the silent disco, their sporting prowess with Sports in Schools and relaxed in beanbags watching a movie. A huge thank you to Mrs Gizas for organising the silent disco and to Mrs Raudashl for organisation of the other activities on the day.

## Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.



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### Y Factor

Two guest judges made an appearance at this year's Y Factor – Mrs Green and Mrs Weston. They were astounded at the standard of the acts that were presented. A variety of performances kept the audience entertained. Thank you to the very talented staff who braved the stage as well – you were fab! Thank you to Mrs Franke (Katy Perry) for coordinating this event.

### Staff Farewell

*To Mrs Bourke,*

What an amazing career you have had....but more than that....you have touched the lives of hundreds (if not thousands) of children and their families. You have encouraged students with learning difficulties, challenged students to strive for more, instilled a love of reading in so many, supported and mentored colleagues and created a beautiful learning space called 'the library'. This is a place that you will forever treasure and rest assured, it will continue to be a place of literacy, learning and inspiration for years to come. Thank you for everything you have done for all those who have passed through the doors of your classroom and your ever special library.

*To Mrs Thorne,*

Thank you for everything you have done in your time at EPS. We wish you all the very best in your next steps – we know you will make an amazing counsellor.

*To Mrs Reynolds,*

We know you are looking forward to spending more time with family but would like to say how much you will be missed. You are a truly dedicated and committed teacher. Thank you for sharing your expertise, skills and knowledge with students and staff alike.

*To Mrs Sharman,*

All the very best on the upcoming birth of your baby. We look forward to many snapshots of your growing bub in 2018.

### Summer Reading Challenge

Some students have opted in to complete the summer reading challenge. A copy of the challenge is also available on the school website. Students who complete the challenge will receive a special surprise in Term 1.

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS BOURKE

*A very heartfelt thank you to our amazing P and C for the beautiful gift of training a teacher and classroom supplies for a community across the world which is not as fortunate as ours.*

*My teaching days at EPS have been happy and fulfilling. It has been pleasure to work alongside so many passionate staff members and delightful families in this wonderful community of ours.*

*Whilst I have seen many changes in the school over the 40 year association I have had with my own family, EPS has always been a school I have been proud to have had a part in shaping.*

*It is now time to spend more time with our own family and experience a few of life's pleasures (outside school holiday time!)*

*Till we say hello elsewhere in the community-*

*Merry Christmas, good health and much happiness to all!*

*Sue Bourke*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### P & C News

#### Save the Dates—P& C Calendar 2018

Below are a list of dates for upcoming P & C events in 2018—please mark your calendar!

Tuesday 13th February—Pancake Day (cooking and volunteers needed)

Thursday 15th February – Welcome BBQ & disco (all welcome & volunteers needed)

Monday 19th February—P & C AGM (all committee positions will be open)

Saturday 24th February—Working Bee 8.00am—4.00pm (all welcome)

Sunday 4th March—Engadine Markets (volunteers needed)

Tuesday 6th March—Hot Cross Buns orders out to students

Thursday 15th March—Hot Cross Buns orders and money due back to school

Monday 19th March—P & C meeting

Thursday 22nd March—Easter egg donations and mufti day

Monday 26th March—Easter egg wrapping night (all welcome)

Thursday 29th March—Easter raffle, Easter parade, and Hot Cross Bun pick ups

### SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped out in the canteen this year. The students of Engadine Public School appreciate your hard work!

The Canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday every week. If any parents or grandparents can spare some time to help out in the canteen please let the staff at the office know and they will pass the message on—we are always happy to welcome any help! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!

### UNIFORM SHOP IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The uniform shop is closed for all orders for 2017. If you have an urgent request please email on [epsuniformshop@hotmail.com](mailto:epsuniformshop@hotmail.com)

Effective 2018, the school uniform shop is open THURSDAY Weeks 1 and 5 of each term from 8.30am—9.15am.

The uniform shop will be open during the holidays on Monday 29th January 9.00am—10.00am for last minute purchases.



# SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS

Chess lessons will be on Wednesday mornings in the library from 8:25- 9:10 a.m.  
Lessons will begin Term 1, 14th February 2018. Children can be collected from OOSH if needed,  
please advise Mrs Franke.

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*Christmas is a time of joy, but not for everyone.  
Don't be alone or hungry this Christmas.*

## Community Christmas Day Lunch

12pm till 2pm 25<sup>th</sup> December

**Engadine Anglican Church**

Waratah Rd Engadine (Opposite Primary School)

For more details visit

[eacchristmas.com](http://eacchristmas.com)

or contact the office on

**9548 2296**

*There will be a jumping castle and craft for kids, yummy  
Christmas food, transport if needed and a chance to make new  
friends*

**Free!**

### 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.

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First meeting: Wednesday 7th February 2018  
7.00pm

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for any Scouting enquires



Students are invited to participate in

Engadine Public School's

## **Summer Reading Challenge!**

The *Summer Reading Challenge* is based on reading books in a variety of places for a minimum of 20 minutes. Parents are to tick, date and initial when students have completed reading for 20 minutes in a place. Up to 2 places may be done per day. To qualify for the prize in Term 1 2018, students need to return their reading log to Mrs Simula the week they return to school in 2018. A **minimum of 35 places** need to be covered. Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 in 2017 may have books read to them.



# Summer Reading Challenge

## How many books can you read this summer?

### In the house

- 1. in my bed
- 2. in a soft chair
- 3. in a hard chair
- 4. on the lounge
- 5. at the table
- 6. by the door
- 7. on my parents' bed
- 8. next to my toys
- 9. by a window
- 10. at a desk
- 11. in the living room
- 12. upstairs
- 13. downstairs
- 14. in my bedroom
- 15. in the kitchen
- 16. sitting on a box
- 17. under a blanket
- 18. inside an indoor tent
- 19. on a pillow
- 20. in a sleeping bag
- 21. under a table
- 22. in the garage
- 23. on the verandah
- 24. with a torch
- 25. while someone's cooking
- 26. while Mum or Dad is reading
- 27. after breakfast
- 28. after lunch

- 29. after dinner
- 30. after a snack
- 31. before bed
- 32. after a bath
- 33. on the washing machine
- 34. near the dryer
- 35. on a rug
- 36. on a hard floor
- 37. by a fan
- 38. against the fridge
- 39. in the hall
- 40. lying on my back
- 41. lying on my stomach
- 42. under my bed
- 43. in the bath
- 44. in the middle of the night
- 45. before Mum is awake
- 46. on the computer/tablet

### Outdoors

- 47. on a swing
- 48. under a tree
- 49. in a tree
- 50. leaning against the house
- 51. on the grass
- 52. on the concrete
- 53. on the steps
- 54. next to flowers
- 55. in the pool

- 56. in the sun
- 57. in the shade
- 58. near a body of water
- 59. in a tent
- 60. on a deck
- 61. on a slide
- 62. on a log
- 63. on the footpath
- 64. at the beach
- 65. wearing sunglasses

### Out and About

- 66. in a car
  - 67. on a train
  - 68. in a plane
  - 69. in a boat
  - 70. in a hotel
  - 71. at someone else's house
  - 72. at a picnic
  - 73. at a playground
  - 74. at a restaurant
  - 75. while I'm waiting
  - 76. in the bush
  - 77. at the library
  - 78. upside down
  - 79. holding an umbrella
- To Others**
- 80. to Mum

- 81. to Dad
- 82. to Grandma
- 83. to Grandpa
- 84. to a sibling
- 85. to an aunt
- 86. to an uncle
- 87. to a cousin
- 88. to a friend
- 89. to a neighbour
- 90. to a baby
- 91. to an older kid
- 92. to a kid my age
- 93. to a pet
- 94. to a babysitter
- 95. to your imaginary friend

### Own Ideas

- 96. \_\_\_\_\_
- 97. \_\_\_\_\_
- 98. \_\_\_\_\_
- 99. \_\_\_\_\_
- 100. \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify  
that my child \_\_\_\_\_  
has read for 20 minutes in each  
of the places ticked, initialled  
and dated.

(Parent Signature)