

Waratah Whispers

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Issue 35 Term 4 - Week 4

Friday 9th November 2018

Important Dates

Week 4

Friday 9th November: Sunday 11th November: Stage 3 return **Remembrance Day**

Week 5

Monday 12th November:

Planning Evening Fete

Tuesday 13th November:

Kindy Pyjama Day

Wednesday 14th November: Thursday 15th November:

Kindy 2019 Transition 3 **Miss Crutcher Memorial** P & C School Disco

Friday 16th November:

Whole School Assembly

Week 6

Wednesday 21st November: Thursday 22nd November: Friday 23rd November:

Year 6 Cupcake Day Stage 2 - The Tops Camp

Stage 2 return

Week 7

Tuesday 27th November:

Variety Club Christmas Party - support unit

Thursday 29th November:

Parent Helper Morning

Week 8

Wednesday 5th December: Thursday 6th December

Year 6 Musical **EPS Performing Arts**

Showcase

Week 9

Monday 10th December: Wednesday 12th December:

Sports Assembly 12.00pm

Presentation Day 12.15pm **Engadine High**

Kindy Graduation 9.30am

Thursday 13th December:

Week 10

Year 6 Bowling Day

Monday 17th December: Tuesday 18th December:

Fun Day

Wednesday 19th December:

Year 6 Farewell **Last Day for students**

Year 6 Graduation 2.30pm

Dear parents/carers,

As I write this entry, our intrepid Stage 3 students and staff are enjoying the last day of their camp. Despite the torrential rain on Wednesday nobody was washed away and by all accounts they seem to be having a wonderful time. I'm looking forward to some great stories and photos next week. ©

I would like to congratulate all my staff who have this week navigated the introduction of a new Department of Education HR system. The new system impacts predominantly on attendance, leave and pay processes, so I'm sure you can appreciate that this is something we all need to understand and implement with attention to detail. Many thanks to Mrs Dunlop for her hard work in ensuring all staff are aware of their new responsibilities and requirements.

As many of you may be aware, Mr Parry is establishing an Engadine Public School Code Club. The first class will be next Friday, November 16th in the library at 3:30pm. I'd like to acknowledge Mr Parry's generosity and enthusiasm in getting this project up and running. This will provide an excellent opportunity for students who are interested in learning more about coding. We have had an overwhelming response, with large numbers of students wishing to participate in the Club. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to cater for all these students in one group therefore we will need to discuss some workable parameters for the group based on numbers of available computers, room in the library and teacher to student ratio. Regretfully this time some students will miss out however, next year we may be able to expand on this initial capacity. Students will be informed on Monday if they are included in our inaugural group of coders. Thank you also to Miss Millard who has offered to work with Mr Parry and the students after school each Friday afternoon.





This year we acknowledge the Centenary of the First World War Armistice, which was a celebration at the time. We must also acknowledge its evolution into what we now know as Remembrance Day.

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. It became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. More than 330,000 Australians served overseas during the Great War. More than 60,000 of them had died. Australians across the country are encouraged to mark the Centenary of the Armistice and observe one minute's silence at 11am in memory of those who died or suffered in the First World War and all wars and armed conflicts since.

This Sunday our school leaders will be participating in the Engadine RSL Armistice Day Parade and memorial service. I know our students will represent our school with pride and dignity. It would be wonderful to see students and families attend the service to support our leaders and to acknowledge the Centenary of the Armistice.

Have a great weekend and keep smiling. ☺ Sara Swift, Principal.

Remembrance Day

EPS will be participating in the local Armistice Day parade and ceremony on Sunday November 11. Our school leaders will be representing our school in the march and doing a reading.



Parents and families are warmly invited to the parade which starts at 10.45am at the Town Centre.

Year 6 Bake Sale



To our wonderful school community and families who supported our year 6 Bake Sale last weekend – thank you! The response was

amazing and we received many compliments from members of the community. One lady even made a special trip back to see us on the stall and comment on the cake she purchased!! To everyone who baked or purchased something from us on the weekend – thank you again.

Selective High School Applications APPLICATIONS CLOSE 10pm 12TH NOVEMBER

Applications for year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020 must be made online between 9th October and 12th November 2018.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Parents must apply online at

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement test to be held on Thursday 14th March 2019.

For more information please visit the website above.

Dear Parents.

On Thursday the 15th November, Engadine Public School is holding a memorial service to officially open the 'Miss Crutcher Memorial Garden'. This will be in our lower playground at 10:30am. Children and staff from Years 4, 5 and 6 will be attending along with Mrs Hendrika Green (former Principal) to open our garden.

The children from these grades are welcome to write any special memories that they have of Miss Crutcher, which the captains and Mrs Raudaschl will share during the service. Following this service a morning tea will be held under the canteen cola.

If your child has a special memory, please write it down with your child's name and give to Mrs Raudaschl before the day.

Parents and families are welcome to attend this service.

Thankyou

Mrs Raudaschl







Thank You Morning Tea

We would like to invite our school community to a parent helper's morning tea on Thursday 29th November at 11:00am in the school library.

We would like to say thank you to all our special helpers who have volunteered on any basis at our school and acknowledge their efforts by providing a morning tea to say a big thank you. Please RSVP to the office if you will be attending by Friday 23rd November.

Scholastic Book Club

Each term, Scholastic Book Club is offered to our families through the work of a team of parent and

carer volunteers; what we affectionately refer to as the Scholastic Book Elves.



Scholastic gives a 20% credit on each order to our School

Rewards program, which is then distributed to classrooms to purchase fresh resources. In 2017, our classrooms were given more than \$2,500 in rewards!

It is time to start preparing for next year's program. We had a great team of Elves this year, and would love it if more volunteers wanted to join next year. If you agree to be on the team, you are not committing your life away. It is more of a "come when you can, leave when you must" type thing, which is why we had so many volunteers this year.

Parents and carers are invited to a Book Elf training on Wednesday, 14 November, from 9:15am – 10:30am. Please meet in the Office Reception and bring an iPad or laptop, if you have one. If you cannot attend the meeting, please e-mail Lisa at

EPSbookelves@gmail.com and you can still be added to the team e-mail communications.



Year 6 Fundraising

Year 6 will be showing off their cooking skills on Wednesday 21st November with their cupcake sale. Students can purchase a cupcake and a water ice block at recess for \$2.00.

Please support our stage 3 students as they raise funds for their end of year functions.





Environmental Club

National Recycling Week is Week 5 (12-16 November). Please encourage your families to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Did you know that you can recycle soft plastics at our local Engadine Coles and Woolworths stores? This includes plastic bags, cling wrap, confectionery packets, bread bags and more. See http://www.redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/ for more information.





P & C News & Updates School Disco

All students are invited to our school disco on

Thursday 15th November.

Disco times: Kindy- year 2: 4.30pm to 5.45pm

Year 3 – 6: 6.00pm to 7.15pm

Cost: \$7.00 per student

(includes packet of chips and bottle of water) Tickets on sale from 4.10pm before the disco!

Save the date

Engadine PS

Performing Arts Showcase

Thursday December 6th





Family Fete Fun Day 2019 – Planning Night



In 2019 we will be holding our bienniel school fete. If you haven't been to one of our fete's before, it is a fantastic day filled with great entertainment, great stalls and lots of fun rides. As you can imagine, a fete requires a lot of planning which is why we are starting now.

Our first planning meeting will be held on **Monday 12th November at 7:30pm** in the school staffroom.

At this meeting we will be deciding on the date for the fete, brainstorming any new ideas or any changes that we want to make from the last fete and start working on our sponsorship packages.

If you want to be involved or have any ideas (large or small) please come along on Monday night. If you are unable to come on Monday night but have some ideas, please contact me via email amandayock@gmail.com

This event is our major fundraising event for 2019 and all money raised will go towards providing new and improved resources for your children so please support this event in any way you can.

See you on Monday night!

Amanda Yock
President of the Engadine Public School P&C Association









Pre-order your real Christmas Tree today and pick up on Saturday 1st December between 9:00am and 5:00pm from Engadine Public School.

Trees are cut late at night by the christmastreeman.com.au and transported to Sydney overnight for the freshest possible tree.

\$80 with a stand

\$90 with a stand

\$100 with a stand

\$50 or

\$60 or

\$70 or

Order online at https://www.trybooking.com/YYKI

Orders close 18 Nov
Enquiries: 0413191438
or david.parry@suranyami.com





The Fun way to learn a second language!



Bonjour à tous! French classes are back!

NOW on TUESDAY at 8.15 am

Join the French group in **Term 4** and receive a **50% discount** on the price of a second child!

Simply **contact Leslie**, let her know you're interested in language classes.

leslie.jervis@lcfclubs.com.au

0449 073 195

NEW SATURDAY COMP - Miniball

For the first time ever we will be starting a Saturday basketball Competition at Sutherland and we would love for your school to join!

This is an amazing opportunity to start basketbal because:

Premium Tree 6'

Premium Tree 7'

Premium Tree 8'

- First Saturday comp ever LOTS of first time basketballers
- Separate Boys & Girls comps
- Very low cost \$400/team (\$50/player if 8 players on the team)

Here are the basic details:

What: Summer Miniball Competition

When: Saturdays

Where Sutherland Basketball Stadium

Training: Organise your training or we can organise training for you

Games: First Game - 17th Nov, Last Game - 9th March 2019

"No games in the school holidays

Ages: Kindy, U8's, U10's & U12's

Cost: \$400/team (includes 10 games)

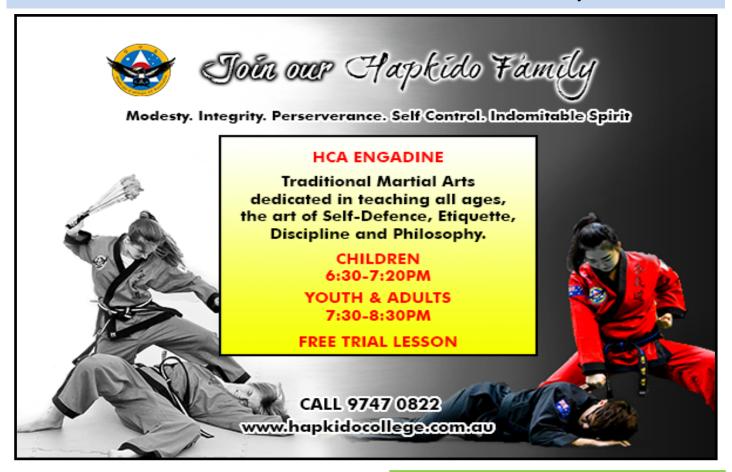
TWO EASY WAYS TO JOIN!

Get a group of friends together and create your own team
 Nominate as an individual and we can add you to a team
 Email all enquiries to: Development@sutherlandbasketball.net.au















Impaired vision can affect your child's success at school – but they may not even realise there's a problem.

That's why regular eye examinations are important for kids.

Doug Grimson EyeQ Optometrists

Shop 14, Engadine Town Square Shopping Centre, 101 Caldarra Ave, Engadine Call 8294 3235



