



Waratah Whispers

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Issue 36 Term 4 – Week 5

Friday 16th November 2018

Important Dates

Week 5

Friday 16th November: Whole School Assembly

Week 6

Wednesday 21st November: Year 6 Cupcake Day
Thursday 22nd November: Stage 2 – The Tops Camp
Friday 23rd November: Stage 2 return

Week 7

Tuesday 27th November: Variety Club Christmas Party – support unit
Thursday 29th November: Parent Helper Morning Tea

Week 8

Wednesday 5th December: Year 6 Musical
Thursday 6th December: EPS Performing Arts Showcase
Friday 7th December: Choir – Rotary Carols

Week 9

Monday 10th December: Sports Assembly 12.00pm
Wednesday 12th December: Presentation Day 12.15pm
Engadine High
Thursday 13th December: Kindy Graduation 9.30am

Week 10

Monday 17th December: Year 6 Bowling Day
Tuesday 18th December: Fun Day
Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 19th December: Last Day for students
Year 6 Graduation 2.30pm

Dear parents/carers

Firstly, I'd like to offer a huge congratulations to the Stage 3 students and staff who attended last week's camp and returned happy and exhausted late Friday afternoon. Our students had a great deal of fun, participated in some wonderful learning experiences and represented their school beautifully. I have heard

countless reports from various community and business providers about how well behaved and respectful our students were – they should be very proud of themselves! Hats off, too, to my sensational staff who organised, attended, supervised and coped with oh, so many things during the 3 day, 2 night camp. Mrs Dyszel, Mrs R, Mrs Danne, Mrs Chandler, Mrs Kentwell, Mrs Mitchell - you are all Superstars; I can't thank you enough for your hard work, care and capacity for fun!

Last weekend our school was again well represented, as students participated at the Cooper St Fair. Our dancers and band members performed to an appreciative audience and were generously supported by Mrs Lancaster, Mrs Dean and Mrs Scarra. Many thanks to those teachers, students and their families for promoting a positive school presence in our local community.

On Sunday our school leaders took part in the Engadine RSL Armistice Day Parade and service. The service was extremely well attended on a hot and sunny day. The four students who attended were amazing ambassadors for our school, with Ben and Fletcher reading two poems and speaking clearly, respectfully and with expression. Thank you to the parents, families and students for taking time out of your weekend to participate in this important centenary celebration of Remembrance Day. Congratulations to our two Public Speaking finalists – James E and James Y, who yesterday represented Engadine Public School at the Ultimo Public Speaking finals. The standard of competition was very high and both of our boys spoke well and produced interesting impromptu speeches. Thank you to Mrs Chandler for supporting our students yesterday at this event. At this week's assembly I will be presenting White Ribbon awards to students who have been noticed for their respectful relationships, kindness and bravery. As we approach White Ribbon Day our students will be discussing and learning about the

importance of respectful behaviour and the strength it takes to not be silent in the face of wrong doing. White Ribbon Day reminds us that respect is best taught early – as parents, families, school and community, we all need to work together to teach respect and to have the courage to stand up for what we know is right.

A couple of gentle reminders as we approach the busy end of year period. I have noticed an increasing number of students on the playground at school well before the school starting time of 8:45am. I must ask that children are not dropped at school before this time as there is no teacher supervision. Even if the gates are open – due to OOSH and before school extra-curricular classes – students are not permitted to be on the playground and must wait in the front gated area until the bell rings at 8:45am. This is a Health and Safety issue and we need parent support of this expectation please. The other point I would like to reinforce is expectations around access to class teachers either before or after school. While it is important and desirable for parents to liaise with class teachers to discuss concerns, progress or just to clarify communications, it is essential that parents make appointments to do so. At this stage of the year teachers are incredibly busy before and after school times – assessments, marking, report writing, planning and organising. Our teachers are very happy to meet with parents; I just ask that parents please make a mutually convenient appointment. As we look forward to the next couple of weeks, we can start getting excited about the Stage 2 Camp, the Year Six musical, a canteen promotional day and our upcoming Performing Arts morning.

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

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.




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.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER 2018

Year 6 student will show off their cooking skills



When : Wednesday 21 November

Where : Cola Area- Recess

Why : To help raise funds
for their end of year functions

Cost : \$2:00 for a cup cake & a
water ice-block.

Code Club

The response to our Friday afternoon Code Club was amazing. Unfortunately due to this response we had to limit the number of students who can participate. If you are a student in year 3 – year 6 who has already expressed interest in attending, please meet Mr Parry and Ms Millard in the library after school on Friday. We cannot take any other students at this time. We are looking to extend Code Club in 2019 and will endeavour to offer it to all interested students.

Save the date

Engadine PS

Performing Arts Showcase

Thursday December 6th

Armistice Day Parade and Service

It was a warm and sunny morning for the Engadine RSL Armistice Day Parade and Service. Thank you to Ben, Fletcher, Parker and Mirren who did a wonderful job representing our school at this important ceremony.



Kindergarten 2019 Transition

This week we had the final visit from our Kindy 2019 students. They enjoyed meeting their big buddies for next year and getting familiar with our school. They bought a special friend along to enjoy a Teddy bear's Picnic. It was great to see lots of excited little faces who are looking forward to starting big school in 2019! Thank you Mrs Raudaschl for making this a wonderful and informative experience for our new students and families.



Miss Crutcher Memorial Garden Official Opening

A beautiful opening ceremony for the Miss Crutcher Memorial Garden was held on Thursday. It was well attended by parents, staff, and students who knew and worked with Miss Crutcher and some heart-felt memories were shared by the students. Former Principal Mrs Green attended the ceremony and cut the ribbon. We are pleased to announce a new literacy award in honour of Miss Crutcher will be presented to a student for the next three years at our end of your Presentation Day. The award will be a certificate and a book voucher, and was donated by Miss Crutcher's mother, Joan. Many thanks to Mrs Raudaschl for her work in organising the ceremony and for sharing the memories of her special friend with the community.



UNIFORM SHOP
Please be advised that there will be no uniform shop orders filled after Friday 8th December
If you require any uniforms please place your order before this time.

Stage 3 Camp

Our year 5 and 6 students had an amazing time on camp last week. They made lots of memories that will stay with them forever. Here are some recounts about their time from 3 of our students.

"Girls and boys! We want you back in half an hour ready to decorate the dining hall for the dance tonight!" Everyone ran back to their cabins to start getting ready. In our cabin everyone was pretty much getting their hair done or doing someone's hair. It was pretty chaotic. In half an hour we were all ready and set. We walked down to the meeting area and everyone was bubbling with excitement. We walked down and sat at our tables where Corey, our leader, announced that there was going to be some friendly competition. We were going to be making paper chains and the winners were the ones whose chain was the longest. "Ready, set, go!" We starting cutting strips of paper and hurriedly taping them together. We were winning! Yes! We were soon out of paper and alerted Corey. He reminded us that one of the rules were "no dobbing" and some of the people on our table ran to steal paper from other tables. War was declared.

There were people running and stealing strips of paper from each other and then, no one can remember who started it, but people started to rip each other's chains. Our one got ripped in half and we were struggling to put it back together, but we finished just before they said "stop!". Our chain unfortunately didn't win, but we all agreed that there was a little bit of friendly competition that night. That was my camp highlight. Alisa P 5/6D

"Poof!" the lady pours liquid nitrogen on to the floor and it evaporates into a gas. On our way to Mogo we stopped at the Wollongong Science Centre.

It was a lot of fun because we got to test all of the amazing experiments. We also got to watch a show about stars in the planetarium.

The first thing everyone did when we got to Mogo was gasp, everyone was so excited. We got to go gold panning and we went on an amazing tour which everyone

enjoyed very much.

We had amazing food like chicken and potato. We all enjoyed the time we had outside to play with the sport equipment and to play volleyball.

We all had a lot of fun with our friends in our cabins and I will definitely go back.

Mogo was a very fun camp that I would recommend to anyone, thank you teachers and carers for letting us enjoy ourselves in our last years of primary school. Nell P 5/6R

The day had finally arrived, and we were all excited for camp. The fun all started when we arrived at the Science Centre. We got to have free time looking at all the cool stuff they had and doing the activities. We then got to go into the planetarium and it was AMAZING!

After what felt like days of driving we had finally arrived at Mogo, where we got put into our cabins. We all got to our rooms and chose our beds and then went outside to play with everyone else.

After dinner and the best dessert ever we all sat down and watched an Aboriginal man telling us stuff about his culture. It was great!

The next day we had so much fun as we got to make damper and make an olden day toy. We also got to play some fun olden day games which included hopscotch and shipping. We also went gold panning and I found some gold.

Unfortunately it was time to go and we all went back into the bus. Lucky for us we got to go to the zoo. It was so much fun looking at all the animals but the best part was feeding the giraffes. Chelsea F 5/6R



Engadine Fair

Congratulations to our wonderful dance groups and band students that performed last weekend at Cooper Street Park for the annual Engadine Fair. A big thank you to Mrs Lancaster, Mrs Scarra, and our parents for all their efforts with dance and band throughout the year, these performances wouldn't happen without your support.

Our school choir has been invited to perform at the Engadine Rotary Carols at Cooper Street Park on Friday 7th December – it would be great to see our EPS community there to sing along and support Mrs Ryan and our choir students.



16th November
6.00pm - 9.00pm

Boutique Shopping Experience

Come & enjoy a boutique shopping experience at Yowie Bay Public School. This year we have many new exciting stalls and many of our favourites returning.

Bring your friends, Mum, Grandma and your Christmas shopping list!

Gold coin entry. Browse through many unique and exciting stalls.

Port Hacking High School are sending special selections from their Performing Band to give us the music to shop to.

Buy a \$10 ticket for your chance to win a door prize and receive a free glass of champagne to sip whilst shopping!

Delicious finger food will be available for purchase on the night.

We hope to see you at the 2018 Yowie Bay Public School Twilight Markets

Please note: This is an adults only event

THOMAS HOLT

Christmas Fair

Thursday, November 29
5.00pm - 9.00pm

The Loft
Level 6, Flame Tree

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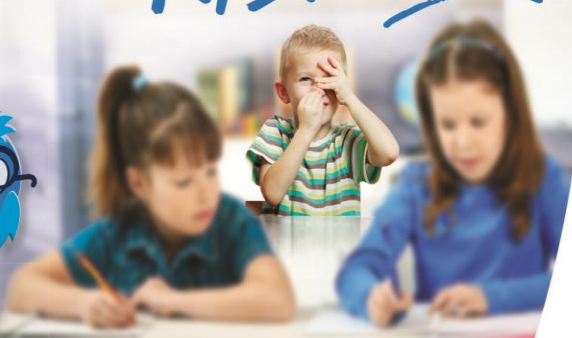

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