



# Waratah Whispers

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## Important Dates

### Week 8

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December:	High School Orientation – Year 6
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December:	Year 6 Musical
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December:	Hot Dog Day EPS Performing Arts Showcase
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December:	Choir – Rotary Carols Year 3-6 Assembly

### Week 9

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December:	Sports Assembly 12.00pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December:	SRC Christmas Mufti Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	Presentation Day 12.15pm Engadine High
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December:	Kindy Graduation 9.30am

### Week 10

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December:	Year 6 Bowling Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December:	Big Day In Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December:	Last Day for students Year 6 Graduation 2.30pm

Dear parents/carers,  
Yesterday we held a morning tea to thank our wonderful parent and community helpers. I am so sorry I was unable to be there. Unfortunately I was booked to attend a Principals conference and was therefore unable to be there personally to thank everyone. As a school community we rely so much on the generosity, commitment and contributions of our volunteers. At Engadine Public School we are fortunate to have strong support from our community and that means that our students are offered exceptional learning opportunities which are supported by a tireless and hardworking group of volunteers. From reading groups to classroom helpers; P&C support to excursions; Code Club to Scripture - our volunteers are the best! People Power

makes the world go around and at Engadine Public School we wouldn't want it any other way. We welcome our community and enjoy working with you as positive partners in your children's educational journey. As we draw to the end of another exceptionally busy year I would like to let you know just how much we appreciate all you do at school, outside of school and as advocates for our school. Although in many ways we are winding down towards the end of the year, I am also embarking on some projects which will hopefully come to fruition for the start of our 2019 school year. It is exciting that we are growing in number and next year we will have three Kindergarten classes. As such, I am pleased to advise you that we will be having another classroom installed over the coming weeks. Barricades and site fencing will be erected next week and then we need to cross our fingers for good weather so the builders can work uninterrupted. The importance of spacious and comfortable learning spaces cannot be overstated and I am pleased to say that all new demountable classrooms now come with air-conditioning as standard fit out. Over the holiday period I will be organising furniture, technology such as computers and an Interactive Whiteboard, telephones and more – busy times ahead!

Presentation Day is fast approaching and, as it is a slightly different format and a new location this year, there are a few housekeeping items of which to be aware. The proceedings will start at Engadine High School at 12 noon therefore we will aim to leave school with the students at 11am. Students will have an early lunch on the day at 10:20am. Students will need to take a water bottle and hat with them to Engadine High School – no food or bags will be taken. Therefore, if you are planning to take your child home directly from the High School, you will need to pick up his/her school bag from our school. Alternatively, send your child with their lunch and drink in a disposable bag for that day. As usual, teachers will

have class lists with them and names will need to be checked off the role before children leave for the day. Engadine High School has been most gracious in lending us their school hall and in providing us with technical support on the day. Our staff are working hard to prepare the running order for the day and it looks like it will be a wonderful event.

At school this week I can feel the excitement in the air as our Yr. 6 students are preparing to don the greasepaint and tread the boards in next week's production, Rock Bottom! Mrs. McAlpine, Mrs Mitchell and our cast and crew from Yr.6 are all ready to blow you away with a very polished performance. I hope to see many of you there next Wednesday evening.

Currently I am working my way through the final reading and signing of reports and I am confident that parents will be proud of the progress and application of our students throughout the year. Reports will go home at the beginning of week 9.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and keep smiling. ☺

Sara Swift, Principal

### Gingerbread Houses

We still have Gingerbread Houses for sale! If you are interested in purchasing a kit they are available for \$35.00 each from the front office. We have sold out of our gluten free kits, but still have a few original Gingerbread Houses available.

### Statement Of Accounts

As part of our end of year finance procedures, some families would have received a Statement of Account sent home this week. If you have any queries regarding these statements please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will look into it for you.

### Safety Reminder

A reminder to our school community to please be aware of the high traffic in our area. Also if you are dropping off or picking up a student please be aware of the pedestrian crossings and take caution – arriving safely always takes priority.

Also a reminder to our students to always use the pedestrian crossings that are around our school entries. There have been several reports to us of students running across the road to get to and from school. Please be cautious at all times.



### Scholastic Book Club

Engadine Public School is proud to offer students and families the opportunity to purchase literacy resources each term through Scholastic.

Families should place their orders using a credit card

via [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) – this will ensure the accuracy, timeliness and payment security of every order.

Multiple family members and carers are allowed to create their own individual LOOP accounts, allowing for all loved ones to participate in this program. Classrooms receive a 20% credit on every order you place. This is an excellent opportunity to buy birthday, holiday and "just because" gifts, while also supporting your school.



### Presentation Day & Sport Award Assemblies

All families of students who will be receiving an award at either ceremony were mailed a letter home earlier this week. Everyone is welcome to attend as we celebrate another year of learning and celebrating achievements at Engadine Public School.

Sport Award Assembly - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 12.00pm in the school hall.

End of Year Presentation Day – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 12.00pm at Engadine High School Auditorium.

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESENTATION DAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

- We will be having an early lunch before we walk to Engadine High School at 11.00am
- If you do NOT want your child to walk to the high school please return the slip at the bottom of the presentation day note that was sent home last week
- Students are asked to bring their lunch to school in a disposable bag if you want to take them straight home from the high school
- If your child is returning to school after Presentation Day they can bring a bag with afternoon tea that will be left at school
- Canteen is closed on this day
- Students MUST BRING their hat and a water bottle
- Parents must sign students out with their teacher if they are taking them after Presentation Day

### SRC Christmas Mufti Day

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December the SRC will be holding their last fundraiser for the year. All students are welcome to come to school in their favourite Christmas clothes and donate a gold coin donation. The SRC and teachers would like to thank the EPS families for their continued support this year. We have raised a generous amount of money that has been used to make purchases for our school.



### Year 6 Musical

Our year 6 Musical 'Rock Bottom' is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in our school hall – tickets also on sale at the door!!



**Year 6 Musical – 7 pm**  
**Wednesday 5/12/18**  
**Tickets: See Mrs Dyszel**  
**Adults: \$10 Children: \$5**  
**ALL WELCOME**

### Dance Groups 2019

Students will be bringing home a note with details of the Engadine Public School 2019 Dance Ensembles. We ask all parents and carers to read through this note which details estimated fees and requirements for the dance groups for 2019. If you would like your child to participate please sign the note and return to Mrs Lancaster by 12<sup>th</sup> December so we can organise groups.

### COSOP Sustainability Science Student Conference

Last week 6 year 4 students attended the COSOP Sustainability Science Student Conference in the Royal National Park. Below is a recount of their day from 2 of our students who attended.

*On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November 6 students from year 4 went to the Royal national Park Environment Centre. We did fun activities such as “our war on waste”, where we placed the rubbish in the correct bins (lowest waste, low waste, high waste, and highest waste). We learnt how to take pictures without zooming or using a filter. The different skills we learnt included macro, ants eye view, landscape, colour, down to up, up to down, and to get up a grid on the camera. We made insects out of bottle caps and we made badges about the “War on Waste”.*

*We grew plants using mint leaves and others. We learned how to reproduce plants, where rubbish goes. Half of our group had a look at the compost, it was in a bathtub we built a compost bin made out of cardboard, fishnet, rubber bands and we used a drill to drill holes. The other half of the group learnt what a vertical garden is and what it does. We also made posters about waste and how it is bad and does bad things to the environment. On the ipads we went on an app called ‘Canvas’. We had an absolutely fantastic time. By Abella and Jake – year 4*



**P & C News**

As previously advised EPS P & C will be operating the last Engadine Community Markets this Sunday.

EPS look forward to going out in style this weekend and as it's our busiest market of the year, we really need all hands on deck to assist with both manning of the BBQ and bump in and out of cars (due to the Christmas Tree position). If you can assist for an hour, can you please message Fiona on 0447 604 134.

Time slots are between 6.30am and 3pm (due to longer Christmas market). All help gratefully appreciated.

If you have any comments or feedback that you would like raised (or answered) regarding the Markets topic, please feel free to send your questions to epspandc@yahoo.com

**School Banking**

The last date for claiming a banking reward for this year was on Thursday 29th November. Our final School Banking day for 2018 is 13th December. Any Dollarmites tokens that are not redeemed this year can be used in 2019.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

*Please be advised that there will be no uniform shop orders filled after Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December*  
*If you require any uniforms please place your order before this time*

**Celebrating our achievements in Performing Arts**



**Engadine PS 2018**

**Performing Arts Showcase**

*Thursday 6th December*  
*from 9:15am*

*We hope you can join us to celebrate a year of wonderful achievements for our students.*

- School Band performance
- School Choir performance
- Performances from our Dance Ensemble Groups

**Borrowing has now finished for 2019.**

**Please remember to return your books to the library as soon as possible**




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## CHRISTMAS RIVERVIEW MARKET

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Riverview Market at Como during 2019 will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month except January and May

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- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

**Mondays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm**  
18 February | 25 February | 4 March | 11 March  
18 March | 25 March | 1 April | 8 April 2019  
Cost: \$50 per child  
Venue: Caringbah Interrelate  
Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd., Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408

Note: This program is developed by Good Grief and facilitated by Interrelate



## THE JOHN FRANKLIN Christmas Lunch

We would like you to join us for traditional Christmas fare and great company at the John Franklin Christmas Lunch

### On Christmas Day

25TH DECEMBER - 11:30AM - 2:30PM  
AT SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE  
ETON STREET, SUTHERLAND  
COST: FREE!

The venue is located a short, easy flat walk from Sutherland Railway Station and has Wheelchair access.

John Franklin lived on the streets of Sutherland. He spoke of the loneliness on Christmas Day for people such as himself before his tragic death in 2000. The John Franklin Christmas Day Lunch, held in the memory of John's life for all persons wanting company on Christmas Day, is a joint initiative of the St. Patrick's and St. John's Churches at Sutherland with help from the surrounding community.

Do you know someone who would appreciate hearing about this day? Tell them about it, or tell us and we will extend a personal invitation to them.



For more information contact: 04 4453 2981  
Email: jfd2512@gmail.com  
www.johnfranklinchristmaslunch.com.au



## WE WOULD APPRECIATE Your Help!

Volunteers are needed to assist us on Christmas Eve to help prepare the venue for our guests on Christmas Day.

### On Christmas eve

24TH DECEMBER FROM 9AM  
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### Donations are always welcome

Donations of the following items are always appreciated and needed:

- NEW GIFTS FOR MALE AND FEMALE OF ALL AGES
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- CASH DONATIONS (100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE OVER \$2)



Contact us on 04 4453 2981 or go to [www.johnfranklinchristmaslunch.com.au](http://www.johnfranklinchristmaslunch.com.au) for more information, to find out how you can volunteer your time on Christmas day or Christmas eve, or where you can donate items.



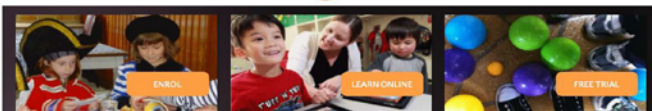
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