



Waratah Whispers

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Issue 40 Term 4 – Week 9

Friday 14th December 2018

Important Dates

Week 10

Monday 17 th December:	Year 6 Bowling Day Choir Perform at Woolworths
Tuesday 18 th December:	Big Day In Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 19 th December:	Last Day for students Year 6 Graduation 2.30pm

Week 1 Term 1 2019

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Week 4 Term 1 2019

Wednesday 20 th February:	Swimming Carnival
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Week 5 Term 1 2019

Thursday 28 th February:	Back To School Disco
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Dear parents/carers,
Christmas is around the corner and we are all busy wrapping up last minute tasks before the end of term. This is always a great time to pause amidst the chaos to reflect on achievements and be thankful for the input of so many throughout the year.

Over the last week or so we have celebrated and recognised the successes of our students in 2018 – their sporting endeavours, their academic improvements, their extra-curricular participation and their overall growth and development. I'm sure you will all agree that this year some of our students have excelled across specific areas and all of our students have worked hard and tried their best. We should be very proud of our students; what I admire most about them is their friendly, accepting and inclusive manner. When I show visitors around the school, they always

comment on the welcoming and positive atmosphere at our school. Our Kindergarten students have graduated and are prepared for the challenges and fun of Yr. 1 next year and our Yr. 6 students are ready to step out into the world of high school expectations and opportunities. These transition points are emotional milestones for our students, families and our staff and we congratulate everyone who has worked hard to make these special years outstanding.

I am incredibly proud of my staff here at Engadine Public School – their generosity, hard work, deep commitment and individual care for our students and families is second to none. All of our teachers, support officers and administrative staff are here every day to encourage and support our students as they learn to navigate their way through life. It is our commitment to know, value and care for every child and it is this focus on wellbeing that provides the foundation for improved student outcomes across all areas of school and life. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff and acknowledge everything that they do.

My gratitude to you - all our parents, families and community - is heartfelt and I would like to offer my appreciation and respect for your participation, engagement and positivity throughout the year. The old adage that 'It takes a village to raise a child' has a great deal of merit and we are always eager to develop productive partnerships with parents and families. Students achieve great things when they are supported by a transparent and consistent team; when expectations are explicit and goals are developed collaboratively. Thank you to all those who have worked as volunteers throughout the year and to all those who have joined in fundraising and in planning for the growth of our school in the future. I look forward to working with you all next year as we strive towards our 2019 goals of improved wellbeing, improved curriculum delivery and future focussed

learning. The Department of Education has this week released its newly published School Community Charter, which is based on respectful and positive interactions between school and community. I will share this with you via this newsletter and I am happy to acknowledge that the outlined expectations are already embedded in our school and community.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday break and enjoy spending quality time with family and friends. It has been a pleasure to lead this exceptional community.

Sara Swift
Principal

Happy
Holidays!

Student Requirements 2019

All students returning to Engadine Public School in 2019 should have received a note detailing their stationery requirements for next year. This should help families take advantage of the back to school sales in January and allow students to be prepared when they return in 2019. If your child did not receive a copy of this note please see the class teacher or check our website.

School Canteen News

The canteen is now closed for 2018.

Thank you to Mrs Cody and all the wonderful volunteers for running our school canteen – it wouldn't happen without your hard work. Notes were sent home with students this week asking for volunteers for 2019 – please return the slip to the front office or the canteen by Wednesday 19th December if you can help out.

Patrick White Writing Competition

Indigenous students from across the school are celebrating their creativity this week after being recognised for their entries in the 'Patrick White Writing Competition'.

Patrick White is one of Australia's most accomplished writers and an avid supporter of the advancement of Indigenous Australian youth. He was also the first Australian writer to receive a Nobel Prize for Literature.

The awards were designed to encourage Indigenous Australian students from Kindergarten to Year 12 to use their reading, writing and creative skills. This year

the competition themes were, 'What have I done?' 'Swimming' and 'The Long Walk'.

Engadine Public School is very proud of all of the students who entered and congratulates Mirren in Year Six who had a 'Winning Entry' for her poem, Ruby from Year 3 who received an 'Encouragement Award' for her poem and Baxter in Year Five for his short story, which was deemed of 'extremely high quality'.

Choir Performance

The final performance by our choir for 2018 will be on Monday 17th December. The choir will be performing Christmas Carols outside Woolworths from 10.00am. All students who are in the choir are asked to wear full school uniform for this performance.

SRC Christmas Mufti Day

Thank you to all our families for supporting the SRC this year. This week we had our last fundraiser which was a Christmas themed mufti day – we raised nearly \$400!!



Dates For Your Diary 2019

So families can plan for next year listed below are some dates for your diary!

- 18th February - P&C AGM
- 20th February - Swimming Carnival
- P&C Pop-Up Canteen
- 28th February - Back to School Disco
- 23rd March - State Election BBQ and Cake Stall
- 24th August - Family Fete Fun Day 2019!!!



Share Our Space

Over the coming school holidays, the NSW Department of Education is rolling out Share Our Space at more than 230 schools across the state, which will open up the playgrounds, ovals and sports fields for the whole community to enjoy.

Engadine Public School will once again be participating in the program during these school holidays.

The gates will be open between 22 December and 25 January 2019 between 8am and 6pm.

A security guard will be in place to monitor safety and security, and gates will be locked at closing time each evening.

If you need to report a security issue at the school, you can call security 24 hours on 1300 880 021. For more information on this program, please visit schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au or contact us on 1300 482 651. We invite you to use the play areas at your local school these holidays.

Engadine Markets

EPS P&C are delighted to update the school community on the progress of Engadine Community Markets transition. After 4 weeks of negotiations with Council and Engadine Rotary, the markets have successfully been handed over to the Rotary team who are gearing up to kick off their first market in February.

This is a great outcome for the community and ensures the ongoing viability of the markets within our town at affordable rates due to their Not for Profit status.

Rotary were present at the December market and worked along side us to conduct a meet and greet and market team transition. We are again grateful to have had the opportunity to run the markets on behalf of our school and raise over \$30,000 in the 2 years of operation.

This would not have been possible without the countless help and support of many parents in the school – we are truly grateful for all your efforts in so many different ways and look forward to having lots of laughs over future projects in 2019.

**CODE CLUB CANCELLED
THIS FRIDAY 14th
DECEMBER**

Presentation Days 2018

We had a change of venue this year for our End of Year Presentation Day. Despite some morning drizzle and an emergency dash for disposable ponchos for all students – the walk to Engadine High went well and the change of venue was well worth it. Thank you to all the parents, carers, and grandparents who came along and to all our students who attended.

Congratulations to our 2019 School Leadership team that was announced at the ceremony.

Captains:	Erica W	Julian K
Vice Captains:	Chelsea F	Kalin S
Prefects:	Jake R	Jessica P
	Alyssa L	Emma H



Dux of the school was presented to Ben G.

Congratulations to all our award winners, and to all EPS students for your efforts in 2018. It has been a great year of learning at Engadine Public School.



Sports Award Assembly

Our annual Sports Presentation Day was held on Monday in the school hall. Congratulations and well done to all students.





School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise the wellbeing** of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
our part

We work
in partnership
to promote
student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



**Collaborative.
Respectful.
Communication.**

School Community Charter

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*Borrowing has now finished
for 2019.*

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



UNIFORM SHOP LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE!

The uniform shop will be
open from 8.30am on
Monday 17th December.
This is your last chance to
buy uniforms before
school resumes in 2019.

If you cannot visit the
uniform shop on this day
please hand your
completed order form in
to the front office.



SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Summer is finally here and the weather is really heating up.

We've got oodles of Council-run FUN to keep the kids cool these summer school holidays and you'll find all activities in one place. From basketball to drama, painting to picnics, stories to swimming and everything in between.

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SHARKS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

21st to 24th January 2019
9am - 2pm Age 6 to 15 years
T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants



Download enrolment form from our website
www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

Enrolments close 17th December 2018 unless maximum numbers are reached prior to closing date

Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland
Phone: (02) 9542-1999
Email: admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au
Website: www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!!

Share Our Space

Your school is a vital part of our community, and we want you to use it. During these upcoming holidays participating schools across NSW will be opening up their play areas for your enjoyment.

For more details visit
schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

This program is an initiative of the NSW Government.





Relating as Stepfamilies

This three-session program assists couples to manage the demands of life as a stepfamily.

It will assist parents to:

- examine the challenges and positives of stepfamilies
- examine personal beliefs and the effects of holding onto these
- highlight the losses stepfamilies have suffered
- recognise the importance of developing stepfamily rituals
- compare different communication styles

Tuesdays, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

19 March | 26 March | 2 April

Cost: \$75 per couple

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd South, Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408



Seasons for Growth

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:

- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- 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



Bosco Bears Christmas Basketball Camp

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st December, 2018

Woronora Road, Engadine

YOUTH CENTRE GYM - FORMERLY BOY'S TOWN GYM

All levels welcome (beginners, intermediate, advanced). Participants will be divided into classes (age and ability).

Ages: 7 – 14 years

Duration: 9.00am to 3.00pm BYO lunch and drink bottle

Cost: \$70 (discount for siblings)



Learn to Play



Improve Your Game



Shooting Competitions

ENQUIRIES: Trevor Kimber 0414 978 384 or kimbies@ozemail.com.au

ENROLMENTS MUST BE CONFIRMED BY WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2018

**Let us look after your children while you do your
last minute Christmas Shopping !!!!!**

We will also be holding our regular 3 day camp from 21st - 23rd January, 2019.

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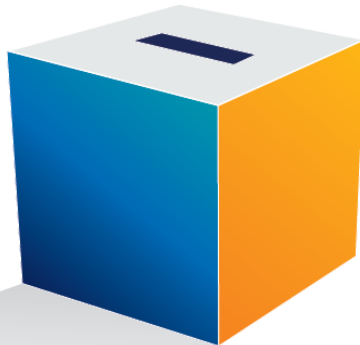
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The Mobile Van is coming
to a site near you!

Menai (Bookings open 10th December 2018)

Monday 21st January to Friday 1st February 2019.

Club Central, 44 - 60 Allison Crescent, Menai.

Engadine (Bookings open 24th December 2018)

Monday 4th February to Friday 8th March 2019.

Club Engadine, access via Caldarra Avenue, Engadine.

Huskisson (Bookings open 28th January 2019)

Monday 11th March to Friday 29th March 2019.

Husky Sports, 336 Huskisson Road, Huskisson.

La Perouse (Bookings open 18th February 2019)

Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April 2019.

Aboriginal Community Health Centre, 1 Elaroo Avenue, La Perouse.

Cronulla (Bookings open 25th February 2019)

Monday 8th April to Tuesday 30th April 2019.

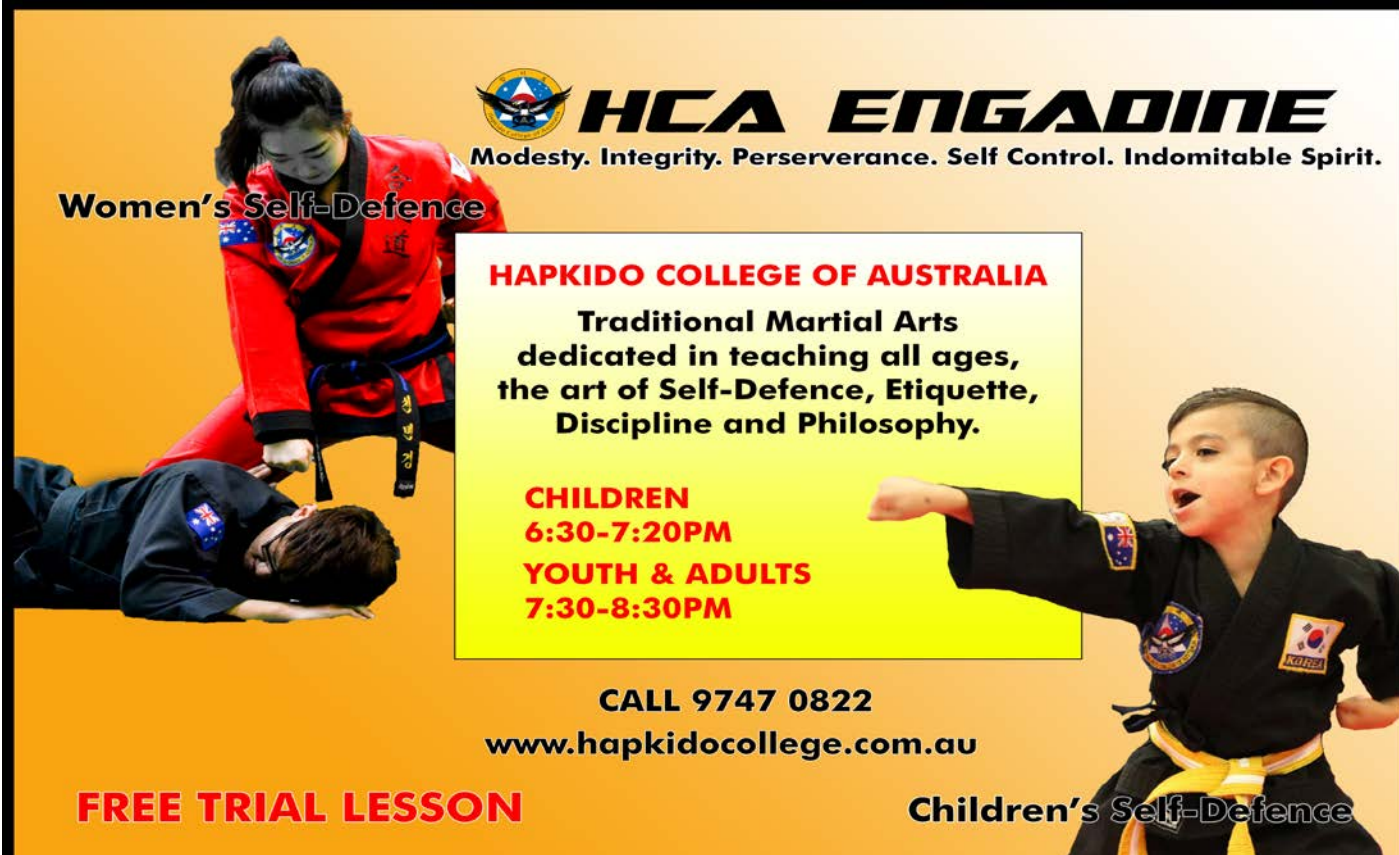
Cronulla Sharks Leagues Club, 461 Captain Cook Drive, Woolooware.



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