



Waratah Whispers

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Issue 79 Term 4 – Week 8

Friday 6th December 2019

Important Dates

Week 8

Friday 6th December: 3-6 Assembly

Week 9

Tuesday 10th December: Sport Presentation Day
Thursday 12th December: End of Year Presentation
Friday 13th December: Kindergarten Graduation
Choir Carols at Cooper St

Week 10

Monday 16th December: Year 6 Bowling
Tuesday 17th December: K-6 Big Day In
Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 18th December: Last Day of School 2019

Week 1 - Term 1 2020

Tuesday 28th January: Staff return to school
Wednesday 29th January: STUDENTS RETURN 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

On Wednesday evening we were treated to a musical spectacular, as our Yr. 6 students performed 'Robin and his Sherwood Hoodies'. What an amazing production! Yr.6 students all excelled as they worked together, delivering impeccably timed one-liners and treading the boards in style. To all the Yr. 6 students – congratulations! From those on music and lighting, to those on stage. You really did yourselves proud and what a wonderful memory to take with you from Primary School. Thank you to the many staff who helped bring it all together. As you can imagine, a production like this takes many months of preparation: painting the back-drop, making the costumes and props, ticketing, make-up, many, many rehearsals and so much more. A very special thanks must go to our two resident creative talents, Mrs. MacAlpine and Mrs. Mitchell, for their unwavering

faith in the students, for their incredible commitment and hard work and for their capacity to make fantastic casting choices! We are so pleased that these two remarkable women put their hands up every year to do it all again. Certainly this must be a labour of love, as they definitely don't get paid enough to do this!!

During this week we celebrated International Day of Disabilities and we were lucky enough to have a guest speaker attend and inspire our students on Wednesday. Sarah Walsh, a young Paralympian and daughter of Trish Walsh (an SLSO at the school) spoke with students about her disability, her hard work and her success on the athletics field representing Australia. It is so wonderful to share such stories with our students so they can connect with and develop a true understanding of life from different perspectives. Many thanks to Trish and Sarah for enabling this visit.

Our PBL focus over the last two weeks has been on **Walking on hard surfaces** to keep us **Safe**. This two week focus has helped students to think and act in a safe manner. The winning classes have been drawn and have negotiated a prize of their choice, which has been a real motivator for everyone. For the remaining two weeks (8 days, actually!!) of term we will be focusing on **Lining Up Respectfully and Responsibly**. All classes will be participating in lessons which will provide various contexts, opportunities for role play and practice throughout the day. Staff will be looking out to reinforce and reward expected behaviour – at morning lines, at the end of recess and lunch and at canteen. Let's finish the year on a positive note with more prizes for the winning classes!

As we work to embed PBL into the fabric of our school day and general operations, it will involve some necessary changes and streamlining of our

awards system and our signage around the school. You would be aware that as a school we are developing a new Engadine Public School PBL mascot. Students are all engaged in researching, designing and drawing their suggestions for our new mascot and we will all vote to decide on the winning entry at the end of term. This is important as it will become a visual and easily identifiable symbol of our positive expectations. Over the holidays some of our current signage will be removed – this is all part of the process of having one set of clear, consistent expectations across all school areas. The Keys to Success signs will be removed and that wall will become a space where we can display new signage with our new mascot and four expectations – **Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Learners**. Our award system will align with our expectations: students will need to collect 10 awards, with at least one coming from each of our four expectation areas, in order to earn a silver award. This is an exciting journey we're all on and once we can all see, say, think and do what is expected students, staff and community will all feel better supported.

I am looking forward to next week – the pinnacle of our year in many respects, as we all gather to acknowledge and celebrate our students' sporting and academic successes.

Have a great weekend and keep smiling! 😊

Sara Swift, Principal

ATTENTION CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE FAMILIES -

Please note that if any children wish to and are eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2020 at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine, parents/carers must register them via the parish website -- www.bosco.org.au (Under Sacramental Life) between **1 January 2020 and 29 February 2020**. If you have any enquiries, please email me - boscossacraments.org.au or visit the parish website for information. Wishing you a lovely Christmas.

Kay Macadam

(For St John Bosco Parish Sacrament Team).

Environmental Team

The Environmental Team had some very excited students harvesting our tomatoes and strawberries this week! Engadine Garden Goodies will have our final stall this Monday after school in the top playground. Tomatoes, strawberries, cucumber, Brussel sprouts, spinach, and herbs will be available for a gold coin donation. Please come and enjoy our delicious produce and support environmental education at our school.



Banking Update

Final banking for this year will be Friday 13th December.

No reward claims will be processed. Keep your tokens and claim a prize in 2020.

Thank you to all of our bankers for this year!

Special Visitor to EPS

To celebrate International Day of People with a Disability Engadine welcomed Paralympian and Bronze medallist at the recent World Championships, Sarah Walsh to our school. Sarah spoke to us about her journey and the wonderful success she has achieved so far. The staff were incredibly proud of the questions that were asked and Sarah's honest responses. What an inspirational athlete! Thankyou Sarah!



Our Excursion to the Shine Shed

On Friday we went on a bus to The Shine Shed at Ingleburn. On the way we stopped at the Botanical Gardens at Mount Annan for some food and to stretch.



We arrived at the Shine Shed and we had 2 hours of fun. There were trapeze swings, lots of trampolines, climbing walls, monkey bars, scooter boards, flying fox and different types of swings. There was also a relaxing room.





Congratulations to our Year 6 students and teachers for their wonderful production of Robin & The Sherwood Hoodies. A special thank you and round of applause to Mrs Mitchell and Mrs MacAlpine for all their hard work and dedication to organising a great show!



**ENGADINE PUBLIC SCHOOL END OF
YEAR
PRESENTATION DAYS**

**Sport Presentation Day
Tuesday 10th December
12.00pm
Engadine Public School Hall**

**Presentation Day
Thursday 12th December
12.00pm
Engadine High School Auditorium**
*Families of students who are receiving
awards have been notified this week by post
and email.*



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SPORT DATES – TERM 1 2020

17 th February	Engadine Zone Tennis Trials
19 th February	Engadine Zone AFL Trials
21 st February	PSSA Season 1 begins (Girls soccer & AFL)
24 th February	Engadine Public School Swimming Carnival
24 th February	Engadine Zone League Trials
26 th February	Engadine Zone Basketball Trials
2 nd March	Engadine Zone Soccer Trials (Girls)
3 rd March	Engadine Zone Swimming
10 th March	Engadine Zone Soccer Trials (Boys)
31 st March	Engadine Zone Touch Football Trials
3 rd April	PSSA Season 1 ends

***If you would like your child to try out for an Engadine Zone team please see Mrs Danne. They need to play 'A Grade' or represent their area in that sport. For some sports we will need to have trials at school. Students need to be in Years 5 & 6 to trial.**





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**THE JOHN FRANKLIN
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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.

For more information, to find out how you can volunteer your time on Christmas day or Christmas eve, or where you can donate items, go to www.johnfranklinchristmaslunch.com.au, contact us on **0444 532 961** or email: jfcl2512@gmail.com



The John Franklin Christmas Lunch is generously supported by financial and in kind donations from individuals, schools, churches and commercial enterprises throughout the Sutherland Shire and neighbouring areas.



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**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
AT SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
ETON STREET, SUTHERLAND

Donations are always welcome

Donations of the following items are always appreciated and needed:

- NEW GIFTS FOR MALE AND FEMALE OF ALL AGES
- TINNED FOODS SUCH AS ASPARAGUS, PINEAPPLE, BEETROOT, BISCUITS, CAKES AND OTHER CHRISTMAS FARE
- CASH DONATIONS (100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE OVER \$2)

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Preschool Vacancies for 2020



All children are welcome and supported at our preschool.
Low fee rates with fee relief available.



Core Hours:
8:30 – 4:00pm
Extended hours:
8:00 – 5:00pm

Our program is based on The Early Years Framework and focuses on play based learning.

Funded by the Department of Education



Engadine Preschool Kindergarten

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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
10 February | 17 February | 24 February | 2 March
9 March | 16 March | 23 March | 30 March 2020
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



Parents not Partners

This is a six-session program for separated parents in conflict over their children. It is designed to improve emotional and developmental outcomes for children in separated families by:

- raising parents' awareness of the impact on their children of the ongoing conflict in their family
- providing them with knowledge, tips and strategies to be able to focus on their children rather than on their issues or conflicts with the other parent

Parents will learn:

- ways to better regulate their emotions and to self-care
- ways to help their children manage their emotions
- to recognise the effects of ongoing, mismanaged conflict on children
- skills to better manage conflict with the other parent
- to reorient interactions with their child's other parent to be respectful and cooperative
- to recognise and differentiate between their own and their children's individual needs
- skills to communicate effectively with the other parent
- to reflect on their behaviour and make changes where needed

Mondays, 5:15pm – 7:45pm
10 February | 17 February | 24 February
2 March | 9 March | 16 March 2020
Cost: \$150
Family Relationship Centre
383 Port Hacking Road South, Caringbah 2229

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4450
or 1300 473 528

