



Waratah Whispers

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Issue 46 Term 1 – Week 6

Friday 8th March 2019

Important Dates

Week 6

Friday 8th March: Assembly Yr 3-6

Week 7

Friday 15th March: Assembly Yr K-2

Week 8

Wednesday 20th March: Stage 3 Excursion RNP
Thursday 21st March: School Photos
Friday 22nd March: Assembly Yr 3-6
Saturday 23rd March: Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall

Week 9

Thursday 28th March: Interrelate for Families
Friday 29th March: Assembly Yr K-2

Week 10

Friday 5th April: Whole School Assembly

Week 11

Monday 8th April: Mufti Day – Easter Egg donation
Wednesday 10th April: School Cross Country
Thursday 11th April: Easter Hat Parade
Friday 12th April: Last Day of Term

Dear Parents/carers,

Week 6 has been another busy and productive week. Most students seem to have settled well into the new morning playground routines and know where they are supposed to be for supervision and play. It was wonderful on Tuesday to go and visit our students who were competing in the Zone Swimming carnival at Engadine Pool. The students represented their school well and should be very proud of their achievements and of their behaviour while out on school business. Thank you to our wonderful parents and families who went along as a support crew and

cheer squad and thank you also to Mrs Danne and Miss Millar for their support of the day; Mrs Danne did an outstanding job of organising the day from our end.

On Thursday of this week I met with the parents of our Yr. 6 support students to discuss options for High School placements next year. It was great to hear so many good news stories of students who have been well supported during their time at Engadine Public School and who are now ready and eager to start their transitions towards high school. An exciting year ahead for parents and students as we prepare for next year.

This week I was excited and pleased to present an excellent professional learning opportunity to all staff at our first twilight session for the year. Throughout this year we will participate in a course called 'Flourish' which is designed specifically for educators and aims to boost wellbeing while simultaneously improving practice. The afternoon session was productive and enjoyable. I look forward to a year that focuses on positive school culture.

Our P&C have been working hard again this week – starting on Monday with Pancake Day and finishing the week with the ever popular Hot Dog Day. I know our students always enjoy these special 'sometimes' foods. Thank you to those who attended the Monday night fete planning meeting. The fete is our major fundraiser for the year and we really need as many helpers and hands on deck as possible. The P&C will be in touch in the coming weeks to notify you of how you can all help out in preparation for the big day.

Take care, everyone and keep smiling. ☺

Sara Swift, Principal

Zone Swimming Carnival

What a great effort by the Engadine PS super fish at this week's zone swimming carnival. We have had 4 swimmers qualify to compete at the Regional carnival at Homebush in two weeks. Congratulations to Hugo P, Jessica P, Zwi R and Ronia W. Hugo was also awarded the 11 years boy Zone Champion. Thank you to the parents and family members for your support. Congratulations to everyone who participated.



The following swimmers broke Engadine Public School Swimming records at our recent school swimming carnival – congratulations!!

- Hugo P:** Open 100m record 1.19.40
 11 years freestyle 36.28
 11 years breaststroke 51.9
 11 years backstroke 46.22
 11 years butterfly 46.77
- Zwi R:** 8 years freestyle 41.94
- Ronia W:** 8 years freestyle 49.25
- Jake R:** 12 years backstroke 47.91



School Bytes

We have decided not to renew our license for the SkoolBag App as we have just not been getting the service we had paid for. We have been having ongoing issues receiving some of the absence notifications which parents have lodged with the App over the last 6 to 9 months and could not rely on it. We have now introduced School Bytes which is not an App but runs through your email. Could you please check your emails for messages from the school email Engadine-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au as we have already begun using School Bytes to send you notes and reminders and some have bounced back to us. We are endeavoring to phone families who are on this bounce log but we need to have a viable email address so you don't miss out on these messages. Please also check that our messages don't go into your spam folder. If you change your email address please let us know so we can update our records. School Bytes is far superior to SkoolBag having the capacity to send you financial statements as well as newsletters, reminders and notes direct to your email. Accessible 24/7, it gives YOU the option of linking up to our financial system and looking to see what fees are outstanding or credits you may have on your account. It gives you the option to quickly and easily pay any or all items via our secure online payment facility POP. So if you use POP it's now not necessary to find the correct money, students don't need to be responsible for large sums of cash in their bags and there's no change to be lost or spent at the canteen! Please note School Bytes does not currently have the ability for you to send us absence notifications but may be added later in the year.

Please email or phone the school with these for longer absences or for short absences bring a note for your teacher when your child returns to school. We hope you enjoy using School Bytes. Give it a try!

Interrelate

Interrelate will be coming to Engadine Public School on Thursday 28th March – please return forms and payment to school if you are interested in attending with your child. Payments and bookings must be made before the sessions.

Session 1 Where Did I Come From? (recommended for students in years 3 & 4)

Session 2 Preparing For Puberty (recommended for students in years 5 & 6)

Environmental Club News

The Environmental Team were busy this week watering and weeding, as well as sorting through our drink container recycling baskets and bins. We have collected 156 drink containers this year already! This enabled us to receive \$15.60 from the Return and Earn program. This money will be used to buy some vegetable seedlings for our gardens. Environmental Team students are looking forward to their planting day next Monday lunchtime!

Thank you to all students and staff who participated in the Schools Clean Up Day last Friday. The students were very enthusiastic about cleaning up our grounds!



Mobile Phones

A reminder to all parents that students are not allowed to have mobile phones at school. If your child brings a phone to school they must leave it at the front office and can collect it at the end of the school day. If you need to contact your child at school please phone the office and a message can be passed on.

School Band & Ukulele Troupe Update

Thank you to families who have already indicated their interest in being part of our Band and Ukulele Troupe this year. There are still positions available if your child would like to join either or both groups.

We are introducing Ukulele for the first time at our school this year. This will be a fun opportunity to learn this instrument and experience music. Mr Jared Dahl, a parent from our school, will be the tutor and will conduct a 45 minute lesson on Thursday afternoons, from 3.45pm. Additional lessons may be added if the troupe grows in the future. Ukulele Instrument hire will be \$10 per Term.

Mr Archie Rowlands will be our new tutor for Band this year. He proposes to run 2 x 30 minute tutorials on Tuesday mornings from 8.00am plus a combined one hour session on Thursday mornings from 8.00am to 9.00am. A commitment of 2 mornings per week. Band instrument hire will be \$20 per Term.

The cost is the same for both programs at \$12 per lesson plus instrument hire payable by the Term. Term 1 will consist of 5 weeks tutorial and will commence next week on Tuesday, 12 March for Band and Thursday, 14 March for Ukulele. Terms 2, 3 & 4 will consist of approximately 10 weeks tutorial including any additional lessons or performances as needed

Please collect a permission note and code of conduct from the Office if you would like to be part of our music program this year.

School Photos

Don Wood Photography will be visiting Engadine Public School on **Thursday 21st March**. All school photos must be pre-ordered – **please return the order envelope with payment or order online before photo day**. If you are interested in family photos please collect an envelope from the front office. Family photos will be taken before school on photo day.

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.

Also students who are riding their bikes and scooters to school MUST have a bike licence provided by the school. Please remind your child about road safety and awareness if they are riding to school.

Kindergarten 2020

We are starting to organise our enrolment process for Kindergarten 2020! Listed below are dates of our information sessions and transition days.

Please spread the word to any friends or neighbours who will be looking at enrolling with us next year.

Wednesday 22nd May 2019 10.00am-11.00am

Morning tea and School tour (students and parents)

Wednesday 26th June 5.00pm-6.00pm

Information Night (Parents only)

Wednesday 16th October 10.00am-11.00am

Transition 1 (students and parents)

Wednesday 30th October 10.00am-11.00am

Transition 2 (students and parents)

Wednesday 13th November 10.00am-11.00am

Transition 3 (students and parents)

SCHOOL CLEANERS WANTED

Must be reliable and enjoy cleaning.

Available to work a split shift

5.00am-9.00am and 2.00pm-7.00pm

Monday to Friday

**Must be able to pass a police clearance
and have a WWC number**

Please phone for further information:

Pam 0429 608 618

Sue 0459 890 342

Scholastic Book Club

ORDERS DUE TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2019

Catalogues have been distributed to children this week; extra catalogues can be found in the rack at office reception.

As we kick off this year's programme, we invite you to place your orders

via www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP (or download the LOOP App to your phone). This will ensure payments are secure, orders are accurate and deliveries are timely.

Also, please help us spread the word that multiple family members can have their own individual accounts and order separately for a child; parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles can all place Scholastic orders, for example. They just need to register an account, and type in the child's name, school and class.

If you are new to our school, it is important for you to know all purchases you make earn our school a 20% credit that goes directly toward purchasing classroom literacy resources. This is a great opportunity to buy birthday party gifts, holiday gifts and 'just because' gifts WHILE supporting your classroom, too!

All orders are due no later than **Tuesday, 19 March 2019**. For your planning purposes, we typically receive and distribute the orders within two weeks of the deadline.

Lastly, we invite all parents/carers to join our Scholastic Book Team, which faithfully runs the EPS Scholastic Programme each year. If you would like to join us to sort and distribute student orders once per term, please e-mail us at epsbookelves@gmail.com

Happy book shopping!



Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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P & C News

Pancake Day

The P&C would like to thank all the parent helpers who came and made pancakes on Monday. Students enjoyed the different toppings and yummy freshly baked pancakes! This day would not be possible without our wonderful parent helpers.



Easter Raffle & Mufti Day

Further notes and information will be sent home in the next few weeks regarding our Easter celebrations. We will be holding a mufti day on Monday 8th April and asking students to donate an Easter egg for our raffle which will be drawn at the Easter hat parade. Raffle tickets will be sent home to families in the coming weeks.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter and the dates coming up!



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Join our Clubs with a **FREE TRIAL** — and **50% OFF** for every second child (siblings or friends) in Term 1, 2019. Don't forget NSW Gov.'s \$100.00 Your Creative Kids voucher!

Contact Leslie with interests and questions. We are happy to help you find that extra language care for your precious ones. Languages are fun. Your child will tell you!

We offer French, German, Italian, Mandarin, Spanish. Let us know your choice.

leslie.jervis@lcclubs.com.au 0449 073 195

SATURDAY DADS & GRANDPAS PLAYGROUP

ENGADINE COMMUNITY SERVICES (ECS)
1034-1036 OLD PRINCES HWY, ENGADINE

SATURDAYS 10 AM -12 NOON

WELCOME ALL DADS & GRANDPAS

Playgroup NSW supported playgroups are led by qualified early childhood educators, giving parents the opportunity to meet other parents in the community & connect with their children through play.

Provided in partnership with **ECS**

For Dads, Grandpas & male guardians with pre-schoolers 0-5 years
Playtime - Activities - Morning Tea

JOIN US NOW! NO COST!

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Engadine Early Learning Centre



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SHARKS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS

For ages 6 and over

4 Day Camp
15th - 18th April 2019

T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants

2 Day Camp
23rd - 24th April 2019

When: April School Holidays
Where: Sutherland Basketball Stadium
Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland
Phone: (02) 9542 1999
Email: admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!!

Enrolments close 8th April 2019
Unless maximum numbers are reached prior to closing date

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



Sun 10 Mar 2019
10am - 4pm

\$1 Entry

Gymea Bay Public School


Presents the
Gymea Lily Festival

Activities include:
 - A variety of Market Stalls
 - Mini Ferris Wheel & Dodgems
 - Kids & Ladies Clothing & Craft
 - Yummy Food Stalls
 - Animal Nursery Farm & Pony Rides
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 - Face Paint Rides & Giant Slide
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Book Club

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