

Issue 47 Term 1 – Week 7

Waratah Whispers

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Friday 15th March 2019

Important Dates	
Week 7	
Friday 15 th March:	Assembly Yr K-2
Week 8	
Monday 18 th March: Wednesday 20 th March: Thursday 21 st March: Friday 22 nd March: Saturday 23 rd March:	P & C Meeting 7.30pm Stage 3 Excursion RNP School Photos Harmony Day Assembly Yr 3-6 Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall
Week 9	
Thursday 28 th March: Friday 29 th March:	Interrelate for Families Assembly Yr K-2
Week 10	
Thursday 4 th April: Friday 5 th April:	Baker's Delight Day Whole School Assembly
Week 11	
Monday 8 th April Wednesday 10 th April Thursday 11 th April Friday 12 th April	Mufti Day – Easter Egg donation School Cross Country Easter Hat Parade Last Day of Term
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Dear parents/carers,

Another wonderful week has flown by and it looks as though, finally, we are in for some autumn weather! As we move into the change of seasons, it is a good time to review and update any health care, ASCIA or Asthma plans and information. As a school it is our responsibility to provide first aid, care and intervention as described in specific health care plans and to do so we need to ensure that we have a student's current plan and information from their doctor. Parents have a responsibility to provide an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis completed and signed by the doctor. A new plan is completed by the doctor each time an adrenaline auto injector is prescribed. Please check your child's current plan and the review date on the plan; this will indicate when an updated plan is required.

For those parents and families with children in Yrs. 3 or 5, you will no doubt be aware that NAPLAN will be occurring in early Term 2 (week 3). Further information about the NAPLAN assessments, preparation and procedures will follow in the coming weeks. Engadine Public School has been randomly selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in the NAPLAN 2019 Equating Study. The purpose of the equating tests is to enable the results for the 2019 NAPLAN tests (paper and online) to be reported on the same common NAPLAN measurement scales. All selected schools must participate in this study, which will be conducted on one day between Tuesday April 30 to Friday May 10 (week one of term). We are required to randomly select a group of 25 students from each of Yr. 3 and Yr. 5 to participate. The Equating Study will follow NAPLAN protocols, which allows for students to be withdrawn or exempt by parents for a variety of reasons. If a student has previously been exempt or withdrawn, the student should not participate in the Equating Study without permission from the student's parent/carer. ACARA has appointed Pearson Assessment Services to conduct and invigilate the Equating Study and they will be in touch with me in the next week or so with further information. I will keep you all posted.

Just a quick reminder to everyone that parent/teacher interviews will be coming up before the end of term in weeks 10 & 11. Teachers are currently accessing the booking platform to indicate their dates and availabilities. Next week a note and link will be sent home so that you can book in your interviews. This is a



great opportunity for discussions about your child's individual strengths and support needs and we value the chance to work collaboratively with you toward achieving positive student outcomes.

Next week is shaping up to be another busy one, as we have a P&C Meeting on Monday evening, the Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, a Stage 3 excursion with Ranger Jamie on Wednesday, School Photos on Thursday and our annual celebration of Harmony Day on Friday! Phew!! Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day weekend everyone and keep smiling. © Sara Swift, Principal

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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)

School Photos – IMPORTANT REMINDER!!

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.

Fit Futures

Next term, all students will be participating in a whole school sports program with 'Fit Futures' as part of their PDHPE lessons. This program has been selected for our school because it creates opportunities for students to be exposed to many strands of the PD/H/PE syllabus and directly targets the tuition of fundamental motor skill development and fitness outcomes.

The 'Fit Futures' program will be held every Wednesday and will be run by specialised PD/H/PE teachers. The program ensures that all students are given the opportunity to utilise a range of resources in this area. These unique resources are designed to motivate and stimulate students into positive attitudes towards physical activity and exercise with a focus on Gymnastics skills, this year. All students in the class will attend a 30-40 minute session each Wednesday during Term 2, for a total of 9 weeks plus the assistance with activities at our school Athletics Carnival in Week 5.

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.

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.

Harmony Day

On Friday, 22 March, Engadine Public School will be participating in Harmony Day celebrations. This is a day where we celebrate Australia's cultural diversity, promoting inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians. Throughout this week, during Library lessons, students will be participating in Harmony Day activities.

To celebrate, we are encouraging students to wear orange coloured accessories as part of their full sports uniform (Years 3-6) or school uniform (Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2). **Please note that PSSA students may wear their orange accessories on their return to school**. These may include, but are not limited to: orange socks, hair ribbons, shoelaces or an orange hat. Please note that this is not a mufti day, but rather an opportunity for students to add a "splash of orange" to their sports or school uniform.







Supporting our Armed Forces

Our armed forces spend hours, days and weeks away from home serving and protecting our country.

The Engadine Public School SRC would like to recognise their efforts and create some care packages to send to our armed forces.

A note is coming home to all families with a list of suggested items we would like each grade to donate. Any donation will be much appreciated. If you could follow the guide it will make package creation more efficient.

Kindergarten: Bags of lollies

Year One:	Peanut Butter, Nutella, Jam, Vegemite
	(no glass jars please)
Year Two:	Roll on deodorant or shaving cream
	(male or female)
Year Three:	Chips, in particular Twisties
Year Four:	Biscuits, in particular Iced Vovos or
	Anzac Biscuits
Year Five:	Chewing Gum
Year Six:	Chocolate

Students can also write letters to male or female members of the ADF to express their gratitude for the outstanding job that the armed forces do for our country. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you include a letter.

All donations will be collected from your classroom every morning starting Monday 18th March and ending Thursday 28th March. Following the collection, the parcels will be packaged by the SRC and sent on Friday 29th March (the final day for posting to the armed forces before Anzac Day). Thank you to all of our wonderful families at Engadine Public School for supporting such a worthwhile cause.

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:Pam0429 608 618Sue0459 890 342

School Cross Country

The Engadine PS Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Wednesday 10th April** at Anzac Oval. All students in Years 3-6 and Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year will be attending the carnival. Students will walk to the carnival under the supervision of Engadine Public school staff. Students will leave school at approximately 9.30am. Children will need to be at school no later than 9.15am for roll marking purposes. Spectators are most welcome to attend. The carnival will commence at 10.00am and conclude by 11.30am. Students will return to school at the end of the carnival. All students will be encouraged to compete on the day.

Events for 8-13 year olds (the events children compete in depend on the age they turn this year):

- 8/9 Years 2km
- 10 Years 2km
- 11 Years 3km
- 12 Years 3kms

A team will be selected to represent Engadine PS at the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Heathcote Oval on Friday 24th May 2019. Please ensure permission notes are returned by 28th March.



SCHOLASTIC Book Club orders are due: 19 MARCH



School Band & Ukulele Troupe Update

Our school band and ukulele troupe started their lessons this week! 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 tutor for Band this year. His 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. 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.

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)

Environmental Club News

The Environmental Team enjoyed their first planting day of 2019. We planted lettuce, capsicum, spring onions, cabbage and broccoli. Seedlings were purchased using funds raised from our drink container recycling program.

Thank you to Sutherland Shire Council for their donations of soil.

Finally a big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers Chrystal, Penny and Bob who helped on the day. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for your continued support.













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 <u>www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP</u> (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!



P & C News

Our next P & C meeting will be on Monday 18th March in the staff room from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the barbeque on Election Day next Saturday 23rd March. Any time you could spare would be appreciated. We are also after cakes and muffins for our cake stall.

All food coming to the cake stall must have all ingredients listed and can we ask that cakes and slices be wrapped as a whole and cookies packed in small snap lock bags with 3 or 4 cookies in each bag. Cupcakes and muffins will be sold individually. The food can be left at the school in the office on Friday 22nd March or delivered directly to the stall on Saturday morning. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you can help please email Amanda on amandayock@gmail.com

Easter Raffle & Mufti Day

Notes, raffle tickets and information regarding our Easter celebrations has been sent home. If you require any more raffle tickets there are spares at the front office or please contact Jess Evers. 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.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

We are once again running a Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser in conjunction with our local Bakers Delight. Simply fill in the order form which is coming home next week and return it to the school office in an envelope with the correct money.

For every 6-pack sold, \$1.50 is donated back to the school. All orders and money must be returned to the school office by Wednesday 3rd April.

The Hot Cross Buns will be sent home with students on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th April as they will be baked fresh that morning.

Baker's Delight Day

We are holding a Promotion Day in the Canteen on Thursday 4th April 2019. Students will be able to preorder a Baker's Delight roll with a drink of their choice. Notes will be coming home early next week. All orders must be returned to the canteen by Thursday 28th March 2019 so we can place an order.







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