

Waratah Whispers

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Friday 22nd March 2019

Issue 48 Term 1 – Week 8

Important Dates

Week 8

Friday 22nd March:

Saturday 23rd March:

Week 9

Thursday 28th March: Friday 29th March:

Week 10

Tuesday 2nd April: Thursday 4th April: Friday 5th April:

Week 11

Monday 8th April

Wednesday 10th April Thursday 11th April Friday 12th April

Week 1 Term 2

Monday 29th April: Tuesday: 30th April: Thursday 2nd May:

Friday 3rd May:

Dear parents/carers,

Congratulations to our five exceptional students who participated in the Regional Swimming Carnival this week! What an amazing effort. I believe each student made some personal best times and two of our students have made it through to the next level – State Swimming Carnival. Leo P and Zwi R, we are very proud of you and wish you all the best at State level. Many thanks to our wonderful parent, Heidi Walker, who has been working tirelessly to help us remove and dispose of unwanted furniture so that we can reimagine our 'dungeon' and turn it into our new Creative Arts Space next term. Although this space does not meet standards as a classroom, it can certainly be used for band practise, our ukulele group and possibly even some dance space for rehearsals. Once it is all cleaned out and ready to go we may need to call on our creative types to help with the painting and sprucing up side of things.

You may have noticed the arrival in classrooms across the school of some new flexible learning furniture in bold, bright colours. We have been fortunate enough to receive this furniture free of charge – with just a little bit of leg work and some excellent persuasion from Mrs Dunlop! Thank you Mrs Dunlop for driving all the way out to Glenfield to see what goodies were in the storeroom. We look forward to seeing how this furniture will be used in classrooms to encourage collaborative group work and creative thinking. This week you will have received a School Bytes notification and Facebook information about a parent survey to which I would strongly encourage you to respond.

In accordance with The Policy Standards for Curriculum Planning and Programming, Assessing and Reporting to Parents K-12 (updated July 2018), all schools must provide a written report twice per year. Amongst other things, the policy requires us to: use plain English, provide information on a student's learning, include teacher comments that identify areas of strength and areas for further development and provide information about the student's social development and commitment to learning. We are always striving to meet these requirements in a clear, concise and informative fashion and therefore we are actively seeking your feedback on our current report





Mufti Day – Easter Egg donation School Cross Country Easter Hat Parade Last Day of Term

Harmony Day

Stall

Assembly Yr 3-6

Assembly Yr K-2

Election Day BBQ & Cake

Interrelate for Families

Stage 3 RNP Excursion

Whole School Assembly

Baker's Delight Day

Staff Return to School Students first day back Uniform shop open 8.30am Assembly K-2 format and on areas that might be considered for review. Please take the time to complete this survey, as we value working collaboratively with you towards improved student outcomes. The survey will be closed on Tuesday 26th March at 4pm. It can be found at:

https://goo.gl/forms/OI0XZvtvwxR74xeq1

The fabulous folks from Don Wood Photography attended school on Thursday and were able to take most of the photos, with rain not holding them up too dramatically. The photographers will return later in the year to do those photos they couldn't do today – the whole school photo, the Yr. 6 special photo and individual photos of those students who missed Thursday's session. I will keep you posted as to the date once it is booked in.

Don't forget this is election weekend and our P&C will be holding a BBQ and cake stall, as well as doing some fundraising towards our Universally Designed Playground project. Please contact Amanda Yock if you can offer an hour or so to help out on the day.

Have a wonderful weekend and keep smiling. ③ Sara Swift, Principal

Interrelate – Thursday 28th March

We have had a great response to our upcoming Interrelate sessions being held at Engadine Public School.

If you would like to attend with your child – please return forms and payment to the school by Tuesday 26th March.

Payments and bookings must be made before the sessions. The cost for one session is \$32 or \$37 for both sessions per family.

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)

Stage 3 Excursion Rescheduled

Unfortunately we had to postpone our Stage 3 excursion to the Royal National Park this week due to the bad weather.

This excursion will be going ahead on TUESDAY 2ND APRIL. All families should have received a note with updated date – all other details remain the same.

Swimming Champions

Congratulations to our swimmers who proudly represented Engadine Public School at the Sydney East PSSA swimming carnival held on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. A wonderful achievement to compete at this level, well done to the team!

All swimmers swam personal best times in all of their races. You can't ask for any more than that!!! Congratulations to Leo P and Zwi R who will represent our school and Sydney East region in the STATE carnival. Congratulations boys we're so proud of you.







School Photos

It was great to see all of our students (and staff) bringing their big smiles to school for photo day! If you haven't ordered your photos yet you can visit <u>donwoodphotography.com.au</u> – photos can be ordered online for the next 5 days. Just enter our school code 184517 and place your order. Don Wood Photography will be making a return visit to our school at a later date to take our whole school photo, year 6 student special photo, and individual photos for those students who were absent on photo day.





Parent/Teacher Interviews

We are holding Parent/Teacher interviews in the coming weeks. To book a time with your child's teacher please follow the steps below. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 9520 8559.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

MAKE A BOOKING





Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by 29th March at 4pm If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

Fit Futures

Next term, all students will be participating in a whole school sports program with 'Fit Futures' as part of their PDHPE lessons.

The 'Fit Futures' program will be held every Wednesday and will be run by specialised PD/H/PE teachers. Please return permission slips and \$40 payment to school by 8th April.

Sporting Achievements

Jake R went to the Sydney East Regional Basketball try outs this week. Unfortunately Jake just missed out on being selected in the team but is to be congratulated on making it to this stage.

Good luck to Hugo P who has made it through to the top 30 for selection in the Sydney East Regional AFL side. Hugo will be attending try outs again next week to find out if he has been selected into the squad.

Both Jake and Hugo are to be congratulated on the way they have represented Engadine Public School.



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 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.

HELP NEEDED – We are looking for parents, carers, or grandparents and friends to help us out at the Cross Country by standing at check points around the course. If you can assist please come and see Mrs Danne before the day.

Easter Celebrations – Thursday 11th April

Years K - 2 "Easter Hat Parade "

This year we will hold our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 11th April 2019 at 9.30am in the bottom playground. We invite all parents, family and friends to attend, as we proudly parade our wonderful Easter Hats. Parents are invited to bring their own morning tea (remember our "nut aware" policy) and stay for a shared recess with their children after the event. (In the case of wet weather, we will hold the parade in the hall.)

Kindergarten students are to create their Easter Hats at school with their buddies. Stage One students are creating their hats at home. (A separate note for Kindergarten has been sent home explaining Easter hat making procedures.)

<u>Years 3 – 6 "Easter 3D Diorama or Sculpture"</u> Students in Years 3-6 are able to complete an Easter 3D Diorama or Sculpture at home and bring to school from the 8th April onwards. These will be displayed in the hall or (library if needed due to wet weather). Participation certificates will be awarded for all dioramas or sculptures.

Dioramas are to be no bigger than a shoe box size. (Eg. Painted egg, Easter scene, Easter bunny, etc.)

Mufti clothing can be worn for this special occasion. (No singlet tops, exposed midriff, thongs or sandals. Sensible shoes required)

9.30am-10.30am

* K-2 Easter hat parade

* 3-6 Easter Dioramas and Sculptures on display in hall from 9:15am onwards

- * Easter raffles drawn P&C representatives
- * Morning tea with families

We look forward to all children having a wonderful day, as we celebrate Easter together.

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)

OOSH School Holiday Program

Details and timetable of Uniting Care's Vacation Program are in this newsletter. Please speak to Sophie Fraser or Kellie McPherson should you have any questions regarding vacation care. <u>Email: engadineoshc@uniting.org</u> Phone: 9548 2314

NEW SOUTH WALES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING



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.

Supporting our Armed Forces

Thank you to everyone who has already bought in donations to support our armed forces.

We will be continuing to collect donations up until 28th March. All donations will be collected from your classroom every morning. 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).

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.

Any donation will be much appreciated. If you could follow the guide it will make package creation more efficient.

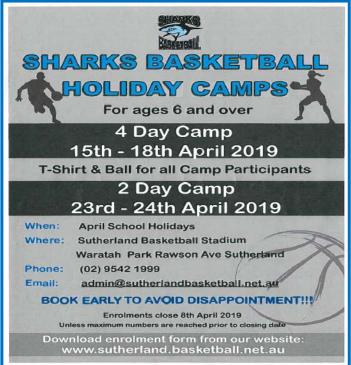
Kindergarten: Bags of lollies

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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.

Thank you to all of our wonderful families at Engadine Public School for supporting such a worthwhile cause.







P & C News

A reminder that we are hosting the barbeque on Election Day Saturday 23rd March – thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out. 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 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.

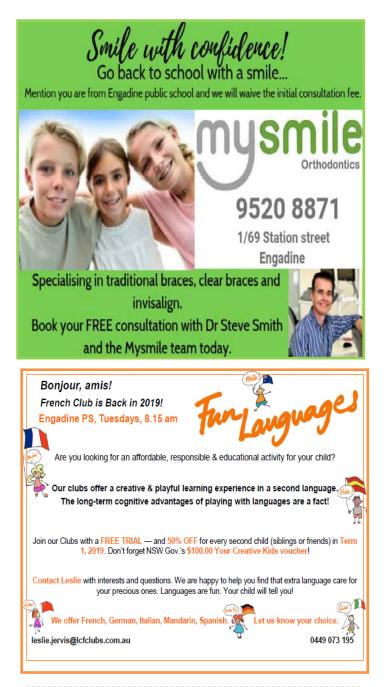
The Hot Cross Buns will be sent home with students on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th April as they will be baked fresh that morning.

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.







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

Friday 22nd March 2019



Engadine Uniting OSHC April 2019 Vacation Care program









Soccer Program in Term 2

Kid' Around sports is being welcomed in Term 2 by introducing our brand new after school soccer program. Our Head Coach will be running an exclusive 8 week program.

Start date is week 2 (8th may - 26th June)

Cost is \$80 for 8 weeks

Session time 3:15 - 4:15

Held on the school oval.

Our head coach has been coaching for 10 years at state level and has a vast experience in the primary school age group. All boys and girls are welcome to come and join the fun! Throughout the program all children will learn new skills and techniques they can introduce to their own style. Kid'n Around's program are definitely beginner friendly for all those wanting to learn.

All registration details are at www.kidnaroundsports.com.au

Click on the tab register and pay and away you go!

If you don't have PayPal then there are bank account details on the online form. If paying by back transfer then please send an email to:

info@kidnaroundsports.com.au (with child name, school, payment reference)

Contact us on 0418612313 or info@kidnaroundsports.com.au



