

Issue 55 Term 2 – Week 4

# Waratah Whispers

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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

#### **Important Dates**

Week 4

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:

Week 5

Monday 27th May: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Friday 31st May:

Week 6

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Week 7

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

#### Week 8

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Musica Viva Performance

**Zone Cross Country** 

Assembly 3-6

Athletics Carnival Whole School Assembly

Assembly 3-6

Public Holiday Whole School Photo Assembly K-2

Winter School uniform Choir rehearsal Assembly 3-6

#### Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, I'd like to offer a huge thank you to our OOSH staff, our students and our parents who have patiently endured many weeks of disruption due to ongoing electrical problems in our school hall. On several occasions, OOSH has had to set up outside the hall or re-convene in the library simply because there was no lighting in the hall for their before and after school service. Thankfully we have this week had our hall completely re-wired, so I am keeping my fingers crossed that this has finally solved the problem. This week we commenced our Time on Task uninterrupted school mornings and I have attached our rationale so you can understand what we are doing and why. Mostly a successful start, with just a couple of forgetful moments and unexpected glitches but I am confident we can work through those issues

and persevere for the benefit of uninterrupted learning time. Thank you to all staff, students and parents for supporting this initiative. Over the last few weeks I have convened and been leading a merit selection panel in order to fill a vacant teaching position within the school left by Mrs. Bourke's retirement. I am pleased to be able to advise you that the position has been offered to Mrs. Rebecca Goulder, currently at Otford Public school. Mrs. Goulder has a wealth of knowledge and experience as a classroom teacher and will be a wonderful asset to our school team. I will keep you informed in the coming weeks about staffing changes next term as a result of this process. Thank you to our SRC and our P&C canteen this week for providing some mid-term fun with our Dress like a Pirate Day and our always popular Hot Dog Day. Next week we are looking forward to some wonderful sporting chants at our school athletics carnival - come along and join us for some fun and games! Lastly thank you, as usual, to our fabulous Kindergarten Coordinator Mrs. Raudaschl. This Wednesday Mrs Raudaschl and the team welcomed lots of excited and interested 2020 Kindergarten students and their families to our school. Mrs. Raudaschl gave a brief presentation and answered questions and then Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Wirth took our families on a tour of the school. It is always lovely to feel the enthusiasm and energy of a new group who are looking forward to begin their Big School journey. It looks like we had a great turn out but we would love to keep growing our school and community, so if you know of anyone in the area who is looking to start Kindergarten next year, please let them know that their local school is an exciting and welcoming place to be; we are very proud of our inclusive, creative and diverse school community.

Until next week, have a great weekend and keep smiling. <sup>(iii)</sup> Sara Swift, Principal







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### Time on Task Guidelines

May 2019

#### Purpose

Effective teaching is time in which students are engaged in meaningful and productive learning time. The more productive learning time we have, the more our students will learn. Therefore we need to maximize our learning time and minimize our interruptions. Steve Francis (Time Management for Teachers, @ Gr8people.com.au) states that interruptions and other periods of non-instructional time account for 27% of a standard Primary School day. In some schools that figure climbs to above 40%!

#### **Expectations**

School:

- Will promote a two hour block each morning, from 9:15-11:15am, during which students will be expected to arrive punctually and engage in on-task learning activities. This will be called Engadine Public School Time on Task.
- Will refrain from making general whole school announcements during this time.
- Will refrain from sending students on inter-class or office messages and errands during this time.
- Will refrain from making telephone calls to classrooms during this time. Messages for teachers
  will be passed on by email and teachers will return calls during non-teaching time.

#### Parents/carers:

- Will have students at school on time and ready for class.
- Will, where possible, make medical/dental/therapist appointments outside of this morning period.
- Will refrain from calling the office to speak with a class teacher during the morning period. Messages will be passed on to teachers who will return calls during non-teaching time.

#### Trial period:

- EPS will trial this protocol commencing week 4 (Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>) until the end of Term 2 (Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>).
- School will invite feedback during the last week of term from parents, students and staff to
  determine efficacy and forward planning.

I thank you in advance for your support of student learning. Sara Swift Principal





#### **Statements of Account**

Last Friday our system generated Statements of Account to families with fees unpaid.

Any fees that were paid in the 24 hours prior to this were also shown as still outstanding.

The statements also showed the second instalment of dance fees and Stage 3 camp which may have caused some families a quick panic!

Sorry for any confusion but these fees are not overdue at the moment.

Stage 3 camp balance is to be paid in full by 31<sup>st</sup> October – we will accept any instalment payment if this helps.

Dance fees are to be finalised before the end of term. If you require any clarification on any of the fee payments please contact the office.

#### Winter School Uniform

Families please note that winter uniform is compulsory for all students from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June (week 8). Please see the office or website if you require a uniform order form, or visit the school uniform shop when it is open on Monday next week

#### **School Photos**

We will be having our whole school group photograph taken by Don Wood Photography on 11<sup>th</sup> June. This photo will be framed and on display in our school office.

This is also an opportunity for students who were absent on our school photo day to have their photo taken. Please remember this date – this will be the last opportunity for Don Wood Photography to visit our school.

#### **Musica Viva In Schools**

We are excited to welcome Musica Viva to our school on Monday. They will be performing for all students from Kindergarten through to year 6.

Musica Viva In Schools has been bringing the very best live music to Australian schools for over 35 years and is one of the leading providers of music education in Australia.

They specialise in bringing the best nationally and internationally acclaimed performers direct to schools: interactive, dynamic and culturally diverse groups that perform a wide variety of musical styles. Their performances give students the opportunity to discover live music, in their own unique way. This live performance will be the culmination of our semester one music programs. We will be hosting a musical group known as Timmy and the Breakfast Band.

We will be able to accept payments for this on Monday to the office if you have not already done so. Unfortunately any students who have not paid prior to the performance will not be able to attend.

#### Kindergarten 2020

We had a wonderful turn out for our Kindergarten Morning Tea and Tour or Wednesday. If you know of any families in the area who have a child ready for big school, please encourage them to contact us. We will be holding a Parent Information afternoon on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Transition dates can be found on the advertisement below.



### ENGADINE PUBLIC SCHOOL

### Kindergarten Transition 2020

<u>Morning Tea and Tour</u> Wednesday 22 May 2019 10.00am—11.00am in the Library

Parent and Carer Information Session Wednesday 26 June 2019 5.00pm—6.00pm in the Library

#### Kindergarten Transition Sessions

10.00am-11.00am--Wednesday 16 October 2019 10.00am-11.00am--Wednesday 30 October 2019 10.00am-11.00am--Wednesday 13 November 2019



During the Kindergarten Transition sessions, parents and carers are invited to our information presentations on a variety of topics. The information sessions are designed to assist parents with transition to Kindergarten





#### **Athletics Carnival**

Our school athletics carnival will be held next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Waratah Oval, Sutherland. Please return your permission notes and money to the office by Monday if you haven't done so already. Students CANNOT attend the carnival without a signed permission slip. This is a compulsory event for all students– there will be no staff at school to supervise any students who have not returned their notes and money.

Please indicate on this note if you will be able to assist on the day and if your child will be returning to school after the carnival, so we can organise the number of buses required.

Students are allowed to wear their sports uniform or a shirt representing their house colour with sports shorts. Please don't go and buy a shirt if you do not have one in your child's house colour – they can wear their EPS sport shirt.

For those families who are unsure, our Engadine Public School sport houses are as follows:

| Surname A – E | Kangaroo | Yellow |
|---------------|----------|--------|
| Surname F – M | Koala    | Red    |
| Surname N – Z | Possum   | Green  |

To keep the cost of the buses down, we will be organising classes to go the oval in groups.

If your child is in year 3-6 they must be at school by 8.45am – for a 9.00am departure. Kindergarten to Year 2 must be at school by 9.15am – for a 9.30am departure. The first group of buses will be departing promptly at 9.00am and we cannot wait for late students. Any student in this group who misses the bus will have to travel to the oval with the Kindergarten – year 2 classes.

Students will return to school by 3.00pm, if you wish to take your child home early with you from the oval please make sure you see the class teacher and sign them out.

Students are required to bring a hat, water bottle, and towel to sit on. They can bring their own recess and lunch however there will be a canteen and bbq available at the oval for students and families. Please contact the P & C if you can offer any assistance.

#### **EPS Athletics Carnival 2019**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Venue: Waratah Oval, Sutherland

| Order of Events |                    |                     |                |  |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| 9.30am          |                    | 10:30am             | 1              |  |
| 1.              | 800m Boys Seniors  | 5 yrs               | Boys 50m       |  |
| 2.              | 800m Girls Seniors | 5 yrs               | Girls 50m      |  |
| 3.              | 800m Boys 11yrs    | 6 yrs Boys 50m      |                |  |
| 4.              | 800m Girls 11yrs   | 6 yrs Girls 50m     |                |  |
| 5.              | 800m Boys Juniors  | 7 yrs               | 7 yrs Boys 70m |  |
| 6.              | 800m Girls Juniors | 7 yrs               | Girls 70m      |  |
|                 |                    | 8 yrs               | Boys 100m      |  |
| 10am            |                    | 8 yrs               | Girls 100m     |  |
|                 |                    | 9 yrs               | Boys 100m      |  |
| 7.              | 200m Boys Seniors  | 9 yrs Girls 100m    |                |  |
| 8.              | 200m Girls Seniors | 10 yrs Boys 100m    |                |  |
| 9.              | 200m Boys 11yrs    | 10 yrs Girls 100m   |                |  |
| 10.             | 200m Girls 11yrs   | 11 yrs Boys 100m    |                |  |
| 11.             | 200m Boys Juniors  | 11 Girls Girls 100m |                |  |
| 12.             | 200m Girls Juniors | 12 Boys 100m        |                |  |
|                 |                    | 12 Gi               | 12 Girls 100m  |  |
|                 | Long lump          | Discus              | Shotnut        |  |

|   |       | Long Jump     | Discus         | Shotput        |
|---|-------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | 11:45 | 8 9 10 years  | 11 years       | 12 & 13 years  |
|   | 12:30 | 11 years      | 12 & 13 years  | 8, 9, 10 years |
|   | 1:15  | 12 & 13 years | 8, 9, 10 years | 11 years       |
| Note: Colleging the answer (Com (20m (400m)) K 2 students will see a sets the fee |       |               |                |                |

Note: Following the age races (50m/70m/100m) K-2 students will move onto the football oval to complete tabloid rotations.

2:00pm - 50m/70m/100m Finals

2:30pm – Only if time permits Junior Boys/ Girls Relays Senior Boys/ Girls Relays

Please note the times are just an estimate





#### **Engadine Zone Netball Team**

This week Kyla C competed for the Engadine Zone PSSA at the Sydney East netball championships. The team placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall.



#### Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic catalogues have been distributed to students. If you do not have a catalogue in your possession, you can view this term's items at http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/assets/pdfs/cat alogues/bc419.pdf

THANK YOU to all of the students and families who have placed orders online

(www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) over the past year. This is the preferred way to order as it ensures payments are secure, orders are accurate and deliveries are timely. It also makes you eligible for a variety of Scholastic-sponsored bonus gifts along the way.

Reminder that all purchases earn our school a 20% credit toward the purchase of literacy resources. This is a great opportunity to buy birthday party gifts, holiday gifts and 'just because' gifts, while supporting your classroom at the same time.





#### **Environmental Team News**

This week the Environmental Team were very busy. They:

- moved the gardening equipment into our new shed.

- emptied one of the compost bins and added the rich soil to our garden beds. The kids were very excited finding all the lovely worms!

- watered and weeded our gardens.

Thank you to Mrs Dunlop and Ms Swift for organising our lovely new shed.

Next week we are looking forward to Bunnings visit to assist us with planting our winter crops.











#### Therapists At School

There are four key steps for parents who seek to have services delivered in school:

- 1. Ask the principal in writing
- 2. Discuss the details with the principal or class teacher.
- 3. Principal considers your request.
- 4. If agreed, the service provider needs to enter into an agreement with the school and meet important legal requirements.

The principal has discretion to decide whether or not an external service provider can enter the school and how arrangements will be managed. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis considering the individual circumstances of the student. Any decision takes into account the educational needs and priorities of the student including access to the curriculum, the impact of the student's learning programs, the school's operational context and duty of care obligations towards all staff and students. NDIS guidelines state that: "NDIS-funded therapy services should generally not be delivered at school... Nor should children or young people be taken out of school to receive these supports." However, there may be occasions where the delivery of an NDIS-funded service at the school may be appropriate.

If you are unsure, please contact the principal to discuss the nature of the therapy or service you are considering.

#### Woolworths Earn & Learn 2019

This year Engadine Public School is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program



we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

Thank you to all families who have been collecting their stickers and returning them to school.

Additional sticker sheets are available from the front office.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn or speak to Mrs Lancaster or Mr Kirkwood. Happy shopping!







#### **Pirate Dress-Up Day**

What a great day it was on Thursday for our Pirate Dress-Up Day! It was wonderful to see our students and staff getting involved and supporting our SRC for a wonderful cause. All donations went towards research and a cure for Childhood Cancer and we raised over \$440 in gold treasure!! Thank you and well done everyone.

















#### Zone Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all students who represented Engadine Public School at the Zone Cross Country today.

Well done to the following students who will now go on to represent Engadine Zone at the Sydney East Regional Cross Country Carnival:

| Zwi       | 8-9yr Boys  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
| Zeplin    | 8-9yr Boys  | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| Ronia     | 8-9yr Girls | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Leah      | 8-9yr Girls | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Christian | 10yr Boys   | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| Zac S     | 11yr Boys   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Jake      | 12yr Boys   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |













#### P & C News

#### Family Fete Fun Day 2019 24th August - Save the Date!

Our Family Fete Fun Day is not far away and we need your help. This year, each year group has been given 2 stalls to organise for the day.

Kindy are to organise the Book Stall and Gate Duty Year 1 are to organise the BBQ and Cake Stall Year 2 are to organise the Devonshire Tea, Coffee and

Ice cream stall Year 3 are to organise the Trash & Treasure Stall and

Face Painting Year 4 are to organise the Mystery Flag stall and Pick a Cup stall

Year 5 are to organise Parasole Painting and Bottle Toss game

Year 6 will be running their own stall

The Fete committee suggest that each year group form a small committee to coordinate the above stalls. Please organise and talk about this among yourselves.

The Fete committee will assist those year committees in their planning and give any guidance necessary. Once you have formed your committee, please contact Amanda Yock () to advise her of who the contact person is and she will give you further information regarding the stalls allocated. We are also looking for people to work together on PR and Marketing for the fete as well as someone to coordinate the entertainment for the day and for someone to book the rides. This is our major fundraiser for the year and we need everyone to come together to help make this a success.

#### Federal Election BBQ & Cake Stall

THANK YOU to all the wonderful families, students, and staff of EPS who supported us on Saturday. We had a wonderful selection of cakes and slices at our cake stall that lasted all day. The barbeque was a great success as



always and our coffee machine also got a work out. Thank you also to the staff of our Before & After School Care who helped throughout the day. We raised almost \$3000 which would not have been possible without the support of the EPS community.

#### **Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open on Monday 27th May from 8.30am. Please mark this date in your diary if you would like your child to come in and try anything on. Uniforms are also available by completing an order form and handing it in to the front office. **Winter school uniform is compulsory for all students from Week 7 – starting after the long weekend on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.** 





### Engadine Public School Biennial Family Fete Fun Day 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019

With only 3 months to our fete, I'm please to announce we now have 2 gold sponsors!

Thank you to Hill and Viteri Property and Crust Gourmet Pizza Engadine for your support









### PRE AND POST SEPARATION SUPPORT FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN.

### Professional service for those looking for support with:

- Couples Counselling
- Child Counselling
- Post Separation Counselling
- Family Dispute Resolution
- Child Consultation
- Legally Assisted Mediation
- Counselling Support for Lawyers

Sometimes our past can impact on our present, which will prevent change for future and I hope to provide both practical and emotional tools in supporting adults and children to grow in the change they are looking for.

If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies.





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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

DON'T FORGET!

**SCHOLASTIC** 

**Book Club** 

orders are due:

31 MAY 2019



### **SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL**

Help your child be the best they can be at school, socially, emotionally and academically. Saskia West works with parents to help their children develop social skills, including self-regulation and resilience, in a loving and caring family environment.

Thursday 30 May | 6.30pm to 7.30pm Sutherland Library | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

T 02 9710 0351 sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/library SUTHERLANDSHIR

## Wyangala Bonfire & Fireworks Spectacular Sunday of this Wyangala Bistro June Long Weekend

Matt Morrison Oval, Sixth Avenue, Wyangala

Gold coin donations most welcon

9:30 Mufti Bowls \$5 to play Lunch available Licenced venue for

9-hole 3person Ambrose 10am golf tournament \$5 greens fees

Morgan Insurance DM Nearest the Pin Shootout 4th hole Gold coin / ball

2pm opens - eat in or take away

Live and loud 4pm Josh Maynard & Josie Laver on the Jumping Castle Coffee Fix by Larz Sausage sizzle Hot dogs Popcorn **OVal** Soft drinks Hot soup, toasties & beef rolls

4:30pm Bonfire lit

6:30pm Fireworks Display

Live entertainment to follow at Wyangala Country Club Courtesy bus drop-offs from 8pm





