



Waratah Whispers

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Issue 59 Term 2 – Week 8

Friday 21st June 2019

Important Dates

Week 8

Friday 21st June: Assembly 3-6

Week 9

Wednesday 26th June: Parent Information Session
(Kindergarten 2020)

Thursday 27th June: Toastie Day

Friday 28th June: Assembly K-2

Week 10

Monday 1st July: Interschool Chess
Challenge

Thursday 4th July: Forensic Science Incursion

Friday 5th July: Forensic Science Incursion

Last Day of term

Whole School Assembly

Week 1 Term 3

Monday 22nd July: Staff Return to school

Tuesday 23rd July: Students Return to school

Wednesday 24th July: NAIDOC Incursion

Friday 26th July: Assembly K-2

Week 2 Term 3

Monday 29th July: Stage 2 Stanwell Beach

Friday 2nd August: Assembly 3-6

Week 3 Term 3

Tuesday 6th August: Education Week Open Day

Friday 9th August: Assembly K-2

Dear parents/carers,

An exciting week this week for some of our creative students!

Congratulations to our dancers who represented our school with flair at last night's In the Spotlight Dance Festival. Unfortunately I was unwell so I missed out on the performance but I'm sure that you all made Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs Corben, and your dance teacher

Miss Ashlee, proud with your enthusiasm, energy and love of dance. Many thanks to Mrs. Lancaster and Mrs. Zagas for all their hard work and organisation with rehearsals and the lead up to last night's performance. Some photos of the dancers in action are in this newsletter.

Four of our lucky students this week attended a Stage 2 visual arts enrichment program held at the Royal National Park Environmental Education centre. Zali, Aria, Logan and Eason worked with students from across our Community of Schools: they explored the local environment, had some interesting art lessons and produced their own range of sculptures, rubbings and paintings. Despite the wet start to the day, students were able to get out into the natural bushland and admire some pretty amazing flora and views! Thank you to the Environmental Education Centre and the team who provided such great experiences and opportunities for our students.

Next week we can look forward to our 2020 Kindergarten Parent Information evening and some piping hot Toasties from the canteen to keep us nice and warm!

As we come towards the end of term I would like to advise you that I will be taking some long service leave from week 10 of this term through to week 3 of term 3. I will be well represented in my absence by Mr. Crawford in week 10 and by Mrs. Ellis in weeks 1 and 2.

In the meantime, have a wonderful wintry weekend and keep smiling. ☺

Sara Swift, Principal

Inspired By Nature

This week four of our stage 2 EPS students had the opportunity to by ‘Inspired by Nature’ Zali, Logan, Aria, and Eason had a wonderful time exploring the area and making some amazing artwork as well!



SRC Meets the Mayor

Last Friday Engadine Public School was visited by Sutherland Shire Mayor, Councillor Carmelo Pesce. Councillor Pesce spent time with some representatives from the SRC and they also took part in filming a short promotional video. This was a great opportunity for students to show off our beautiful school.



ENGADINE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten Transition 2020

Morning Tea and Tour
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

Sydney East Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Sydney East Regional Cross Country last Friday. We are so proud of all of you. What an achievement!!! Well done to Ronia and Leah who have qualified for the state carnival at Eastern Creek. Ronia won the 8/9s girls age group and Leah came 6th – go girls!!



Zone Softball Trials

Last week Riley, Hugo, Campbell R, Campbell T, and Toby went to the Engadine Zone Softball trials. Congratulations to Campbell T who was chosen for the Regional team to compete in the Championships in July. Well done to all boys for their effort.



Engadine's Own Lego Master

Congratulations to Max T who entered a junior Lego Masters building competition. Max is an extremely talented Lego builder. Max put together an incredible build and he won the competition!!!! Well done Max or should we say the EPS Brickman.



Wear Your Winter Woollies Day



Thank you to everyone who rugged up and donated a gold coin on Tuesday for our Winter Woollies Day. The SRC raised \$415 to donate to a local organisation that supports the homeless.



Environmental Team

Students from the Environmental Team enjoyed picking their fresh produce and selling it to families this week. A big thank you to our EPS families for supporting the Environmental team and purchasing produce from the school gardens. There was some delicious items for sale and on display including beetroots, snow peas, herbs and lettuce greens. All of these were grown, nurtured and harvested by our Environmental Team students. The next fresh produce sale will be on Monday 1st July (week 10) – watch this space for more details!!



SAVE THE DATE

Engadine Public School Is Celebrating Education Week!

Join us during Education Week as we celebrate quality education and the great learning taking place in our caring school.

Open Day

Tuesday 6th August 2019 from 8.45am

(Tea, coffee and cupcakes available from the canteen for a gold coin donation)

Looking forward to seeing you all at our wonderful school!

Seven Steps to Writing



Step 4:
Dynamic Dialogue

Seven Steps Writing Tips

Don't tell anyone, but authors 'cheat' when they write – especially when they write dialogue. They cut to the chase to keep things interesting.

Normal conversations go like this:

- 'Hi.'
- 'Hi. How are you?'
- 'Good. And you?'
- 'Good.'
- 'I was thinking of going shopping.'
- 'Oh. What for?'
- 'My mother gave me some money for my birthday and I need a new jumper.'
- 'Sounds great. Count me in.'

In real life we often talk in clichés and ramble a lot. However, reading takes effort, so to keep things moving, writers cut straight to the action. For example:

- 'Hey, my mum gave me some money for my birthday. Want to go shopping?'
- 'Sounds great. Count me in.'

TOP TIP:

Give children a starting line to help them avoid the boring parts. For example, they could come up with a conversation between a ghost and a flying pig? Suggest where to begin: 'Hey! Watch where you're going!'



ACTION ACTIVITY:

Tape a conversation at home. Listen to all the rambling, half-finished sentences and 'umms' and 'ers'. This is great proof that strong writing does not have to be based on real life.

Kindergarten 2020

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 26th June.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2019

This year Engadine Public School is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Thank you to all families who have been collecting their stickers and returning them to school. Additional sticker sheets are available from the office.



Playground Supervision

A reminder to all of our families that our school playground is not supervised until 8.45am each morning. The only students allowed on our grounds before this time should be attending OOSH and under their supervision. We would appreciate your assistance with this matter.

We have eight pallets the school no longer require that would make great firewood. If anyone is interested in taking them please contact the office!



We are selling the Beanies for Brain Cancer for the Mark Hughes Foundation.

If you are interested in buying one, please come to the front office - \$25.00 each STRICTLY CASH ONLY

In The Spotlight Dance Festival

Well done to our Senior Dance group that performed on Thursday night at the In The Spotlight Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre.



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.

School Bell Times

Here are the details of our school bell times throughout the day – this may assist parents if they do need to pick up their children early for an appointment.

- 8.45am - Duty of care starts
- 9.12am - Warning Bell
- 9.15am - Start of school
- 11.15am - Recess eating time
- 11.25am - Recess play time
- 11.47am - Warning Bell
- 11.50am - Line up for class
- 1.20pm - Lunch eating time
- 1.30pm - Lunch play time starts
- 1.58pm - Warning Bell
- 2.00pm - Line up for class
- 3.15pm - End of school

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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Have you considered enrolling your little ones in some Council-run FUN?

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For the full program visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays



P & C News

Family Fete Fun Day 24th August 2019

Our Family Fete Fun Day is getting closer and preparations are well underway.

We'd like to thank the following companies who have already donated gifts to our fete.

- Captain Cook Cruises
- Climb Fit
- Endota Spa Gynea
- Engadine Music
- Flipout
- Hairyman Brewery
- Harry Hartog
- Home and Gift Warehouse
- iSubscribe
- Kanawaka Japanese Restaurant
- NSW Rail Museum
- Putt Putt Planet
- Sydney FC
- Sydney Kings
- Symbio
- Taronga Zoo
- The Scarborough Hotel
- Thunder Jet Boat
- Victoria Secret

Thank you to everyone who has already donated their time and help – this is a mammoth event that needs lots of planning. It is also a wonderful opportunity to raise money and show our wonderful school to the community.

Canteen Toastie Day

We are holding a Promotion Day in the Canteen on Thursday 27th June. Students will be able to pre-order a Ham, Cheese, and Tomato Toastie and a drink of their choice. The cost is \$5.00 and if your child would like a second Toastie (which will come without a drink), it is an additional \$3.00.

A note and order form will be coming home with students this week. Please complete this order form and return it to the canteen by Friday 21st June.

CANTEEN WINTER SPECIAL

**Baked Beans or Spaghetti
Jaffle plus drink for \$4.00**



**Engadine Public School Biennial Family Fete Fun Day
24th August 2019**

We'd like to thank the following business' for becoming Gold Sponsors.

We appreciate your support.



Winter School Holiday Activities



Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students

Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a sneak peek at the new undervalued \$20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.

Sessions for Kindergarten – Year 2
 Monday 8th July, 10.00am – 11.30am
 Wednesday 10th July, 10.00am – 11.30am
 Friday 12th July, 10.00am – 11.30am

Sessions for Year 3 – Year 6
 Monday 8th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm
 Wednesday 10th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm
 Friday 12th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm




Cost: Free
 Registrations of interest are now open. To register your child please visit the Museum Website www.museum.rba.gov.au/events

Important Information:
 Offers for attendance to School Holiday sessions will be sent 5-10 business days out from the event. As this is a highly subscribed event we cannot guarantee all registrations will be offered a place for this school holiday period.

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Key Word Sign

New South Wales

Key Word Sign Basic Workshop

Date: Friday 26th July 2019

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm (Registration opens 9:15am)

Location: Engadine Bowling Club, 61 Cambrai Avenue Engadine

Cost: \$180.00

Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea is included.

Includes: "Getting Started with Key Word Sign" Book.

Presenter:
Tanya Jarvis Key Word Sign Presenter


Please RSVP by 5th July 2019 to Tanya Jarvis
 Phone: 0410 297 995 Email: [Jarvis44@gmail.com](mailto:j Jarvis44@gmail.com)

Note: Course will proceed once minimum number is met.

No previous signing experience is necessary.
 Relevant for anyone living or working with a person with communication difficulties.

Come along and learn how to use Key Word Sign, natural gesture and other strategies to communicate with your children/clients

Each Participant will receive a package of resources and a workshop Certificate from Key Word Sign NSW



NSW EDUCATION STANDARDS AUTHORITY Completing the Key Word Sign Basic Workshop will contribute 6 hours of QTC Registered PD addressing 1.2.2; 1.4.2; 1.6.2; 2.1.2; 2.5.2; 4.1.2, from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.



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Parents Not Partners

This six-session program is for separated parents in conflict over their children - where they should live, how much time they should spend with each parent, what school they should attend, or anything else concerning the children.


Parents who are separated will learn:

- about the effects on children of the ongoing parental conflict
- how to shift focus from the conflict with the other parent to child's needs
- skills to reduce conflict
- about parenting after separation
- how to transform the relationship with the other parent into a business-like partnership
- to better understand the emotional needs of each child in the family

Monday evenings, 6:30pm – 9:00pm
 29 July | 5 Aug | 12 Aug
 19 Aug | 26 Aug | 2 Sept
 Cost: \$150

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah
 Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Road South
 Caringbah

Bookings essential – Phone 8522 4450




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
 5 August | 12 August | 19 August | 26 August
 2 September | 9 September | 16 September
 23 September
 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




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