The Engadine Public School

WARATAH WHISPERS
Stage 3 Camp

The highlight for the week was the Stage 3 camp to Deer Park. Despite some very wet weather, students enjoyed a number of activities including water sliding, canoeing, archery, low ropes and pool rafting. We would like to thank Mrs Dyszel, Mrs Wirth, Mrs Carter, Mrs Scarra, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Kentwell for making the excursion possible. Teachers don’t get paid overtime when on overnight excursions and their families have to cover their absence at home while they look after our students. Thankyou for caring enough for our students to provide them with such a worthwhile and memorable experience.

Walkathon

As advertised, our school will be holding a Walkathon on Thursday November 19th. Money raised will go towards air conditioning for our classrooms. Please support this fundraiser as much as you can. The profits from this day will benefit all the children in our school.

Staff are busy finalising assessments and writing end of year reports. As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress, please do not hesitate to see their classroom teacher.

Enjoy the week!
**Whooping Cough**

From NSW Health - Whooping Cough

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents.

Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health.

For more information on whooping cough vaccination please see vaccination during pregnancy.

Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055

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**Other News**

**Notes and Money Due**

- **Year 6 Bowling/Year 6 Farewell** $20.00
  - Due by 16 November

- **Year 6 T-Shirts 2016** $40.00
  - Due by 27 November

**MULTILIT Reinforced Reading Program**

**Do you have 20 minutes a week?**

Parents are needed to help as tutors for the MULTILIT Reinforced Reading Program to support some of our students in Years 2-6. As this is an evidenced based intervention to maintain validity Parent Tutors will need to attend a one-time training session early Term 4. The techniques in the training will be useful in supporting your own child’s literacy development as well as any students you may tutor. If you are willing and able please add your name to the roster at the office.
Key Value: Commitment

In our somewhat disposable society, when we are so used to throwing things out that no longer work or are no use to us, it is easy to forget the importance of committing to something bigger than ourselves. It is rewarding to be part of something greater whether that be as simple as participating on a sporting team or as involved as becoming an activist for animal rights and the environment. Teaching our children the benefits of commitment, the rewards when we give of ourselves in a sustained way, is something that they can take with them into the rest of their lives.

This week at school we have been looking at the idea of COMMITMENT. We have looked at many ways that we can show commitment both at home and in our lives outside the school gates. Ideas such as:

- Helping out at home,
- Committing to a sporting team,
- Completing homework and assignments and then making sure they are handed in on time,
- Turning up to class with everything needed to be prepared to learn and
- Being a nice friend to people at home and school.

This week try to have a conversation with your child about the benefits of commitment that you have seen in your life. Kids really thrive when we tell them about aspects of our lives. Have there been moments when you have seen the benefits of sticking to a course of action through commitment? The efforts you make having these discussions with your children now will pay off over the longer term.

Commitment is an act, not a word - John-Paul Sartre

Year 6 T-Shirts Reminder

Don’t forget to bring in your order form for the Year 6 T-Shirts.

Orders must be in before Friday 27th November. Please note that no late orders will be accepted.

Year 6 T-Shirts

Name: ___________________________ Class: __________

Qty ____ x $40  Total Enclosed: _______

Size:  8 10 12 14Y 16Y Sm Mens Med Mens

I have checked the spelling of my child’s name and certify that it is correct.

(Parent / Guardian’s Signature) __________________ Date ____________
Throughout the school year, teachers focus on developing skills to building positive relationships among peers—some children learn these through experience and others need to be taught these skills specifically in order to apply them. The focus of our teaching points will last for blocks of two weeks, and will be placed in the newsletter.

Social Skills Topic 15: **Ignoring Someone Who Is Giving You A Hard Time**

Parents, we ask that you too go through these skills with your children, and discuss the dos and don’ts. Perhaps you can ask them if they have tried some of the strategies and what the result was. Children learn best when they are supported from both school and home with a consistent message. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**Do’s**
- Stop looking at them.
- Do something else or talk to others near you.
- Turn your body away.
- If the other person keeps annoying you,

**Don’ts**
- Don’t look at them..
- Don’t smile.
- Don’t argue.
- Don’t insult back
- Don’t get aggro.
- Don’t try to get them into trouble.

STAY COOL AND WALK CALMLY AWAY.

**WALKATHON**

A reminder for our Walkathon next Thursday 19 November. Money raised will be used to purchase air conditioning units for our classrooms that need it. Don’t forget to try and be sponsored.
Walkathon

All families are cordially invited to attend our
ENGADINE PUBLIC SCHOOL
K-6 Walkathon and Picnic

Date: Thursday 19th November 2015.
Time: From 10.30 am.
Where: Cooper Street Park, Engadine.
Who: All K-6 students and all family members.
Cost: Nil.
What do adults bring? Picnic rug or chair, picnic lunch, joggers, friends and family.

What will be happening on the day?
Walkathon
Picnic lunch
Sausage Sizzle
A chance to join in the fun!

What do students bring? Small backpack, drinks, picnic lunch (if not ordering a sausage sandwich), ground mat, sunscreen, school hat. Students should wear school sport uniform on the day and must wear a safety pin for their lap cards.

SPONSOR FORMS NEED TO BE COMPLETED FOR THE DAY!
Family Portrait Fundraiser

The P & C invite you to participate in a Family Portrait Fundraiser on Sunday 15 November.

Each sitting costs $20.00. This includes a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour or black & white) and a bonus keyring with a family portrait to fit. Additional photos will be available for purchase, at no obligation.

Please complete a form available at the office. Any questions please email Jenny Green at jandpgreen@bigpond.com.

PSSA Results

Round 6— Our games were played against Marton. Last week’s game washed out.

- Girls T-Ball 14 to 1 Lost
- Boys T-Ball 15 to 8 Lost
- Girls Softball 11 to 8 Lost
- Boys Cricket 84 all Draw

This week Friday 13 November, our games are against Engadine West Green at Kingswood Oval

School Banking — Thursdays

Rewards Update

The rewards still available to order are the ET DVD, Invisible Ink Pens, Intergalactic Rocket, Money Box and a new option of a Frisbee. To order a Frisbee, just pop a note in with your deposit book and tokens. Unfortunately handballs, solar systems, torches and light bands are no longer available. Tokens can be kept until next year and be redeemed on the new 2016 rewards early in Term 1. New Bankers welcome at any time. Put your deposits in your Dollarmites deposit book and bring to school on Thursdays. Last Banking Day 4 December 2015

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will open on Friday morning of weeks 1 & 5 of each Term.

Orders can be placed in the Office money box and they will be filled fortnightly. Cash or cheque only. Cheques to be made out to Engadine Public School P & C Uniform Shop.

Please direct all enquiries to Mrs Cody on Wednesday to Friday from 9.30—11.00am.

Please be aware Mrs Cody is also running the canteen and not all orders/enquiries can be dealt with immediately.

Year 6 Shirts Some Year 6 Shirts for sale in the canteen if anyone would like an extra size 12 or size 14 $35.00.

ON SALE - ORDER THROUGH UNIFORM SHOP

Maroon Fleecy Track Pants, (old style) $10 each - size 4, 14, 16 only.
Maroon Flying Jacket $20.00 - size 6, 8,10,12, 14, 16, & small men’s.

Second Hand Uniforms

The Uniform Shop is always happy to accept donations of second hand items in good condition. If you have any items you wish to donate, please bring them into the Office or direct to the Uniform Shop when it is next open.

Please see NEW UNIFORM ORDER FORM ATTACHED.
Mrs MacAlpine as Despicia Le Femme

Come fly your kite at the Festival of Flight in Stanwell Park!

To celebrate 100 years since the passing of the Father of Flight, Lawrence Hargrave, this year’s Festival will feature a colourful and imaginative kite flying competition.

The best design and flight, as judged by the Australian Kite Flyers Association, will win a $50 account with IMB bank.

The Association will also give a demonstration of Lawrence Hargrave’s box kites, the precursor to modern day aviation.

Assemble at the northern end of Stanwell Park beach to start flying your creations by 1.30pm. Winners announced at 2.30pm.
Meeting Notice

An AECG can provide a voice that will allow you to have a say in all areas of decision making of your indigenous child’s education and provide a forum for educators to help us understand the issues.

Date: Tuesday the 10th of November

Time: 10am until noon

Venue: Engadine Public School (meet at office at 09:55)

Morning Tea Provided

Don’t forget to bring $2 if you would like to become a member of our AECG

Come and have a yarn and hear what is happening in Education in the Sutherland area

If you are unable to attend please send your apologies to
President: John Bursill - johnbursill@gmail.com/0414878499
Secretary: Natalie Cromb - natalie.cromb@suez.env.com
Twilight markets

Boutique Shopping Experience

Come & enjoy a boutique shopping experience at Yowie Bay Public School. This year we have many new exciting stalls and many of our favourites returning.

Bring your friends, Mum, Grandma and your Christmas shopping list!

Gold coin entry. Browse through 30 unique and exciting stalls!

Port Hacking High School are sending special selections from their Performing Band to give us the music to shop to.

Buy a $10 ticket for your chance to win a door prize and receive a free glass of champagne to sip whilst shopping!

 Delicious finger food will be available for purchase on the night.

We hope to see you at the 2015 Yowie Bay Public School Twilight Markets

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FOR MORE INFO VISIT: WWW.AUSTRALIANSURFTOURS.COM.AU
OR CALL US ON: 1800 711 189
SENSORY SCREENING
FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER @ 11am

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive monthly event for families with special needs or sensory processing disorders.

Children are free to roam around the cinema, flap or stim, talk and generally be themselves. This is a non-judgmental session and there is no need for families to feel uncomfortable. Lighting stays on dim (not dark) and sound is lowered. Fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers for those escape artists.

Tickets: $8 each (You will need a membership card to purchase tickets at the cinema, but these are available in the foyer on the day). Children 2 years and under are free. Companion ID cards accepted.

Cronulla Cinemas 2 - 6 Cronulla St, Cronulla NSW 2230
sensorymovieday.cronulla@hotmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/SensoryMovieDayCronulla
STUDENT TRAVEL

Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.