We currently have advertising space available in the Waratah Whispers. Please contact us for details in advertising your business.
“Engadine Public School promotes an inclusive environment that fosters confident, innovative, successful learners with high moral values.

Excellent academic, creative physical and social programs empower each student to become an active, resilient and informed citizen in our rapidly changing world.”

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**Settling Classes**

Walking around the school and seeing students happily established into classes is a tribute to the preparation being done both at home and school to enable an ease of transition into new Year Levels and indeed for Kindergarten, school itself. It is also a valuable expression of our students’ readiness to engage in learning and school life.

We ask that families take the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher, see the environment within which their children will be working and also to discover a little more about the plans for the school year.

Some of our classes in action—including circle time, crunch and sip, English and Science.

**Thanks Parents and Carers**

We would like to give a huge thanks to all our parents and carers, who have not only taken pride in their children’s presentation at school in full school uniform, but have also made the huge commitment to paying for their children’s book packs and school costs. This makes a wonderful start to the school year for our students and enables active engagement with the full school curriculum. There is nothing like being ready for learning!
Engadine Public School P & C—Everyone Welcome

The P & C is a valuable mechanism for parents to support the school and have a voice in matters pertaining to school direction. Their first meeting this year will be Monday 15 February, and held at 7:30 pm, in the school staff room. At this time they will also hold their AGM, to gain Office members. Please come along and join in. All are welcome.

School Safety

Parents and carers are advised that the Department of Education has a policy whereby children are not able to use the playground equipment without the direct supervision of a teacher of the school. Please ensure your children do not use the equipment while unsupervised, whilst you are in the school grounds.

In the interests of child protection and safety we ask that parents do not use the childrens’ toilet facilities. Those who need to use toilet facilities when at school, are asked to use the visitors’ toilet outside the hall.

The toilet facilities outside the Library are for the exclusive use of staff.

When dropping children off at school, or collecting them in the afternoon, it is asked that families ensure students are not required to cross the road without an adult. It is often at the busy time of school pick-up and rushing to attend other extra-curricula activities that incidents occur.

It is always better to be safe, than sorry.

SKOOLBAG

Engadine Public School encourages families to upload the android or iphone APP for Engadine SKOOLBAG. The App is free, and provides access to messages about events at school as notifications. Very handy for updates for events.

New to Skoolbag - KOOL KONTENT

Kool Kontent is a new and exciting area within your Skoolbag App available now for parents, carers and students. Kool Kontent is designed to offer relevant and informative content suitable for all our Skoolbaggers.

We hope you enjoy the informative articles, blogs, links and documents we have sourced so far.
Once you have installed SKOOLBAG, ensure you search for Engadine Primary School and establish your personal settings.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click “Get” then “install”.
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in “Notification Manager” changed to “Allow” instead of “Notify” in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for “Skoolbag” in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the “Pin” icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! 😊
Engadine Public Promotes Healthy Lifestyles

- Crunch and Sip is held each morning around 10:30 am. Students are encouraged to bring in vegetables and fruit (non-messy) and water to eat and drink while in the classroom and taking part in lessons.
- Students are encouraged to reduce their litter, by having fruit for their recess, and to pack their lunch into lunch boxes.
- Students are required to sit for the first 10 minutes of recess and lunch to enable them to eat without the distraction of games.
- Students are required to wear hats to play out in the sun.
- Students are encouraged to wear sunscreen when out in the heat for long periods of time.
- Students are encouraged to participate in play, physical education and sports which provide an opportunity to remain active.

Chess Club

Learn how to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Engadine Public School is held on **Wednesdays** from **8:40am-9:25am**. Term 1 lessons will commence on **10th February, 2016**.

Chess is the world’s most loved board game. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment! Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games, with personal feedback from the coach.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving puzzles, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, please pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or you can email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Notes and Money Due

**Book Packs:** Friday 5 February  

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 1.

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.
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 2: *Dealing with Fights and Arguments*

**Do’s**
- Try to stay calm and talk through the problem using a respectful voice.
- If you, or the other person are getting angry or out of control say, “We’re getting too angry. Let’s talk about it later”, and walk away.
- Make sure you do follow it up later. When you’ve calmed down, recognise that allowing the bad feelings to continue is not a good thing. You are responsible for dealing with them.
- Put forward your point of view and talk about your feelings. (I felt left out when you did not include me in your games.)
- Let them put forward their point of view. Listen without interrupting, until they are finished.
- Try to find a way to be friends again.

**Don’ts**
- Don’t call the other person insulting names.
- Don’t say blaming things.
- Don’t try to shame the other person.
- Don’t hit or kick or use any kind of violence.
- Don’t be big-headed and assume that you are the only one who is right.

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.
Canteen

The canteen is open Wednesday to Friday weekly.

During term 1 the canteen may open ON HOT DAYS at lunchtime on Mondays & Tuesday's for ICEBLOCKS ONLY.

School Banking — Thursdays

School banking is on Thursday. Books will be returned by Monday afternoon this year. For larger amounts or busy families, deposit books can be posted in the locked banking slot in the office at anytime to be processed on the following Friday.

This term’s new rewards are the Flying Snake Tail or the Wildlife Writer Set (2 pencils and a long flexible eraser). Rewards cards are available in the school office, on the “Notes” rack. In addition, ET DVDs, Frisbees, rockets and money boxes can still be ordered.

New bankers are welcome, at any time. Please bring your labelled (name & class) Dollarmites deposit book and money to school on Thursday.

For those wishing to open new accounts, a representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be available on Thursday 25th February, from 9am outside the Art room. Parents will only need their Drivers Licence to open an account on this day.

Existing Commonwealth Bank customers can also open accounts for their children online (just send the account name account number and your money in an envelope the first week). Accounts can also be opened in person at any Commonwealth Bank.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will open on Friday morning of weeks 1 & 5 of each Term except for Term 1, 2016 when the first opening will be 5 February.

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.

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.

The School Opal Card

If you are the parent or guardian of a NSW school student, you may be eligible for free or subsidised travel for the student’s travel between home and school under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS).

Students up to the end of Year 2, are entitled to free travel to school automatically and upon application will receive a pass through the mail, at school.

If you have a child who is in Year 3 or above and you wish to use the bus services, you need to apply on-line at https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/ Those students who live too close to qualify for a full pass, may receive a pass for subsidised travel on the bus. Opal cards should be received in the first two weeks of school. If you have applied and have not received yours in this time, please make sure you advise the school office.
FUSSY PRIMARY SCHOOL EATERS

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
BOOK ONLINE TODAY!

Got a picky eater at home?
Find out how to get your primary school aged child to stop avoiding their vegetables and try new, healthy dishes.
Presented by Linda from the Love Real Food Group.

WHEN
Thursday 18 February
6.00pm - 7.15pm

WHERE
Caringbah Library
376-378 Port Hacking Road
Phone 9524 3803 for details

LIBRARY SERVICES
Enquiries: 9710 0351
Community News

Bring your loved one/s for a romantic day at the markets. Come on down to enjoy;

- a variety of delicious food,
- unique market stalls,
- gifts perfect for a summer’s day

There’s plenty to distract the kids too with;

- jumping castle,
- face painting,
- climbing frame with soft fall

Forget the park and bring your own picnic or bring a rug and purchase food at the market. Either way you can relax and enjoy the day on the bank of the beautiful Georges River.

**Sunday Feb 14th 9am-2pm**

Genoa Rd, Como, on the grounds of Como Public School

(5 min walk from Como Pleasure Grounds)

*A great day out for the family!*
MindQuest

On Saturday 2nd and 3rd April, the 78th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls High School. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and student’s evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience.

Closing date: Friday 4 March 2016
The cost of the weekend is $190 (including GST)
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 the 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

Mondays, 6:30pm to 9:00pm
15 February to 21 March
Cost: $150
Venue: Caringbah Interrelate
Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Road
Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408

This three-session program assists couples to manage the demands of life as a stepfamily.

It will assist parents to:
- examine the challenges and positives of stepfamilies
- examine personal beliefs and the effects of holding onto these
- highlight the losses stepfamilies have suffered
- recognise the importance of developing stepfamily rituals
- compare different communication styles

Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
22 Feb, 29 Feb & 7 Mar
Cost: $75 per couple
Venue: Caringbah Interrelate
Address: 383 – 385 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408

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

Tuesdays, 4:00pm to 5:00pm
15th February to 11th of April
With 1 week break on the 28th of March
Cost: $50 per child
Venue: Caringbah Interrelate
Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408