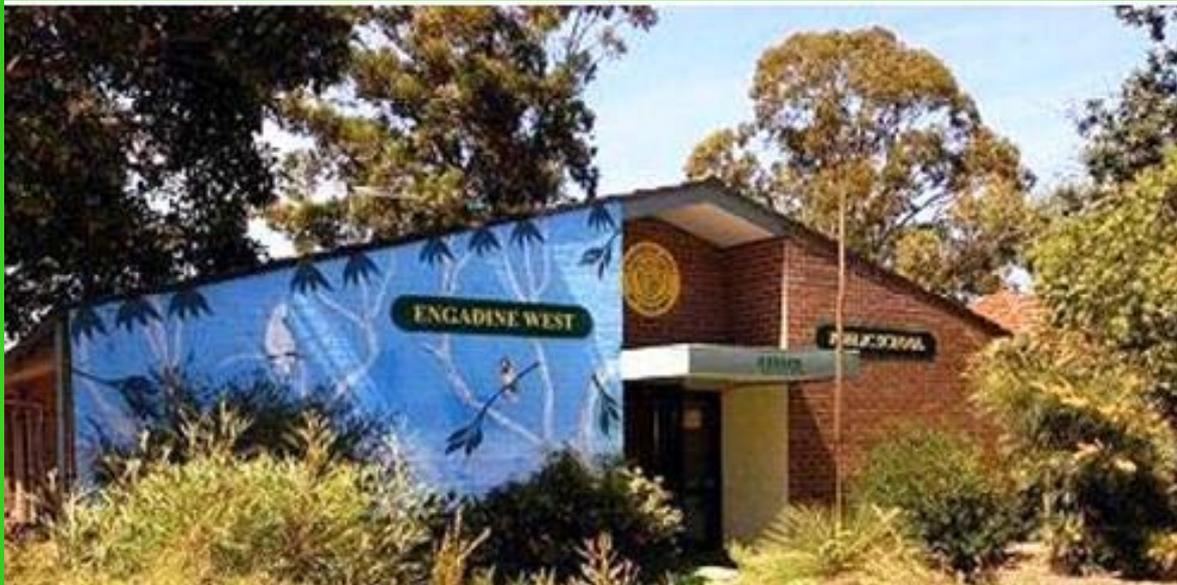


Engadine West Public School

Kindergarten 2017
Parent Orientation Morning



Mission Statement

The Engadine West School Community seeks to work together to provide educational programs which will allow its students to live happily and work successfully in the 21st century.



A smooth transition to Big School



Going to Kindergarten is a unique experience in the life of any child, even a child who has been to day care or Pre-school.

In the eyes of most children, Kindergarten is “big school” and entering school represents a giant step in their development.

Getting a good start at school and feeling good about it is very important to your child, both now and in the future.



Before the first day

“Think ahead and plan for the practical details of your child starting school.”



- Talk about school in a positive way with your child.
- Ensure your child has all the necessary requirements ie: uniform, bags, school shoes, joggers, hat, lunch boxes, drink bottle.
- Label everything with your child's name.
- Put a distinctive ribbon, tag or key ring on your child's bag.
- Read through the “School Handbook” to familiarise yourself and your child with procedures and information about Engadine West P.S.

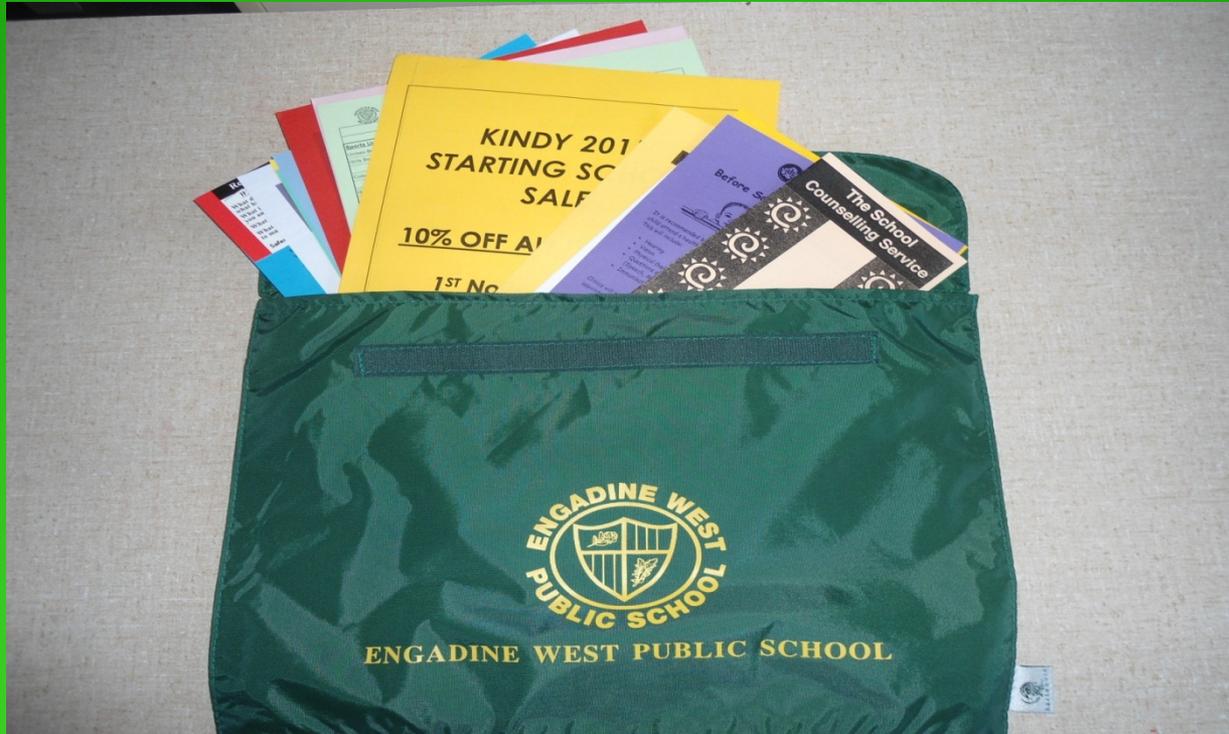
On the first day

If you do enough preparation, your child's first day at school should go well.

To make the first day special, consider some of the following ideas:

- Encourage your child to go to bed early the night before.
- Prepare a nutritious breakfast for your child. Pack lunch the night before so you can minimise stress in the morning.
- Leave for school in plenty of time, and talk through any last minute concerns.

Reading Pouch



- The Reading Pouch needs to be brought to school every day.
- It is used as a pouch for your child's home reader to come to and from school.
- It is used to hold notes and communication letters to and from home.
- You need to check your child's Reading Pouch every day.

School Library bag

➤ You will need to purchase or make a library bag for your child.

➤ The school uniform shop may have a small amount available to purchase



➤ The Library bag will be used for weekly borrowing of books from the school library during class time.

➤ Early in Term 1 your child's teacher will inform you what day will be their library day.

➤ Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on their Library bag.

Lunch box and drink bottle

- Ensure all containers are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Have fruit break, recess and lunch in separate containers.
- Engadine West P.S. supports low waste lunches – children are encouraged to be conscious of the negative impact land fill has on our environment so plastic and foil wrapping of food is discouraged.
- Crunch and Sip, Recess, Lunch and drinks should be brought to school in reusable containers.
- Do not pack too much food. Lunch should comprise of one sandwich/roll or wrap and a small piece of fruit.
- Left over food and rubbish will be sent home so you are aware of what they have eaten for the day.
- Healthy food is encouraged, no lollies or chocolates and **water is best!**



- On arrival at school reassure your child when and where you will collect them in the afternoon.
- See your child into their classroom, help them put their bag on the bag hook and find their teacher.
- When it's time to say goodbye, give your child a kiss and cuddle, tell them it is time for you to go. Then leave.



Communication

Anxiety is catching!



- Your child will have many concerns when starting school.
- Parents are role models for their child's attitude to school.
- Children copy their parents behaviour.
“If you are anxious, they’ll be anxious.”
- Listen to your child when they come home from school, ask specific questions about their day.
- Be Positive!

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Principal's Message



Dear parents and carers

Another term is well underway with the holidays nearly a distant memory already. Thankyou to Mr Wilkins for relieving as Principal in my absence, to Mr Hogan and Mrs Paton for relieving in the Deputy Principal position and Mr Griggs, Mrs Teal and Mr Field for sharing the relieving Assistant principal roles. All of these fabulous leaders fulfilled their role thoroughly and professionally.

Congratulations....

...to the PSSA girls football team who progressed all the way to the state final on Monday afternoon. I am very proud to say they were gallant runners up to Walsend PS. Second in the entire state of NSW is an amazing effort. Each player showed great sportsmanship during all their games which took them to country and local areas to play throughout Term 3. Mrs Payne has been a wonderful coach, never missing an opportunity to encourage and teach the girls along the way. Thanks to the ongoing commitment of parents who have travelled far and wide with the team and to Mrs McCubben for her support as well. What a great finish to the winter sporting calendar.

Great effort team and Mrs Payne



The team and their fantastic support crew!

Before and After School Care

REMINDER re-enrolments for existing Care Centre families close tomorrow (Friday 20 October 2017). Please do not miss this cut off if you are planning on having your child/ren attend the Care Centre in 2018. Unfilled vacancies will be filled next week following Kindergarten Orientation.

Professional Learning

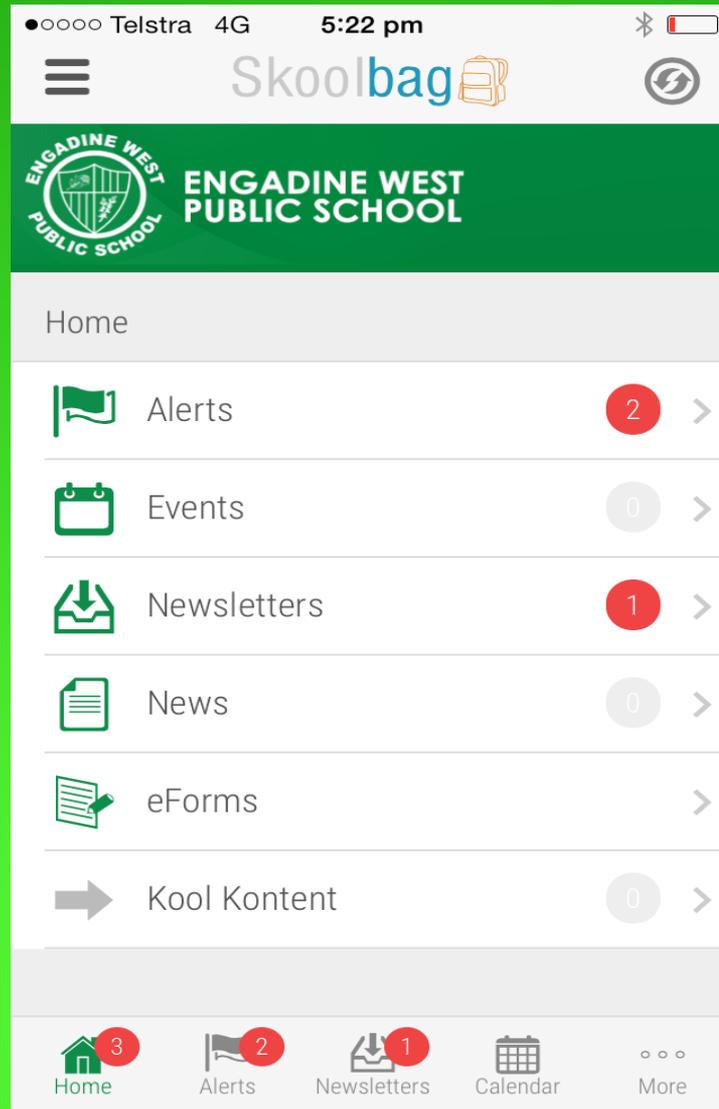
Our staff will be working hard this term on evaluating a great year of work and finishing off assessments and units of work for Term 4. As well, we will be looking at formulating ideas for our next cycle of school planning for 2018 – 2020. The Department of Education has released a new School Excellence Framework which we will be utilising as a guide to make our great school even better. The cyclic nature of this in schools is so we always "move the goalposts" and allow constant improvements to meet the needs of all of our students. Survey data from staff, students and parents will be used to formulate the strategic directions we take for our new school improvement plan.



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Skoolbag App



Get Involved!

Developing a partnership with the school is one of the greatest ways to enhance your child's learning and meet other parents.



Volunteer for things like:

- School Canteen
- Reading Groups
- Excursions
- Sport helpers
- School P & C

Your child will find the transition to school easier if they know you're involved and taking an interest in the school.

Our message to you



*The first day of school
Can be hard for Mum and Dad.
Part of you feels excited,
The other part feels sad.
For many years you've held their hand,
And have been their loving guide.
Now you know the time has come
To leave them by our side.
But it is only for a little while,
As your child will learn and grow.
And at the end of everyday,
They will share with you all they know.
So as you walk away
Don't worry anymore.
We'll take care of your precious gifts
When you leave them at our door.*

