

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Oct

- 16th P & C
- 17th Diwali Excursion
- 18th Assembly - Leaders
Crazy Hat Day
- 19th Granny Smith Festival
- 21st School Photographs
- 23rd Kindy Tiddalick Workshop
- 24th Kindy Orientation Day No.1
Whole School Photograph
- 25th Golf
Assembly – KS
- 30th Uniform shop open
Canteen Sushi Day
Cricket Gala Day
- 31st Kindy Orientation Day No. 2

Nov

- 1st Golf
Diwali Assembly

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Principal's message

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a relaxing and safe holiday. This term we will be very busy welcoming our new Kindergarten students at Orientation, getting ready for the Ryde School Spectacular, Swim School, Presentation Day and the Year 6 Farewell. It will be Christmas before we know it.

Western Sydney Wanderers madness descends on West Ryde

An excited group of students and teachers participated in a free soccer clinic on Friday conducted by the Western Sydney Wanderers (Ms Belme's favourite team). It was great to see the trainers and children having a fantastic time – it was a valuable experience for all involved.

NAPLAN Results

After ACARA identified an error in the national average markers for Years 5 and 7 a decision was made to halt distribution of NAPLAN results. Distribution of the results will start next Monday.

After School Supervision

Parents are reminded that school finishes at 3.00pm and that there is no supervision after 3.15pm. Last term and this week, we have had children not being picked up from school on time, sometimes as late as 4.30pm, requiring a teacher or myself to supervise them until a parent can be found. Often after school we have meetings to attend and this necessitates cancellation of these meetings to ensure that your child is safe.

It is important that you are on time to pick up your children and if you are running late to contact the school.

Canteen Volunteers

Thank you to our three volunteers who are assisting Holly in the canteen: Nina mother of Jasmine and Ginger in Kindy, Oz mother of Deniz in Year 6 and Kylie mother of Alex in Year 5.

We still need volunteers to assist the canteen in making lunches. If you can help for even an hour please let Holly know.

NOTES/MONEY

Tiddalick Drama Workshop (Kindy)	Wednesday, 23 rd October	\$9.50

Reminders

Selective High School

Applications for students seeking selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015 will be available from 15 October 2013. Most parents are expected to apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

All students seeking placement in a selective high school will be required to sit the **Selective High School Placement Test** on **Thursday 13 March 2014**. Parents who wish their child to sit the test will need to apply by **Friday 18 November 2013**.

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are in the process of finalising our enrolments for 2014. If you have a friend or family member who is expecting to attend WRPS in 2014 please enrol as soon as possible.

The three Kindergarten Orientation Days will be 24th, 31st October and 7th November from 9.30am – 10.30am.

Message from the School Office

Any amounts of money **UNDER \$20 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE OFFICE** and should be given to the class teacher. **AMOUNTS OVER \$20** will now **ONLY BE ACCEPTED BEFORE LUNCHTIME AND MUST BE IN AN ENVELOPE**.

Crazy Hat Day

The SRC are holding a fundraiser for Stewart House on Friday, 18th October so please wear your crazy hat to school and bring a gold coin donation.

School Photograph Day

Please ensure your child wears full summer school uniform on Monday, 21st October for the school photograph.

Wanted! – Lemons and Clean Jars

Lemons and jars are needed to make jams, condiments etc. for the Christmas Craft Market. Jars of all shapes and sizes (with lids) are required by Mrs Lloyd Jones as soon as possible. If you are also interested in learning how to make jam or pickles, or have some skills in making jams, chutney or other homemade goods we would love to hear from you. We are planning on have a workshop on 14th November at 3.30pm. See Mrs Lloyd Jones if you are interested.

School Banking Notice

Please be aware that the Dollarmite money boxes will no longer be available from next year (2014), as the bank is changing the rewards. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their money box, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their money box by placing an order before the end of Term 4.

CANTEEN NEWS

This term we have many new additions to our menu.

Home- made lemonade was a great hit with the children and will be offered again tomorrow.

We also have vegetable sticks and dip, Mexican dip and corn chips and homemade salsa and corn chips on offer at recess. Announcements will be made at morning assembly for that day's food choices for recess.

Please encourage your children to purchase these healthy alternatives.

Please do not bring \$100 and \$50 notes to the canteen as we cannot give you change.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The opening days for the Uniform Shop for Term 4 will be Wednesday (from 8.45am – 9.15am) 30th October, 13th & 27th November and the last opening day 4th December 2013.



P & C NEWS

We are on the last stretch for the year before we celebrate Christmas and the New Year. Last term is always very busy. We are preparing for the Annual General Meeting for the P&C and elections will be held at the November meeting. This is an important part of the year and the selection of next year's leadership team is important in setting the scene for 2014. Remember, the P&C doesn't just run fundraising activities. A key part of the work of the P&C is the engagement with the wider West Ryde/Meadowbank/Melrose Park/Ermington community and working with local community leaders such as our State and Federal parliament representatives.

There will be committee positions becoming vacant as parents who have dedicated a significant part of their time to the P & C will now focus their energies on their own important objectives and families leaving the school so now is an opportunity for new blood coming into the committee.

To refresh you, the P&C is run by a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and four members of the Fundraising team. I have been fortunate to have a great bunch of people this year. (Two parents have also put their hand up to take responsibility of moving the committee and the activities of the school forward). This is such a great outcome. In our next meeting, we will be identifying vacancies available for parents to come aboard and take on worthy projects for next year.

Just to go through some of the default responsibilities:

- The fundraising committee runs all the fundraising events, including mother's day and father's day stalls, Election Day BBQ, the Easter Raffle, phone recycling, Entertainment Book sales and the Christmas Craft Markets.
- The Secretary has a great responsibility in documenting decisions, meeting minutes, guiding the meetings with the President and to help with decision making.
- The Treasurer is responsible for the book keeping aspects of the finances, as well as ensuring controls and finance management .
- The Vice Presidents are responsible for major activities, managing the communication channels including website updates and act as an alternate to the President.
- The President is responsible for keeping a cohesive team running, organising the planning of the P&C, setting the pace of the group, working with the school principal and the wider community.

There are also other official duties that each role holds that is key to the workings of the school. If you are interested in joining the committee and want to know more, please contact me via email on wrps@ehsai.com.au, leave me a message at the school office or just come up to me after morning assembly or at afternoon pick up times.

Meanwhile, planning for the Christmas Market Day is now full steam ahead. We require assistance now. There are many stalls already taken up by the P&C, ex students, parents, friends and businesses. There are more activities for the kids this year too. If you need more information, please refer to our website www.westrydepublicschool.com.au. Thanks to Olivia Phoon, our Vice President for managing the site for the P&C.

A wonderful development for Term 4 is the beginning of a new venture called "Buttons Creative Workshops", started by a few parents in our school to help with the overflowing demand for after hours care. This is a great outcome for our school, fulfilling the motto "Where Nothing is Left Unattempted". It is a brave thing to do to take on a project such as this, and a lot of effort and risk was undertaken before the first workshop started this week. I wish those involved all the best and success with the venture.

As a parent of a Year 5 student, the receipt of the NAPLAN results welcomed the beginning of the 2nd week of the final term. NAPLAN is an important part of understanding where students and schools are progressing. NAPLAN guides us in understanding where our children and the school rank/progressed in the larger scheme of education delivery. We hope to find out more in comparison with more established schools around our area at our P&C meeting on Wednesday.

During this term, we also welcome new parents coming into the school. The Kindy Orientation Day is fast approaching and we hope that our new parents will find our school welcoming for their children. I will be approaching this year's

Kindy parents to organise the Welcome BBQ next year for welcoming new families into the school and to celebrate the start of school in 2014.

BTW, did you know that 5th October was Teacher's Day? I would like to take the opportunity to thank the teachers of WRPS for their dedication and effort. We will always have students and parents going to school, but the teachers make the school an inviting place to be. So if you see a teacher, please thank them and wish them a belated Happy Teacher's Day. And if you're a teacher too, I wish you a belated Happy Teacher's Day.

That's it for this fortnight. I'll see you at the meeting on Wednesday, 16th Oct 2013 at 7pm. By the way, don't forget your school tote bag! It's a great tote bag for \$5 with the money going to the P&C.

Alan Khaw - President

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE

OCTOBER: Wed 16th October 7:00 – 8:00 pm

NOVEMBER: Annual General Meeting, Wed 20th November

7:00 – 8:00 pm

In the school library.



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BEGINNERS LUNCHTIME

TAI CHI

health benefits.....

everyone welcome.....

friendly classes.....

Wednesdays & Thursdays

12.15pm-12.45pm

Introduction to Tai Chi

TOP RYDE

Ryde Civic Hall

1, Devlin St

THURSDAYS only

1.30pm-2.00pm

Meditation for beginners

Fridays

12.15pm-12.45pm

Introduction to Tai Chi

MARSFIELD

**Marsfield Community Centre
1A Trafalgar Place**

Start: Any week (NOT school holidays)

Cost: \$60 per Term (first class obligation free)

or drop in class -
\$8

Web Site: www.takeawaytaichi.com.au

