

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Oct

31st Kindy Orientation Day No. 2

Nov

1st Golf

Diwali Assembly 12.25pm

4th to 15th - Swim school

7th Kindy Orientation Day No. 3

No recorder lesson

8th Golf

Assembly – 4/5H

11th No flute lesson

12th Choir Rehearsal – Ryde Civic Centre

13th Uniform shop open

15th Golf

Assembly - Leaders

17th Sunday – Choir Rehearsal –
Opera House

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Principal's Message

We have had a very bust start to the new term and I hope that everyone has now settled back nicely into the school routines. We have a busy term coming up with many opportunities for your children. Last week, Kindergarten had the 'Tiddalick' drama workshop come and visit while many other children will take part in the annual swimming scheme during Week 5 and 6. All of the children are getting ready for the Year 6 farewell disco learning the 'monster mash' with peer teaching being done by 5J. Well done to all involved.

Who will be the next Michael Clarke?

Today Mr Bramley and a group of children from Year 3 and 4 have gone to Morrison Park, Putney to take part in a day of Milo cricket hosted by NSW cricket. Milo cricket is a modified, high energy version of cricket played with goal of introducing the game of cricket to all participants. We might just find the next Michael Clarke! I am sure that the children will represent West Ryde fantastically well and enjoy themselves throughout the day. I am looking forward to hearing about their day when they return this afternoon.

Anti-Bullying Performance

Today we have an anti-bullying performance being held in the school. The workshop was called 'The Return of the Bully'. It was arranged as part of our personal development program. The performance was extremely well received by all the children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Crazy Hat Day

Last week we had a very successful 'Crazy Hat Day' were the children were able to wear 'mufti' hats. After a great response from students we were able to raise \$150.00 for Stewart House. We look forward to having similar events in the future.

Peter Hayllar – Acting Principal

NOTES/MONEY

Reminders

Diwali Celebration Assembly – Friday, 1st November

All parents are invited to attend this special assembly. Please be **seated by 12.15pm** for a 12.25pm start.

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 remaining two Kindergarten Orientation Days will be Thursday 31st October and Thursday 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**.

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.

Netball

Just a reminder that West Ryde Rovers are holding registration day for next year on Saturday, 2nd November at Meadowbank Park from 10am to 2pm or register by email at netball.rego@WestRydeRovers.asn.au
For more information please visit the Rovers website on www.westryderovers.asn.au

CANTEEN NEWS

This term we have many new additions to our menu.

We have vegetable sticks and dip, Mexican dip and corn chips and on offer at recess.

Announcements will be made at morning assembly for that day's food choices for recess or check at the canteen for what's new for the day.

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) 13th & 27th November and the last opening day will be 4th December 2013.

P & C NEWS

Sometimes being the President of the P&C can bring insights to the workings of other schools. I recently was at a special school for disabled children's P&C meeting. It was an eye opener. The issues we have, we can overcome. Not so simple there. I am glad I am given the opportunity to have things put in perspective for myself. What I guess I want to say is that we should look at our potential, no buts.

This week, the Indian community will celebrate the Festival of Lights – Diwali. Happy Diwali to all of you who celebrate it. I remember growing up and visiting my father's friends' homes during the festive season, with all the colour and food available.

Planning this year's Christmas Craft Market and Carols has been an exciting and uplifting process. We have more people involved this year, and more involvement of the community including a group of local churches who have been involved in helping the school for many years. We have reached out to the local businesses and they have been accepting of our school. The hampers are being filled, and we would like to thank all of you who have contributed. If you have contributed large amounts i.e. >\$100 worth of products, please make yourself known to me. More information is available on www.westrydepublicschool.com.au/marketplace

Becoming a part of the local Chamber of Commerce will provide us with information about the local area. We found out that the new Coles car park will be open in November and the Coles supermarket will open in June 2014 (at the time of writing). This will bode well for the local businesses and hope that this will change the area.

I would like to thank Philip Quach for agreeing to oversee the Welcome BBQ for 2014. Phillip is a Kindergarten parent and a local businessman. The P&C will support him and band together to make 2014 Kindergarten parents welcome to the school.

Finally, don't forget the next meeting will incorporate the AGM and the P&C meeting. This will also be the last P&C meeting of the year. We have only one final event in December and it is the Christmas Craft Markets and Carols. See you at the AGM!

Alan Khaw
President

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE

NOVEMBER: Annual General Meeting, Wed 20th November

7:00 – 8:30 pm

In the school library.

Learn to make Jams and Chutneys

Mrs Lloyd Jones is running a Jam and Chutney workshop on 14th November at 3:30 pm. All parents are invited to attend the workshop! A nominal \$5 to cover costs. If you are interested to learn more, please RSVP by 7th November to the office!

Info on the WRPS Christmas Craft Markets and Carols:
www.westrydepublicschool.com.au/marketplace



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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

