

# The Endeavour

**West Ryde Public School Newsletter**  
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## Upcoming events

4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> - Swim school  
15<sup>th</sup> Golf  
Assembly - Leaders  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Choir Rehearsal –  
Opera House  
18<sup>th</sup> Ryde Schools Spectacular  
Concert at the Opera House  
20<sup>th</sup> Footsteps Dance Group  
P & C AGM & General Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> Golf  
Assembly – 2/3W  
27<sup>th</sup> Uniform shop open  
Canteen Hamburger Day  
28<sup>th</sup> Chess Competition  
29<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Mini Fete

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## NOTES/MONEY

## Principal's Message

### The Positives of West Ryde Public School

Swim school started for many of our students last week and again our students have continued to display the wonderful behaviour that we are renowned for. Right from the beginning of the program they have shown themselves to be involved, eager, responsible and polite which has been noted by the Ryde Aquatic Centre staff, bus drivers and Ms. Dobbie. Well done to all our swimmers you have made us proud.

### Philippine's Disaster

I would like to send our thoughts to all our school community who have family affected by the disaster in the Philippines. We hope that all your family members are safe.

### Organisation for 2014

As we are very quickly coming to the end of the year we ask that you inform your child's class teacher if you know that your child will not be returning to our school next year.

### Diwali Celebrations at Parliament House

Congratulations to all our students who took part in the Diwali celebrations at Parliament House. Their performance of traditional Indian dances was commented on by the dignitaries. A big thank you to Mrs. Chaudhary, Mrs Duggal, parents and students.

### Thank You

A huge thank you goes to all our Kindergarten teachers who organized the three Kindergarten Orientation days for our new students in 2014. The opportunity to participate in lessons in the classroom while parents learnt about Literacy and Numeracy makes the transition to big school less frightening for many students. Thank you also goes to the parents who gave up their time to help with welcoming new parents and providing morning tea.

### Mr. Hayllar

A big thank you should also go to Mr. Hayllar who very capably looked after the school as Acting Principal in my absence.

### Good Luck

With the process already started for the election of our new School Leaders for 2014, I wish all the nominees the best of luck.


## Reminders

### Important Date Changes to Term 4

Please note that the Parent Helper luncheon will now be on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December and the "Little Mermaid" performance on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## Library

### Stocktake

A school library collection must be relevant, accessible and attractive. Stocktaking is necessary for achieving these goals.

Stocktake of the WRPS Library will commence week 8. To assist with the process, can all library books please be returned by - **Friday 22nd November** (the end of week 7). Stocktake figures will be used to identify areas that have had losses in stock and to assist with the identification of strengths and weaknesses in the collection.

There will then be no borrowing for the remainder of the year. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### Book Club

It's a great time to start the Christmas shopping!!...

The FINAL Scholastic Book Club issue for 2013 has been sent home. Please return orders by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Ms Armstrong – Teacher Librarian**

## 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](http://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**.

## School Banking Notice

Next year the bank is introducing a new automated tracking and redemption system for the rewards.

Therefore for administrative purposes each child will start with zero tokens at the start of next year (2014).

So you will need to exchange all tokens for rewards before the end of term.

We are having a special exchange day on **Thursday 5th December at 8.30am** where you can bring along your tokens and exchange them for a reward.

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## CANTEEN NEWS

This term we have many new additions to our menu.

We have vegetable sticks and dip, Mexican dip and corn chips 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.**

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## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

## P & C NEWS

Next week will be our last meeting and the AGM for the selection of the committee members for 2014. I encourage you to come to see for yourself the amount of work and dedication the committee members have put in for the betterment of the school and our children. **FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED** 😊.

Thanks to Yoko Tan and the group of parents who allowed us to put on a nice spread to thank the teachers. International Teacher's Day was during the holidays, so we had it today instead.



It has been a fantastic first year for me with the great support of all on the team. I would especially like to thank James Cleland for his assistance throughout the year and wish him all the best for him and his family who are moving to another school.

The Christmas Craft market and Carols is coming along great, with most items sorted coming into the last stretch. We have added new sponsors to our list and we continue to look for community support and inclusion in our event. Being so close to the end of year, it also means that our event is one of the last, but we get to have a Carols event! **DON'T FORGET 4-9pm 6<sup>th</sup> December.**  
See you at the AGM!

Alan Khaw – P & C President

### The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE

**NOVEMBER: Annual General Meeting, Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
**7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**At the school library.**

## Learn to make Lemon Jams and Chutneys

Mrs Lloyd Jones is running a Lemon and Chutney workshop on 14th November at 3:30 pm. All parents are invited to attend the workshop! A nominal \$5 to cover costs.

[www.westrydepublicschool.com.au/marketplace](http://www.westrydepublicschool.com.au/marketplace)

[Support our marketplace. New programs added.](#)



## Epping Boys High School

Engaging All Boys:  
Building Fine Men

### Orientation Day Wednesday 4 December 2013

All incoming Year 7 students and parents are invited to Epping Boys High School to get to know more about your new school before you commence in 2014.

Registration commences at 8.30 am and students will be available for collection at 1.15 pm.

Take this opportunity to meet your son's Year Adviser, Deputy Principal and support staff. Information about school routines and organisation will be given.

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