

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Nov

- 28th Chess Competition
- 29th Golf
- Yr 6 Mini Fete

Dec

- 3rd Parent Helper Luncheon
- 4th Uniform shop open
- 'Little Mermaid' Performance
- 5th LAST DAY OF CANTEEN
- 6th Captain & Prefect Speeches
- Christmas Market Day
- 10th Scripture Christmas Assembly
- 11th **Presentation Day**
- 12th Chess finishes
- 13th Yr 6 Farewell
- Friday the 13th Disco
- 16th Balmoral Picnic Day
- 17th Fun day
- 18th Talent Quest
- Students last day of school

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Principal's Message

End of Term

It is almost the end of the year and we are getting close to many of our annual celebrations. Please check your child's bag for notes or the website so that you are aware of the many things that will be happening in the next three weeks.

Staff Changes in 2014

This is the time of year when the whole school is busy doing reports, preparing for Presentation Day and organising staff for 2014.

In 2014 we welcome Ms Albina Lee as the new Assistant Principal and farewell Mrs Tanner, whose transfer to a school closer to home has finally come through; and to Mr Wilke who returns to the South Coast with his family to undertake his PhD.

Finally we also say good bye to Mrs Wishart who returns to her country of origin, New Zealand, with her family to assist in her husband's new medical practice in Dunedin.

We would like to say thank you to all of them for the huge contributions that they have made to West Ryde Public School. They will all be sorely missed.

Captain and Prefect Speeches

All our school community is welcome to come and hear the Captain and Prefect speeches on Friday, 6th December in the hall at 9am. The nominees have all been preparing their speeches and posters and there is a lot of lobbying taking place at the moment.

Click [here](#) to visit their website



Thank you to the generous sponsors of our Christmas Market Day.

*Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club
(Gold Sponsor)

* Liz Wiggins – McGrath
(Silver Sponsor)

* St George Bank – Top Ryde
(Silver Sponsor)

Please support them where possible.

Little Mermaid Performance – 4th Dec \$7.00

Balmoral Picnic Day – 16th Dec \$13.00

Friday the 13th Disco – 13th Dec \$10.00 (single) or \$17.00 (family)

Fun Day – 17th Dec \$7.00

Reminders

INDUSTRIAL ACTION – TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Teachers will be striking in response to the NSW Public Sector Wages policy. Teachers will be asked to vote for a new Salaries and Conditions Award. There will be minimal supervision on Tuesday 3rd December. Regular classes will resume after 11am. The Parent Helper Luncheon will not be affected. A note will be sent home this week.

Yr 6 Mini Fete – Friday, 29th November

Don't forget to bring your money to enjoy an afternoon of fun! The Mini fete will be from 12.30pm – 2.30pm.

Christmas Markets coming soon!

Don't forget to tell all your friends about the upcoming Christmas Markets. If you have not already put your name down to assist please do so as soon as possible. Let Alan Khaw and the team know if you can assist.

Presentation Day – Wednesday, 11th December

Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday, 11th December. Please be seated by 9.15am. This will include the whole school and will be in recognition of the achievements of students throughout the year.

Swimming Carnival 2014

Although it seems a long way away, I urge all students, 8 years and over, to spend the holidays training for the swimming carnival in 2014.

I would like to see more students participate next year and 'have a go'. The new skills gained by the children at the school swimming lessons can be put to good use to represent their house, and possibly go further to represent the school! Also don't forget there will be a 'parents and students' relay on the day of the carnival.

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

THE LAST CANTEEN DAY FOR TERM 4 WILL BE THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER.

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

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The last opening day for the Uniform Shop for Term 4 will be Wednesday (from 8.45am – 9.15am) 4th December.

The uniform shop will reopen in 2014 on Wednesday, 29th January.

P & C NEWS

Hi everyone!

On Friday, the 6th of December the school will hold the Christmas Market and Carols by Candlelight. This event is a culmination of months of work by a great group of parents and staff willing to show the children the meaning of the school motto – “Where Nothing is Left Unattempted”. When planning started, we didn't know how a Friday evening market would go. We have put in our best efforts to make it fun for the family.

I hope that on Friday evening, you and your family will bring friends to enjoy the markets, and Carols at the school. We have over 30 stalls, many food stalls representing many cultures, kids' activities, zorb balls, a jumping castle, Christmas crafts and much more. We will also have various performances throughout the afternoon by our children.

To cap off the night, there will be Carols by Candlelight performed by the very professional combined churches of Ryde, comprising of the **C3 Church Ryde**, the **West Ryde Baptist Church** and the **West Ryde Anglican Church**. We are very honoured to receive their generosity in their time and energy.

At the last meeting, the AGM was held and I would like to congratulate the incoming committee. The executive are returning, and there are 2 new faces added to the fundraising committee. The following are the committee for 2014:

President:	Alan Khaw
Vice president:	Olivia Phoon
Secretary:	Carolyn Lain
Treasurer:	Kamini Savai
Fund raising:	Alison Chan, Jo Chang, Fiona Lamborn and Christina Han

Welcome to Fiona and Christina, and welcome back to the rest of the team. I also like to thank James Cleland and Raquel Munoz for their efforts in the last few years and all the best for the future.

I am excited for 2014 while also cognizant of the challenges ahead, but with the incoming committee I am confident we will meet some tough objectives. For the parents of younger children, we will be looking at the needs of the school. We will look at the results from the questionnaire to determine the main objectives for next year.



See you at the Christmas Markets!
Alan Khaw