

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

12th Chess finishes
13th Yr 6 Farewell
Friday the 13th Disco
Reports go home
16th Balmoral Picnic Day
17th Fun day
18th Talent Quest
Students last day of school

2014

Jan

28th Staff Development Day
29th Students return to school
Uniform shop open
NO CANTEEN UNTIL 10th Feb

Feb

3rd Kindergarten commences
5th Uniform shop open
7th P & C Welcome BBQ

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Principal's Message

A huge Thank You

This year our Christmas Market was an example of how a small band of parents can come together to organise such a great evening whose main purpose is to benefit the school. Not only is it the P&C's main fundraiser of the year but it also serves as a way for our community to come together.

Special thanks go to Alan, Alison, Sally and Fiona who were the mainstay of the committee and to all the other parents, students, past and present as well as our diligent staff for your hard work in making it such a successful evening.

Presentation Day

What a wonderful morning we had today celebrating the successes of our students. Well done to all our children on a very successful year. We are very lucky at our school to have such wonderful children and devoted teachers. I thank Mrs Aspee for her organisation and Mrs Harrison and Mrs Lesic for their administrative assistance.

Farewell

As this is our last newsletter for 2013 I would like to say a final farewell to the following staff. Mrs Jo Tanner for her great contribution to our school in so many areas. Mrs Tanner is a devoted teacher who is extremely knowledgeable in all areas of Literacy. Mr Wilke, who has taught Korean, has worked hard to bring more parents into the classroom, to assist in raising the level of Korean language taught in our school. Mrs Heather Wishart, our Chaplain, whose friendly face and 'can do' attitude has been a boon to our community in so many ways – that there is not enough space to write them all. Mrs Boyd, who not only is a fine educator, but a moving force for so many of our extra activities around the school and community. They will all leave a huge gap that will be hard to fill. Farewell and Good Luck.

Holidays

We are almost at the end of what has been a very, very busy term. I wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas. To all our students, start thinking about working on your swimming skills for the carnival next year as I am looking forward to seeing many new faces at the pool in Term 1. Thank you all for another great year at West Ryde Public School - the best school in the area.

NOTES/MONEY

Friday the 13 th Disco – 13 th Dec \$10.00 (single) or \$17.00 (family)	
Balmoral Picnic Day – Monday 16 th Dec - \$13.00	Fun Day – Tuesday 17 th Dec - \$7.00

Reminders

Student Reports

All student reports, for Semester 2, will go home on Friday, 13th December. I wish to thank all the staff for the preparation of these reports as they do involve considerable time and effort to ensure parents receive the most accurate information relating to their child's progress.

Congratulations to all students who have demonstrated improvement in their learning and progress in acquiring new skills and processes.

Dates to Remember

All Students in Year 1 to Year 6 will return to school on Wednesday, 29th January 2014.

2014 Kindergarten Students

New kindergarten students will commence school on Monday, 3rd February 2014.

Best Start appointments for the new kindergarten children will be on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday, 31st January. A letter will be sent home this week to all 2014 kindergarten parents with their child's best start appointment time.

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.

Can you help?

A family from one of our nearby schools recently lost their home and possessions in a house fire. They were unfortunately not insured. If you think you might be able to assist this family with emergency accommodation or clothing or other goods could you please contact Mrs Collyer at Ryde Public School on 9809.3181

School Leaders

I would like to offer my congratulations to the outgoing Year 6 Captains and Vice Captains for their fantastic leadership this year. They have been involved in many aspects of school life and their dedication to their position has been commendable.

I would also like to welcome our new school leaders for 2014.

Captains: Joelle and Haydyn

Chairman of the School Leadership Executive: Avaneesh

Vice Captains: Kaito and Jonah

Prefects: Daevan, Nidhi, Jarrod, Karin



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TOP RYDE CITY BRANCH

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CANTEEN NEWS

STOP PRESS: The canteen will be open on Mondays from term 1 2014. This is a trial only.

The canteen will reopen in 2014 for Term 1 on Monday, 10th February. The canteen will be open from Monday to Thursday inclusive.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The uniform shop will reopen in 2014 on **Wednesday, 29th January** from 8.45am to 9.15am.

The other dates for Term 1 will be Wednesday 5th & 19th February, 5th & 19th March and 2nd April.

P & C NEWS

President's Report

Well the end of the year is nigh. Christmas will come upon us and most of us will be on a beach somewhere at one point or another.



The Christmas Markets and Carols has passed and what a night to have enjoyed. The Carols were just so entertaining for the children and I felt the night came alive for us. The coming together of the school community was a sight to see and many thanks to the teachers helping out, the parents who volunteered and the churches for the fantastic carols. What a way to say goodbye to Mrs Heather Wishart by her sharing a wonderful performance with her family and our school. As well as the uncovering of two talented mums who sing so well. Wonderful, wonderful.

NSW Minister Victor Dominello visited our school and opened his wallet for a few things, but the day before I was beside myself when Margaret from his office called to tell us about the approval of a community grant for \$25,000 that we applied for in the middle of the year, led by Mrs Melinda Emeleus (Rowan, Danny and Aiden's mum). Once we get the funds, I will start a working group to implement the projectors and replacement powerboard in the hall.

This year has been a very busy year for me as a President, being my first year, and also having to organise the markets with a strong band of parents. There have been highs and lows throughout. The highlight is of course the conclusion of last Friday's Carols, an idea that was brought to fruition with the help of so many parents, but mainly throughout the tenacity of Mrs Alison Chan (Kaylee's mum), the cool and collective Sally Cole (Henry's mum) and incredible Fiona Lamborn (Alexandra's mum). How an idea for 10 hampers to become 40 is beyond me.

Highs include the increasing number of parent volunteers and participation in our events; lows are that sometimes there is still a reluctance of some parents to step up to show their kids what the school motto means. I hope that will change in the new year with the many successful events held so far.

The school's profile is now becoming more pronounced in the community, the school is beginning to feel like a hub of community. And the amount of social entrepreneurship is growing. This year Buttons Creative Workshop was started in the school by a parent to address the shortage of places in after school care while creating a fun and educational environment. I hope Vince, Marine and others in the team get the commercial success that they deserve. We will also grow the number programs with the local businesses such as those we have with Elizabeth Wiggins of McGrath and St George Top Ryde.



As we finish up 2013, I look forward to massive changes, mainly with my son being elected prefect, having a new financial services business to run and my youngest starting school at St Lucy's in Wahroonga. At the P&C, I look forward to working with more parents on various events and items. I believe next year, we will focus on safety around the school, fundraising, community grants, continue engagement with the community and hopefully find where all the old students have gone.

For the holidays, I wish all members of the school community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please drive safely and remember to put on sunscreen.

Alan Khaw

President

PS. Sometimes we forget to say thank you to some of the behind the scenes people in the school. So thank you Jenny, Vicki, Lyn and Anne. It has been a big year. Thanks for your help.

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE for 2014

19th February , Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

19th March, Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

In the school library.

Thanks to these companies for supporting our Christmas Market

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Age groups start from under 6's. All abilities welcome.

For registration dates and details please visit

www.eastwoodstandrews.org . Any further

queries please call Club Registrar

Alain Brix-Nielsen on 0422 006 969

Registration begins in the New Year.



JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT RYDE LIBRARY

for more information click on the link below:



Ryde Rugby Season Registration Days

Ryde Rugby Registration Days will be held at **Top Ryde**

City Shopping Centre on Sunday the 15th December

2013, as well as on Saturday the 1st and 8th February 2014,

between 10:00pm and 5:00pm.

- **Age groups:** ages 4 to 15 years old
- **Where:** Ryde Oval, cnr of Blaxland Rd & Princess St, Ryde
- **When:** season starts March 2014
- Register your interest at register@ryderugby.com.au
- Alternatively ask about our 'Try Rugby' programme.

Note: no tackling in the under 6 & 7 age groups

For more information, phone us on 0474 498 775 or visit us at
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