

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Feb

7th SPORTSPRO
8th Leaders' Induction Assembly
12th Scripture starts
Canteen reopens
13th SPORTSPRO
14th SPORTSPRO
14th Chess starts
18th Meet the Teacher Night
20th SPORTSPRO
Uniform shop opening
P & C Meeting
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Principal's message

A very warm 'welcome back' to all our students and especially to all those who are new to our school this year.

On Monday we formed our classes based on 14 teachers. Since then we have had four new students arrive at the school and on Friday the executive and I will assess our student numbers to see if the calculations are such that we can form a fifteenth class.

If this is to be the case we apologise in advance for the disruption but felt that it is better that the children start their term program rather than be held in their 2012 classes for a longer period of time.

We will endeavour to have as little disruption as possible if this should be the case.

We would like to welcome to the teaching staff the following teachers. Welcome to Ms Cathy Belme who is a targeted graduate and will take Year 2, Mrs Laurel Colley, replaces Mrs Barnes, who received her transfer on the second last day of term 4 2012, will take Reading Recovery.

Ms Fran Farthing, on the Year 2/3 class, replaces Ms Williams who was seconded to Northern Sydney District Office in the last week of Term 4. We are unsure if Ms Williams will return at the end of Term 1 or continue in her present position until then end of the year.

Mrs Poppy Weir will replace Mrs Nicole Maier on class K/1M until the end of the term.

All these teachers are working hard to ensure that your child is given the best education that West Ryde Public School can provide.

Evelyn Hope Maier: It was with great sadness yesterday that Mrs Boyd, Ms Williams and I attended the funeral of the much awaited daughter of Nicole and Serge Maier. Evelyn came into the world much too soon for her tiny body to cope and only lived a short time, enough for her loving parents to have a short time to hold and love her before she passed away. If you would like to send your written messages of love and support to Nicole and her family please leave them at the front office and we will deliver them to her. Mrs Maier will return to school in Term 2. On Nicole's return please speak to her and let her know that she has been in your thoughts.

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| Sportspro | Term 1 - Week 2 to Week 8 | \$40.00 |
| Swimming Carnival | Friday, 22 nd February | \$14.00 |

2013 Class Teachers

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| KS | - | Ms Murray | 2C | - | Ms Belme |
| KH | - | Mrs Hines | 2/3W | - | Ms Williams (Ms Farthing Term 1) |
| KT | - | Mrs Thompson | 3T | - | Mrs Tanner |
| K/1M | - | Mrs Maier (Mrs Weir Term 1) | 4B | - | Ms Boyd |
| 1D | - | Ms Dobbie | 4/5H | - | Mr Hayllar |
| 1L | - | Mr Logan | 5J | - | Mr Jenkins |
| 2B | - | Mr Bramley | 6A | - | Mrs Aspee |

Friendly reminders

Anaphylaxis Alert

If you have a child with allergies that requires anaphylaxis intervention, and if you have already done so, please send his/her Anaphylactic Action Plan to the school **immediately**.

PARENTS PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE SCHOOL HAS A 'NUT FREE' POLICY. Please do not send any nut products to school with your child.

Leaders' Induction Assembly

On Friday we will be having our leaders' assembly at 12.20pm in the hall. The newly elected school leaders will be invested with their school badges and we will have Mr Victor Dominello, who is a strong supporter of the school, in attendance.

Many of you have met our new leaders who greeted many of the new Kindergarten parents on Monday. We look forward to working with all the leaders, school, sport and SRC, this year.

Swimming Carnival

The annual school swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 22nd February at Epping Aquatic Centre. The swimming carnival is for all children in Years 3 – 6 **and** for Year 2 children turning 8 this year who **can swim 50 metres**. A note went home to children yesterday. The swimming carnival program has been published on the website under Notes.

For those children unable to swim 50 metre, I would strongly recommend the school's 2 week intensive learn-to-swim program which will be run in Term 4.

School Banking

School Banking has resumed on Thursday mornings. If you are interested in starting your child with the Commonwealth School Banking program, a parent must come and open the account on Thursday morning before school. There is no minimum amount required for each deposit.

Parking & Road Safety

Parents are urged to set a good example and use the pedestrian crossings when walking their child to school. Please adhere to the parking zones and restrictions around the school as the Council has been sending parking inspectors out to the school recently.

Violin lessons commence this Friday, 8th February.

Chess lessons commence Thursday, 14th February.

Orchestra – The first meeting will be this Friday morning at 8.30am in Mr Bramley's room. All welcome to come (old and new members). If you are interested in joining a **recorder group** please come along too.

Golf Lessons

A note will be going home tomorrow offering Golf lessons as a new sporting option for summer sport for children in Years 3 to 6. If you are interested please return the note to Mr Bramley by Friday, 15th February.



Chick News

During the holidays our chicken numbers have increased. We now have 4 young chickens that are approximately just over 3 months old. They are gorgeous and need to have names. Please go and talk to the chicks and while there consider what name would be perfect for each of the chicks.

We are running a 'Name the Chicks' draw, and from Monday, 11th February I will be collecting name suggestions. All you have to do is bring in a gold coin and you will receive a toy fluffy chick and a small chocolate easter egg and your name will go into the Chick naming draw.

All money raised will be used to cover the needs of looking after the chickens.

Mrs Boyd and the Chickens

School Religion Education

How SRE can benefit your child?

Are you thinking about SRE for your child in 2013? A well-rounded education is a partnership between the home, the school and people in the community who have the best interests of your child at heart.

The Department of Education and Communities makes provision for adults from religious groups in your local community to teach Special Religious Education as part of the school program.

Here are just some of the ways that children can benefit from SRE:

- SRE aids moral development and spirituality
- SRE teaches children tools to use in times of crises, tools like prayer and forgiveness. These build resilience
- SRE gives children an overview of basic beliefs so they know what faith is about and can choose for themselves
- SRE provides opportunities for children to explore the 'big issues' like life, death and purpose in a way that has brought inner strength to people for centuries.

Children are welcome to attend any SRE class that their parent or care-giver chooses.

SRE Teachers are people of faith from the local community who are willing to give their time and energies so that children can explore aspects of life that may otherwise not be available to them.

Your local SRE contacts are:

Christian Protestant SRE: Rev Steve Hales, ph. 9858 3929, m. 0411 514 767

Christian Catholic SRE: Judith Orrock, contact via School Coordinator

Hindi SRE: students are invited to attend and speak with teachers at the school

Muslim SRE: Mariam Mangal, ph. 9889 3602

School Coordinator: Bijinder Dugal, ph. 9874 2515

They are available to show you the curriculum they follow and answer any questions you may have about SRE and your child.



P & c NEWS

Happy New Year and welcome back to West Ryde Primary School. School has just started and already there are a number of activities lined up for Term 1.

For those parents whose first child is starting in Kindergarten, welcome to the school and we hope your child will enjoy it just as our child did. Welcome also to parents of children who have just transferred into the school.

The P&C Association organises a number of activities at the school including BBQs and the Christmas Market Day. The committee and active members are made up of parents who volunteer their time to make the school a better place for our children. Monies raised throughout the year will go towards supporting purchases for the school such as books, iPads, digital smartboards and sports equipment. You may have skills that can help us, and the school, and I invite you to participate in any of these activities.

The start of the school year also presents some challenges, especially for the volunteers in the P&C Uniform Shop. Great work is done by Amy and Yoko and their band of volunteers; however the big rush at the beginning of the year will test the operation of the shop. We ask for your patience in the queues as they respond to your sales inquiries. Please help by providing them with correct change as much as possible.

This year also means that we, as a school, continue to monitor the level of government support given to our teachers. We will continue to engage with both our State and Federal Parliamentary members. They have been supportive of the progress of our children at our school and Minister Victor Dominello was impressed by the music program and the performance of our children.

For those families who do celebrate the Lunar New Year, I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. For the Chinese community, the coming year welcomes the Snake.

Our first meeting for the year will be held in the library on Wednesday, 20th February 2013, and I invite you to attend. Membership of the P&C is \$2 and attendance is required for voting purposes. See you at the meeting, if not earlier.

Alan Khaw
President

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR CLASS LISTS

This year we are asking the school to provide us with the newsletter email address for each parent in every class so that the P&C can communicate directly with you via a Parent Class Contact.

If you **DO NOT** want us to use this email address, **OR** want us to use an alternate email address for P & C emails to you, please reply to WRPS@ehsai.com.au with subject matter: ***'Please exclude our email address from your class lists'*** by **11th February** (just before our first email circulation). Otherwise reply any other time and we will make sure the next circulation will exclude your email address.

However, for cost and convenience sake, almost all our communications are via email and the school website. For those of you without email addresses registered with the school, please make sure you ask your child about events and notes, and check the website regularly.

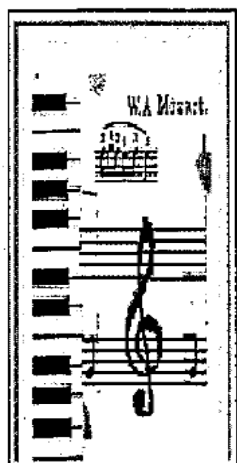
We will not be asking for telephone numbers at this time. The P & C email distribution class lists are separate to the school's list and will only be used for P&C purposes by the Parent Class Contact. Email details will be kept private and strictly confidential.

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen will reopen on Tuesday, 12TH February. The canteen is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The opening days for uniform shop for Term 1 will be Wednesday 8.45am – 9.15am on 20th February, 6th & 20th march and 3rd April.



TOP NOTE MUSIC

☎ 9807 1272



In Term 1, 2013, we will continue to provide electronic keyboard organ/ piano lessons for students at your school.
Students would be taught by a qualified music teacher for a 45minute lesson per week. Tuition is **\$18.00 per lesson**. Family discounts for siblings are available.
To express your interest in providing this program, fill-in the form, and return to your school by Friday 8th February.

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MUSIC LESSONS



Yes, I'm interested in my child in learning to play the piano/keyboard with Top Note Music School.

Child's Name Class.....

School.....

We have our own instrument Piano ☐ Elec. Organ/Keyboard ☐ None ☐

Parental Approval..... ☎ Contact Phone No.....

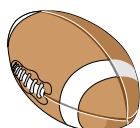


Ravens registration is now open for male and female players from U6 to over 45's

- > A new Mightymites development program for boys and girls aged 3, 4 and 5.
- > We are looking for players in U9, U10, U11 and U15 first division.
- > New Youth Elite team in U23 men's football. This team is a stepping stone into higher grade football such as Super League. Will be supported with a special coaching program and play in the GHFA senior all age competition.
- > Boys and girls academy training squads.
- > For the first time we will field a Over 45's men's team.

For more information and to register online visit www.gladesvillerravens.com.au

The Gladesville Ravens is a proud community club and we welcome back our existing members and look forward to welcoming new members for the 2013 season.



Come play 'Rugby League' in the
Balmain Junior League District

DUNDAS SHAMROCKS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
2012 2011 2010 SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONS
2009 JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONS



Season starts: SUNDAY 7th April, 2013

MINI & MOD 'SAFE PLAY CODE' FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Registration: Sun 3rd & Sun 10th of February 10 am - 1 pm
Top Oval - St. Patricks' Marist College
(Corner of Kirby St and Kissing Point Rd, Dundas)

WANTED PLAYERS TURNING 8 & 9 IN 2013
FREE NRL PASSES TO ALL REGISTERED PLAYERS

Train and play home games at St. Patrick's Marist College, Kissing Point Rd.

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