

# The Endeavour

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

### May

9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Breakfast  
Night Under the Stars & BBQ  
10<sup>th</sup> PSSA Rd 3  
Assembly – 2C  
14<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN  
15<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN  
**P & C Meeting**  
16<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN  
Back up for Night Under Stars  
17<sup>th</sup> PSSA Rd 4  
Assembly – Leaders  
18<sup>th</sup> P & C Working Bee (Sat)  
20<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Excursion  
Stage 1 Incursion  
21<sup>st</sup> ICAS Computer Skills Comp.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Uniform shop open  
23<sup>rd</sup> Zone Cross Country

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## Principal's message

Welcome back to Term 2.

I hope everyone enjoyed the great weather and students had a good chance to rest and relax.

A special welcome to all our new families who have enrolled their children at our great school. It was fantastic to welcome so many smiling faces at last Wednesday's morning Assembly.

As Term 2 shapes up to be very busy and short, please consult the Term Calendar which is on our website to make sure you are aware of all the activities.

A number of these include the Zone Cross Country, NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 and our Night under the Stars evening.

This term we will also be sending home the first semester reports.

## Thank you

I would like to thank all our parents, community members and staff that helped make our Bollywood Disco such a fantastic evening. Many people did not want to leave and we could have danced for a few more hours. It was wonderful to see so much community support and fun being had by all. See the photos on Page 3.

## Kindergarten Writing

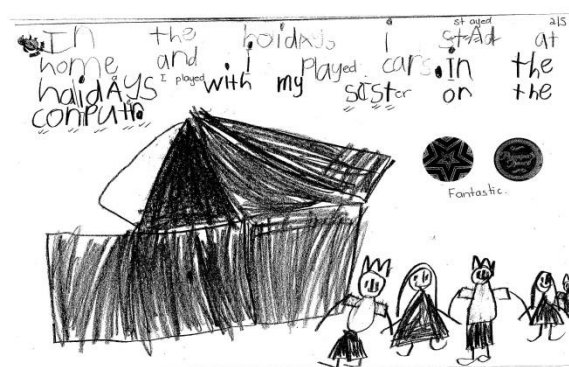
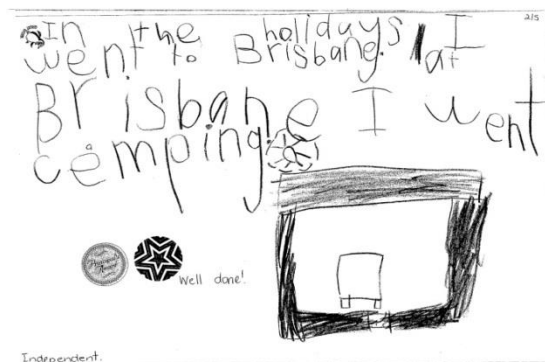
Despite only being at school for one term many of our Kindergarten children are already showing how well they can write.

Below are two examples of the great writing by Aashwin and River in KH.

Thank you Mrs Hines, Ms Murray, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Weir for all your hard work in assisting the children with their learning.

## NOTES/MONEY

Stage 1 Incursion	Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	\$8.00
Stage 3 Excursion	Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	\$20.00



## Reminders

All students are asked to be in full Winter uniform by the end of week two. Please note that girls are asked to not wear track pants under their uniform but to wear stockings. We take pride in how our students wear their uniforms and your assistance in having your child in full school uniform is much appreciated.

## NAPLAN

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Yrs 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian Schools. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

<u>TUESDAY 14 MAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 15 MAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY 16 MAY</u>
<b>Language conventions</b> (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Numeracy</b> (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space)
<b>Writing</b>		

## ICAS – Maths Competition

Please note the ICAS Maths Competition date has been changed to **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August** (not Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August).

## Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to Raquel and Carolyn from the P & C and all the volunteers who helped on our Mother's Day stall.

## Mother's Day Breakfast

Don't forget our Mother's Day breakfast starts at 8am under the COLA – all welcome even if you haven't RSVP'd!



## Woolworths Earn & Learn is back!

From **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April**, when you shop at Woolworths, you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Points Sheet (now available at the school office). There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent (excludes liquor, tobacco & gift cards). Once the Points Sheet is completed it can be placed in the collection box at school or at West Ryde Woolworths store. Please participate in this promotion to help our school receive some valuable educational resources.

## Night Under the Stars

On Thursday evening, 9<sup>th</sup> May the school will be hosting a "Night under the Stars". Students will have the opportunity to learn about Space, look through telescopes, use I pads to gaze up at the stars and much more. Entry will be by 'gold coin' donation per person.

The P & C will be running a BBQ and glow sticks will also be available for purchase on the night. Feel free to bring your own binoculars or telescopes to use on the night.

## Bollywood Night Photos



## Thank you

We have been so overwhelmed with the support and generosity received from the West Ryde school community following the loss of our daughter Evelyn Hope, on the 29th of January this year.

We sincerely want to thank Mrs Lloyd Jones and all of the staff, students, parents and the P & C for all of your thoughtful messages, cards, flowers, emails, presents, holiday house offers, prayers and kind thoughts. Also, a very special thank you to Mrs Poppy Weir for taking the class in my absence, and for the understanding from the parents of K/1M.

We know how special this school is and how genuinely lucky I am to work and belong here.

We are trying to take it one step at a time, and that next step is getting to know all of the fresh faces of KM and making it a memorable and wonderful start to school!

Kind regards,  
Nicole and Serge Maier

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## CANTEEN NEWS

Please do not send \$50.00 notes to the canteen as we cannot give you change.

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## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

A reminder that if you cannot come to the uniform shop you may place an order by completing an order form which is available from the school office. Please note that the uniform shop only accepts cheques (made payable to West Ryde Public School Uniform shop) or cash.

The opening days for the uniform shop for Term 2 will be Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June from 8.45am – 9.15am.

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## P & c NEWS

Welcome back to school. I hope you are suitably rested which I am sure you are....NOT! With the kids at home 24x7 it has been a busy time and all. Anyway, I hope you all had a great time. Also a Happy Mother's Day to all the mom's out there for this coming weekend.

The P&C Committee members have been very busy during this time as well, especially Raquel Munoz (Gemma and Alba's mom), Alison Chan (Kaylee) and Carolyn Lain (Adele and Claudia) who have organised the Mother's Day stall on Tuesday as well as the coming BBQ on Thursday.

On my end, Carolyn and I have been lucky to have been involved with a meeting with the Hon John Alexander, MP for Bennelong, which our school rests within the boundaries. I am grateful for the 1 hour that he provided for us to speak on a number of things such as the Gonski report, funding for schools in general, the need for new classrooms, tennis and table tennis, and developments in his constituency that pertains to our school. I presented him with a Brief of our school. He definitely has knowledge of our school and he has indicated that he will help out at the tennis program. More will be shared at the May P&C meeting.

Also on the 1st of May, I was lucky to speak Mr David Gonski at a CPA function, to thank him for the report and the recommendation for fairer public school funding. I presented him with a brief as well.

In the next few weeks things start to roll for spring and summer activities:

- 3-5 Year Plan
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Market Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> May Working Bee
- 14<sup>th</sup> September election

I would like to invite you to come and be involved in the above activities. These activities are to raise the profile of the school, involve in your child's education and show the kids how to Give It A Go! For those of you whose children's "career" has just started, you have quite a few years to make your children's time in school really Fantastic. So come to our **P&C Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May** to find out more.

Alan Khaw

President, West Ryde Public School Parents and Citizens Association.

### Pride in West Ryde at the Annual 2013 WRPS Working Bee

The Parents and Citizens Association holds only one working bee each year for parents, students and friends of the school to garden, tidy, clean and neaten around the school. This year's working bee is scheduled for the end of Week 3 of Term 2 on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>. The working bee is a great opportunity to catch up with friends, share cups of coffee and of course getting your hands dirty!

We need volunteers to help with jobs such as:

- Weeding
- Washing walls
- Cleaning chairs
- Gardening
- Rubbish collection
- BBQ and Coffee duty
- General handy work

Help contribute to the community spirit in our school. Whether you can spare a little time, or a lot of time on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> ..... WE NEED YOU!

Please register your interest by emailing your details to Chris Bested on:

[wrps-workingbee@googlegroups.com](mailto:wrps-workingbee@googlegroups.com)



# Going to School in 2014?

## for families from the Indian subcontinent

IS YOUR CHILD TURNING 4 YEARS OF AGE BY 31 JULY 2013?

**Time: 9.45am-12.00pm, Wednesday, 22nd May 2013**

**Venue: West Ryde Community Hall,  
3-5 Anthony Road, West Ryde 2114**

**(Cnr Anthony Rd and Reserve St.)**

- How do you prepare your child for 'big school'?
- What does 'school readiness' mean in Australia?
- What is school like in Australia?

If you would like to know more about the above questions please come to our 'Going to School in 2014' seminar.

Speakers from the Department of Education and Communities will present.



**Booking is essential.** For inquiries and bookings please call one of the following people or email by 5th May.

**Isabella Kim:** (02) 99873927, 0435494696 (Mon-Fri),  
or email [tae.kim70@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tae.kim70@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Chrys Fernando:** (02) 9687 9901 (Tues, Thurs),  
or email [subcont\\_northernregion@thhpmrc.org.au](mailto:subcont_northernregion@thhpmrc.org.au)

**Nidhi Kesarwani:** 0434 591 457 (Hindi speaker)

*Limited child minding is available. Priority will be given to families with children starting Kindergarten in 2014.*

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### ADHD GROUP for Parents and Carers of Primary school-aged children who have a diagnosis of ADHD.

This is a 3 week group, 10 am – 12 noon, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. We discuss routines, rewards and strategies that you may find useful in managing a child with ADHD. This is a Free group but bookings are required. There is free childcare as well and bookings for this is needed. It is at Ryde Family Support Service, West Ryde. Please ring on 9334 0111 to book your place.