

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

July

- 24th SPORTSPRO
Uniform shop open
- 25th SPORTSPRO
1L Parent Teacher Interviews
- 26th PSSA Round 12
Assembly – School Leaders
National Tree Day
- 29th ICAS English Comp (8am)
- 30th Athletics Carnival
- 31st Open Day
Debating 2pm

Aug

- 1st SPORTSPRO
- 2nd PSSA Rd 13
- 7th Uniform shop open
SPORTSPRO
- 8th SPORTSPRO
- 9th PSSA Round 14
Assembly – School Leaders

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Principal's message

Welcome back to all our students and families. I hope that you all had a relaxing holiday break and took advantage of the many interesting things that were going on in Sydney over the school holidays, or just enjoyed being with your children.

This term is going to be very busy with our annual Athletics Carnival and Open Day next week as well as our School Musical Concert at the end of the term.

Education Week

On Wednesday 31st July we will be holding our Open Day as part of Education Week. **Please note the revised start time:**

(SPORTSPRO for that day will be rescheduled to 19th September)

10:00am to 11:00am - In classrooms for Art/craft activities

11:00am to 11:45am - Recess

11:45am seated for Orchestra/Choir/Dance/Flute and Recorder group performance

12:45pm - Multicultural Lunch for all students and families.

This is a great opportunity for you to come and see the great work that goes on at West Ryde Public School.

Photographic Competition

Just a reminder that our Annual Photographic Competition is on again and the winners will be announced on Open Day.

Sister School

On Friday Mrs Chen and I attended a function at Middle Harbour Primary School where we met the Principal from our sister school in Shanghai. Mr Shen, the Principal, was very interested in our school and we learned much about his school, Shanghai JianPing Experimental Primary School, and its 2300 students.

We are looking forward to many opportunities to connect with our sister school and to hopefully host their students at our school in the future.

Thank you

Thank you to all the school community for your patience while our school email was down over the last 10 days. It is now rectified and we will be endeavouring to respond to all the outstanding emails that have been sent this week. As you would appreciate with 760 emails waiting for us in the inbox - it will take some time!

Sportspro	Week 2 – 8	\$40.00
Round the World in 80mins Concert	18 th September – Matinee only available	\$5 each or \$15 (for 4)

Reminders

STOP PRESS: “Round the World in 80 minutes” EVENING PERFORMANCE SOLD OUT !!
Matinee tickets are still available!

Homework Club for Term 3 will now be on Monday afternoon in the library between 3:15 and 4:15. If you would like your child to attend please see Mrs Lloyd Jones who will supply you with the necessary forms. Homework club is run by a qualified teacher and is organised to assist your child with any homework problems that they might be encountering.

Kindergarten Violin Lessons

Spaces are available for Kindy students in Term 3 to learn the violin. Please contact Mr Bramley if you are interested.

School Security

From Tuesday, 11th June the Mons Avenue and Bennett Street gates have been **locked between 9.00am and 2.45pm**. During these hours, entering and leaving the school will be via the Endeavour Street gate only. Any parents or visitors attending the school after 9.00am will be required to report to the school office and sign the visitors' book (this includes volunteer classroom helpers). Please collect a Volunteer/Visitor's badge to wear whilst on the school grounds.

Speech Therapist

The school is at present, organising to have a speech therapist come to the school once a week to provide therapy for children who are experiencing difficulty with expressive and receptive language.

The service will operate one day a week and can be paid for through your health fund or Medicare.

This service has been organised as many parents find it difficult to get appointments for their children due to their work commitments.

If you are interested in accessing this service please let your child's teacher know.

Library News

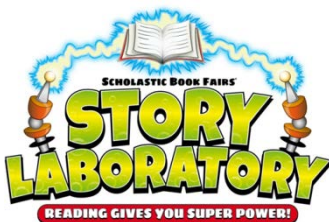
Book Week

Book Week is a time to celebrate outstanding Australian books for children. Each year, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) shortlists books in different categories (e.g. Picture Book, Early Childhood and Information Books). During Library lessons students will be taking part in a variety of activities based on the shortlisted books. The winning book and runner- up in each category will be announced by CBCA during Book Week (week 6).

Poster competition

The Book Week theme for 2013 is **Read Across the Universe**. Students are encouraged to design a poster with this theme. Posters should be clearly labelled with their name and class. Entries close Friday 16th August (end of week 5). All entries receive a complimentary book mark and winners from each class will be announced during Book Week (week 6).

Book Fair



To celebrate Book Week our school will be holding a Book Fair. The theme for the fair is **Story Laboratory: Reading Gives You Super Power!** Students will be able to preview the Book Fair on Wednesday 21st August. Sales will take place Friday 23rd August. We hope you can join us as we help students discover the power of reading. You are welcome to attend either of these days – more details to come.

HELP NEEDED... If you have some time to help out at the Book Fair on Friday 23rd August, please email Ms Armstrong wetryde-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the subject heading “Book Fair volunteer.”

Ms Armstrong – Teacher Librarian

Night Under the Stars (excerpt from Astronomical Society "Reflections Journal" – July 2013)

"The evening of 9th May 2013 turned out to be good with clear skies, as they had been ordered beforehand.

NSAS provided six telescopes and a parent a seventh one. Students and parents were well organised into groups and were allotted 15 minutes observation on each of the seven telescopes and this organisation worked out very well. The queues continued well after 8pm as people wanted to see more and the 80 – 100 families appeared to leave contented.

Our thanks go to Iain Bramley, the organising teacher from West Ryde PS and to the NSAS members who made this night a success The additional scope supplied by a parent was very welcome"

CANTEEN NEWS

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

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The opening days for the Uniform Shop for Term 3 will be Wednesday (from 8.45am – 9.15am) 17th & 24th June, 7th & 21st August and 4th and 11th September 2013.

P & C NEWS

Welcome back from the mid- year break. Winter sports season is coming to an end with rugby, league, soccer, Aussie Rules and netball finals in August. After a hectic 2nd term, culminating in a number of ski trips and holidays abroad, the third term is also an interesting one.

Thank you very much for your effort in the Woolworths Earn and Learn. We collected 392 sheets which have been sent in this week. We look forward to going through the catalogue. According to the school, last year the school received quite a number of items for the classrooms.

The federal election is now up in the air, since Mr Rudd is back in power. There is still no confirmation on the Gonski reforms as yet, although more and more states and stakeholders have signed on to it. Unlike Disabilitycare (NDIS), the education reform package does not enjoy bipartisan support. However we are hopeful that improvements to education funding might still occur.

As a president of the P&C, one of my tasks is to network and connect with other P&C organisations to see what we can improve on. This weekend the Federation of P&C Associations of NSW is holding its conference at the Bankstown Sports Club. I will attend a number of its sessions and report back at the August meeting. One of the great developments in West Ryde Public School has been the growth in sporting opportunities. Another opportunity has cropped up, with training sessions for cricket starting this term at the nets.

One part of my job is to build the volunteer network within the school. It is a great network within the school and is enjoyable. It also opens opportunities to areas which as a parent, we do not understand or have not seen. My job is also to uncover talents within the parent group so as to ensure the children are supported by the great work of their parents. I, and many on the committee as well as the staff understand the demands on our parents in terms of time and effort, especially where the school's community is a working community. If you are interested to get involved, please come speak to me.

Lastly, please note the change to the meeting dates. We will be having the meetings a week earlier for practical purposes and to avoid calendar clashes.

Alan Khaw – P & C President

WRPS MEETING DATES CHANGED FOR TERM 3

For practical reasons, the P&C meetings for this term are as follows:

AUGUST: Wed 14th August 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

SEPTEMBER: Wed 11th September 7:00 pm – 8:00pm

Volunteer parents required immediately

We have an **urgent** call out for volunteers to assist with school banking. This service caters for children learning to bank and is supported by the Commonwealth Bank.

It runs from around 8:40am to after the school bell. This is a great opportunity for Stage 1 parents (Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2) to get involved in school activities involving your children and meet other parents in the school.

Please contact **Kirsty Hyde** (kirstymhyde@gmail.com) **ASAP if you would like this role.**

FOR SALE

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Approximately 2000mm x 1100mm

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PAVERS – “Eastwood Grey”

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If you are interested in any of the above items please contact Mrs Kim Lloyd Jones (Principal) on 9874.2515



Call or text Sue: 0419-231-098

Email: taichis@optusnet.com.au

BEGINNERS LUNCHTIME

TAI CHI

health benefits.....

everyone welcome.....

friendly classes.....

Wednesdays & Thursdays

12.15pm-12.45pm

Introduction to Tai Chi

TOP RYDE

Ryde Civic Hall

1, Devlin St

THURSDAYS only

1.30pm-2.00pm

Meditation for beginners

Fridays

12.15pm-12.45pm

Introduction to Tai Chi

EPPING

Senior Citizens Centre

1 Chambers Court

(next to Library)

Start: Any week (NOT school holidays)

Cost: \$60 per Term (first class obligation free)

or drop in class -
\$8

Web Site: www.takeawaytaichi.com.au

WEST RYDE



Rovers Cricket

CRICKET REGISTRATION FOR 2013/14 SEASON

Boys and Girls

In2cricket (Milo) 4 - 7 yrs (10 week program, term 4.)

U8/U9 modified cricket competition.

10 – 16 yrs competition + girls only team.

Registration: Sunday 11 August (11am – 4pm)

Denistone Sports Club

59 Chatham Rd West Ryde.

Contact: Kerrie O'Brien (Club secretary)

roverscricket@gmail.com

"Spaces are still available for the Northern Sydney Local Health District, City of Ryde and Active Opportunities' FREE 10 week program for children to become fitter, happier and healthier.

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program provided free to children aged 7 - 13 years above a healthy weight and their parents/carers. The Program is part of the Healthy Children's Initiative and involves children and their parent/carer attending 2 hour sessions on nutrition and physical activity twice a week over a 9 week period during the school term (after school hours)

Sessions are held after school and include informative games, fun and active exercise activities, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion size, healthy shopping on a budget plus much more.

The Term 3 North Ryde Go4Fun details are:

North Ryde RSL Youth Club

Magdala Rd, North Ryde

Tuesdays and Thursdays

4pm - 6pm

First session: 16th July 2013

Registrations close on Friday 26th July. Contact the Northern Sydney Go4Fun Coordinator on 9976 9532 to register or visit www.mendcentral.org for more information."



Ryde Scout Group - Open Day

Invites you to come and try Scouting

**Sunday 28 July
10am to 2pm**

**Princes Street, Ryde
(opposite Ryde Park)**



be prepared for
new adventure



GREAT FUN, CAMPING,
BUSHWALKING, COOKING,
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the kids Everyone
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SCHOOLKIDS BONUS

The second payment of the Schoolkids bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to \$205 for each primary student and up to \$410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive the Family Tax Benefit Part A or if you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families **cannot** claim education expenses in the 2013-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids bonus payment for July, check your eligibility by visiting Australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

Parenting Programs

Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)

Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.

Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (12/8 - 9/9, 7.00-9.30pm)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course (3-8yrs)

Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.

Chatswood 7sessions over 8 wks - 5 group & 2 telephone (8/8 - 19/9)

Communicating with Kids Course (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)

Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.

Chatswood 6 wks/2.5hrs (13/8 - 17/9, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Teens Course

Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents' needs & behaviour.

Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs (31/7 - 28/8, 7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop

Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills

Chatswood (5/8, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop

Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager

Chatswood (24/7, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)

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| ★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums | ★ Transition to School |
| ★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training | ★ Transition to High School |
| ★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep | ★ Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series |
| ★ Older Sibling - New Baby | 1-12 years & Teens |
| ★ Bully Busting | ★ Dealing with Teen's Back Chat |
| ★ Resilient Kids | NEW ★ Grand Parenting |

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

www.nscchhs.health.nsw.gov.au/caparenting.htm



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Northern Sydney
Local Health District

