

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Feb

20th SPORTSPRO
Uniform shop open
P & C Meeting
21st SPORTSPRO
22nd Swimming Carnival (No assembly)
P & C BBQ
27th SPORTSPRO
28th SPORTSPRO

Mar

1st Golf starts
Assembly 5J
6th SPORTSPRO
Uniform shop open
7th SPORTSPRO
Zone Swimming Carnival
8th Zone Swimming Carnival
Golf
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Principal's message

At West Ryde Public we have a number of educational programs in operation to support the learning of our diverse range of students. I thought over the coming weeks I would try and give parents some insight into what these programs are.

What is Reading Recovery?

Reading Recovery is an early intervention program designed to reduce reading failure. It requires the provision of daily intensive, high quality assistance to students experiencing reading difficulties during the second year of school, based on the assumption that this is the most productive investment of resources.

Reading Recovery, which was developed and initiated in New Zealand by educator and psychologist Dame Marie M. Clay, provides individually tailored intervention procedures to help young students who are at risk of failure after the first year of reading instruction. Individually administered observation tasks are used to identify students in need of special help.

The Reading Recovery program aims to accelerate students' progress to average reading level of their class as quickly as possible so that they may obtain maximum benefit from classroom instruction.

This year we have Mrs Laurel Colley as our Reading Recovery Teacher and she will administer the program this year.

Thank you

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to come to our Meet the Teacher Evening. I hope that the information you received will help you to understand what your children will be studying this term.

Vale: Peter Duggan. On Monday evening Peter Duggan father of Hartley, Year 6 2012 and Alisha Year 6, 2009 passed away after a long battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with Therese, Hartley and Alisha and their extended family at this time.

NOTES/MONEY

Sportspro	Term 1 - Week 2 to Week 8	\$40.00
UNSW Competitions (Yrs 3-6 only)	Various dates	\$8.00 and \$17.00

Did you know?

Helping your child arrive at school on time assists them to develop habits in time management. It also enables students to arrive calm and settled ready to begin the day. The morning assemblies are an important time for messages about events and activities that are coming up during the week. When a student arrives late they often miss these messages and are often disappointed that they have missed out on an activity as they were not here to hear the information.

Friendly reminders

Please note: The office will not accept any money after 2.00pm

Welcome BBQ

Each year a Welcome BBQ is held to celebrate the beginning of a new year and to welcome new families to the school. This year it will be held on **Friday, 22nd February** in the school grounds **from 6.00pm**. Many P & C members and other parent volunteers are already hard at work to ensure it is a fun occasion for all. This is a terrific opportunity to get involved and I know they would greatly appreciate any further offers of help!

Swimming Carnival

The annual school swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 22nd February at Epping Aquatic Centre from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Parents are invited to come and cheer the children along. Cost for spectator entry is \$2.60

West Ryde Easter Parade

On Saturday, 23rd March we will be marching through the streets of West Ryde for the community Easter Parade. We will meet at 9am and the parade will commence at 9.30am. A note with all the details will come home soon.

Bollywood Disco

We are organising a family Bollywood night at the school on Friday, 5th April. Please mark this date in your calendar.

Pray Group for West Ryde School

A new group is beginning for those who would like to meet together and pray for our school community. The first meeting will be on Monday 4th March 7.30pm to 9pm at 8 James Street Melrose Park. For more information please speak to Julie Irving 0416 172 898 or Vicki Kwan 0404 096 225.



Chick News

We now have names for our chickens (see photos below). Mrs Boyd is selling chocolate easter eggs and toy fluffy chickens for 50c each and the money raised will go towards looking after the chickens.



RUSTY



MAGGIE



COCO



SPARKLES



P & c NEWS

It has impressed me how many parents get involved with their child's education at the school. The community feel of the school is a plus and as a parent I do enjoy it. This week is a bumper week, with parent teacher briefings on Monday followed by the School Swimming Carnival (Fri) and P&C events (Wed and Fri).

This Wednesday evening (20th Feb 7-8 pm) we will hold the P&C's first meeting of the year in the school library. It is a good opportunity to see the activities of the P&C in helping in our children's education. This is an important meeting as membership is determined and activities are planned. The committee members are a committed group of parents who volunteer their time and we welcome your involvement. In this meeting we have the opportunity to discuss school issues with our Principal, Mrs Lloyd-Jones. We will also be able to discuss and follow-up actions on issues in the public arena that may affect the education of our children, such as budget resource allocations, school expansions and curriculum changes.

This Friday the P & C will host a Welcome to the school BBQ event, ("Welcome Back" for the pros). Fellow parent volunteers are going to make it a fun night with a Lunar New Year theme and there's an obstacle jumping castle for the kids. There's also a selection of Chinese, Korean and Japanese dishes for purchase, and an espresso coffee truck will be available as well. This BBQ is a place for us to meet and share our experiences with those who are new to the school. The P&C Committee and I encourage you to be at both events.

This year will be a fantastic year, with school enrolments up by 15%. However, it is also challenging for teachers as the State government allocations have reduced some critical support for the school. For example, public schools accept students from all walks of life, some with challenges such as autism, and some with language delay. While the State government has increased our budget allocations due to student increases, ESL and disability itinerant support teams for the area has been reduced.

Meanwhile, the local member for Ryde, NSW Minister Hon. Victor Dominello, is a supporter of the school and has attended many of our events. I have the responsibility to engage with the government on areas that affect the school and have been fortunate enough to be able to meet the Minister a couple of times over the last few months.

If you have issues or ideas for the P&C, or would like to help us at our events, please just come up and say hi to me in the morning at drop off or afternoon pick-ups. If that is not possible, you can drop me a note at the school office, or send me an email on wrps@ehsai.com.au. We are looking for more volunteers to assist us (and even joining) on the committee especially in areas where we do not already have skills or resources in. For example, I would like a person with a marketing background to help us with marketing our events and programs to raise funds and awareness.

That's it from me this fortnight.

Alan Khaw (P&C President)

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is urgently in need of volunteers. If you can help out on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday please contact Holly Powell in the canteen or leave a message at the school office.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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



TOP NOTE MUSIC

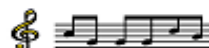
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In Term 1, 2013, we will continue to provide electronic keyboard organ/ piano lessons for students at your school. Students would be taught by a qualified music teacher for a 45minute lesson per week. Tuition is **\$18.00 per lesson**. Family discounts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

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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.....

RUGBY UNION PLAYERS NEEDED

There is a call out for Rugby Union players. In the U6-U8 teams, the players are still learning to pass and tackle. This would be the best time to start if your children are interested in playing rugby. In the U9 – U12 teams, the players begin to play structured moves and teams are generally matched by ability (via divisions). There are Saturday and Sunday comps, with the Sunday comps being more popular.

1. Epping RAMS U6-U12 are registering players on Tuesday 26 February, 2013 at the Somerville Park fields along Blaxland Road (just after the Balaclava Road junction). Please contact Kylie Evans (kylieevans@iinet.com.au). Depending on the team, they may play either on Saturday or Sunday comp.
2. North Rocks Rugby U6-U12 is also registering players. Please contact Jane Carpenter on carpenters.3@bigpond.com. NRR's home field is at Kingsdene Oval in Carlingford, off Pennant Hills Road. NRR is mainly a Sunday comp team.

If you need more info, you can speak to Alan Khaw (Jarrod played U11 with RAMS and U10 with NRR last year)

PLAY RUGBY

WITH YOUR LOCAL CLUB

For more information contact:



www.ryde.rugbynet.com.au

Warren Price 0410 668 741 or Graham Ferguson 0415 160 974



An invitation to visit Epping Boys High School

**Information Afternoon
Tuesday 5 March 2013
4 – 7 pm**



*Year 7 Massed Choir performing at the
Evening of Music 2012*

Parents and Students Year 7, 2014 and 2015

Parents and guardians of boys currently enrolled in Years 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend the school's Information Afternoon in the school hall.

Epping Boys High School has an outstanding tradition of academic, cultural and sporting achievement.

4.00pm – 5.00pm

- Principal and Deputy Principal presentations
- Boys to Men Program
- Student presentation
- Musical items
- Question and answer session with senior staff
- Meet key school personnel

5.00pm – 6.00pm

- Tours of the school

6.00 – 7.00pm Gifted and Talented Program 2014

- Presentation in the School Library to interested parents

For further information about our school and achievements please check our website:

www.eppingboys.nsw.edu.au

Email: eppingboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Address: 213 Vimiera Rd, Eastwood, NSW, 2122

Enrolment enquiries for 2014 are invited to the Enrolment Officer on 9869 2701.

parenting Programs

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)

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

Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (25/2-25/3, 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 (14/2-4/4)

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 (5/3 - 9/4, 7.00-9.30pm)

Communicating with Teens Course

Aims to increase your understanding of your adolescent's needs & behaviour with skills to relate to them.

Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs (13/3 -10/4, 7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop

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

Chatswood (14/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop

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

Chatswood (6/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

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



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