

# The Endeavour

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

### May

22<sup>nd</sup> Uniform shop open  
23<sup>rd</sup> Zone Cross Country  
24<sup>th</sup> PSSA Round 5  
Assembly – 3T  
Walk to School Day  
Hamburger Day  
27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> National Reconciliation Wk  
29<sup>th</sup> Apple Excursion  
30<sup>th</sup> Orchestra Excursion  
Apple Excursion  
31<sup>st</sup> PSSA Round 6  
Assembly – School Leaders

### Jun

3<sup>rd</sup> Library Excursion – KT  
4<sup>th</sup> Library Excursion – KM  
5<sup>th</sup> Uniform shop open  
6<sup>th</sup> Library Excursion – KH

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## Principal's message

### Sleep and your child's levels of achievement

When children start school in Kindergarten they will experience an action packed day of learning and play. That is why it is important that all young children get enough sleep to help them cope with school and to maximise their learning and enjoyment.

Children between the ages of 5 to 10 generally need about 10-12 hours of sleep, although the accepted amount on average is 8 hours.

Children who do not get enough sleep each evening are at a serious disadvantage which correlates to IQ and achievement.

Try these bedtime tips to ensure that your child gets enough sleep in their formative learning years to enable them to achieve success.

- Discourage use of electronic media 1 hour before bed.
- Encourage relaxing pre-bed habits such as reading.
- Be firm about what you expect e.g.: reading for 10 minutes then lights out. Remember you are the adult and know what is best for them.

## Thank you

I would like to thank all our parents, children, community members and staff that helped make the working bee on Saturday such a huge success. Mulch was moved, walls scrubbed, paths swept, shelves constructed, chairs cleaned and the list goes on. The school is now looking so tidy and clean.

We are very lucky to have so many in our school community give up their time for the many events that occur during the year.

## Astrology Evening

I am sure that you would agree that there was something for everyone at last week's Night under the stars.

From staring at the stars with the Ipad apps to using the huge telescopes from the Astronomy Society, everywhere you looked there was interest and activity.

Thank you to all the staff who after an early start for the Mother's Day breakfast stayed to assist in making the evening such a wonderful learning experience for the students. Thank you must also go to the P&C and parent helpers for organising the BBQ.

## NOTES/MONEY

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|---------------------|--|---------|
| Apple Excursion     | Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May | \$5.00  |
| Orchestra Excursion | Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May                              | \$20.00 |

## Debating and Public Speaking

The first debate of the year against Meadowbank Public School saw our senior debating team take the negative stance on the topic: The School Vegetable Garden, Educational or a Waste of Time. Our team presented a very strong argument and won the debate easily. Mr Hayllar and Mrs Lee will be working with the students over the coming weeks to ensure that they all have the skills to present a strong team for the next debate.

## Space Art Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following students who won some wonderful prizes for their terrific artwork!

“People’s Choice” Award - Jorris KT

“K-2” Award - Mitchell 2/3W

“Yr 3-4” Award - Prisha 3T

“Yr 5-6” Award - Karin 5J won

## Mother’s Day Breakfast – Thank you

Thank you to Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club for supporting our school and funding the Mother’s Day Breakfast.

## Reminders



### Walk to School Safely Day – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May

To celebrate ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ we are having a healthy lunch day.

Don’t forget to order your healthy Hamburger lunch pack!

An order form went home last week and additional order forms are available from the school office.



### Woolworths Earn & Learn

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.

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## CANTEEN NEWS

Please do not send \$50 or \$100 notes to the canteen as we do not have 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, 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June from 8.45am – 9.15am.

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## P & C NEWS

Dear Parents,

What a hectic two weeks. Time flies when you're having fun. I think many thanks go to the parents who turned up for the Working Bee and turned our school inside out. Thanks also to those parents who contributed through our buy out scheme, as the money went into the buying equipment for the working bee and also to the sausage sizzle for small army. All the mulching was impressively done, the verandah to the OOSH cleaned, new cupboards for the uniform shop and much of the walls and surrounding areas cleaned. I would like to acknowledge Chris Bested for the fine work he's done in organising the Working Bee.

Also the Night under the Stars was fantastic and again the teachers of WRPS made it a great night for the children and our families. To see Saturn and its rings in real life is a fantastic experience. Again, please acknowledge Mr Bramley for organising the night and the teachers for the long working day.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, it is Public Education Day and so we should reflect on the work of the teachers and the effect they have on our children, despite the challenges of a public school system.

I have also just reserved the activities for the Christmas Market Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December and we will be providing more information about the Market Day in our next P&C meeting. If you are interested to get involved, please see Alison Chan or myself.

Don't forget to come to our next meeting in June when Hon Victor Dominello will attend with an official from the Ministry of Education to explain the changes to the budget and impact on teaching support.

Alan Khaw  
P & C President

### Working Bee Photos







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## BEGINNERS LUNCHTIME

### TAI CHI

health benefits.....

everyone welcome.....

friendly  
classes.....

### Wednesdays & Thursdays

12.15pm-12.45pm

Introduction to Tai Chi

### THURSDAYS only

1.30pm-2.00pm

Meditation for beginners

### Fridays

12.15pm-12.45pm

Introduction to Tai Chi

### TOP RYDE

Ryde Civic Hall  
1, Devlin St

### EPPING

Senior Citizens Centre  
1 Chambers Court  
(next to Library)

**Start:** Any week (NOT school holidays )

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

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### WEST RYDE

West Ryde Public School  
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**Mon & Thur 4:30 – 5:30pm**

Ryde Hunters Hill  
Symphony Orchestra



# Child's Play

2.00pm | Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013

Ryde Civic Centre Hall | 1 Devlin Street | Ryde

Buy Tickets online [www.rhhsO.org.au](http://www.rhhsO.org.au) or on the day

## Concert for Families and Young Budding Musicians.

Come and discover the sounds of the symphony orchestra. Our musicians will demonstrate how beautiful sounds are made from the different instruments of the orchestra.

From flute to double bass, children will learn about and be delighted by magnificent sounds.

Featuring music by Mozart, Respighi and other classical masters

Conductor George Ellis Concertmaster Rob Nijs

Classical Carols!

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

A Christmas concert for the whole family. Come and sing your favourite carols with a symphony orchestra. It's not every day you get to sing with an orchestra! From old favourites like Jingle Bells and O Come All Ye Faithful to some modern Christmas songs, let's get into the

Christmas spirit together with expert orchestral musicians.



Featuring a special guest performer – shh, it's a secret!

## RHHSO Concert Dates

### Main Concerts

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

### Children's Christmas Concert

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

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