

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Mar

6th SPORTSPRO

Uniform shop open

7th SPORTSPRO

Zone Swimming Carnival

8th Zone Swimming Carnival

Golf

Assembly – School Leaders

11th Stewart House bags due back

12th Selective School exam

13th SPORTSPRO

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15th Golf

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Welcome BBQ

What a great evening we had for our annual welcome BBQ and Multicultural Food evening.

We are very lucky at our school to have the support of so many of our parents who give of their time to provide opportunities for all to connect with our school community.

The students and some of our more adventurous parents had a great time on the jumping castle and you had to get in quick if you wanted to try the fantastic noodles, dumplings and sushi that were made by many of our mothers.

The BBQ helpers worked well into the evening and our mums in the canteen did great business selling water and cold drinks.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who made this evening such a great success.

Swimming Carnival

We had a highly successful Swimming Carnival on 22nd of February with a small number of students swimming in all the various heats. The theme for the day was participation and enthusiasm and the students certainly achieved this. Our sincere thanks to Mr Hayllar and Ms Belme for their exceptional organisation of the carnival. Our thanks also to the parent volunteers who assisted us greatly. We couldn't have done it without the fabulous team effort of all the teachers and parent volunteers involved. And most importantly, well done to all of the students and parents who participated in races during the day.

Our full support and best wishes are now with the students representing the school at the Zone Swimming Carnival tomorrow and Friday.

General Advice to all Parents

Parents are advised that their conduct and behaviour on the playground is the same as you would expect of the staff. Parents are asked to speak in an acceptable manner in the presence of students and to not behave in an aggressive manner towards other parents. West Ryde has always prided itself on our friendly school community and we wish it to remain so. Thank you for your co-operation.

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?

It's not okay to be away... nor to be late to school

We often talk about students being at school every day and on time. I recently came across the following information that I thought parents might be interested in reading.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true.

The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

Also, many teachers say, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle, as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

Allergy & Anaphylaxis Fundraiser

Ezra has done it! 25km bike ride with a few scratches, 1 stumble and a happy smile. She worked so hard and a great effort for her little legs. Thank you to all who donated and all your encouragement. On behalf of our team and Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia, our heartfelt thanks. Thank you West Ryde Public School for your support



Ezra with her free bag – still smiling after 25km



Allergy & Anaphylaxis Team

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you? The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR).

Check your eligibility by visiting Australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132.468.

Friendly reminders

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 next week.

Bollywood Disco

Thank you to all the volunteers. I will be in touch soon. We still need volunteers for cooking, if you are interested please see me or Mrs Chaudhary.

I am sorry for any confusion my note may have caused concerning acts for the night. This is only open to adults with a background in Indian dance or singing etc. It is not a talent quest performance for students.

Mrs Boyd



Chick News

The chickens are surviving the rain and seem very happy. We are waiting to see when our new chicks will start laying their first eggs.

If anyone would like to be involved in any of the following activities, please see Mrs Boyd.

- Feeding, cleaning, gathering eggs, general looking after the chickens in the morning (your time) with the help of 3 children from my class.
- Feeding, cleaning, gathering eggs, general looking after the chickens on weekends.
- Feeding, cleaning, gathering eggs and general looking after the chickens in the school holidays.

Swimming Lessons in Term 4

Every year the school organises swimming lessons for our students to learn this important skill which could one day save their life. With only 48 of our students competing in races at our swimming carnival this year it would be great if you could ensure that your child can swim if they do not already do so. If your child does not already have swimming lessons this is a great opportunity.

Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an initiative of the NSW State government with Dymocks Children's Charities (principal sponsor) and Sun-Herald (media partner). The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge. Students in Year 2-6 are required to read 20 books independently. At least 15 must be selected from the appropriate booklist and the other five can be personal choices or from PRC. K-1 students will complete the challenge as a class – 30 books need to be read by the Teacher Librarian and/or Classroom Teacher. Reading logs are used to keep a personal ongoing record of books read.

Booklists are located in the Library for students use. The booklists represent a range of books including fiction, non-fiction, picture books, poetry and drama and include a wide variety of Australian authors.

Students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate. Students who complete the Challenge for **four** years receive a Gold certificate. Students who complete the Challenge for **seven** years receive a Platinum certificate.

Your support and encouragement is appreciated.

Did you know...

Students can access the WRPS Library catalogue from home. Once logged on to the Student Portal, click 'My Library.' The PRC booklists can also be accessed by clicking on 'Reading Lists.' Happy browsing!

Ms Armstrong

WRPS Teacher Librarian



Photos from the Community BBQ

P & c NEWS

Dear Parents,

By now the class lists would have been circulated to all the class parents for parents to keep in touch with each other. The class parents are as follows:

Class	Class Parent	Class	Class Parent
KH	Ashika/Rushika Garg	2C	Sugan Govender
KS	Geoff Orchard	2/3W	Milla Krishvoznaya
KT	Karin Hofstra	3T	Jane Huang
K/1M	Tracey Russell	4B	Nikki Lawson
1L	Jo Cleland	4/5H	Carolyn Lain
1D	Bernadette Moll	5J	Dennice Perry
2B	Ai Keng Ong	6A	Olivia Phoon

Recently we had the Welcome BBQ for the school which is mainly to welcome the new parents and students to the school. We also welcome back all the parents and students for another great year at the school. I am very humbled and energised by the turnout and the coming together of all the parents and helpers to make this a great event. I need to thank a number of parents:

- Jenny, Michelle, Christina, Lynn and Yoko for the fantastic Asian food stall
- James and so many parents (too many to name) and teachers who helped out with the BBQ
- Raquel and Alison for organising the day
- Carolyn and Alison for taking care of the money
- Teachers for helping out everywhere

What a day! The community feeling was strong and I saw all of us having fun, especially the kids and the obstacle course in the hall. Also thanks to Anne for the Chinese New Year lanterns. And thank you to the three members of the quartet – Evan, Kaito and Joanna – who gave their busking money to the P&C! Well done to the senior orchestra members.

For an event that was not about raising money, the net \$600 raised was the icing on the cake. What was more the presence of Minister Hon Victor Dominello was a nice, but, important one. Given his limited time, it was really nice of him to drop by. He was very impressed with the community involvement at the school and looks forward to supporting our school community again.

For those of you who missed our first P&C meeting, a number of items have come up which require our attention, namely the funding of education will be decided on soon and recurring safety issues around the school. (Check out www.igiveagonski.com.au). There are also the coming events which will be held early this year. As a result, a small number of parents have set up a **working group for traffic safety** to make submissions to the relevant authorities to improve safety before someone gets hurt. I recommend any parent who is concerned with traffic safety at the school to get involved.

See you at the next event at the West Ryde Easter Parade and the School Easter Raffle.

Alan Khaw - 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 20th March and 3rd April.

OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS

with children aged 0-18 years

at the West Ryde Community Hall

Are you concerned about your child's development?

Have one on one discussions about your child's development.

Find out about local services that support you and your child, including: **Centrelink, Medicare, Housing, Carers Support, Department of Education, Local Services** and more...

Date Wednesday 27 March 2013
Time 10.00am - 2.00pm
Venue West Ryde Community Hall
3-5 Anthony Road, West Ryde.

For more information call Maria (Hunters Hill Ryde Community Services Social Support Team Leader) on 9817 0101.

Korean and Mandarin interpreters will be at the workshop.
워크샵에는 한국어와 중국어 (만다린) 통역사들이 있을 것입니다.
研討會上將會有韓文和中文口譯員提供協助



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웨스트 라이더 복지관에서 열리는 신생아부터 18살 자녀를 두신 부모님들을 위한 복지 서비스 오픈데이

당신의 자녀 성장에 대하여 염려하고 계신가요?

당신의 자녀 성장에 관하여 일대일 토론을 해보세요. 당신과 당신의 자녀를 지원하는 지역 복지 서비스에 대해 함께 알아 보아요.

센터링크와 의료복지 (메디케어), 주택(하우스), 케어러(간병인 보호자) 지원, 교육부 그리고 지역 서비스외에도 유용한 복지 서비스 정보를 받으실 수 있습니다.

날짜: 2013 년 3월 27일
시간: 오전 10시 - 오후 2시까지
장소: 웨스트 라이드 안토니 로드 3-5, 웨스트 라이드 커뮤니티 홀

자세한 문의는 아래의 번호로 마리아 (헌터스 힐 라이드 커뮤니티 서비스 팀 리더)에게 전화하여 주십시오.

한 국인 그리 고 중국인 직 원들과 통역사들 이 당신과 함께 합니다.



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在西麗特社區會堂舉行之家長開放日

在西麗特社區會堂舉行之家長開放日(子女18歲以下)
子女成長引起您的關慮嗎?

可以和有關人仕單獨商談您的子女成長
協助您和您的孩子之當區服務包括聯邦福利
(Centrelink), 醫療(Medicare), 房屋(Housing), 照
顧者援助(Carers Support), 教育(Department of
Education), 當區服務(Local services), 等等……

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於韓語及
普通話工作
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- ✓ RESPECT
- ✓ SELF DEFENSE
- ✓ DISCIPLINE
- ✓ FUN



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Where: West Ryde Public School
Endeavour Street, West Ryde

Date & Time: Mon & Wed 4:30 – 5:30pm



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