

# The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter  
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## Upcoming events

### May

### Jun

- 6<sup>th</sup> Library Excursion – KH
- 7<sup>th</sup> PSSA Round 7  
Assembly – 2B
- 10<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 11<sup>th</sup> Library Excursion – KS
- 13<sup>th</sup> No recorder lessons
- 14<sup>th</sup> PSSA Round 8  
Assembly – School leaders
- 17<sup>th</sup> ICAS Competition – Writing
- 19<sup>th</sup> Uniform shop open  
Stage 2 Incursion  
P & C Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> PSSA Round 9  
Assembly – 1L

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## Principal's message

### Bullying

Sometimes the word bullying comes up in conversation with parents on the playground and some confusion seems to permeate when the topic is discussed.

Bullying by definition is **repeated** unwanted aggressive behaviour that can be in the form of verbal, physical, social or psychological.

Often parents will come to me regarding an incident that has happened **once** and claim that this is bullying. As stated above bullying is repeated over a period of time.

I would also caution parents regarding speaking to other parents about their children's behaviour towards others. If you feel that there is an issue with another student and their behaviour towards your child, you should first speak to the class teacher who will inform me and steps will be taken to resolve the matter for all involved. You should never take matters into your own hands.

We do take bullying behaviour seriously and will always endeavour to take steps to protect all the students at our school and ensure that they are safe and happy. The school has programs in place that address bullying behaviour and frequently speak to the children about this issue.

Please remember that we cannot do anything to rectify a problem if we do not know about it.

### Debating

This week our debating team will compete against Melrose Park where we will be the affirmative team debating that "**children should learn a second language at school**".

## Photographic Competition

Don't forget that in Education Week we will be holding our annual photographic competition. The categories this year are: Seasonal colour, Celebrations or Streetscapes - so choose your category and get snapping.

## NOTES/MONEY

Stage 2 CSIRO Incursion	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June	\$8.00

## School Security

From Tuesday, 11th June the Mons Avenue and Bennett Street gates will be **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 visitor's book (this includes volunteer classroom helpers).

## Apple Excursion

Last week some lucky students attended the Apple store in Bondi Junction to learn how to use the apps "Garage Band" and "iMovie". The children produced a variety of movies that were premiered at our assembly on Friday.

## 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.

## Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to all the children and staff who donated a gold coin to raise money for "Stewart House".

We raised a total of \$218.00. See below some photos of the fantastic hairstyles we saw on Crazy Hair day.



## The Big Morning Tea

What a wonderful experience it was for all the children and staff to be involved in this cause. We raised \$338 to be donated to Westmead Children's Hospital for their research into a cure for cancer.

# Reminders



## Woolworths Earn & Learn

Thank you to all those in the school community who are participating in this promotion. This promotion will **finish this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June**. We look forward to redeeming our coupons for some valuable resources for our school.

## Parent Technology Evening

Please note that the Parent Technology Evening set down for 12<sup>th</sup> June will be rescheduled to a later date.

## Library News

### Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to those that have completed the challenge. Students have until the end of August to finish. You are encouraged to continue to borrow books from the PRC list if you have not yet completed the challenge. Happy reading!

### Free access to website

Students at WRPS have a **free trial access** to **Skwirk**, an online education website until the 26/06/2013. It is an Australian interactive learning website that features content written specifically for the NSW syllabus. It contains animations, videos, podcasts, games and quizzes. You might even find great information for up and coming homework tasks!

Feel free to give me any feedback.

### **FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO GET STARTED**

1) Go to [www.skwirk.com.au](http://www.skwirk.com.au) and log-in.

Year Level	Username	Password
Stage1 (K-2)	skwirk.nsw.stage1	lamb
Stage2 (3-4)	skwirk.nsw.stage2	lamb
Stage3 (5-6)	skwirk.nsw.stage3	lamb

## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be trialling pumpkin soup for recess and lunch for \$1.25 per cup. Orders would be preferable.

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The last opening day for the Uniform shop for Term 2 will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 8.45am – 9.15am.

## Prayer for West Ryde School

Come and join with other parents to pray for our school.

Monday 17th June, 9.10am at West Ryde McDonald's party room.

For more information contact Julie Irving on 0416 172 898

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



Part of **TAFE** NSW

**Help with reading, writing, spelling, maths and computer skills  
for adults at Meadowbank Campus of TAFE**

**Enrolment day: Wednesday, 26 June, 2013,  
from 12:00 to 7 pm.**

**Come to block R, level 1, room R1.7 at Meadowbank TAFE.**

Our classes are for adults who want to start with the basics

- To return to work
- To get a job
- To start a new course
- To become more confident
- To help children with their schoolwork



Our courses are **FREE** for Permanent Residents and Australian Citizens.  
We have day and evening classes.

For more information call  
**The Literacy/Numeracy Centre 9942-3567**



## Swish Education to Open in the July School Holidays Opening Offer

**We are pleased to announce that starting in the July school holidays Swish Education will open at Epping Boys High School**

At Swish, our mission is to run extraordinary learning experiences for primary school aged children during the school holidays.

To see the full program details [click here](#)

We put the emphasis on learning through fun, and creativity.

All workshops are run in small, age specific groups, by experienced and qualified professionals, who inspire and bring workshops to life – from cooking, to archaeology, even messy mayhem in chemistry.

	July 3rd Wednesday	July 4th Thursday	July 10th Wednesday	July 11th Thursday
Kindergarten - Yr1	Professor Makin A Mess...At Home	Dr. R.K. Ology... Mummified	International Chef Mr Ican Cooke... Mealtimes at My House	Magical Moments... How to Raise a Dragon
Years 2, 3	Digging Archaeology... Valley of the Kings	Adventure Time...Kids Versus the Wild	Get Into Gear You're an Engineer... Helter Skelter We Need a Shelter	Chemical Chaos... Corrosion Erosion Explosion
Years 4, 5, 6	Culture Vultures... Voyage of the Vampires	Bitmonkeys... Camera, Computer, Action!	Construction Instruction... A Box of Tricks	Welcome to the Crime Lab... Hey that's My DNA!

**Because we believe that you will love Swish workshops as much as we do, we are offering a once only special, to enrol your child in a day long trial workshop in July FREE of charge\*.**

**Limited places. Book now!**  
For Bookings [click here](#)

Programs normally \$98 per day, with parents eligible for a 50% rebate from the federal government, [see website for details.](#)

Quote promotion code

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\*A \$4 booking fee applies. Limit of 1 child per trial

