

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Aug

- 21st Book Fair Preview
Uniform shop open
SPORTSPRO
- 22nd SPORTSPRO
- 23rd Book Fair Sales
PSSA Finals
Assembly – Leaders
- 26th Acacia Concert (Orchestra)
Stg 3 Parent Meeting -Myuna Bay
- 27th Zone Athletics Carnival
- 28th SPORTSPRO
Father's Day Stall
- 29th Father's Day Breakfast
- 30th Assembly - KH

Sep

- 3rd Choir Rehearsal – Riverside GHS
Yr 6 Excursion
- 4th SPORTSPRO
Uniform shop
- 5th SPORTSPRO
- 6th Assembly - Leaders

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Principal's message

Most people would be aware of the incident at St Ives North Public School where an 8 year old child lost their life following an asthma attack.

While details of the incident are not clear it highlights the need for parents to ensure that the school has up- to- date health care plans for all students with health issues. It is the responsibility of parents to provide the school with health care plans developed by their child's doctor outlining the required care, treatment and management of the child's condition while they are in the school's care.

We have requested up to date plans from many families, however, if your child has recently been identified as having a health issue you should send that information to the school immediately.

Also please make sure that any changes to your contact details are sent to the school. This includes emergency contact details as we have had incidents this term where we have not been able to contact parents when their child has been injured. I am sure you would agree that if your child's injury required attending the doctor, or even hospital, that you would want to be informed as soon as possible.

Parent Helpers

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our parents (and other family members) who give of their time to assist the school.

We have a number of activities coming up this term and next, that require your support. The Canteen, the Father's Day Stall, Election Day BBQ and the Christmas Markets all require a huge amount of time and effort. Even an hour of your time makes a huge difference.

School Concert Performance

Recently we have had students telling their class teachers that they will not be available for the evening performance of our school musical as they have to attend coaching college.

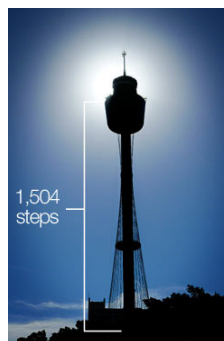
This is a one- off evening performance, and as such, all students are expected to be available.

NOTES/MONEY

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| Sportspro | Week 2 – 8 | \$40.00 |
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“Round the World in 80 minutes” - SOLD OUT !!
No more tickets available



Last Sunday 18th August 2013, our Year 6 students, William, Andrea, Christine and Mr Hayllar took some time out of their weekend to climb Sydney's Centrepont Tower to raise money for Giant Steps – a school that supports children with autism.

The team climbed all 1504 steps and rose 260 vertical metres from Pitt St Mall to the top of Sydney Tower and made it to the top in just less than 20 minutes. Congratulations! Our goal is to raise \$500.00 for this very worthy cause. If you would like to donate to the cause please follow this link to our everyday hero page.

<https://give.everydayhero.com/au/peter-17>. Or access the site through the link on our school website.

Thank you to all our support crew on the day, we couldn't have done it without you.

- The West Ryde Warrior

Netball

Congratulations to all our netballers for a fantastic season. West Ryde Public School had 3 great netball teams, two of whom won their semi-finals last week and head to the grand final this week! If you can, please come down to the netball courts to show your support. The first game is at 12.15pm for the Junior A's followed by the Senior's game at 1pm.

Congratulations again girls and good luck!

Soccer

Congratulations to both our boys and girls soccer teams for an enthusiastic and exciting season.

With such tough competition, we were unable to make it to the finals this year, but have displayed great sportsmanship on the field and all team members and the coaches are to be congratulated. Thank you also to all our parent soccer supporters and good luck for next season!

Reminders

Father's Day Stall

The P & C will be running the Father's Day Stall on Wednesday, 28th August. There will be a selection of gifts available to purchase ranging from \$1 to \$10. We are sure your children would love to buy a Father's Day present, so please support this P & C fundraiser and give your child a small amount of money to buy a gift.

Father's Day Breakfast

The Father's Day Breakfast will be held Thursday, 29th August at 7.45am under the COLA. A reminder note will be sent home this week and please RSVP as soon as possible.

School Swimming Scheme

Our school swimming scheme is scheduled for Term 4 starting on Monday 4th November and continuing for two weeks.

Given the rules on child protection the teaching staff is unable to assist children with dressing and undressing. With this in mind we cannot offer places to Kindergarten and only children from Years 1-6 will be able to attend.

If you are interested in your child attending, the lessons will cost \$7.80 per day plus the cost of the bus. An approximate price will be in the vicinity of \$150.00 inclusive. The exact price will be given closer to the date.

A note will be sent home this week so that you can indicate your interest in your child attending.

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.

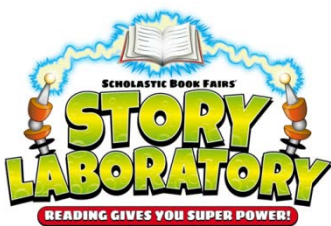
The service will operate one day a week and can be paid for through your health fund or Medicare.

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 Fair



To celebrate Book Week our school is holding a Book Fair. The theme for the fair is **Story Laboratory: Reading Gives You Super Power!** Students will preview the Fair on Wednesday 21st August. **Sales will take place Friday 23rd August.** We hope that you can join us as we help students discover the power of reading. Parents/carers are welcome to attend either of these days. The Library will open at 8:30am and close 4:00pm.

HELP NEEDED... If you have some time to help out (cashiering, keeping shelves tidy, assisting shoppers) at the Book Fair on Friday 23rd August, please see Ms Armstrong ASAP.

Ms Armstrong – Teacher Librarian

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)
21st August, *4th and *11th September 2013 (*amended dates)

P & C NEWS

It is now the end of August and after the massive event called the City to Surf, where suddenly the sun comes out and we all feel as if spring is here. Don't be fooled, it's still a few weeks to go. However, with sunshine, spirits normally lift after a dark winter. This year has been definitely a dark one, with so many uncertainties in the community. This feeling of uncertainty is felt by different people in different ways, especially if our jobs or our family are affected and the lack of direction due to a looming federal election. That uncertainty is reflected in our stress levels and how we treat each other in the school and our kids. I hope that this will change with the onset of better weather.

The August P&C meeting was well attended with a larger number of Stage 1 parents attending which is a good sign. We also had quite a few items to be resolved. However, we need volunteers to head up the following subcommittees:

- **Canteen Food:** a number of initiatives are being looked at with Ms Farthing and Holly and we will need regular volunteers to be part of the subcommittee for Canteen Food.
- **Road Safety:** We need help in this area to help drive the ideas for ensuring safety of our children. We have specific ideas for implementation and need someone to project manage the ideas through the Road and Maritime Services Department and Ryde City Council.

We will respect your involvement and hope that you will be involved despite language or physical barriers. This is also a great opportunity for new parents in the school and recent migrants to get involved in the community. Volunteers play a big part in the public school system, especially in a school like ours, to let our kids stand tall against larger, more prestigious schools.

On this topic, Mrs Lloyd Jones will be presenting a short analysis of 2012 NAPLAN results vs schools in our area. Hopefully the NAPLAN school results are available by then. If you are concerned about NAPLAN results and the school's ranking, you should attend the September meeting.

In the next couple of weeks, I will also be asking parents to return a questionnaire relating to how you would like to see the school progress and how the P&C can contribute. I would like you to think of short term (1 year) improvements, medium term programs (1-3 years) and long term works (3-7 years). Already on the P&C list as suggestions are classrooms to be built, a swimming pool, new hall roof, adding 1 storey to the hall, introduction of multimedia programs and expansion of the music programs. In the past the P&C has funded the air-conditioning for the new classrooms, installed new netball nets, purchased iPads, teachers' resources and funded teachers' aides/special education teachers for the kids.

On a personal note, I was very humbled to witness Assistant Principal Peter Hayllar with 3 Year 6 students (Andrea, Christina and William) climb 1504 stairs (and 309 metres) up Sydney Tower to support Giant Steps, a local charity based in Gladesville that runs a school for autistic children from pre-school to Year 12. When I was told of this event, Ai Keng and I were very surprised and thankful for the support given to the school where our son, Cayden, is currently attending playgroup on Wednesdays.

Alan Khaw

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE

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

At the school library.



Call or text Sue: 0419-231-098

Email: taichis@optusnet.com.au

BEGINNERS LUNCHE TIME

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

MARSFIELD

Marsfield Community Centre

1A Trafalgar Place

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 **PLAYERS WANTED**

U9 MODIFIED COMP. 3 more players

U10 - 3 MORE PLAYERS

U12 - 3 MORE PLAYERS

U13 - 2 MORE PLAYERS

U15 - 4 MORE PLAYERS

Contact: Kerrie O'Brien (Club secretary)

roverscricket@gmail.com OR

Fiona Harrison (Club registrar)

fiona.rovers@gmail.co



Dance classes are running to train children on Indian classical dance **BHARATANATYAM** and **BOLLYWOOD DANCE**.

Helps to keep your body flexible, Improves concentration and stamina and keeps you fit.

WHERE : WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL

WHEN : EVERY MONDAY

TIME : 3.15 PM to 4.15PM

COST : \$15 per lesson or \$150 per term

CONTACT : Anitha Justin. Email: anithaeve@yahoo.com Mobile:0401 099 583



Our Home Loans help you assist your School

St George Bank at Top Ryde is offering a home loan referral program to parents, friends and families of our school by giving a percentage commission payment of the total settled home loan amount, to West Ryde Public School. Please talk to Pratibha Vashist at **Top Ryde St George** Branch telephone 8113.6900 and mention this advertisement.



- Competitions:
 - Crazy Captions Competition
 - Console Gaming
- Software Design Projects
- Digital Graphics
- Video Editing
- Robotics
- Lucky Door Prizes

If your son is thinking of coming to Epping Boys High School it is a great opportunity to see some of the works students produce. You are also invited to attend our annual Art Expo which will be held on the same night in the school hall.



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OPEN MORNING

Each year we receive a large number of enquiries from parents about studying at North Sydney Girls High School.

We are holding an Open Morning on **Wednesday 11 September 2013** between 9.30 - 11.30am for prospective students and their parents.



**NORTH SYDNEY BOYS
HIGH SCHOOL**

OPEN DAY

**TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2013
9:15AM - 12:00PM**



The North Sydney Boys community invites you to Open Day. Join us to discover how we deliver excellence and innovation in boys' education. Our students, parents and teachers look forward to welcoming you to the school and sharing with you what make North Sydney Boys so unique.

School Tours: 9:15am; 9:30am; 9:45am; and 11:15am

Principal's Address and student presentations: 10:45am

**Corner of Falcon and Miller Streets,
CROWS NEST**

Phone: 9955 4748

Parking in the surrounding streets is limited to 2 hours. Public transport links to the school are very good; visit the transport website at 131500.com.au for timetable information.





Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

Important Information for Parents

Many children and eligible adults may be missing out on free dental care as they are not aware of the Public Dental Service. Public Dental Services have received additional Commonwealth funding and waiting times have reduced. Now is an excellent time for people to contact Public Dental Service for an appointment.

Free Dental Care

for all school aged children and eligible adults

Northern Sydney Local Health District Oral Health Service provides free dental care to all children, less than 18 years old, who are eligible for Medicare and reside in the Local Health District. Recent Commonwealth funding has enabled waiting times to be considerably reduced so now is an excellent time to request dental care.

This includes general dentistry such as examinations, x-rays, fillings and extractions. For more extensive treatment children may be referred for more specialised care to another clinic in the Local Health District, Sydney Dental Hospital or Westmead Centre for Oral Health.

Dental care is provided by teams of fully qualified and experienced Dentists, Oral Health Therapists, and Dental Therapists.

To access the service contact the dental call centre on:

1300 789 404

Patients are triaged in accordance with NSW Health Policy. Those with a dental emergency- trauma, facial swelling or uncontrolled bleeding- are highest priority and will be seen on the same or next day.

Adults (18 years or older) can also access the service for dental care and denture services but must also have, or be listed as a dependant on, one of the following valid Australian government concession cards :

- Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

Dental clinics are located at Mona Vale Hospital, Dee Why, Hornsby Hospital, Royal North Shore Community Health Centre, Cox's Rd (North Ryde) and Top Ryde.