

# The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter  
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## Upcoming events

### Mar

- 21<sup>st</sup> SPORTSPRO  
Harmony Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Golf  
Easter Hat Parade
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – West Ryde Parade
- 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Scripture Service
- 27<sup>th</sup> SPORTSPRO
- 28<sup>th</sup> SPORTSPRO  
Stage 2 Excursion
- 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

### Apr

- 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Monday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Uniform shop open  
Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 4<sup>th</sup> School Cross Country Carnival
- 5<sup>th</sup> Golf  
Assembly – 4B  
Bollywood Disco

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## Principal's message

### Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Zone Swimming Carnival. It was great to see the level of participation from our students and the fantastic achievements of the school overall. A special mention should go to Hwan who swam in the Senior relay in the place of a team member who was absent. This was a great achievement from Hwan as he was competing in the Junior division and without him swimming the Senior relay the team could not have competed.

### Harmony Day

This year on Harmony Day the students leaders will address morning assembly to speak about the messages behind Harmony Day and the importance of saying no to racism and discrimination and, acting in a way, every day, that shows acceptance and inclusiveness. Our Harmony Day activities will include wearing mufti with some item of clothing orange in colour or your cultural clothing as well as buddy activities in classes. Please note that there is no gold coin donation for mufti.

### Staff Development Day

In response to the release of the new Australian curriculums, the Government has granted schools an additional day for professional learning for teachers at the beginning of Term 2. All teachers will therefore be involved in planned professional learning activities focused on the new English syllabus on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April **and** Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Therefore **Term 2 for students will commence Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May.**

### A friendly reminder

All children and parents are reminded that after school there are no teachers on duty and supervision of students who remain at school to play is the responsibility of parents.

Recently we have had injuries, fighting between students and acts of vandalism on school grounds during the hours of 3pm to 5pm. We request all parents to stand with their children while they play and to keep an eye on them at all times.

We love to see the children play at school in the afternoon and would not wish to restrict this activity due to lack of supervision.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## NOTES/MONEY

Dirt Detectives Excursion – Stage 2	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	\$25.00
Botanic Gardens Excursion – Stage 1	Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April	\$20.00

# Friendly reminders

## National Ride 2 School day – Friday 22 March

We encourage all children to either WALK/SCOOT/RIDE or “WHEEL” to school on the day. Please note that helmets are compulsory and that they need to be labelled with your child’s name.

## Year 6 High School Expression of Interest Forms – must be returned by 22 March

## West Ryde Easter Parade

On Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March we will be marching through the streets of West Ryde for the community Easter Parade. **Please note the change of meeting time: between 8.30am and 8.45am.** The Parade starts at 9.00am.

## Zone Carnival Report

Wow!!! What a fantastic effort by the WRPS Zone swimming team. Twenty two swimmers attended the 2 days of Zone with some fantastic swimming from every member of the squad!

Some notable performances were:

Kaito who had a last minute chance to swim in the 200m Junior Individual Medley, and in the vein of our school motto “nothing unattempted” he, together with Haydyn and Aidan, won 3 of the 8 final ribbons on offer.

Claire took out the Junior 200m Individual Medley event coming 1<sup>st</sup>, exceptional when as a 9 yr old she blitzes the 10yr olds too!

Michael made it through to his 50m Freestyle final, winning a finalist ribbon and breaking his PB by 5 seconds.

Haydyn made it into every final he contested, swimming 12 races in total and winning 6 finalist ribbons. A huge workload for a great swimmer!

Claire also made it through to every Final winning 3 x 1<sup>st</sup>, a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2 finalist ribbons. She will go onto Area in the 200m IM, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly. We wish her the best of luck! What an amazing swimmer!

Our Junior Girls Relay Team came 8<sup>th</sup> in their relay heat, progressing to the final and holding that position to finish 8<sup>th</sup> out of the 16 schools in our Zone.

Our Junior Boys Relay team swam very well against some tough competition, progressing to the final in 4<sup>th</sup> position and holding that to finish 4<sup>th</sup> out of the 16 schools in our Zone.

Special mention should be made of 8 year old Hwan’s mammoth swim, filling in for a leg of the senior (11-13yo) Boys Relay Team, what a show of sportsmanship!

Claire won 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior Individual Champion competition.

AND the entire WRPS Zone team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Handicap Point Score for the Carnival.

Congratulations to you all you did the school proud!!!





## WRPS Intensive Learn to Swim/Life-saving Skills & Advanced Squad

Whilst these representative swimmers swam incredibly well, there is a school intensive swimming program at the end of the year available for all students.

It is held in Term 4, so that it doesn't interfere with their school work and assessments.

Qualified Swimming Instructors grade the swimmers into appropriate ability classes and encourage the children to perfect their skills. They teach important life-saving techniques to every level.

Even children who do weekly swimming classes appear to progress faster with the intensive classes and we would love them all to be able to swim at next year's school swimming carnival!

The program is 1 hour per day for 2 weeks, travelling to and from school by bus.

An indication as to numbers will be required later in the year, but it is envisaged that we make this special opportunity open to the entire school in order to maximise the water skills and water safety of our West Ryde students.

## School Cross Country Carnival – Years 2 - 6

The school Cross Country will be held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at Meadowbank Park. The program will be available to see on the noticeboard outside.

## Wanted – DUPLO!

Kindergarten love playing and constructing with Duplo. Mrs Thompson needs some for her class. Do you have any at home that you no longer need? Base boards of any size are also needed (Lego is too small for kindy fingers). Please wash any donations before sending them to school.

Thank you!  
Mrs Thompson



## 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 last opening day for uniform shop for Term 1 will be Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 8.45am – 9.15am.

## P & c NEWS

In just under a week, Easter will be upon us. The children will be celebrating the coming of Easter with the Easter Egg raffle and for some, over the Easter weekend there might be a trip to the Easter Show at Homebush. I would like to wish all who celebrate the day, a Happy Easter. This year Easter does not fall in the holidays but two weeks before the end of term. Still, if you are travelling out of town, please drive safely.

This coming Saturday is the Easter Parade at West Ryde. We will have 2 stalls there – a cake stall and a BBQ stall. Many of the children at the school are participating at the march, including our orchestra! I heard from the Fundraising Committee who is organising the stalls, that there has been a fantastic response to our call for volunteers. Please accept our thanks to all parents who have given up their time on the weekend.

In the next few weeks, you will hear more about the Gonski report and our support for it. Basically, it recommends that fairness be returned to the funding of public schools which does more of the heavy lifting educating our children. We will be running a stall in the next couple weeks to ask for your support in signing a petition which I would like to hand to our Federal MP, Hon John Alexander to ask him to support the Gonski reforms. If you're interested, you might also want to watch this interview with David Gonski (<http://www.thebottomlinetv.com.au/interview/david-gonski-full-interview/>).

Also in the next few weeks, we will be highlighting safety issues around the school. Already there has been a response from the local Council on individual requests – must be an election coming soon... Anyway we will be discussing this issue in tonight's P&C meeting (March 20).

Don't forget if you have any issues to discuss or to be highlighted, please send me an email on [WRPS@ehsai.com.au](mailto:WRPS@ehsai.com.au).  
*Alan Khaw*

P.S. The school has 2 distribution lists: the school list for the newsletter, and the P&C class lists. There are some differences between the two due to the demarcation between the P&C Association and the school for legal and operating reasons. This last week there has been a couple of notices sent out by the P&C via the Parent Class Lists and I hope you did receive them. If you haven't it might be that you are not on the Parent Class list. If this is the case please send me an email or follow up with the class parent for your child's class.

### School Banking

Hi! There is a change to the way that we do our school banking.

You will be handing in your banking book to us and then we will hand it back to you later in the day each Thursday. So you will need to ensure that your money is safely enclosed in your banking book when you hand it in.

We will be based closer towards the Kindergarten building next to the school hall each Thursday morning going forward.

We are looking for one more **volunteer** to help us with our school banking programme on alternate week Thursday between 8-30 and 10-30. If you are interested please provide your name and contact details to our school office.

*Thank-you*

### Easter Day Raffle

Next Wednesday, the P&C will run the Easter Raffle in school for a bit of fun. There are plenty of prizes to be won, so please be generous.





# Bollywood Disco Night

April 5th , 6 to 8 p.m.  
West Ryde Public  
School

## Harmony Day

*Bring the Family and celebrate  
Harmony Day and Holi - an Indian  
festival of colours with  
Dance, Indian Food and Music*

**Entry Ticket:** \$5 single and \$12 family  
*All students must be accompanied by an adult*

**Pre-booked dinner order information**  
will be sent separately



**Wear Indian Dress  
or Colourful  
clothing**



## GOOD BEGINNINGS - TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

### IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

Our "Transition to school" program may be right for them. The program is for children entering school the following year – who are not currently attending pre-school or childcare. It's aimed at helping them transition to school more smoothly.

The program:

- Exposes children to how a classroom may run.
- Helps them socialise with others and separate from Mum and Dad.
- Helps develop essential skills eg. turn taking, listening and engaging in group activities.
- Encourages skills such as writing their name, recognising their name in written form, recognising rhyming language and engaging with books.
- Gives children an opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom, where a teacher will take them on a tour of the school and give an overview of what to expect when they start school.

**TTS is held during term time from Term 2 each year at West Ryde Public School. For more information and to register your interest, please contact Anna Harman via email: [anna.hamman@goodbeginnings.org.au](mailto:anna.hamman@goodbeginnings.org.au)**



**Thursday 21 March, 10am – 1pm Eastwood Plaza**

Find out about services and information for:

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| • Aged Care   | • Council Services                 | • Legal Services      |
| • Health      | • Family Services                  | • Settlement Services |
| • Housing     | • Home and Community Care Services | • Community Services  |
| • Centrelink  | • Education                        | • and much more!      |
| • Immigration |                                    |                       |

Information available in community languages including English, Korean, Cantonese, Mandarin, Armenian, Dari and Farsi.

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Information for migrants  
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For more information call  
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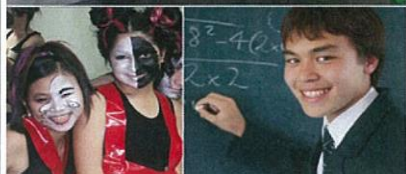




MARSDEN  
HIGH SCHOOL



## Learning today, shaping tomorrow



Marsden High School is a **dynamic** and **culturally rich** school. Our students are cooperative, engaged learners; resourceful, **critical and creative thinkers** and are socially tolerant.

Our purpose is to maximise outcomes for all students in a challenging, **technically innovative** and rich learning environment. At Marsden we believe in the importance of connecting students' learning to the world beyond school and that learning is a continuous lifelong process.

At Marsden, we give our students the **tools** they need to **succeed** in tomorrow's world.

### Marsden Facilities:

- Interactive white boards
- New science labs
- Outstanding sports grounds
- Talented Sports Program
- 5 computer rooms
- Laptops for learning
- Gifted & Talented Programs
- TAFE / TVET programs
- Student Leadership Team
- Duke of Edinburgh
- ESL + Indigenous support
- Vocal, Concert & Stage Bands
- Debating & creative writing
- Outstanding dedicated teachers
- Learning Support Team
- Photography & Art exhibitions
- International study trips

### The Pinnacle

The Pinnacle program has been designed to extend and enrich the potential of academically gifted students. Students benefit from learning with like minded peers in a challenging, differentiated program. The Pinnacle Program operates from Years 7-10 and is by application only, supported by academic testing.

### The Principal's Tour

Weekly tours are available to help you get to know Marsden and find out more of what our great school has to offer your child. Please call the office on 9874 6544 to make a booking.

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