

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

June

24th Flute finishes
25th Choir Rehearsal – Marsden HS
27th Chess & recorder finish
28th PSSA Round 10
Assembly – School Leaders
LAST DAY OF TERM

July

16th **STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL**
17th P & C Meeting
Uniform shop open
18th Chess starts
19th Assembly – 1D
22nd Acacia Concert Rehearsal
23rd Canteen opens
24th SPORTSPRO
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26th Assembly – School Leaders
30th Athletics Carnival

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Principal's message

A win!

Do you remember where you were when the Sydney Olympic torch came through your suburb or where you were when Charles and Dianna were married?

I will remember, while I was watching the Junior Netball team play a great game, the West Ryde Inaugural Girls Soccer team kicked a stunning goal to win their first game against Ryde East.

The sense of excitement that I witnessed, when I walked across the soccer field after the game was over, was fantastic and it was great to see so many mothers there to bear witness to this historic win.

All our teams are playing so well at the moment, displaying great enthusiasm and with a wonderful sense of fair play.

Well done to all these teams for putting West Ryde on the sporting map and also displaying such wonderful traits that West Ryde can be proud of.

A huge thank you to parents; Melinda and Dennice, and teachers; Mr Wilke, Mr Bramley, Mr Logan and Ms Farthing for all their hard work that they put into training all our sporting teams.

Reports

Semester 1 reports will shortly be sent home with your child. These reports represent a great deal of work by your child and their class teacher.

When reports arrive it is a good opportunity to discuss with your child their achievements as well as any areas for improvement.

While West Ryde teachers work very hard to assist each child with their individual learning it is always good to remember that a child's education is a partnership between home and school.

If you would like to know how you can assist your child at home there are some valuable resources on line or alternatively you can make an appointment to discuss this with your child's teacher.

<http://k6.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/go/parents/parents-guide-to-the-nsw-primary-syllabuses>

NOTES/MONEY

Lebanese Lunch Wraps	Friday, 28 th June	\$7 or \$8 (pre-ordered only)

PUPIL FREE DAY - July 15th

Please note that students will return to school on Tuesday 16th July as Monday is a Professional Development day for staff.

Sydney North Regional Cross Country Championships

Congratulations and well done to Natasha (4B) & Casey (2/3W) who represented the Ryde Zone at the Regional Cross Country Championships on Thursday, 13th June at Gosford. Natasha placed 43rd in the 10yr old girls, and Casey 59th in the 9yr old girls divisions.

Parent Helpers

Do you have any time to assist a small group of Year 1 and 2 students with maths games and activities?

Mrs Lee and Mrs Chen are looking for helpers who can assist possibly once a week between 11.30 and 12.30 with maths games and activities in the classroom.

If you have any time to spare could you please contact Mrs Lloyd Jones who will organise to show you how you can assist.

URGENT Banking Helpers Needed

Volunteers are needed for school banking on alternate Thursdays – please leave a message at the office for Mrs Desai.

Reminders

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 visitors' book (this includes volunteer classroom helpers). Please collect a Volunteer's badge to wear whilst on the school grounds.

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

Free access to website

A reminder that WRPS have a **free trial access** to **Skwirk**, an online education website until 26/06/2013.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO GET STARTED

1) Go to 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 have a "Lolly Week" next week (until sold out). Lollies available will be sour straps, pop rocks, yoghurt fillers all \$1; fizzers 50c; and rainbow dust 70c).

The canteen will be closed the first week of Term 3 and reopen on Tuesday, 23rd July, 2013.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The opening days for the Uniform shop for Term 3 will be Wednesday (from 8.45am – 9.15am) 17th & 24th June, 7th & 21st August and 4th & 18th September 2013.

P & C NEWS

Dear Parents

As I write this, Australia has reached the World Cup Finals in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. What an achievement. Congrats to the Socceroos. Maybe some of you will be saving for a trip there?

The Socceroos have players, trainers and other support staff to bring them the success that they have achieved. Similarly the school has teachers, administrators and the P&C focussed on the success of the children. When I took on the Presidency, I wanted to see if I can support the school in achieving above- expectations, and, given this is an election year, maybe we can place our school amidst the bigger, well known schools, without sacrificing the great community feel.

And so we come to this month's meeting which we are fortunate enough to have our local member and NSW Minister Hon Victor Dominello as a guest. We invited Minister Dominello to speak about the education budget, changes to education policy and to raise our concerns with him. We hope our attendance will continue to show the Minister we have a vision for our children and our community.

In the last newsletter, I missed the editorial deadline, but I would like to thank Chris Bested for organising the fantastically attended Working Bee. It was incredible to see the number of parents involved in the working bee. The BBQ was decided on at the last minute due to the number of volunteers – thanks to Michael Foster for running the BBQ.

Meanwhile, the fundraising committee and I have been working towards the Christmas Market slated for 6 December 2013. I have confirmed the activities for the children and am currently building the marketing plan for reaching out to the local businesses. There is also the Federal Election Day when the school is used as a location by the Australian Electoral Commission. We will have a fundraising activity for that day.

Fundraising is an important part of the objective of the P&C to support the school. Demand on services and programs for the students and the limitations in funding from the NSW government, requires the P&C to step up to help provide some resources. That is the difference in private schools where funding activities other than school fees make a large impact to the learning experience of the children. While I don't expect our school to be at that level, however knowing the impact of P&C funding, I think the P&C has the potential to generate greater income.

Once we have the funding, we can plan for areas such as seed money to prove a service is required before government funding is obtained. Sometimes sharing the funding is required to get better outcomes for our kids, e.g. brick classrooms vs. demountables and air-conditioning or to help families struggling to make ends meet, with their children's schooling costs. The possibilities are endless.

At the P&C meetings we make decisions on programs that will benefit your children through use of these funds. We also have a building fund which previously purchased some of the classroom air-conditioning so that the heat and the extreme cold does not affect the learning environment. We have asked the school where additional monies are received from parents such as donations, that the money goes to the building fund. BTW, if you contribute into the **Building Fund**, please make sure you keep the receipt as it is **tax-deductible**.

That's it for this newsletter. See you at the meeting.

Alan Khaw – P & C President



FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier

**Do you have children 7 to 13 years old?
Are you worried they might be above their healthy weight?**

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks during school term for children and their parents. Sessions are run twice a week for two hours after school and include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes plus much more!

Registrations for the next school term are now open. Details of a local program are outlined below. To find out more or enquire about other locations, phone:

Free call 1800 780 900

SMS your name, kids name & suburb to: 0409 745 645 and we will call you back!
You can also register online by visiting: www.mendcentral.org/go4fun

ACTIVE opportunities
City of Ryde
Lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep
NSW GOVERNMENT | Health Northern Sydney Local Health District

Where:
North Ryde RSL Youth Club
Magdala Rd, North Ryde

When:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Starts 16th July, 4.00pm-6.00pm



Lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep

Ryde Library Service would like to invite you to our school holiday activities. The theme is: Under the Southern Sky, this is to celebrate NAIDOC week and the Guringai Festival.

For information on the July school holiday program please go to:
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au Go to "What's On" - "School Holidays" tab

Or phone the Library Staff on 9952 8351