

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Apr

- 3rd Uniform shop open
Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 4th School Cross Country Carnival
- 5th Golf
Assembly – School Leaders
Bollywood Disco
- 9th Global Citizens Initiative
- 11th Botanic Garden Excursion – Stg 1
Kindy Dress-up Day
- 12th PSSA Round 1
Assembly – 4B

Term 2

May

- 1st Students return to school
Uniform shop open
- 2nd Chess starts
- 3rd PSSA Rd 2
Assembly – School Leaders
- 8th Uniform shop open
- 9th Night Under the Stars
- 10th PSSA Rd 3
Assembly – 2/3W

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Principal's message

Easter

I hope everyone had a peaceful Easter break and have come back to school rested.

I would also like to thank all the students and families who came to school to participate in the Easter Hat parade. It was a great afternoon with a lovely community feel.

A special thanks goes also to the students, staff and families who represented the school in the West Ryde Easter Parade. Not only did it show how our students are actively involved in our community but we also won \$1000.00 for the school to be used in our creative arts program. Thank you to Mrs Boyd who organised the students and to the P&C for their involvement.

Farewell

It is with great sadness that we farewell Ms Jane Williams at the end of the term.

Ms Williams has been at West Ryde since 2006 and has enhanced the education of many students that she has had the pleasure of teaching. Ms Williams has been successful in gaining a position through merit selection as the Deputy Principal of Summer Hill Public School and will take up the position at the beginning of Term 2.

The P&C will be hosting a farewell luncheon in the library for parents to farewell Ms Williams. We ask that you bring a plate of food for the luncheon on Friday, 12th April.

Ms Williams will be greatly missed by all of the school community and we wish her all the very best as she takes up her new position.

A friendly reminder

West Ryde teachers are more than happy to speak to parents about issues concerning their children.

Recently we have had parents following teachers into class wanting to discuss issues while the class teachers are trying to supervise or teach the children.

The staff are more than happy to speak to any parent at the appropriate time. Please speak to your child's teacher preferably after school to make a mutually acceptable time to discuss your concerns.

NOTES/MONEY

Botanic Gardens Excursion – Stage 1	Thursday, 11 th April	\$20.00

Reminders

Saying 'Thanks' goes a long way

Teachers know that one of the great rewards of the profession is receiving a sincere gesture of gratitude for the work they do. Before the end of the school term please take the time to thank your child's teacher for all the time and effort that they have given to provide your child with a variety of learning experiences.

School Cross Country Carnival – Years 2 - 6

The School Cross Country will go ahead tomorrow, Thursday, 4th April, at Meadowbank Park. It will only be cancelled if there is heavy rain in the morning or the grounds have been deemed unusable by Ryde Council. If it is cancelled, the cross country will be scheduled for early next term and will be held in the school grounds.

NAPLAN

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Yrs 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian Schools. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14th – 16th May 2013.

<u>TUESDAY 14 MAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 15 MAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY 16 MAY</u>
Language conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)	Reading	Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space)
Writing		

Bollywood Night

Our Bollywood Night will be held this Friday from 6pm – 8pm in the school hall. Tickets are still available, so please come along and enjoy the evening!



Woolworths Earn & Learn is Back!

From **Monday, 8th April**, when you shop at Woolworths, you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Points Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent (excludes liquor, tobacco & gift cards).

Once the Points Sheet is completed it can be placed in the collection box at school (in the hallway near the library) or at the West Ryde Woolworths store. Please participate in this promotion to help our school receive some valuable educational resources.

Annual Photographic Competition

The annual Photographic competition will be held again in Education Week - Term 3. There will be even bigger and better prizes this year! Any budding photographers may want to take the opportunity to take photographs in the school holidays.

First Holy Communion at St Michael's Church Meadowbank

Enrolments for the sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place at St Michael's Church on the weekend of 4th/5th May at all weekend masses. Enrolments will be taken immediately after mass at the rear of the church. Should you have any queries regarding the sacramental program please contact Marisa Squadrito on phone no. 9874.5792.

Easter has past and the break was well received by many of us. I hope the bunny brought much cheer and chocolates and laid a few eggs too. It's also quite fabulous to celebrate autumn with the background of the fireworks from the Easter Show!

After the West Ryde Easter Parade, I went to the West Ryde Chamber of Commerce meeting and they conveyed thanks for the support of our school at the Parade. I returned our thanks for having us and what a profitable venture it was for us too. They have indicated more support for the school in the future.

On Friday, we will have the Bollywood Disco! That's going to be fun. So I'll see you there! If you can help out on the night at the entrance, please do, the organising group needs your help!

Minister Victor Dominello will also be coming to our June meeting on Wednesday 19th June, to explain budget impact on school funding to us and the P&C will raise questions about the reduction of services for the more needy students. Please come to the meeting in June if you want to know more about how the funding affects your children's education. I am currently in discussions to meet our local Federal MP, Honourable John Alexander to introduce our school.

On Saturday 18th May, we will have a school Working Bee day. We will pass a note around to you in the coming weeks with more information, but needless to say we will need you to volunteer your time. You can also donate money to 'buy out' from the working bee.

We will also continue our safety campaign by having a briefing at 2.30-3.15pm on Wednesday, 10th April. Mrs Kwan has kindly worked on this issue for the school this year. We will be under the COLA.

On the last day of school, we will also bid goodbye to Ms Williams who had been with the school since 2006. Ms Williams will move to Summer Hill Public School and will be missed. There will be a luncheon organised for her on Friday, 12th April.

Finally on the issue of the Gonski report. As I went around requesting support for our petition, a number of questions have been raised about why we support it. The Gonski report is the result of an independent study by David Gonski, which was commissioned by the Prime Minister. However it provides a non-partisan view on investment in schools, especially public schools. As with past studies, its recommendations will take years before becoming realised - dependent on funds available, the will of the government and the level of public outcry. I urge you to get behind the Gonski report findings as it impacts all schools from primary to high schools. The youngest children in the school have the most to benefit as they have the longest time left in the school. Even if the schools get a third (\$500 per child) of the recommended investment in education, this could mean an additional teacher or new funded programs for our children (such as dedicated music or sports programs). It is fair to say that we would like it to become a priority especially when the economy turns, which can be quite soon, and the government can more afford the recommendations made. Our children are worth it.

Drive safely during the holidays.

Alan Khaw

President, West Ryde Public School Parent and Citizens Association

WRPS @ the West Ryde Easter Parade

The school has been very successful at the West Ryde Easter Parade this year. The school won best hats and a number of our students won a few prizes too.

(TWT online: http://www.weeklytimes.com.au/2013/03_March/27_03_13/image/stories/p9_lg.jpg)

On top of that, the P&C organised 2 successful stalls this year so many thanks to the organisers : Raquel Munoz, Alison Chan, Jo Chang and Carolyn Lain. We collected more than \$1,000 for our programs this year. The committee would also like to thank Alex Jenkins for helping us out with his ute and the following volunteers for manning the BBQ and cake stalls:

Amy Bested, Virelya Tanasale, Wendy Chen, Geoffrey Orchard, Nina, Ranila Jayasooriya, Radika Muralitharan, Maggie Liu, Russell Taylor, Satoko Clarke, Diane Wu, Isabelle Petour, Ranu Sinha, Amanda Wilson

The response from parents willing to help was great this time and we are happy to have more volunteers helping.

BOLLYWOOD DISCO NEEDS HELP!

The Bollywood Disco is looking for tickets and sales volunteers on Friday night. If you can help, please speak to Zahin Desai, Mrs Chaudhary or myself. You can email me at wrps@ehsai.com.au

Say Goodbye to Ms Williams at lunch on Friday, 12th April

As you would know by now, Ms Williams is taking on a new position with Summer Hill public school from next term.

The school will host a lunch on April 12 and would like to invite all of you whose children have been taught by Ms Williams to join the staff and us to thank her and say goodbye. Please bring a dish if you can attend.

SCHOOL BANKING VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The school banking program is looking for a volunteer to help out on Thursdays. If you can help, please speak to Zahin Desai on zahindesai@westpac.com.au.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please do not send \$50.00 notes to the canteen as we cannot give you change.

Special for next week only - Paddle pops \$1.00 (chocolate, rainbow, gooey toffee apple & vanilla)

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The opening days for uniform shop for Term 2 will be Wednesday, 1st, 8th and 22nd May, 5th and 19th June from 8.45am – 9.15am.



Monday 15 April

THE MAGIC JESTER

Come along for a hilariously magical time!

Where: West Ryde Community Hall, 3-5 Anthony Street, West Ryde
Time: 3.00pm
Ages: All ages
Cost: \$5 (non-refundable)

Tuesday 16 April

SCHOOL HOLIDAY RHYMETIME

Songs, rhymes and fingerplays!

Where: North Ryde Library
Time: 10.30am
Ages: 0-2yrs
Cost: FREE

CASTLE TOWER CRAFT

Build your own castle tower and create your own flag to put on top!

Where: Gladesville Library
Time: 11.00am
Ages: 5yrs+
Cost: FREE

JACK & THE BEANSTALK WORKSHOP

Fee Fi Fo Fum! Create your own Jack and grow a real live beanstalk.

Where: Eastwood Library
Time: 3.00pm
Ages: 8yrs+
Cost: \$2 (non-refundable)

Wednesday 17 April

FAIRYTALE STORYTIME

Come along for games, songs and stories!

Where: Ryde Library
Time: 11.00am
Ages: All ages
Cost: FREE

Thursday 18 April

CASTLE TOWER CRAFT

Build your own castle tower and create your own flag to put on top!

Where: Eastwood Library
Time: 11.00am
Ages: 5yrs+
Cost: FREE

Friday 19 April

FAIRYTALE STORYTIME

Come along for games, songs and stories!

Where: North Ryde Library
Time: 11.00am
Ages: All ages
Cost: FREE

DRAGON PUPPET

Create your own fiery dragon!

Where: West Ryde Library
Time: 3.00pm
Ages: 8yrs+
Cost: \$2 (non-refundable)

Monday 22 April

FAIRYTALE STORYTIME

Come along for games, songs and stories!

Where: Eastwood Library
Time: 11.00am
Ages: All ages
Cost: FREE

Tuesday 23 April

SCHOOL HOLIDAY RHYMETIME

Songs, rhymes and fingerplay

Where: North Ryde Library
Time: 10.30am
Ages: 0-2yrs
Cost: FREE

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Wednesday 24 April

FRACTURED FAIRYTALE CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Rewrite your favourite fairytales into something hilarious!

Where: Ryde Library
Time: 10.30am - 12 noon
Ages: 8yrs+
Cost: \$5 (non-refundable)

DRAGON PUPPET

Create your own fiery dragon!

Where: Eastwood Library
Time: 3.00pm
Ages: 8yrs+
Cost: \$2 (non-refundable)

Friday 26 April

CASTLE TOWER CRAFT

Build your own castle tower and create your own flag to put on top!

Where: West Ryde Library
Time: 11.00am
Ages: 5yrs+
Cost: FREE

Book at your local library.
For more information call
(02) 9952 8352 or visit
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Library

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Are you interested in developing skills to enable you to help someone with their English?

Meadowbank TAFE is offering a free 5 week training session to give you skills for tutoring small groups or individuals in English.

The classes will begin on Tuesday 14 May from 10am- 1pm. They will run for 5 consecutive Tuesdays at Meadowbank TAFE.

For more information please
Email susan.mills2@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone 9342 3572

FREE KIDS FITNESS SESSIONS

Diploma of Fitness students need primary school aged children to participate in 6 weeks of fitness sessions designed to develop fitness and fundamental skills in children. No sport or fitness experience necessary. Sessions held at Meadowbank TAFE campus Health and Fitness Department with qualified staff.

WHEN: Wednesday Afternoons 3:30-4:15pm starting 8th May for 6 weeks

For more information contact Melissa on 9942 3056 or email on Melissa.Baker10@det.nsw.edu.au



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Chinese and Australian Baptist Church West Ryde presents...



Ignition

children's school holiday program

fun
games
Bible
stories

Details

Who: Kindergarten - Year Six

Where: Marsden High School

Dates: 17-19 April, 2013

Time: 9:30am-2:30pm each day

Cost: \$10 for entire 3 day program

Registration/info: ignitioncab.wordpress.com

Questions? Contact Joey Cheng (Ignition Coordinator) on meneng@gmail.com.au or Florence Yeung (Church office) on 9804 0005

Free BBQ + concert
on 6pm Friday night,
19th April

