

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Nov

28th Assembly – KS

Dec

1st Footsteps Dance

2nd Stg 3 Korean Excursion

3rd Uniform shop open

Parent Helper Luncheon

4th Stage 3 Mini Fete

5th Christmas Market & Carols

No Assembly

8th K-Yr 2 Dance Concert

9th Christmas Scripture Service

10th Presentation Day (2 sessions)

11th Year 6 Farewell

12th Assembly – Leaders

15th Picnic Day

17th Talent Quest

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Principal's Message

As we are fast moving towards the end of the school year and a time when normal school routines are often affected it is timely to reinforce the need for students to remain safe, respectful and, most of all, engaged learners. It is important that students continue to attend school in full school uniform, including navy blue socks, black shoes and school hats as we often have visitors at this time of year and we would like to ensure our students represent our school to its highest standard. We have noticed a drop in behavioural standards from a number of our senior students and would remind parents to discuss our core values of Safe, Respectful Learners with their children.

Christmas Carols and Food Markets

Don't forget to bring the family to our Carols by Candlelight evening and Food Market on Friday 5th December starting at 5pm.

Year 6 Mini Market

Every year the Year 6 students hold a mini market to raise funds to purchase a gift for the school.

As part of the market we will be selling old maths and handwriting text books for \$5.00. Please note that these are old books and not intended for use in 2015.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to attend our last P&C meeting for the year and to those who put their names forward for office bearer positions. I would like to thank the outgoing office bearers for their hardwork and dedication to the P&C and the school, and look forward to working with the new committee in 2015.

Farewell

After seven years at West Ryde we will be saying farewell to Pastor Steve from the West Ryde Baptist Church.

Steve has been an important part of the school community and we wish him all the very best as he takes up his new position at Carlingford in the New Year.

Supervision before and after school

Over the last two weeks we have had children injured whilst playing after school. The children are then brought to sick bay to be attended to. This has necessitated the office staff staying back to attend to these children.

We do take your children's safety seriously and would never turn a child away from sick bay even after hours but I would again like to ask parents to please supervise your children after school if you choose to let them play on school grounds.

Also please do not send children to school before 8:30am as there is **no supervision** on the playground. As there are not that many people around on the playground we cannot guarantee your child's safety.

NOTES/MONEY

Balmoral Beach Picnic Day

Monday, 15th December 2014

\$14.00

Friendly Reminders

Sick Children

We are still experiencing problems of not being able to contact parents when their child is sick.

Please inform the school **when you update your mobile phone number**, home phone number or change your address. When you have been contacted and advised that your child is in sick bay **PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE FIRST** (even after 3pm) before collecting your child from sick bay.

Speech Therapist

We are fortunate enough to have a Speech Therapist visit the school once a week. If you are interested in your child seeing the speech therapist, please see Mrs. Lloyd Jones.

Thank you

Maggie and Rusty have been two of our favourite hens, named by the children, and much loved by them. Maggie recently became ill, was off her food and generally looking unwell. I took Maggie to visit the "West Ryde Veterinary Clinic" where David Croft gave her a thorough examination, cleaned her up and made her feel more comfortable. David recommended I separate Maggie from the rest of the hens, and so Maggie came home with me. She was not well and on a return visit to the vet David prescribed antibiotics for her. Maggie became bright eyed, was preening herself, and whilst still weak, seemed comfortable. Sadly she passed away quietly on Sunday last week at my house. On behalf of the school and the children I would like to thank David for his kind attention to Maggie, for which he would accept no payment, "It's my contribution to the school," he said.

If you are looking for a compassionate vet try:

<http://www.westrydevet.com.au/>

Thanks David, from Maggie, Mr. Logan and the children of West Ryde Public School



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School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am

CANTEEN NEWS

Our last canteen lunch special for the year will be Fried Rice. This will be served on Tuesday, 9th December. Orders are to be returned to the Canteen order box by Wednesday, 3rd December. The order form will be sent home soon.

Please note changes to Week 11 for recess and lunch orders. There will be **no hot food** sold, i.e. cheese toasties, raisin toast or sandwiches, rolls. Only Christmas treats will be sold in Week 11 i.e. fruit cups, jelly cups, cupcakes & popcorn), drinks, ice blocks (Tuesday lunch only) and snacks at recess and lunch.

Term 1 2015

The canteen will **reopen in Week 2 of Term 1 on Tuesday, 3rd February**. In 2015 the canteen will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only.

On Tuesday, 3rd February we will have belated Australia Day celebrations in the canteen by selling mini meat pies, lamingtons and fruit or jelly cups.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The last uniform shop opening day for 2014 will be Wednesday, 3rd December from 8.45am to 9.15am.

Term 1 2015 Opening Days:

Wednesday, 28th January the uniform shop will open from **9.00am – 9.30am**.

Wednesday, 4th & 18th February (8.45am – 9.15am)

Wednesday, 4th & 18th March (8.45am – 9.15am)

Wednesday, 1st April (8.45am – 9.15am)

P & C NEWS

Hi everyone. My name is Alison Chan and I'm the new P&C President for 2015.

On Wednesday 19th November the P&C held the 2014 AGM, at which a number of long serving executive finished up in their roles. I'd sincerely like to thank Alan Khaw, Olivia Phoon, Carolyn Lain and Kamini Savai for their years of support. I promise that we'll try not to bother you too much as our new committee learn the ropes. I'd like to introduce the new P&C executive, and look forward to working with them all in the year ahead. Most of them have already contributed so much, so I know they'll do a fantastic job. Thank you all for stepping up.

President: Alison Chan

Vice President – Orchestra: Sally Cole

Vice President – Canteen: Veronique Png

Vice President – Uniform Shop: Amy Bested

Secretary: Danielle Wilcock

Treasurer: Ranila Jayasooriya

Fundraising: Fiona Lamborn

We are looking for someone to join us to coordinate the few P&C BBQs that we have planned for the new year so, if you think you could help out with that, please leave a note for the P&C at the office. Even if it's just one event, we'd love to hear from you.

An email is also about to go out to this year's Kindy parents asking for a volunteer to work with us on the 2015 Welcome BBQ in February. You could even work as a group, so please talk to your friends, perhaps put a posse together, and let us know.

2014 is wrapping to a close and soon we all get to take a welcome break. Before then, however, the P&C will be representing the school this Saturday 29th November at the West Ryde Marketplace, once again manning our locally famous sausage sizzle. Come on down and say hi. Then, on Friday 5th December, I hope we'll all see you at the school Christmas Carols Night for food, rides, raffles and a good ol' sing along! Thanks so much to all the volunteers who've offered to help at both of these events.

I'm looking forward to a great year ahead and hope that you all feel welcome and encouraged to join us however you can. I'm often around the playground so, if you ever want to have a chat about anything, please ask about and seek me out.

Regards,

Alison Chan (2C)

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Carols by Candlelight at Old Government House, Parramatta (Parramatta Park)

Saturday 6 December 2014

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Gates open 6.00pm

Start the festive season with a night of carols played by NSW Police Band. Enjoy Model Farms High School students as they sing favourite contemporary Christmas songs and enjoy a visit from Santa Claus.

Entry is via a gold coin and all funds raised go to support Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage (two of our most precious heritage properties)

There will be a sausage sizzle, candles, drinks and several Christmas Hampers as a raffle.

Please bring rugs or low chairs for seating at the front of Old Government House.



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