

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Mar

- 5th Uniform shop open
SPORTSPRO
- 6th Zone Swimming Carnival
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- 7th Zone Swimming Carnival
Assembly – 5H
- 12th SPORTSPRO
- 13th SPORTSPRO
Selective Schools Test
- 14th Assembly – 2C
- 17th Stewart House Bags due back
- 19th SPORTSPRO
Uniform shop open
P & C Meeting
- 20th SPORTSPRO
- 21st Harmony Day
Assembly – 4F

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Principal's Message

Education, Action and Engagement

At the moment Years 5 and 6 are learning in an unique and creative way using Project Based Learning to engage, understand and create. They are building their skills of investigation, enquiry and evaluation for learning.

When I visit these classrooms I am amazed at the interest that this has generated in the students. They are encouraged to connect with others to collaborate and to create meaningful projects that have real world applications.

While this is the way that we need to educate our children for the future it is one that takes a lot of time in preparation and effort from their teachers and the students. Well done to the staff and students who are working towards a new way of learning. We look forward to seeing their presentations at the end of the term.

Watch this link.

http://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_how_to_escape_education_s_death_valley.html?utm_source=newsletter_weekly_2013-05-10&utm_campaign=newsletter_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_content=talk_of_the_week_button

Take *Three* for the Sea

If you are shocked and dismayed with the amount of rubbish that is washed into our oceans and waterways every day, then please help us to reduce plastic pollution by decreasing the amount of plastic that is used when packing your child's recess and lunch.

Starting this week we are encouraging all of our students to pick up **three** pieces of rubbish on the playground and put it in the bin. Start small think big. This is our way of helping to reduce pollution.

Canteen

A reminder to all parents that the canteen is now open on a Monday for recess and lunch orders.

Thank you to all our parents who have offered to volunteer to assist the P&C in keeping the canteen open in Term 2. Your time is much appreciated.

Easter Hat Parade

Don't forget the Easter hat parade is on in the last week of school. The date is now Tuesday 8th of April.

NOTES/MONEY

SPORTSPRO (Wednesday & Thursday – Week 2 to Week 9)	\$40.00

Reminders

Swimming Carnival Thank you

Thank you to all the staff, parents and students who helped make our swimming carnival such a success. We will soon be putting out a survey regarding the school swimming carnival. Please take the time to complete it as it helps us in our future planning.

Thank you

We would like to acknowledge the generous donation of flowers for our P & C and school functions from Orange Blossom Florist at West Ryde.

Did you know?

The P & C Building Fund Contribution is tax deductible. You can include this contribution when you pay your child's school fees.

School Bus Passes

The free school bus pass is available to children who are Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents and **ONLY ISSUED** to children in Kindergarten to Year 2. Children who are in Years 3 to 6 will have to pay for a bus pass. Both forms are available from the school office.

Illegal Parking

Please be aware that the parking officer is patrolling the school area and that you will be fined for illegally parking in and around the school surroundings. Please ensure that you park safely and legally to avoid being fined.

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.

LOMO – LeftOver MakeOver

You could personally win a \$150 gift card.

Our school through your participation could win a \$500 gift card for sustainability projects.

What is it?

LOMO family fun day challenge is a great opportunity to gain a better understanding of our food waste avoidance message while having fun as a family. You will receive an information pack that includes a recipe book for using leftovers, a frame magnet with meal planning, tips and tricks to save food, a fridge magnet with a food saving message and other freebies (e.g. spaghetti measure). These items are very useful to help with saving on grocery shopping, with an estimated saving of more than \$1 000 per household. They are also great educational tools for kids.

What do I have to do?

Families must register at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lomochallenge by Monday 10 March to receive their info pack with tips and freebies to help them with the Challenge. Late registrations will be accepted up until Friday 21 March but will not include the pack.

Families must then take three photos and write a short description (maximum of 50 words) on Saturday 22 March that shows how their family avoids food waste (making a list, measuring the serving size, storing food correctly or making over leftovers) and email to lomo@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

By 27th of March, Ryde Council will know how many parents have submitted their work to lomo@ryde.nsw.gov.au and they will calculate the participation rate. The winning school will be announced by 4th of April together with the 10 families that win \$150 as the individual prize.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for Term 1 (on a trial basis only).

Please do not bring \$100 or \$50 notes to the canteen as we cannot give you change.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The opening days for Term 1 will be Wednesday (8.45am - 9.15am) 19th March and 2nd April 2014.

Dr Shoe will be attending on 2nd April. Please note that we only accept cash or cheques (made payable to the West Ryde Public School Uniform Shop).

P & C NEWS

In the next few weeks, a number of activities will be in progress and with the support of the volunteers and the teachers, we hope the children will enjoy them, especially the Easter parade, raffle and West Ryde Community Easter Parade. Right after that is the Mother's Day stall at the beginning of Term 2.

CANTEEN WORKING GROUP

The response for the canteen has exceeded my expectations and I hope it will translate into something long term for the children of West Ryde Public School. At this point we have 20+ volunteers and all will be needed in going forward. I will be sending out a meeting notice soon to discuss the next steps.

For those parents with a Food & Beverage background or who would like to learn to manage an organisation, there is an opportunity to learn a few skills. It is not hard, but requires some commitment.

We will be developing the concept at our next Canteen group meeting and interested parents will have to attend. Expect a meeting invite in the next few days.

COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANT

As you know we have received a grant from the NSW Government under Premier Barry O'Farrell's Office with the support of the local NSW member, Minister Victor Dominello. I ask you to attend the next meeting to find out more about the grant, which is to upgrade the electrics in our hall. We will soon be signing the contract.

MEETING WITH MINISTER DOMINELLO

On Friday 28th February, a WRPS parent, Philip Quach (Ben's dad) attended a meeting with the North Sydney Council of P&C Associations as an observer and to gain an understanding of the discussions happening between parent groups and the government on policy issues affecting our schools. A common theme has been overcrowding and a lack of classrooms in the area. Come to our P&C meeting to learn more.

WRPS MARKETPLACE

The [WRPS Marketplace](#) highlights the sponsors and supporters of the school and we hope that you will support them in your everyday shopping or when you need specific services. Here are the two main sponsors' programs:

[Elizabeth Wiggins - McGrath](#)

[St George Top Ryde](#)

There are other providers as well who have helped us through donations on sale of their products such as Dr. Shoe, who comes to the school for shoe fittings or buy from the comfort of your home.

CLASS LISTS

The Class Parent Lists are now coming together with most of the classes having a class parent nominated to manage the relationships with the teacher and amongst parents. I hope you are meeting up for coffee and exchanging information about your child's homework and missing notes.

	Parent	Teacher
KC	Yoko Calder	Mrs Colley
KH	Naith Chang	Mrs Hines
KS	Holly Kozlovsky	Ms Murray
KT	TBA	Mrs Thompson
1A	Karina Martin	Mrs Aspee
1B	Karin Smits	Miss Black
1D	Jo Ahyong	Ms Dobbie
1M	Amy Bested	Mrs McDougall
2B	TBA	Ms Belme
2C	Nancy Wadeson	Ms Cannon
3B	Milla Krivozhnya	Mr Bramley
3L	Farina Shah	Ms A. Lee
4F	TBA	Ms Farthing
4J	Jane Huang	Mr Jenkins
5/6H	Raquel Munoz	Mr Hayllar
5/6L	Dennice Perry	Mr Logan

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 19th March and we will discuss a number of pertinent items for the school. There is no meeting in April due to Term 1 school holidays and our next meeting will be on 21st May.

CONCLUSION

I look forward to meeting you at the P&C Meeting in a fortnight.

Alan Khaw (Parent 5/6H, 3L)
President

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE

19th March, Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

21st May, Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

In the school library.

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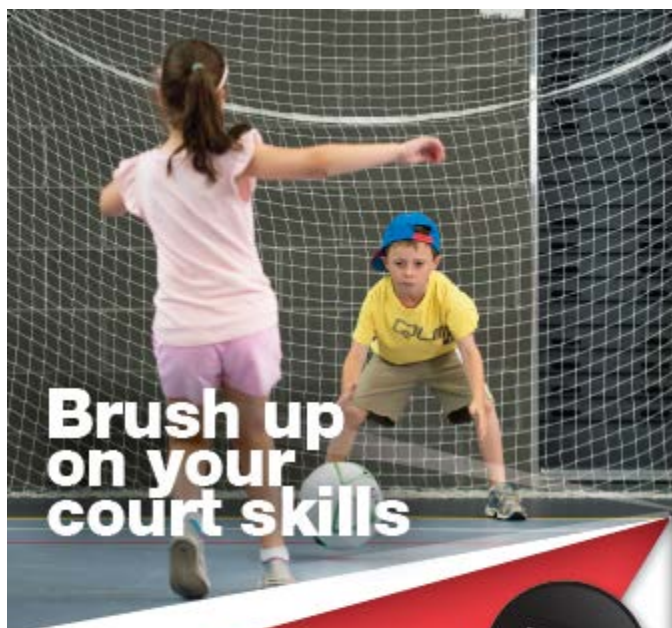
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YMCA Learn-to-Play

The Y's Learn-to-Play program provides a fun introduction to sports such as table tennis, soccer and basketball, developing social skills and team spirit in the process.

SPORT	DAY	TIME	AGE
Soccer/Futsal	Monday	4pm - 5pm	5 - 8 yrs
		5pm - 6pm	9 - 12 yrs
Badminton	Wednesday	4pm - 5pm	5 - 12 yrs
		5pm - 6pm	All ages
Kindersoccer	Friday	9.30am - 10.30am	3 - 5 yrs
Table Tennis	Friday	4pm - 5pm	5 - 8 yrs
		5pm - 6pm	9 - 12 yrs
Basketball	Friday	4pm - 5pm	5 - 12 yrs
		5pm - 6pm	Teens



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OPEN DAY

11th March 4.30 - 6.30pm

Partners in education with: Macquarie University
Northern Sydney TAFE
Johnson & Johnson

Tours from 4.30pm and Principal's address 5.30pm

Take this opportunity to meet our students and staff and
see all that Marsden High School *can* offer.

Message from Marsden High School Principal, Mr Gus Vrolyk

Macquarie University partnered this month in launching [Bridge to Employment \(BTE\)](#), an initiative to inspire young people to stay in school, excel academically and elevate their career aspirations.

The Bridge to Employment Program (BTE) was established by Johnson & Johnson in 1992. Janssen Australia, the pharmaceutical company of Johnson & Johnson, has joined with 2realise, a charity supporting young people, to start the first Australian site of this international program.

As part of the Australian program, **47 student participants** have been selected from Marsden High School, West Ryde. Through a focus on academic enrichment, career readiness and personal development these students will be exposed to the various careers and opportunities within the health industry.

Read more: <http://mq.edu.au/newsroom/2014/02/28/launch-of-bridge-to-employment-program-with-local-industry-and-education-partners/#ixzz2urYzqZGq>



Mike's Cartooning Workshop



Where Ryde Library,
1 Pope Street, Ryde
Date 12 April 2014
Time 10.30 - 11.30am
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