

The Endeavour

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Upcoming events

Apr

- 2nd Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 4th Assembly – Leaders
PSSA Round 1
- 8th Easter Scripture Service
Easter Hat Parade
- 9th Yr 5/6 Micro-organism Market
Choir Rehearsal – Ryde Civic Centre
- 10th School Cross Country
- 11th PSSA Round 2
No Assembly
Last day of Term 1
- 12th West Ryde Easter Fair & Parade
- 29th **Students return to school T2**
- 30th Uniform shop open

May

- 1st Cross Country back up date
- 2nd PSSA Round 3
- 6th Mother's Day Stall
- 7th Uniform shop open
- 8th Mother's Day Breakfast

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NOTES/MONEY

Principal's Message

Swimmers' Outstanding Performance

On Tuesday our swimmers performed extremely well at the Area Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Claudia, Adelle, Casey, Claire and Haydyn. Claire and Haydyn will now progress to the State Swimming Carnival in April.

Micro-organism Market

As part of the project based learning that all Year 5 and 6 are involved in there will be a mini market on Wednesday afternoon where the students will be selling their produce. The mini market will run from 2.30pm - 4pm on Wednesday 9th April and will be selling products made by the students as part of their learning. Items for sale include yoghurt, cheese, pretzels, jam and donuts. To support the students a well-known restaurant in Sydney has donated cheese and labna also for sale. Please come and support these worthwhile inaugural projects and see what the students and teachers have worked so hard to achieve.

School Easter Hat Parade and West Ryde Street Parade

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

Also don't forget that Mrs Boyd has again organised for the school to attend the West Ryde Easter Fair and Parade on Saturday 12th April. This is a fun activity for the children as they can march in their Easter hats, decorate their bikes, scooters and have the opportunity to win some cash prizes.

Come along and hear the orchestra play, see some amazing hat creations and join in the fun.

Reading Premier's Reading Challenge

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following class and students - they have already **completed** this year's Premier's Reading Challenge

* Year 1M

* Year 3 - Timothy, Alisa and Josh

Tree maintenance

During the school holidays the school engaged an arborist to cut down dead branches and prune the trees as part of our normal maintenance. As per the DEC requirements the trees were again assessed by an arborist and many branches were deemed to be not safe. The fencing has been put around the trees to ensure the safety of the whole community. As this is a State wide issue I do not at this stage know when our trees will be trimmed.

Thank you for your patience.

Reminders

School Cross Country Carnival – Years 2 - 6

The School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday, 10th April at Meadowbank Park. Students should begin their long distance training prior to the carnival to increase their fitness level. The program will be available to see on the notice board in Week 10.

Mrs Ludmilla Lee

School Dates

Term 1 finishes on Friday 11th April and students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday, 29th April in **full winter uniform**.

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.

Parking Reminder

Parents are asked not to drop their children off in the school car park or park across the driveways in the morning drop off and afternoon pick up. This is a serious safety issue with staff arriving and leaving at various times. The car park is for staff only. We value your child and their safety. Please do the same.

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.

School Kitchen Garden

I wonder if you have heard of Felicity, West Ryde Public's schoolyard fairy.

She started working here in 1917 when the school opened and she was only 10 years old.

Needless to say she is very tired now and, being only 3cm tall, she needs the help of the Year 1-3s in the kitchen garden this year.

Felicity writes instructions for the children each week and posts them in her mailbox.

So far, the students have helped her by shovelling 3 cubic metres of compost onto the beds, mulching around the plants, building tepees and planting peas, lettuce, celery, strawberries and herbs.

Felicity is very excited at the progress they are making!



CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be in operation next term. More details to come.



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The opening days for Term 2 will be Wednesday (8.45am - 9.15am) 30th April, 7th & 21st May, 4th & 18th June.

Please note that we only accept cash or cheques (made payable to the West Ryde Public School Uniform Shop).





P & C NEWS

Happy Easter everybody! The holidays are coming and this year we will enjoy the short week we have with Easter and ANZAC day in the same week during holidays. There would be a lot of activities during the holidays as well, with the Easter Show at the Olympic Park. Enjoy your holidays. Meanwhile, here are some updates about the Canteen Group and P&C Federation.

CANTEEN WORKING GROUP

The Canteen Group will meet this Thursday, 3rd April to discuss the operational aspects of the Canteen. We have drafted a schedule and menu and will be working through the nitty gritty work on Thursday.

We also have a small management group that is being formed and we will be announcing it soon. At the same time, processes and training for volunteers will be held prior to opening the school canteen.

We encourage more parents to be involved as we are intending for the canteen to be a community hub for the school. We are also looking for volunteers in the following area:

- Commercial organiser - Manage commercial arrangements, mark-ups, pricing, specials, organise the management team. May be more than 1 volunteer.
- Marketing organiser – develop and organise marketing including posters, banners, emails and newsletter. May be more than 1 volunteer.

We also invite interested volunteers to be involved in our meetings, whether they are managerial in nature or operational in nature.

I would like to thank all the volunteers so far who have volunteered their time and energy into this canteen. I will see you in the canteen as I will be making sandwiches too.

Without volunteers, there will be no canteen. Without the school community support, there will be no canteen.

SPENDING FOR OUR CHILDREN

By the end of this term, the P&C would have spent close to \$15,000 for 2014. This includes:

- \$5,000 for teaching resources
- \$1000 orchestra equipment to improve portability of equipment for offsite performances
- \$1000 for the Year 5 and 6 micro- organism market
- \$1000 for reading resources
- \$7000 for 20 iPad minis.

The money was raised via voluntary contributions and from our previous fundraising events, mainly in 2013. In addition, the building fund will make the final payment to the school for the installation of air-conditioning (installed in 2012) once the monies are processed.

Also receipts for the building fund will be issued in Term 2.

WRPS MARKETPLACE SPECIALS

If you have transacted with our supporters below, please inform me and I will work with them to thank them for their support. 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 or from the comfort of your home for shoe fittings.

THE P&C FEDERATION

As you would have heard of the issues of the P&C in the news, I have been on 'watching brief' to ensure all our existing insurances are up to date and supported. As a school we will continue to support a parent organisation whatever the outcome of the Minister's decision.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 21st May. There is no meeting in April due to Term 1 holidays.

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

President

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE

21st May, Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

18th June, Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

In the school library.

CLASS PARENTS LIST

The Class Parents are as follows:

	Parent	Teacher
KC	Calvin Myles Holland	Mrs Colley
KH	Naith Chang	Mrs Hines
KS	Holly Kozlovsky	Ms Murray
KT	Mathimala Gobinath	Mrs Thompson
1A	Karina Martin	Mrs Aspee
1B	Karin Smits	Ms Black
1D	Jo Ah Yong	Ms Dobbie
1M	Amy Bested	Mrs McDougall
2B	Sumudu Dias Jayasekara	Ms Belme
2C	Raegan Stewart	Ms Cannon
3B	Milla Krivozhnya	Mr Bramley
3L	Farina Shah	Ms Lee
4F	Christine Han	Ms Farthing
4J	Jane Huang	Mr Jenkins
5/6H	Raquel Munoz	Mr Hayllar
5/6L	Dennice Perry	Mr Logan

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Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)



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

Meadowbank TAFE is offering a free 4
week training session to give you
skills for tutoring small groups or
individuals in English

The classes will begin on Monday
12 May from 10am- 2pm. They will run
for 4 consecutive Mondays at
Meadowbank TAFE

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

The Adult Migrant English Program is funded by the
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TAFE NSW

Enrolments for the sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place at St Michael's Church Meadowbank on the weekend 5th/6th April. Enrolments will be taken immediately after mass at the rear of the church. Mass times are 6.00pm Saturdays and 8.00am and 10.00am on Sundays. Should you have any queries regarding the sacramental program please contact Marisa Squadrito on ph: 9874 5792.