

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

May

- 7th Uniform shop open
- 8th Mother's Day Breakfast
- 9th PSSA Rd 4
Assembly – 3B
- 13th NAPLAN
- 14th NAPLAN
Uniform Shop
- 15th NAPLAN
- 16th PSSA Rd 5
Assembly - 1M
- 20th Banksia Rehearsal
- 21st Barber of Seville Show
P & C
- 22nd Zone Cross Country
- 23rd PSSA Rd 6
Walk Safely to School Day
Assembly – 6L

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Principal's Message

A warm welcome back to all our students and families. We hope that you all had a very restful, happy holiday. This term, although only nine weeks long, is shaping up to be very busy with our annual Mother's Day breakfast, performances as well as reports going out in Week 9. It promises to be a great term at West Ryde.

School Easter Hat Parade and West Ryde Street Parade

Congratulations to all our school community who marched in the parade. We again won many sections of competition and I have heard from many people that it was a great day. Thank you to Mrs Boyd, the staff, students and community who attended.

Winter Uniform

A reminder to all parents that students should now be wearing their winter uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct colour socks or stockings as part of our school uniform.

NAPLAN

Just a reminder to all parents that the Naplan testing will take place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Opportunity Class Placements

Parents who are seeking an opportunity class placement for their child in Year 5 in 2015 need to fill in an online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Please note that applications close on 16 May 2014 and no late applications will be accepted.

Photographic Competition

Don't forget that our annual photographic competition will again be judged in Education Week in Term 3.

The topic of this year's competition is "what matters to you".

Swimming Carnival Survey Results

Please see information in this edition of the newsletter.

NOTES/MONEY

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| Barber of Seville | Wednesday 21 st May – all classes | \$7.00 |
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Reminders

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.

Library News

Dav Pilkey visiting Australia

Dav Pilkey, one of the world's bestselling writers and illustrators for children who has sold over 70 million copies of his hugely popular Captain Underpants books, is visiting Sydney from the U.S. for the first time this month as a guest of Sydney Writers' Festival.

Sydney fans of Captain Underpants have the opportunity to meet the incredibly talented Dav Pilkey who dreamed up - and doodled - his Captain Underpants character when he was just eight years old, at two fun-filled shows guaranteeing action, thrills and laughs galore:

Friday May 23, The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood

Saturday May 24, Riverside Theatres, Parramatta

Tickets will sell *fast!*

Bookings via www.swf.org.au/captain-underpants/

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who recently completed their Premier's Reading Challenge:

Year 3: Sumanth, Riya, Alyssa, Minjae, Emily, Alexandra, Aakriti, Claudia and Tanika

Year 4: Andy

Year 6: Adelle

“The Barber of Seville”

Presented by the Australian Opera



In week 4 of this term the Oz Opera Schools Company will be presenting an enthralling 50 minute version of one of the most popular operas ever written, Rossini's "The Barber of Seville". We will be introduced to the magic of opera, and learn how the resourceful barber named Figaro cleverly solves everyone's problems – for a price!

This highly entertaining quality production forms a major component of our Creative Arts program this year, inspiring and developing a love of performing arts. In class the children will be learning about particular aspects of drama, music, singing and design in relation to this exciting opera.

Date: **Wednesday 21st May**
Yrs 3 - 6 show at 9.30am
K – 2 show at 11.30am

Cost: \$7.00 per child.

WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL
SWIMMING CARNIVAL SURVEY PARENT RESPONSES

1. Can your child swim?

Yes 129

No 47

If you ticked yes can your child swim 50 metres competently?

Yes 48

No 85

Not all responded to this question

2. How would you rate your child's swimming ability?

Poor 23

Average 86

Excellent 20

Not all responded to this question

3. If 25 metre races were offered at our swimming carnival would your child compete in these races?

Yes 93

No 37

Not all responded to this question

4. If 25 metre races were offered is your child confident enough to finish the race in deep water?

Yes 66

No 69

Not all responded to this question

5. Would you consider your child attending the school swimming carnival as a spectator if the cost of attending as a spectator was \$16 (bus and pool entry)

Yes 87

No 87

6. Do you have any constructive comments that would assist us in organising our school swimming carnival in 2015?

School provide swimming classes as part of the curriculum

Thank you all teachers for organising the carnival

25m race great for younger children

Carnival should be compulsory with whole school attending

Swimming carnival clinic to prepare the children for carnival

School to organise trial sessions at pool before the carnival to get children used to atmosphere

Go to another pool

\$16 too expensive to just sit and watch races

School swimming lessons were provided for my child but they still can't swim

Noodle races for non-swimmers

School has balance right

School to have its own pool

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The opening days for Term 2 will be Wednesday (8.45am - 9.15am) **14TH MAY** (note new date) **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

In a little more than 2 months, a small group of committee members has done well to organise the canteen. I would like to acknowledge those who put up their hands to manage the canteen process and to help operate the canteen. Our community of school parents should thank this group of volunteers.

It has been a successful month for the school. At the West Ryde Easter Parade we won the best marching group and best stall awards, winning us prize money.

CANTEEN WORKING GROUP

We have just survived our first special day at the canteen, with Jenny's Fried Rice being a hit, with over 100 orders of fried rice and 15 normal orders. We hope that this trend of success continues.

We also thank you for your patience in handling the changes such as the ordering process and the changes to the menu.

We also 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.*



(Jenny and Michelle working hard in the canteen frying up fantastic fried rice.)

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

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thanks to Fiona Lamborn and her army of volunteers in running the Mother's Day stall. My kids enjoyed it and I hope yours did too. It is no mean feat to organise the sourcing of the merchandise and package and sell the items at school. It was also remarkable with the large number of donated items this year.

All the hard work paid off with a successful outcome with money raised for the P&C to be applied for use for the children. Thank you also to the staff who assisted with making gifts and helping set up.

WORKING BEE

The next working bee is slated for the last Saturday of the month, 31st May, and we are hoping that you will assist us by participating in helping to make the school look its best. The note will be coming to you soon.

WRPS MARKETPLACE SPECIALS

Don't forget the online [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.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on at 7pm, 21st May in the Library. We invite all parents to attend. We might change menu items in the canteen!

CONCLUSION

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

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.

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Cate Latham, Go4Fun parent”

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AND IMPROVE THEIR SELF-ESTEEM.**

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| WHEN | Wednesdays 4.30pm-6.30pm Starts 30th April | WHERE | North Ryde RSL Youth Club Magdala Rd, North Ryde |
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REGISTER NOW
FREECALL 1800 780 900 OR GO4FUN.COM.AU



FREE Learn to Skate Safely and
Bike maintenance & Safety Workshops

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT Open Day 2014



Bring your family – ride, walk, skate or walk down to see what sustainable transport in Ryde looks like.

Date Sunday 11 May, 2014
Time 10.00am - 3.00pm
Where The Northern Sydney Institute's Ryde Campus
 250 Blaxland Rd, Ryde (entry from Parkes Street)

Talks:

- Sustainable transport in Ryde area
- Safe travel advice
- Cycleways

Information stalls:

- Bike professionals
- Community biking groups
- Sustainable Transport



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Football Coaching for Kids

SM Football Academy (on facebook)

Qualified: FFA Certificate Grassroots Football (U6-U9)
 FFA Certificate Skills Training (U10-U13)

2 free intro sessions for groups (boys and girls) U6-U9 and U10-U13
 Monday 5th May and 12th May at Eastwood Oval 2 from 6-7pm at
 Eastwood Oval 2 (top oval Lakeside Rd Suburb: **Eastwood**) Please bring a
 football, if you have one.

Following from the introductory sessions, classes commence Monday 19th May, \$15.00 per child, Monday 6-7pm during school terms. Spots limited.

To register attendance and age group, please email: SMFootballAcademy@outlook.com

