

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Aug

- 21st Kindy Aquarium Excursion
SPORTSPRO
- 22nd Book Fair Sales
Assembly - 4F
- 25th Art Gallery Excursion
Return Stewart House bags
- 27th SPORTSPRO
- 28th SPORTSPRO
Zone Athletics
- 29th Mini Market 3pm
Assembly – 1D

Sept

- 1st Literacy & Numeracy Week
- 2nd Dress Up Day & K-2 Parade
- 3rd SPORTSPRO
Crazy Sock / Groovy Glove Day
Father's Day Stall
Uniform shop open
- 4th Father's Day Breakfast
- 5th Assembly – 3B

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Principal's Message

Orchestral Concert

On Thursday evening our school orchestra along with members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and the Valley Quintet performed with our own school orchestra to provide a great evening of music. The evening was well attended by our greater school community with many getting into the formal mood of the evening by donning their best formal attire.

It was a great evening with many highlights. Thanks goes to the Orchestra organising committee for putting together such a great program and the staff for their assistance in decorating the hall and providing the refreshments.

See some more info on this link.

<http://wrpsorchestra.blogspot.com.au/p/orchestra-events.html>

Great Aussie Bush Camp

On Friday 8th August our intrepid students and very weary teachers returned from the Great Aussie Bush Camp full of news and praise for the camp organisation. There were many firsts for our students and from all the positive comments from parents, staff and students, it seems that the camp was a winner with all.

Thank you to Ms Farthing, Mr Logan and Mr Hayllar for giving up their time to attend the camp and thank you to our students for their excellent behaviour.

Student Supervision

As school finishes at 3pm there is usually no supervision after approximately 3:20pm. Recently we have found children on the playground waiting for parents as late as 4:00pm and have had to have them sit with a staff member, who, fortunately is still at school. There is no guarantee that a staff member will be at school to look after students who are not picked up at the correct time.

We understand that from time to time there are circumstances that are unavoidable but we are seeing the same children every week not picked up on time. Please help us to ensure your child's safety by being at school on time, or if not, phoning the school to let us know that you are running late. If you find that you are regularly late to collect your child in the afternoon please consider booking a place at the After School Care Centre (phone 9858.5114).

NOTES/MONEY

Sportspro – whole school Term 3 Weeks 2 to 10	\$42.00
Mini Market – 3pm – Friday, 29 th August	\$various

Reminders

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Canteen Menu Options available until 19 September.

Please support this healthy initiative by our school canteen.

FREE - SCHOOL DESK - Please see Mrs Lloyd Jones

Literacy & Numeracy Week Celebration – Tuesday, 2nd September 2014

K-6 students can come to school dressed up as a famous mathematician OR as a character from their favourite book. Kindergarten to Year 2 students will parade their costumes at 2.30pm (under the COLA). All parents are welcome to attend.

Groovy Gloves or Crazy Sock Day – Wednesday, 3rd September

Please support “Week Without Words” by donating a gold coin and wearing your groovy gloves or crazy socks to school. The money collected will be going to St Lucy’s School at Wahroonga to help disabled children learn to communicate.

School Swimming Scheme

Our school swimming scheme is scheduled for Term 4 starting on Monday 3rd November and continuing for two weeks. Given the rules on child protection the teaching staff is unable to assist children with dressing and undressing. With this in mind we cannot offer places to Kindergarten so only children from Years 1-6 will be able to attend. The cost for the lessons and the bus will be \$140.00.

If you are interested in your child participating, please return the expression of interest form (available from the office) as there are only a few places left.

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.

Beginner Violin Lessons

Group beginner lessons started in Week 3. If you are interested in your child joining this group, please leave a message at the office for the teacher, Mrs Wijngaarden, as soon as possible.

Library News



To celebrate Book Week our school will be holding a Book Fair. The theme for the fair is **Book Fair Garden: Catch the Reading Bug!** Students will preview the Book Fair on Wednesday 20th August. **Sales will take place Friday 22nd August.** Payment can be made using cash or credit card. Credit card payments can be made online (using a computer in the Library) or by your phone. You are welcome to attend either of these days. The Library will open 8:30am and close 3:30pm.

Ms Armstrong – Teacher Librarian

Mathletics News

Congratulations to the following students from 4F: Anwar has earned a Silver Certificate and Bronze Certificates go to Isha, Corina, Ezra, Rex, Sarthak and Shreya. Harrison has suggested we put them on display in the classroom and they can take them home at the end of the year.

School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am

Soccer News

PSSA Results 8th August— Junior A: 0-3 Junior B: 0-1 Girls Semi-final: 0-3

PSSA Results 15th August — Junior A: 2 - 1 Junior B: 0-5 Senior A: 0-3 Senior B: 0-5 Girls: 7 - 0

West Ryde Girls Soccer team played their Semi-final against a strong Eastwood team. The girls were looking the better side at half time but the effects of camp took their toll on the girls and they went down by 3. Congratulations on getting so far and playing so well.

The Junior teams played friendly games against Melrose Park. Both games were fiercely contested with Matthew and Timothy being stand outs on the day.

Last Friday saw more friendly games with some great team performances by West Ryde. The Junior A's and the Girls team had convincing wins against some tough opposition. The Senior teams played well and looked dangerous when attacking.

Well done to all teams on their performances, attitudes and sportsmanship across the season. Please remember to return all shorts and shirts as soon as possible.

Thank you

Kym Watterson – Organising Teacher

Netball News

A huge thank you and congratulations goes out to those students who participated in PSSA Netball this year and all the parents who were so supportive throughout the season. By all accounts, the girls have had an incredible season, enveloped with love for the game and for their team mates. Every player has improved incredibly and the level of skill within the teams surpassed that of the year before. PSSA Netball has offered these students an education in sportsmanship, team work and communication that is unparalleled in the classroom and the school could not be more proud of the way the girls have conducted themselves. This thank you extends to our volunteer coaches who spend hours of their time nurturing and encouraging the students to play their best at all times whilst being gracious in winning and defeat. Friday morning netball will be run for the remainder of the year, and a modified Net Set Go program will be offered during Friday sport to give all students the opportunity to participate in such a fantastic sport.

Fran Farthing – Organising Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen is now being run by the P & C. It is open on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only.**

Please write your child's lunch order on the bag provided and put the correct money inside the bag. Put the bag into the box which is located outside the library in the hallway.

Please note there is a **new [Canteen Menu for Terms 3 and 4](#)**. There are new menu items and some items have been deleted e.g. noodle cups, pizzas. Check out the new menu on the school website. The menu will be sent home via the class parent's email list as soon as possible.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The uniform shop is a volunteer run, not for profit service to the school community. Due to increasing costs from our suppliers, unfortunately we have been forced to increase the uniform shop prices. We have held off for as long as possible, but after at least 4 years with no increase, the time has come to adjust the prices accordingly.

As of 7th October 2014, a new price list and order form will be available.

The last opening days for Term 3 will be Wednesday (8.45am - 9.15am) 3rd & 17th September.

P & C NEWS

We are now racing towards the end of Winter and what a week it has been with the wild weather and bucket loads of rain. I think a hot summer is coming after such an early downpour! It's like living in tropical South East Asia except 20 degrees colder. It feels like 30 degrees colder some days.

But spring is coming, and I do look forward to the break.

Next P&C Meetings

The next P&C Meeting after tonight's meeting will be in October. As the 3rd Wednesday is in the last week of this term, we decided to hold over to next term.

Traffic and Children's Safety

Being the school P&C President at West Ryde Public is generally a fantastic and enjoyable experience. We have a good community of parents and the kids are all well behaved and hard working. However once in a while, something will twist my nerve and traffic safety during school zone times is that item.

When I reflect on last year's death of a child, driven over by another parent in a hurry, ignoring traffic signs, especially in a school zone, as a school P&C president I hope that something like that will not be on my watch. To go through the death of a child through negligence would be horrendous. I will be thinking if I could have done more.

It is not easy to ask parents to move on, because they are in a hurry and sometimes angry for being in a hurry through no fault of anyone else but themselves. School staff are sometimes abused by parents too. But what irks me most is the realisation that these parents do not place my child's safety at the same level as theirs. That's why they stop on Bennett Street and block the view of cars behind them, ignore the signs around the school, make a U turn next to the children's crossing and overtaking cars near these crossings. Sometimes people I know do it, and that really is disappointing.

More children are coming to our school, because it is a hidden gem being discovered. As a result there's more traffic around the school, more children crossing at the crossings at these key times. The rules in school zones are there for safety reasons. Please don't ignore them. I have asked the police to help enforce the rules and they will be patrolling the school from now on a regular basis. It's not something I want to do but I have to do it because too many close calls have been witnessed, complaints on safety have been received and abuse has been experienced.

We will also on our West Ryde Public School page display photos of all vehicles who flout school zone rules from September to December. Authorities may use these photos.

However if you would like to get involved in trying to address our traffic safety problems around the school, I urge you to consider getting involved in our P&C. NRMA is providing grants for innovative traffic solutions around schools!

Once Upon A Winter's Night

A great night was experienced last Thursday when the West Ryde Public School Orchestra played a concert with members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Organised by Sally Cole, the orchestra committee and Mrs Kim Lloyd Jones and staff, it was well attended by parents and our kids. I know it took a lot of effort to put on this event, and I would like to acknowledge the magnificent effort involved.

"Week Without Words"

I would like to also thank the kids and the support of the school in getting behind the Week Without Words fund raising and awareness campaign. It means a lot to myself and my family. It is not easy to have a disabled child who cannot express him or herself or to communicate. A number of parents at the school understand this challenge. It is remarkable the number of children involved in this campaign.

Christmas Carols – Volunteer Organisers wanted

There is much energy and intent to have the Christmas Carols. A number of items have been organised and we need organisers to assist with planning the event. Alison Chan and myself are at hand to guide and help with the organisation this year. We hope to have more volunteers involved to help with the organisation of the Carols for 2014 which is currently planned for 6th December 2014.

We are already moving ahead with some of the events for the Carols and hope to confirm more of the items during the next few months. However, this is at the point where more hands are required to make light work. There are very few opportunities where we can show the children the quality of the work that we do and push the boundaries of possibilities for them. If the children see beyond their limits, then they know that they can perform beyond their own expectations.

Hosting of the West Ryde Business Chamber

On the last Wednesday of every month, the West Ryde Chamber of Commerce hold their monthly meeting. In October, I will be hosting the Chamber at the school library as part of the Yellow Brick Road community involvement mantra. I am part of the Yellow Brick Road (www.ybr.com.au) financial services group that was started by Mark Bouris of the 'The Apprentice' fame.

In the past we have a good partnership with the Chamber, which organises the Easter Parade every year. In return they have supported our school community.

If you are intending to go into business or are in business, I would urge you to attend this meeting. You never know what it may transpire for you.

That's it for this month. A bit long as I missed the last newsletter. Have a good fortnight and hopefully I'll see you tonight at the P&C Meeting.

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

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATES

15th October, Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

19th November, Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Annual General Meeting followed by normal meeting

In the school library.

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