

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

February

18th SPORTSPRO
Uniform Shop open
P & C
19th SPORTSPRO
20th Swimming Carnival
Assembly 4F 2 – 3pm
23rd SPORTSPRO
25th SPORTSPRO
26th SPORTSPRO
27th Jnr Assembly

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2nd SPORTSPRO
4th Uniform shop open
SPORTSPRO
5th SPORTSPRO
6th Assembly - Leaders

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Principal's Message

Welcome BBQ

Thank you to the P&C and all the parent helpers for hosting such a great evening on Friday to welcome our new and existing parents to the school. It was a great opportunity for new Kindy parents to get to know each other and for old friends to catch up. I also had the opportunity to chat with many of our new parents as well. Our new audio visual equipment in the hall was used for the first time as well. Thank you to Mr Alan Khaw and his team who last year composed a successful grant to assist in the installation.

Parent Engagement

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Stage Information Evenings this week. The teachers appreciated you taking the time to find out what your children will be doing at school this term and during the year.

Special Request

This year we hope to start our canteen refurbishment.

If you have any expertise that could assist us it would be greatly appreciated so that we can try and keep costs down.

At present we need a structural engineer to assist us in deciding if it is possible to remove some walls to create a larger working space for our volunteers in the canteen. We will also need in the future, a plumber, electrician and a builder. If you can assist please see Mrs Lloyd Jones.

Thank you to Carina and Stephan parents of one of our new Kindergarten students who came to give us some architectural advice on the canteen last week.

Safety around school

Just as we try very hard to ensure that your child is safe at school we again ask all parents to assist in ensuring our students are safe outside of school. Recently I have received parental complaints regarding issues of parents not being safe drivers, parking illegally and putting the safety and wellbeing of children at risk.

I have also received several complaints from community members concerning parents not only parking illegally and driving in a dangerous manner within the school zone but also parking right in their properties and driveways. We value our relationship with our neighbours- please assist us by doing the right thing and also teaching your child by example.

The council parking officers are frequently patrolling the school boundaries and will be issuing fines so please do not park on the school Crossing or across neighbouring driveways.

NOTES/MONEY

Sportspro	All classes	\$44.00
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Friendly Reminders

School Visits and Safety Induction

When you come onto school grounds you will need to come to the front office and sign in to receive a visitor's badge. You will also now be required to have a safety induction. The gates on Mons and Bennett Streets will be locked during the school day - please enter via Endeavour Street.

An interesting article from the Sydney Morning Herald

<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/schools-of-the-future-must-adjust-to-technology-needs-20150216-13fpi9.html>

Happy Lunar New Year

You are all invited to celebrate **Lunar New Year** at school on Friday **27th February 2015**. Whole school assembly will start at 12.00pm. Chinese and Korean students from year 1 to year 6 will perform during the assembly. Parents are requested to be seated by 12.00pm in school hall.

Please bring a plate to share. The lunch is for **parents and staff only**.

Communication Channels

With classes now formed for 2015 I would like to clarify the communication channels for any concerns or questions you may have throughout the year.

With regards to all classroom and playground related matters please follow the sequence outlined below;

First point of communication: Make an appointment with the class teacher or email the school. The email will be forwarded to the classroom teacher.

Second point of communication: Make an appointment to see the Team Leader for your child's grade or stage.

Third Point of communication: Make an appointment to see the relevant K-2 or 3-6 Assistant Principal.

Speech Therapist

We again have the services of the Gladesville Speech pathologist on site every week. If you think that your child needs speech therapy please come to the office and ask for a referral form. The speech pathologist will contact you directly to arrange a time that suits you. Please note that there is a cost involved and that this is **not a free service**.

Singing Lessons and Parent/Staff Choir

In week five we commence singing lessons at school. Please come to the office if you are interested in your child participating in private singing lessons at school.

This year we are also trying to put together a parent/ staff choir. If you are interested please contact Mrs Lloyd Jones. Please note that there is a fee for singing lessons as well as for participation in the parent/staff choir.

The Chooks

We desperately need people to feed the chooks and water the vegetables over the weekend. If you can assist could you please let Mr Logan know.



Commonwealth Bank

School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am

Starts Term 1 2015 tomorrow 19th February

The CBA School banking lady will be present to open new accounts for students. Please bring your child's birth certificate or passport.

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen is now being run by the P & C. It is open on 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.

On Thursday, 19 February the Canteen will be selling Fortune cookies, Want Want rice cookies and Chilled Fruit in wafer cup cones (melons and blueberries) to celebrate the start of the Lunar New Year. Prices are from 50cents to \$1.

On Wednesday, 25 February the Canteen will be serving a Lunch Special of Chicken Dumplings.

PLEASE NOTE: NO other lunch orders will be served on this day (i.e. Fresh sandwiches or rolls and ALL hot meals like chicken nuggets and lasagne etc WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE for lunch on this day).

On the last Thursday of each month this term, the Canteen will serve a sweet or savoury fresh baked item at recess and lunch e.g. Muffins, slices, cookies, scones etc. Details will be posted outside the canteen window and the canteen order box table (outside library) the last week of each month.

Garlic bread is now available at recess and lunch from Tuesday to Thursday at 50cents a slice, also, buttered raisin toast at 50 cents a slice.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Term 1 2015 Opening Days:

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

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

If you are not able to attend the uniform shop on opening days order forms are available from the office.

Please fill in the form and put cash (**correct money only no change given**) or cheque (payable to West Ryde Public School Uniform Shop) in an envelope and give to office. Your order will be filled as soon as possible and given to your child.

P & C NEWS

Interested in what's going on in your school? I hope you can join us for our first meeting of the year tonight, in the library at 7pm. Child minding is available.

Welcome BBQ

I hope that everyone who made it down had a wonderful night on Friday night at the Welcome BBQ. The rain even held off for us until the very end. The kids certainly seemed to have a good time.

An event like that doesn't just happen, however. Thank you very much to Jo Chang for organising the volunteer roster, and to Crystal Reckerman and Rebecca Webb for talking to retailers and purchasing the food. There were many, many people who helped out on the night with the set up, cooking and serving on the bbq, selling in the canteen and talking to folks at the P&C table. I can't list them all, but would like to give a special thankyou to Danielle Wilcock for working all evening to keep things ticking across the board.

Thanks also to the school for organising the jumping castle, the highlight of the night for the kids and to the staff for staying to talk to parents and welcome them to the school.

A thank you must also go to Woolworths and Coles at West Ryde for supporting our event, and to the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre and Element 6 Café for the prizes for our class list sign up raffle.

Class Parents Lists

Many of you will have filled out a class parents list at the BBQ or the 'Meet the Teacher' night. These lists are used by your child's teacher and the P&C to organise class activities, share information and communicate important messages.

If you missed the opportunities to provide your details and would like to do so, please either drop a note into the office for the P&C or to your class teacher, or email pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au. Please include

- Child's class
- Child's name
- Parent's name
- Email
- Mobile (optional)
- Whether or not you wish to share your contact detail with the rest of the class.

Sharing your details with the class will allow for more personal or informal contact amongst class families.

P&C Building Fund

Soon you will receive a statement from the school regarding school fees. Included on that will be a voluntary P&C Contribution and P&C Building Fund Request.

The P&C Building Fund is used to assist with the cost of building programs and maintenance within the school. As a public school, government funding is provided but limited, so the financial support for on-going developments and improvements also comes from generosity within the community.

The P&C Building Fund is used to pay for items such as air conditioning, smart board installations, small painting works or other such items not necessarily covered by government funding.

Gifts (donations) to this fund are tax deductible. A receipt will be issued by the school which should be retained for tax return purposes.

Remember, all donations made to the **Building Fund** prior to 30th June are tax deductible for this financial year.

When you receive the school fees statement, please consider making a contribution to the improvement of your child's school. Thank you.

Thanks everyone. I hope to see some new faces tonight.

Alison Chan
P&C President

THE ACTING EXPERIENCE

The Acting Experience specialises in acting classes for:

- > **CHILDREN'S DRAMA**
(for school years 4 to 6)
- > **YOUNG ADULTS**
(for High School students)

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

2-HOUR CLASSES EACH WEEK

SMALL CLASS SIZES

The Acting Experience also runs School Holiday Workshops in:

- > Primary School Drama Days
- > Teenage Screen Acting

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

actingexperience.com.au
info@actingexperience.com.au
0457 574 662

New Ballet classes

Drop in for a free trial class

or

Call for more info

0415 536 354



I am a qualified ballet teacher from England with over 14 years of experience teaching children from three years of age. I place emphasis on learning in a fun environment and building children's confidence. Exams are optional.

Tuesdays

3-4 years old 3:00pm - 3:45pm

5-6 years old 3:45pm - 4:30pm

7-8 years old 4:30pm - 5:15pm



Anglican Church West Ryde
Dickson Avenue
West Ryde

\$ 120 per term

Rates will be calculated per lesson for children starting mid term

2015 DRAMA PROGRAMME



We all want our kids to be confident.
You'll love your child's growth in
confidence, creativity and
communication skills through our self-
development drama programme.

**CLASSES HELD AT
RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL &
EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH**

More Information

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HOLY CROSS JRLFC



In 2015 come and join us at...

HOLY CROSS RHINOS Junior Rugby League



HOLY CROSS COLLEGE
Frank St, Ryde

rhinorego@gmail.com
Ph: 0417 681 194

Wednesday 25th February and Wednesday 4th March

- Have-A-Go Days for U6 – U10
4:30 – 5:30 pm
- Pre-Season Training for U11 – U16
5:30 – 6:30 pm



*Free BBQ

**All new and existing
players can register at**
www.rhinofooty.com

*2015 REGISTRATION includes jersey,
shorts, socks and 2015 NRL pass

U6 Free

U7 - U8 \$60

U9 -Seniors \$100

*New players to show proof of age



**Australian Rugby League
Grass Roots Club of the Year 2012!**





Confident
Independent & Creative
Young Women
Open Day

Thursday March 5, 2015. 3:30–6:00pm
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICIAL WELCOME 4:30PM

EXHIBITIONS | ACTIVITIES | GUIDED TOURS | GIFTED & TALENTED Q & A



RIVERSIDE
GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Huntleys Point, Gladesville
Ph: 9816 4264
www.riversideghs.nsw.edu.au

Marsden High School

Open Day

Tuesday 10th March

4.30pm to 6.30pm

Principal's address 4.30pm
Followed by School Tours

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

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

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