

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

Mar

- 5th SPORTSPRO
- 6th Assembly – 3A
- 9th SPORTSPRO
- 10th Zone Swimming Carnival
- 11th SPORTSPRO
- 12th SPORTSPRO
Selective HS Test
- 13th Assembly
- 16th SPORTSPRO
Stewart House bags due back
- 18th SPORTSPRO
Uniform shop open
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- 20th Assembly - Jnr

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新年快樂

Thank you to all our students, teachers and parents for helping us celebrate Lunar New Year in such a fantastic way. The performances were exceptional and Mrs Chen, Ms Cho and Mrs Chaudhary worked very hard along with some of our parents to prepare the children for their class items. A huge thank you also to all our parents who supplied the wonderful luncheon and who assisted in decorating the hall. 谢谢

Congratulations

To all our swimmers who competed in our annual swimming carnival on the 20th February. There were some exceptional individual performances from many of our students, a great have a go attitude, wonderful behaviour and involvement. Thank you to Mr Watterson for his organization and to Mr Hayllar and the rest of the staff for all their assistance on the day. A special thanks to our parents and the sports house captains as well. We look forward to hearing about how our students perform at the Zone carnival on the 10th March. Go West Ryde.

Skoolbag App.

In order to improve our communication we will soon be trialling Skoolbag an app that will make communication with you faster and for us more efficient. No more lost notes. Thank you to Chris, parent of Isabelle, Thomas and Ben, for starting the process off last year and for assisting us in setting up Skoolbag.

West Ryde Easter Parade 28th March

This year Mrs Aspee has very kindly taken over from Mrs Boyd and is organizing our students to participate in the West Ryde Easter Parade. For those who are new to the school it is an opportunity for your child to march behind the West Ryde banner in their Easter hats, decorate their bike or scooter and to watch the West Ryde School Orchestra and choir perform. There are prizes for the best dressed wheels, best decorated hat and a prize for the best school. Come along and join in the fun. More information will be given closer to the date.

Playing after school

We have always been happy for students to be on the school grounds in the afternoon provided they are supervised by their parents. Children are reminded that there are no soccer games to be played in the afternoon and that any child playing on the equipment must have a parent with them at all times.

NOTES/MONEY

School Charges	All classes	Various amounts
Sportspro	All classes	\$44.00

Friendly Reminders

New Department Guidelines for Holiday Leave

The Education Department does not encourage vacations to be taken out of school holiday periods. A new DEC Application Form for travel has been introduced for parents to apply for holiday leave. There will be no exemptions issued for holiday leave. Any travel leave taken will be recorded on your child's student record as an absence.

Lunar New Year Assembly

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you all for coming and supporting the celebration of 2015 Lunar New Year Assembly at West Ryde P.S. Your help and support was greatly appreciated.

Mrs Chen and Ms Cho



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.

Communication Channels

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

Please see Mr Logan if you can help with feeding the chooks and watering the Vegetable garden on weekends.



Commonwealth Bank

School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am

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 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, 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

It's been a busy couple of weeks at school since the last newsletter.

Thanks to the staff for staying back for the Meet the Teacher Night meetings to fill us in on class procedures and activities. It's always good to get the schedules for the year and understand how each teacher operates in their class room. Thanks also for helping to collect class parent lists, used by your child's teacher and the P&C to organise class activities, share information and communicate important messages. Remember, if you did not get an opportunity to add your name to your class list, you can do so by dropping a note for the P&C into the office or to your class teacher, or email pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au. Please include Child's class, Child's name, Parent's name, Email, Phone (optional), and whether or not you wish to share your contact details with the rest of the class. Sharing your details with the class will allow for more personal or informal contact amongst class families. Class lists should be sent out to teachers and class parents within the next week.

Also held in the last two weeks was the school swimming carnival. Congratulations to the students who took part, especially to those who competed for the first time, and a big thank you to all of the teachers and parent helpers on the day.

Congrats also to all of the students who performed at the Lunar New Year Assembly on Friday. Thank you to Mrs Chen and Ms Cho for their hard work in preparing the students and directing the event. To me it was a great example of how multicultural our school really is, for example, I watched children of Australian and French backgrounds

performing in Korean classes, or Serbian and French Canadian in Mandarin. Also, thanks to all of the parents who provided such a fabulous spread of food for the luncheon to follow. It was great to meet some new parents there.

Canteen

The wonderful folk in our canteen have been very busy not only serving their normal weekly menu but also pulling together some tasty Lunar New Year specials and an ever popular lunch special of dumplings. The dumplings were made thanks to a huge effort from Clare Tan, along with Auntie Qian. For helping with the prep and serving on the day we also thank Madames Veronique, Zhao, Jenny, Sally, Jie and Suparna, as well as Milena, Rochelle, Cindy, Peggy and Marisa. The canteen is a great asset to the school, run entirely by volunteers, so to all of our canteen helpers and the tireless organisers behind the scenes we say thank you. They are always in need of more people, so if you're able and willing to lend a hand please get in touch.

Uniform Shop

I'd also like to take this opportunity to publically thank the volunteers who work in our uniform shop – Yoko Calder, Rawah Dorrnanian and, particularly, Amy Bested. The start of the New Year is always a very busy period and they've been working extremely hard. We really do appreciate it ladies.

Road Safety

As a consequence of our increased numbers at the school, parking is becoming more difficult and the roads busier at pick up and drop off times. Each year we see some illegal and dangerous driving around the school and I personally have witnessed some very near misses due to people stopping illegally or children crossing roads unsupervised.

Please;

- **Do not stop on crossings to drop off your child**, including the corner of Mons and Bennett St where the footpath finishes. Children are short and they cannot be seen by passing or reversing cars.
- **Do not make illegal U-Turns around the school** during peak times, again particularly at the corner of Mons and Bennett.
- **Make sure your children are supervised when crossing roads, and teach them safety by always using the pedestrian crossings.** Walking a further few hundred metres is a small price to pay to avoid accidents and set a good example to our children.
- **Do not park in private driveways or parking spaces.** We must maintain good relations with our neighbours and this issue is often raised with the school.
- **Get your children out of the car on the footpath, not the road.**

Please let's not wait until a child is hospitalised or worse before we take this issue seriously.

There is a Traffic Incident Record Book in the school office which is kept to provide a record of all reported accidents or near misses around the school. This record allows us to understand where the problem areas are and provides data to support any changes which must be made. If you see or hear of any traffic related events, please write it up in the book.

A P&C working party is being set up to discuss and plan traffic safety recommendations and to work towards achieving any necessary changes around the school. If you are interested in participating or have any recommendations that you wish to make, please get in touch at pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au or leave a note for the P&C at the office.

Election BBQ

As previously mentioned, on March 28th the school will be acting as a polling station for the state election. The P&C will be holding a BBQ and possibly a cake stall on the day. If you are able to be part of an organising group for these activities, please let me know through the office or via email. Thank you.

Building Fund

Contrary to the note in the last newsletter, the building fund donation request has not been made with the recent request for school fees. An appeal will go out in a few months time, before the end of financial year.

Thanks everyone.

Regards,

Alison Chan - P&C President president@westrydepublicschool.com.au

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

KEEP UP YOUR A-GAME

YMCA Indoor Sports Comps are a fun way to make friends and maintain your fitness rain, hail or shine.

Register your team now!

**NEW
JUNIOR
BASKETBALL**



Ryde Community Sports Centre
ELS Hall Park North Ryde 2113
P 9878 2223
E admin.rcsc@ymca.org.au
ymcansw.org.au/rcsc

 **City of Ryde**
Lifestyle and opportunity
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YMCA Indoor Sports Comps

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

SPORT	DAY	TIME	AGE	START DATE
Basketball	Monday	4.15pm - 6.30pm	8's to 12's	23 March 2015
	Thursday	4.15pm - 6.30pm	13's to 18's	26 March 2015
	Friday	4pm - 6pm	5's to 18's Learn to Play Academy and Training	

SENIOR COMPETITIONS

SPORT	DAY	TIME	GROUP	START DATE
Netball	Monday	6.30pm - 10.30pm	Women's	16 March 2015
	Thursday	6.30pm - 10.30pm	Women's/Mixed	12 March 2015
Futsal	Tuesday	6.30pm - 10.30pm	Men's/Women's	10 March 2015
	Wednesday	6.30pm - 10.30pm	Mixed	11 March 2015
	Thursday	6.30pm - 10.30pm	Men's	12 March 2015
Basketball	Thursday	6.30pm - 10.30pm	Men's	12 March 2015
	Sunday	6.30pm - 10.30pm	Men's/Mixed	8 March 2015

Learn-To-Play

LEARN-TO-PLAY

SPORT	AGE	START DATE
Soccer	5's to 12's	Available during school terms. Contact centre for availability.
Badminton		
Basketball		





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

Contact 9874 6544
Winbourne Street
West Ryde

OPEN DAY
10th March 4.30 - 6.30pm

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

Principal's address 4.30pm followed by school tours

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