

# The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter  
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## Principal's Message

### Harmony Day

Despite the rain, we again had a wonderful day with many parents braving the weather to bring an array of colour, with their traditional clothing, and some fantastic food for us to try. Thank you to the staff who assisted with the organization, and to all our school community who helped us celebrate Harmony Day.

### The Night of the Notables

"The Night of the Notables Project" is a major inquiry learning project in our "Project Based Learning" classes for all Stage 3 students. This term's program was premised on the assumption that we all need our heroes. While students researched a notable person, they were encouraged to work autonomously, learn research skills, search for deeper studies, and to be flexible in pacing their integrated study across subjects.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the culmination of all the hard work of the students was evident as they donned their costumes and personas and presented their fascinating details of the many notable people throughout history to family, staff and students.

I learnt about Einstein's theory of relativity and inertia and about Philo Farnsworth's work in the early television system.

Well done to all the students for their fine work, to the staff who assisted them and to the parents who supported their projects.

### State Swimming Championships

A huge Congratulations to Claire who competed in all the 50m races and the 200 IM finishing in the top 10 in all events. She also swam in the All-age relay team which finished 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done Claire!

### Arriving early at School

In the past I have written to the whole school community regarding students who arrive at school early. This is a problem that we are having difficulty controlling this term. We cannot ensure your child's safety if they arrive at school before 8:30 am.

Too many children are on the playground from as early as 7:50am.

Please note that school hours are from 8:55am to 3.00pm

Children are to arrive at school no earlier than 8:25am unless they are coming to a pre-organised event such as sport or music lessons. If you need to drop your children earlier than this, please make arrangements for them at the Before School Care facility where they can be properly supervised. The same applies for collection of students after school. We would appreciate your prompt collection of your child/ren. Our teaching staff have regular meetings after school, and are not available to supervise children. If you are running late for any reason, please phone the office and we will make arrangements to care for your child until you arrive. If however, you have work responsibilities that make it likely that you will be late on a regular basis, please organise supervised care through our After School Care facility

## Upcoming events

### Apr

2<sup>nd</sup> Cross Country – Yrs 2-6

**Last day for Term 1**

3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday (Public Holiday)

21<sup>st</sup> Students return to school

22<sup>nd</sup> Uniform shop open

23<sup>rd</sup> Back up day for Cross Country

24<sup>th</sup> PSSA Round 1

Anzac Assembly

25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC DAY

29<sup>th</sup> Uniform shop open

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### NOTES/MONEY

School Charges	All classes	Various amounts

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## Staffing

In week 8 parents in 1/2 S were notified that Ms Stark would be leaving at the end of the term as staffing was posting a new teacher to the school. Due to time restraints the new teacher will not be posted until the end of Term 2. I know many parents have given Ms Stark very positive feedback on her work with the children. Thank you for all your comments and best wishes. We all look forward to working with Ms Stark for another term.

## Thank you

I would like to thank Prisha and Ishaan's parents for their generous cash donation to the school. The money will be used to purchase resources for Literacy.

## Easter Parade and Fair

Thank you to Mrs Aspee who organised our attendance at the West Ryde Easter Parade & Fair. We were very successful on the day winning the Bunting Competition, Hat Competition and the Pram Competition and also we won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the Parade! Congratulations to all the students, parents and staff who attended or helped on the day.

## Safe Holidays and Happy Easter

As it is now the end of Term 1 it is beneficial to take a moment and reflect on the amazing achievements each and every one of our students have made. I congratulate our students on the significant learning that they have demonstrated this term. I would also like to acknowledge the considerable role that the staff and you and your family have played in assisting with these achievements. Have a Happy Easter and a safe holiday.

## Friendly Reminders

### School Dates

The last day for Term 1 is Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 in full winter school uniform.

## Cross Country – Yrs 2 to 6

The Annual School Cross Country Carnival will be held Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Meadowbank Park.

## New procedures for Morning Assemblies

Due to an increase in student numbers at the school we will be trialling new procedures for lining up in the morning. In Term 2 beginning Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, all students will line up in their designated area. Music will be played at 8:50am as a signal that all students will proceed to their area. The bell will then ring at 8:55am. By this time all students should already be in line and the children, along with their teacher, will proceed to the classroom.

Parents are asked to assist us by:

1. Ensuring that their child is at school on time.
2. Not engaging the teachers in conversation.
3. Moving away from the area once your child has been dropped off at the designated area.

## Parking and child safety

As our school grows it will become increasingly difficult to park in and around the school. Recently we have again had parents parking across residents' driveways making it difficult for these homeowners to enter or exit their driveway in the morning and afternoon. Please do not park in the designated parking areas of the surrounding units.

Please help us to have a good relationship with our neighbours by respecting them and the parking rules around the school.

Also could parents please help their children to understand that it is important to use the crossings in Bennett and Endeavour Streets to cross the road . We have also had phone calls from concerned community members regarding parents not supervising their children when crossing busy roads on the way to school.

## School Easter Hat Parade

Thank you to all the teachers for organising the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March and to the parents who came to the school to watch the Parade. Even though it was a very hot day the children still had fun parading in their hats and even enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny.

## 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

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.



CommonwealthBank

## School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am

School banking commences in Term 2 on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

## CANTEEN NEWS - Canteen re-opens Term 2 on 21<sup>st</sup> April

**An important reminder to all parents to write a separate bag for each child with name and class with exact order and amount. Please use 1 bag for recess orders and 1 bag for lunch orders.**

Week 10, canteen will celebrate Easter with buttered Hot Cross buns for sale for \$1 and chocolate mousse cups for \$1 (available Tues, Wed and Thurs until stocks sold out).

Week 1 Term 2 we will be selling freshly baked Anzac biscuits for 50 cents each.

# UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

## Term 2 2015 Opening Days:

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April & 29<sup>th</sup> April (8.45am – 9.15am)

13<sup>th</sup> May & 27<sup>th</sup> May

10<sup>th</sup> June & 24<sup>th</sup> June

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 the office. Your order will be filled as soon as possible and given to your child.



## P & C NEWS

So Term 1 is done and dusted and we all get a well- deserved rest; children, parents and teachers alike. I know I need one. Whether you're travelling or staying home, please stay safe and enjoy some precious time with your family.

As usual the school community has been rather active over the past two weeks. Unless you're about regularly at the school you may not see some of it, such as our Kindy kids having great fun on their dress up Friday (I saw many Elsas and super heroes running about), or some of our talented students representing themselves and their school at a local chess competition. There's much that goes on that doesn't filter home to all parents and families, but our teachers and students are never still!

It would seem that dressing up has been a recurring theme for the last couple of weeks. If you attended the school Easter Hat Parade last Thursday or the West Ryde Easter Fair and Parade on Saturday you would have seen the many colourful and creative hats that our children have worked very hard on over the past few weeks. Thanks to the teachers for continuing to come up with such great ideas and for taking time out of your core work to support this activity. I know my kids love their craft.

On the day of the school parade we also drew the Easter egg raffle. Sincerest thanks to all of the families who contributed donations and sold tickets. With over 35 prizes on offer, we were certainly able to share the winnings about. Congratulations to all of those whose name was drawn. I hope you haven't eaten all of that chocolate yet! Thanks as always to Fiona Lamborn and to her parent wrapping crew who put the baskets together.

On Saturday our school was represented beautifully by many well behaved and excited West Ryde students as a part of the Easter Parade, and again later in the Orchestra and Choir. I unfortunately missed the prize announcements and performances and have yet to hear feedback. I know that some of our students did an amazing job decorating their wheels, as did Mrs Maier (with the assistance of her class I hear) and I hope you won some prizes to recognise that. I'm sure that the school music groups did a wonderful job too.

Of course, the whole school was involved in the Harmony Day celebrations last Tuesday, and there were some fabulous costumes on display. Once again I'm taken by the multicultural and welcoming nature of our school community. Thank you to all families who attended and contributed food to the International Luncheon. It was a true feast as always, and everyone had a lovely time, despite the rain.

Speaking of rain, I sincerely hope that it doesn't rain again this Thursday for the school cross country event. Good luck to all of our competing students. Go out and give it your best. What a great way to finish the term.

Last but not least on our crazy agenda was the Election Day BBQ and Stalls on Saturday.

### Election Stalls

If you came down to the school to vote on Saturday you would probably have seen some of us hard at work feeding hungry mouths and minds. Thanks to Alan Khaw, Crystal Reckerman, Nikki Lawson, Jo Chang, Amy Bested, Fiona

Lamborn, Gerald Katsoulis and all of the volunteers below who helped prep cakes on the Friday or man stalls. Sorry if I missed anyone Yoko Mizota, Ai Keng Ong, Fumiko Dean, Yoko Calder, Esther Wong, Milena Brentam, Christine Hie, Samantha Cheung, Tristan Webb, Darrell Wilcock, Steven Wu, Soheil Shafazand, Roopriya Sridhar, Scott Kalms, Radika, Abhivathanaa, Payal Joshi, Mary Zhou, Fiona Tchan, Russell Preece, Raquel Munoz, Jennie Hyde, Michael Lamborn, Abhishek Arora, Jie Wilson, Luke Lam, Neesha K, Veronique Png, Devanand Mula, Russell Hall, Phill Quach, Mathimala Gobinath, Swapna Ajay.

Thanks also to everyone who provided cakes for sale.

### Volunteers

We did have some unusual trouble getting volunteer helpers for this event. I am hoping that is just a result of circumstance due to clashes with the parade, school performances and soccer trials, etc. However, I also know that the canteen have had a drop off in assistance over the last few weeks of term as well.

I know that everyone is very busy and often committed elsewhere. In this day and age we are all time poor. However, the many activities around the school don't just happen by themselves. They do require people to plan, coordinate and carry them out. We truly appreciate anything and everything that our volunteers do at the school, whether it's for the P&C or the teachers. I say it constantly, but thank you so much to our regular helpers. We please ask that parents continue to give, even if just a couple of hours every now and then. Every little bit makes a huge difference.

### Early Drop Offs

Two weeks ago Mrs Lloyd Jones raised an important issue at morning assembly, and it's one that I've often noted on those days when I'm in before the 8:30am bell. ***Prior to 8:30am there is no teacher supervision of children within the school grounds.*** It is inappropriate and unsafe to drop off or send your children to school prior to this time without adult supervision. If you must do so, there are morning spaces available in 'Before and After School Care', or perhaps talk with other parents who live near you to organise a 'walking bus'.

(A walking bus is a form of [student transport](#) for school children who, [accompanied](#) by two adults (a "Driver" leads and a "conductor" follows), walk to school. Like a traditional bus, walking buses have a fixed route with designated "bus stops" and "pick up times" in which they pick up children.)

### Illegal Parking

Once again I'd like to raise the issue of dangerous and illegal parking around the school.

Please, please, please,

- Don't drop your children directly on crossings or on corners
- Don't park in neighbours parking spaces
- Walk your child across the road at official crossings

We have requested that council rangers visit the school more often during pick up and drop off hours, and we will hopefully see more of them at the start of Term 2. Parking illegally is not worth it, for your wallet or the safety of our children.

Thanks everyone.

Regards,

Alison Chan

P&C President

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The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7:00 pm  
In the school library. Free child minding available.  
We hope we'll see you there.

### Have You Got Any Old Mobile Phones?

Have you recently upgraded your phone and have no use for the old one?

The P&C are collecting all old mobile phones for recycling. For every phone donated, the school receives \$3. Please ask around and send any old mobile phones to school with your child – yours, your neighbour's, friend's, anybody's.

A collection box can be found in the office area. Thanks for your support.



## THE ACTING EXPERIENCE

### APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS:

- **PRIMARY DRAMA DAYS**  
FOR SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 6  
TUES 14 APRIL
- **YOUNG ADULT SCREEN ACTING EXPERIENCE**  
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
1 OR 2 DAY PROGRAM  
WED 15 AND THURS 16 APRIL

*The Acting Experience* also runs weekly drama classes:

- Primary Classes – Wednesdays
- High School Classes – Thursdays and Saturdays

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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info@actingexperience.com.au  
0457 574 662

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## ATTENTION MUMS AND DADS!

**Group Fitness Classes will be starting at  
Meadowbank Park Netball Courts in Term 2**  
*Children and toddlers are welcome to join in at no cost*

**WHEN:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
**TIME:** 9:30am - 10:15am

**\$100 For the Term (10 wks)  
or \$12 per week**

- *Train with like-minded individuals*
- *Have fun whilst getting fit*
- *Catered for all fitness levels*
- *Lose weight and tone up*
- *Enjoy the fresh air where there are no mirrors, egos or queues*
- *Set in a motivating, yet non-intimidating environment*
- *Shelter provided in case of inclement weather*

Classes are conducted by a Fully Qualified and Insured Personal Trainer, Master Functional Trainer, Boxing Trainer, Weight Loss Specialist Coach, Specialist Children's Fitness Trainer, Diploma of Physical Education and Diploma of Fitness.

**DON'T MISS OUT!!**

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# april school holiday camps

**Multisport Program at Next Generation:**

**Tennis • Soccer • Basketball • Cricket**

**T-ball • Squash • Volleyball • and more**

Free supervision  
830am till 530pm

Dates	Week 1: April 7-10    Week 2: April 13-17		
Times	8:30am to 5:30pm (activities between 9am and 3pm)		
Costs	\$50per day	\$180 for 5 days	\$305 for 9 days

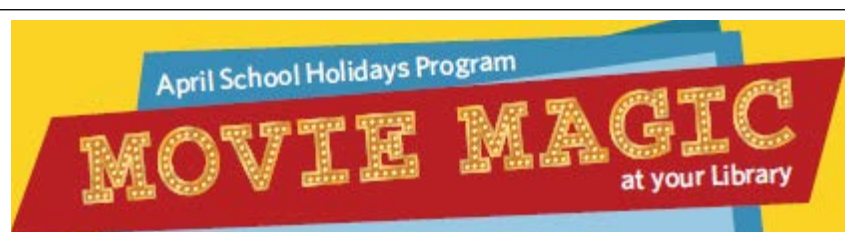
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ENROLMENTS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place at St Michael's Church Meadowbank on the weekends of 21/22 and 28/29 March. Mass times are 6.00pm Saturdays and 8.00am and 10.00am on Sundays. All Reconciled children in year 4 and above are invited to enrol. The cost of the program is \$20.00. Please note that children must have made their Reconciliation before they can take First Holy Communion. Should you have any queries regarding the sacramental program please contact Marisa Squadrito on ph: 0402 902 872

## 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Group

Parents and Carers of children aged 3 – 12 years. It is a 3 week group, 10:00 am - 12 noon, 5<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May . We discuss effective discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking; understanding your child's behaviour; and help your child learn about their feelings and regulate their emotions. This is a Free group and there is free childcare. **Bookings are required.** It is at Ryde Family Services, West Ryde. Please ring on 9334 0111 to book your place.



**Bookings Essential. Payment must be made prior to the day.**

For more information call (02) 9952 8352 or visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Library](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Library)







