

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
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Upcoming events

June

- 11th Regional Cross Country
- 12th Assembly – Leaders
PSSA – Round 8
- 15th Life Education Week - Healthy
Harold
- 17th Debating 2pm
P & C
- 18th ICAS Competition – Writing
- 19th Assembly – 1L
PSSA Round 9
- 20th **WORKING BEE**
- 22nd Reports go home
- 23rd Banksia Concert Rehearsal
- 24th Uniform shop open
- 26th PSSA Round 10
Assembly - Leaders
LAST DAY OF TERM

Jul

- 14th Students return for Term 3

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Principal's Message

Reports

At this time of the year the staff have completed their assessments of all students and are putting the final comments to your child's reports. Semester One reports will be sent home to parents in the last week of Term 2 on Monday 22nd June.

Please take the time to read this report with your child. Should you wish to see your child's teacher to discuss the report further please make an appointment to see the teacher through the appropriate channels.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016

A friendly reminder that we are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. If you have a sibling of students already enrolled at the school and you are in the catchment area for West Ryde Public School please come to the office to fill out the paperwork.

Open Day

In Term 3 as part of Education Week we will be having our annual Open Day. You are invited to participate in an activity with your child. The theme this year will be "Hands on Learning". More information will be sent home at the beginning of Term 3.

Also as part of the Open Day activities we will be holding our annual Student Photographic Competition. The theme for the photographic competition this year will be "A sight worth saving".

Students are asked to interpret the theme anyway they want. (note: that it is not a spelling mistake!) More information on how to enter is at the end of the newsletter. There are some great prizes to be won.

Friendships

Is your child making friends at school or finding it hard to keep friends? Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. The following website has some excellent tips for helping your child to make and keep friends.

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

NOTES/MONEY

School Charges	All classes	Various amounts
Healthy Harold	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th June	\$7.00
Athletics Carnival	Thursday, 16 th July	\$10.00 (if not paid in school charges)

Friendly Reminders

Kitchen Garden Market

Thank you to all our customers at the harvest market last Thursday. We raised \$74 to go towards more fresh produce for the future. There will be another market on Thursday 25th of June (Week 10) from 3pm under the COLA. Apologies to all those who bought the mint variety, 'mint-choc' it was in fact, mint-ginger". If you are unhappy with your purchase please see Miss Farthing who will promptly replace your product.

Netball Knock-Out Competition

Round 3 will be held in Week 10 of this term. More information will be provided as soon as possible.

Skoolbag is here!

Our school now has its own smartphone app! The app will help us communicate more effectively with our Parent and Student community. We are asking for as many parents and students to install our Skoolbag School App.

To install it, just look for our school name "West Ryde Public School" in the Apple App Store, Google Play Store or Windows Store and install it on your phone or tablet today!

Please refer to the flyer at the end of this Newsletter for further information on subscribing to notification groups.

Help Needed

If any parents have professional experience and equipment and are willing to volunteer to film the school concert/performance in Term 3 would you please contact Miss Belme, or leave a message at the school office.

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. 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.

Holiday Leave Application Forms

As part of the implementation of the National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences on the student attendance roll. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.

Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, parents will need to complete an "Application for Extended Leave – Travel", available from the office, for the approval of the Principal. If the application is approved your child's absence will be marked as "leave", if not approved, it will be marked as "absent".

Absence from School (Sick)

If your child is absent for more than three days please notify the school office **and supply a medical certificate** when your child returns to school. It is a requirement under the NSW State Legislation to send an absent note when your child returns to school (after any period of absence), with the reason, date of absence and your signature.

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 now also 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.

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**.



CommonwealthBank

School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am

CANTEEN NEWS

Autumn/Winter Menu

PLEASE USE SEPARATE BAGS FOR RECESS AND LUNCH ORDERS FOR EACH STUDENT AND PLACE ORDER BAGS IN BOX. Please note that only Kindergarten recess and lunch orders are delivered to the classroom.

Tuesdays to Thursdays recess and lunch (PLEASE **PRE-ORDER** ON ORDER BAGS AND **COLLECT MILO** FROM CANTEEN WINDOW AT RECESS OR LUNCH) - **Warm Milo with milk - \$1.50** a cup (with lid).

Tuesdays to Thursdays recess and lunch (PLEASE **PRE-ORDER** ON ORDER BAG) – **Slice of garlic bread – 50c**

Tuesday lunch - **Chicken, potato and carrot (or pumpkin) soup** with 1 slice of wholemeal toast - **\$3.50**

Thursday lunch - **Fried rice with egg, onion, peas, corn and carrot, \$3.50**

Please note: only limited portions of the above lunch items will be available each day.

Our Canteen is also in need of more parent volunteers to sign up for once a week/fortnight or monthly duty. Either between 9.30am to 12.00pm OR 12.00pm to 2.45pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Please contact Shakeela at shakeela.ahmed@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thank You.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Stop Press! EFTPOS now available in Uniform Shop

Personal shoppers only - a minimum purchase of \$15 only

Term 2 2015 Opening Days:

Wednesday - (8.45am – 9.15am) 24th 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

I hope that everyone had a lovely long weekend and made the most of the beautiful weather, a break from the recent chill. Unbelievably there are only three weeks left in Term 2. So the year marches on!

Working Bee

By now all families will hopefully have received notice of the upcoming annual school Working Bee on **Sat 20th June**. Each year the P&C holds a working bee for parents, students and anyone else you might want to rope in to help in the school gardens, spring (or is it winter) clean school facilities or otherwise improve the school grounds and facilities in some way.

Many families have weekend sport on Saturday, but the working bee runs from 9am until 4pm and people are asked to attend just a morning or afternoon or even an hour or two where they can. Hopefully there'll be some time in your busy schedules to fit it in.

If you're unable to attend but would like to help out in some way, families are invited to provide a \$10 contribution to the day to help pay for materials used on the day.

For further information or to register your interest in helping out, please return the form sent home with your children, or email your details to wrps-workingbee@googlegroups.com

Canteen

Thanks to our new volunteer Roopa for stepping up and helping with the purchasing role at the canteen! However, if you want the canteen to remain open more help is needed. Our lovely canteen organisers are always willing to have a chat if you'd like to help in some way. Please consider what you could do. Thanks.

Regards,

Alison Chan

P&C President

president@westrydepublicschool.com.au

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE
Wednesday 17th June, 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.



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iPhone and iPad users



1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

Android users



1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

Windows Phone users

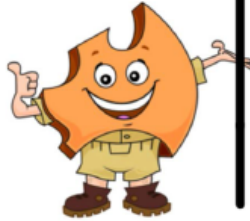
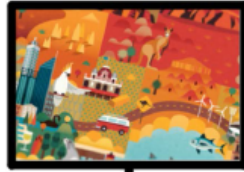


1. Go to the Windows Store on your Windows Phone
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows Phone App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones.

West Ryde Public School

Students of Years 2- 6 proudly present



The Lucky Country

A concert that celebrates the diversity of Australia.

Wednesday 16th September in WRPS Hall - 12.30pm

Wednesday 16th September in WRPS Hall - 7.00pm

Tickets \$6 each or \$20 for a family of 4.

Tickets on sale early Term 3!

Ukulele Club now at West Ryde Public School

Group lessons, small groups, experienced teacher, only \$10 per lesson

5 Reasons you should encourage your child to learn ukulele

1. It's Cool! Over the past few years Ukulele has become one of the hottest new trends in music
2. It's Cheap! An average Ukulele will cost less than \$100
3. It's Easy! With only 4 strings it is a very simple instrument to learn
4. It's Portable! You can take your Ukulele anywhere and play
5. It's Fun! You can't help but smile when you play Ukulele

Contact Frances for details, 0403 869 133

kidsukulele@iprimus.com.au

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More Exciting Sports **HUGE CHOICE** Longer Supervision **8.30am to 6pm** Cheaper Prices **FROM \$27.50 a day**

Tennis • Soccer • Hockey • Basketball
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Don't miss the opportunity to join the famous multisport holiday camps at Next Generation Ryde. Children will enjoy lots of different sports. There will be coaching, competitions and tons of fun.

Dates	Week 1: June 29 – July 3	Week 2: July 6 – 10
Times	8:30am to 6:00pm (activities between 9am and 3pm)	
Costs	\$40 per day*	\$150 per week* \$275 for 10 days*

* Early Bird Specials - Price available until 15th June

Book and pay online at www.voyagertennis.com and click on the Ryde tab
Contact: nextgeneration@voyagertennis.com Ph 0402 477 762

Term 3 Next Generation Tennis Hotshots After School Program

FREE TENNIS LESSON OFFER

Book your child in for a free tennis lesson today before the new term begins:

Email: nextgeneration@voyagertennis.com Call: 0402 477 762

Programs are every day after school from Monday to Friday.

Available for new clients only during Term 3 After School Program.



Meadowbank TAFE

See Street, MEADOWBANK 2114

Telephone: 9942 3801

Email: monique.brunello@tsfnsw.edu.au

Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways Programs

TARGET GROUP: Mature age adults wishing to return to work

Preparation for Work or Further Study	Pathway to Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
<p>Flexible program – Enrol anytime; enrol now!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply First Aid Certificate (HLTAID003) • Write application letters and prepare a resume to attend a practice interview • Develop computer skills (email, how to learn online, apply for jobs online, use government websites, eg myGov) 	<p>Course starts 14 July 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide emergency response in education and care (HLTAD004) • Develop written and spoken communication skills for working in child care
<p>Tuesdays and Thursdays – Time: 9.30 – 2.30 pm Plus flexible learning available: Monday or Wednesday or Friday – Time: 10.00 – 1.00 pm</p>	
<p>For further information, please contact: Monique Brunello, Foundation Skills, Meadowbank TAFE</p>	

JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY



WWW.JUNIORSCIENCEACADEMY.COM.AU

The Junior Science Academy aims to encourage children to develop their understanding of how our world works. Supported by science experts at Macquarie University, the activities are designed to suit all primary school aged children.

Children are introduced to science concepts, participate in science based experiments and make friends in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University where they have access to its learning facilities.

Our programs run four times a year in the school holidays and we add and rotate topics each offering.

Drop off 8.30am to 9.30am (children are supervised)

Activities 9.30am to 4.30pm

Pick up 4.30pm to 5.30pm (children are supervised)

Cost \$95 per child per day, including GST

ENROL ONLINE TODAY!

www.juniorscienceacademy.com.au/enrol


CONTACT DETAILS

Email: juniorscience@mq.edu.au

Phone: 02 9805 3130



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

 City of Ryde



WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Would you like to enter the West Ryde Public School's photographic competition?

Well...pick up a camera and get creative and you could win some fantastic prizes!

Anyone from Kindergarten to Year 6 can enter but there are some rules so please read them carefully.

All entries **must be your own work**. Mum and Dad can help you with working the camera and getting your work printed but you **MUST** take the photos yourself. Photos should be **printed on photo paper in 6 x 8"** size ready to display (please do not send photos electronically).

The categories are as follows:

"A sight worth saving"



Only one entry per student - so pick your best photo!

Entries close on Monday 27th July and the competition winners will be announced on Education Week Open Day on 29th July. All entries will be displayed in the library from Monday, 27th July.

PRIZES: **1st Prize:** \$50 for each division winner - K-Yr 1, Yr 2-3, Y4-5 and Y6
 2nd Prize: A selection of art and craft materials for each division winner
 People's Choice Award – special prize to be announced.

Please attach this slip to the **back** of your photograph

NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

CATEGORY ENTERED: *"A sight worth saving"*

I certify that the photo entered has been taken by my child:

Parent's signature

date

