

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
Term 3 Issue No. 4 – 2nd September 2015



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Upcoming events Sept

- 3rd SPORTSPRO
Father's Day Stall
- 4th Father's Day Breakfast
Technical Rehearsal for
Lucky Country Concert
- 7th SPORTSPRO
- 9th SPORTSPRO
Uniform shop open
Full Dress Rehearsal for
Lucky Country Concert
P & C
- 10th SPORTSPRO
Stage 3 PBL
Assembly – SRC Yr 2
- 14th Botanical Garden Excursion
- 16th Lucky Country Concerts
12.30pm & 7.00pm
- 17th Chess finishes
- 18th Just for Fun School Concert
Last day of school

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P& C News

Principal's Message

Book Week, Koomurri Aboriginal Presentation, Athletics, Music Night and more!

What a busy, and exciting, two weeks we have had.

On Tuesday I enjoyed seeing all the children dress as their favourite book week characters. I loved Ms Murray's Madeline costume, Ms Armstrong's Cat in the Hat and so many more. Thank you also to everyone who supported our book sale - as part of the sales are returned to the library to buy much needed books for the children.

Our Annual Music Night was a lot of fun with the orchestra, our junior singers, the parent and teacher choir performing as well as our special guest Karen Hickmott who played the harp and entertained us with many familiar songs.

Well done to our K-2 students who hopped, skipped and jumped through a fun day of activities to make up for their washed out athletics day. It was great to see so many parents come and support the children.

Congratulations to all of our athletes on their performance at the Zone Athletics. We look forward to hearing how Natasha, Adelle and Oscar perform at the Regional Athletics Carnival. *(see photos of the school Athletic Carnival winners on next page)*

Lastly, on Friday we were educated, entertained and enthralled by Koomurri Aboriginal performers. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we all learnt a great deal about Aboriginal culture.

Thank you to all the staff who so capably organised all these experiences for the children and to our students for their fantastic behavior.

Staffing Information

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Ms Minah Cho who returns to Korea on Wednesday due to personal reasons. Ms Cho is hopeful that she will return in 2016. In the meantime the Korean language program will be in the capable hands of Mrs Eun A Park until the end of 2015.

We also wish Ms Cathy Belme a speedy recovery from her recent emergency operation.

Our Community

We also send our best wishes to many of our mothers and fathers who are ill at the moment and are either receiving treatment or are in hospital. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

West Ryde Public School Centenary 2017

In 2017, our fantastic school turns 100 years old and we would like to celebrate this important occasion in style. We are asking for anyone who is interested in helping us plan the events for the Centenary celebrations to let Mrs Lloyd Jones know.

NOTES/MONEY

School Charges	All classes	Various amounts
Botanical Gardens Excursion	Years 1 & 2	\$25.00

Friendly Reminders

Father's Day Stall and Breakfast

The P & C will hold their Father's Day Stall on Thursday, 3rd September and you are invited to celebrate Father's Day breakfast on Friday 4th September with your child. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the chance to win one of the many fantastic Black and Decker power tools.

EFTPOS now available

At the school office. Fees can still be paid by either cash, cheque and now credit card facilities (eftpos). The school will only accept a minimum transaction amount of \$15 and over.

School Swimming Scheme

Our school swimming scheme is scheduled for Term 4 starting on Monday 2nd November and continuing for two weeks. If you have received a permission note from Ms Dobbie please return the form and money as soon as possible to confirm your child's place.

School Athletic Carnival Ribbon Presentation on 31st August



2015 ICAS - Writing Competition

Thank you to those students in Years 3 -6 for participating in the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) – Writing.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved **Distinction** for their outstanding results.

Gayuni – 3A	Alisa – 4CM	Nicole – 5/6L
Vinuki – 3A	Katie – 4F	Jina – 5/6W

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016

Just 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.

Junior Concert “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Stars”

Tickets are now on sale for the matinee performances on **Thursday 22nd and Friday, 23rd October.**

A note has been sent home about this concert for **Kindergarten, Year 1 and 1/2S** students.

“Lucky Country” Concert - Matinee tickets still available

Last chance to buy matinee tickets for the “Lucky Country” concert for **Yrs 2 - 6** students on **Wednesday, 16th September.** Evening tickets are sold out.

Kitchen Garden

A reminder the kitchen garden market will be held 1st Thursday every month under the cola. Next date 3rd September.

Library News



...what a FANTASTIC response to our **BOOK FAIR**. Approximately \$6000 was spent on the day, resulting in the school earning \$2000. This money will go towards buying new resources for the Library.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to my helpers:

- Staff Members - Mrs Chen, Mrs Dawkins, Ms Lesic and Mrs Gorton
- Library Monitors - Aidan, Arinath, Sarthak, Benjamin, Anwar and Rocky

I look forward to hosting another fair next year.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

CONGRATULATIONS to the 403 students who completed the 2015 challenge – A FABULOUS result. Certificates will arrive late Term 4.

INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR VISIT



On Monday 7th September, we will be having a special visit from Justine Clarke. Justine is an Australian actress, singer and television host as well as an ambassador for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF).

We won this visit for participating in the ILF's Great Book Swap in 2014. Monies raised from our Book Swap helped provide books to children in remote communities throughout Australia. We will be hosting another Book Swap in term 4.

Ms Armstrong – Teacher Librarian



SCHOOL DISCO 6 - 8PM FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

"Bollywood" is the theme of this year's School Disco. Please mark the date in your calendar. If you would like to be a member of the organising committee, please leave your contact details in the office.

Netball

A netball lunch will be held tomorrow (3rd September) in the library to celebrate a wonderful season. Players must bring a plate of food each to share.

The Senior knockout netball team has made it through to Round 5 of the competition. The girls will play on Wednesday 2nd September against Harbord Public School. The winner of that game is the winner of the draw, and go on to play Warragamba Public School. Good luck girls!

Koomurri Incursion

Thank you to students, staff and parents who made the Koomurri incursion such an exciting day. Both staff and students learnt a lot and found it an enriching experience.

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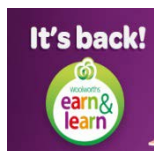
Our school now has its own smartphone app! The app will help us communicate more effectively with our Parent and Student community. We are asking for as many parents and students to install our Skoolbag School App.

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!

To subscribe to the **email go to our school website** front page and follow the links.

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

Woolworths Earn & Learn Promotion – Finishes Tuesday 8th Sept



Please bring your stickers or sheets to the school and place in the box located outside the Principal's office by **15th September**.

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**.



School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am

CommonwealthBank

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

CANTEEN NEWS

"Fresh for Kids Campaign" Week 5 to Week 10

The Sydney Markets "Fresh for Kids" campaign is running again in 2015 to encourage kids to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables, and to purchase them from their school canteen.

From Tuesday, 11th August the canteen will sell and promote Fresh Fruit Cups for \$1, Fresh Salad Sandwiches made with one or more salad items, and our regular Tuesday Chicken and Vegetable soup. Students who purchase any of these healthy choices will be rewarded instantly with a token sticker for each purchase. Once two token stickers are collected, students fill in a competition entry form at the canteen and receive a token Fresh for Kids Pencil and Eraser. All entry forms will be sent to Sydney Markets for the chance to win some major prizes at the end of the campaign.

Autumn/Winter Menu

PLEASE USE SEPARATE BAGS FOR RECESS AND LUNCH ORDERS FOR EACH STUDENT AND PLACE ORDER BAGS IN BOX (outside library). 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

NEW Thursday lunch - **Fried rice with HAM** 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

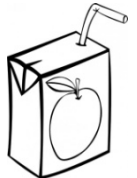
Personal shoppers only - a minimum purchase of \$15

Last opening day for Term 3 2015 Wednesday - (8.45am – 9.15am) 9th September



Last Chance!

Important Information about Changes to the Canteen



Your Canteen

Since the start of last year our school canteen has been run by P&C volunteers, and all money made has gone back into improving the school. Over the last 5 terms, the canteen and its amazing volunteers have raised over \$18,000, with more incoming from this term and next. The canteen is being renovated to provide up-to-date new facilities for our growing school, and any profit earned will go back to this building work.

We Still Have A Problem

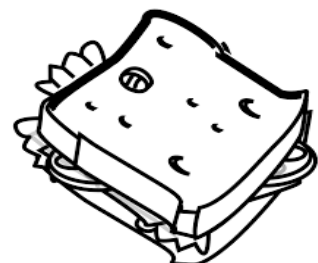
Our incredible volunteer canteen coordinator, Veronique Png, is leaving the school at the end of the year. We've been trying to find a replacement for her, and have even looked at sharing the role, but have had no luck.

Unless a new volunteer coordinator is found by the start of next term, the canteen **may not open in Term 1 next year** while the school and P&C decide on how it will be run in the future.

Whatever happens, the Canteen will continue to be run as 'normal' until the end of the year. We don't yet know how it will operate after that, but we'll let you know when it's all organised.

What Does This Mean for You?

- * There may be no canteen for a while next year
- * Prices in the canteen will increase
- * Next year the canteen may only open for lunches, not recess or snacks
- * The canteen may not be open as many days



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- * Any money made will not go back to improvements at the school
- * It will be harder to raise enough money to do all the upgrades needed

Canteen Upgrade

The school and P&C are planning on upgrading the canteen to cater for more students and provide better facilities for the school. Funding and building plan schedules are currently being decided. If you'd like to know more about these plans, please contact the P&C.

Thanks A Million

Their work is not finished for the year, but the P&C would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our incredible canteen volunteers who turn up week in and week out to give their time. Particular thanks to the co-ordination and refurbishment committee members, many of whom work both in the canteen and outside of hours to plan and manage operations - Veronique Png, Shakeela Ahmed, Ruth Yarad, Roopa Mahadevan, Clare Tan, Zen Mejias, Carol Gasparini, Paridhi Tyagi and Christine Song.

If you have any concerns or questions, or **if you can help**, please contact the P&C at pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au, talk to Mrs Lloyd Jones or visit Veronique in the canteen.

P&C NEWS

Canteen

Please make sure that you all read the note about the canteen, sent home to students and copied in this newsletter. We have been saying for some time that we need a new coordinator or management arrangements would probably change. We have reached that crisis point where decisions need to be made and investigations are underway. It is more and more common today for school canteens to be outsourced and run by external companies, either on site or through delivery of pre-ordered food. Given our difficulty in finding enough regular weekly volunteers and the people with the willingness and capacity to organise the whole affair, we may be another school to follow down this path. Once our options have been assessed and decisions made, we'll be sure to let you know what's happening. In the meantime, if you have any concerns about the future of the canteen and want to contribute in some way, please let us know.

Father's Day Stall, Raffle and Breakfast

Father's Day is this coming Sunday and, as always, the school and P&C will be helping your children say thanks for all that they do.

On Thursday (3rd Sept) the P&C will be running the annual Father's Day stall. The children will have an opportunity to buy gifts from \$2 - \$10. Please note this is an event for the children and purchases can only be made by the children during their class allocated time.

Thanks as always to Fiona Lambourn for organising the stall and making so many of our fundraising events happen. We couldn't do it without you. Thanks also to the volunteers who have offered up their time to help out with preparations and on Thursday (Amy Bested, Midia Bibani, Yoko Calder, Jo Chang, Fumiko Dean, Gerald and Kim Katsoulis, Hana Alinejad, and Ai Keng Khaw). If I missed anyone or got names wrong, my apologies.

Thanks also to the following companies who kindly donated products or vouchers to sell at the Father's Day Stall – Ryde/Paramatta Golf Club, Bunnings Rydalmere, Coles West Ryde, Three Threes Condiments, Aldi Gladesville, Unilever, Civic Video West Ryde, Autoparts West Ryde, and McDonalds West Ryde.

In addition this year, we've been very lucky to have some amazing prizes donated by Stanley Black and Decker which will be given away in a raffle. Tickets have been sent home with students, and should be returned to the school by today (Wednesday 2nd Sept). The raffle will be drawn on Friday morning at the Father's Day Breakfast.

Thanks to Heather, our school chaplain, and to the supporting teachers, for hosting the Father's Day breakfast planned for Friday. It's always a great event and I'm sure this year will be no different.

Earn and Learn

Please note that the Woolworths Earn and Learn program is due to finish on Tuesday 8th September. We need all stickers and sheets to be returned to the school by **September 15th**. Please don't forget. Every little bit means more resources for our school.

Thanks to Christine Hie and Jenny Hyde for their help in checking the boxes and gathering all the sheets ready to be sent in at the end of the promotion.

West Ryde Music Night

Last week students at the school had a wonderful opportunity to show off some of their skills and fruits of their hard work at the second annual West Ryde music concert. There were performances from the senior, junior and combined orchestra, a senior string ensemble, the new Wind Ensemble, the Parent Teacher Choir and a number of junior singing students. We were also lucky enough to enjoy a fabulous performance by a special guest, professional harpist Karen Hickmott. Congratulations to all of the students who performed so well.

Special thanks must go to the P&C Orchestra Subcommittee for their organisation of the event, particularly Sally Cole. As always, thanks to our Orchestra leader Sarah Wijngaarden. Thanks also to Ai Keng Khaw for stepping in at the last minute on accompaniment for the singing students. We also really appreciated the coffee and cake supplied by the school and teachers at intermission. They did a roaring trade.

Walking To School

Do you live near a group of other West Ryde families?

Are you close enough to walk to school?

What about forming a "walking bus"?

Walking is a great way for you and your kids to stay healthy, and it helps us to reduce traffic pressure around our growing school.

A "walking bus" is a group of students and at least two parents who walk a fixed route to school at a regular time. Similar to a bus, they arrive at 'pick up points' at set times and children walk to school under the supervision of parents.

If enough parents were interested, it might be possible to trial something like this in your area, even if it's just one day a week to begin, or just mornings or afternoons. If enough people are involved, different parents can take on different days or times of day and share the load.

So, please talk to other families that you know and let us know if you think you'd like to give it a go. We'd love to help advertise it and get others involved.

Next P&C Meeting

Due to the Yrs 2-6 school concert, the September meeting will need to be moved to the 2nd Wednesday of the month, on September 9th. Please put the revised date into your diaries now.

Regards,

Alison Chan

P&C President

president@westrydepublicschool.com.au

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE
Wednesday 9th Sept, 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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2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
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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



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2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
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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.

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***The new cricket season is commencing
 late September/early October and registrations are
 still open for –***

- ***U8/9's***
- ***U10's***
- ***U11's***

Registration details go to:

<http://westryderoverscc.nsw.cricket.com.au/>

Please don't hesitate to contact us

if you have any questions:

Tim French (Club Secretary)

mob: 0402 890 657

email: roverscricket@gmail.com

(Club registrar)

email: rovers.juniorregistrar@gmail.com

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Times	8:30am to 6.00pm (activities between 9am and 3pm)	
Cost	\$275 for 10 days*	\$150 for 5 days* \$40 per day*

* Early Bird Specials - Price available until 7th September

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

Term 4 Next Generation Tennis Hotshots After School Program **FREE TENNIS LESSON VOUCHER**

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Programs are every day after school from Monday to Friday.
Available for new clients only for the term 4 after school program.



First Reconciliation – St Michael's Church Meadowbank

Enrolments for the sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place at St Michael's Church Meadowbank on the weekends of 5/6 and 12/13 September. Mass times are 6.00pm Saturdays and 8.00am and 10.00am on Sundays. All children in year 3 and above are invited to enrol. The cost of the program is \$15.00.

Please note that children must make their First 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

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