

# The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter  
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## Upcoming events

### Nov

- 18 Assembly
- 22 Dance
- 23 Dance
- 24 Dance  
Canteen
- 25 Assembly
- 28 Good Beginnings Kindy
- 28 Christmas Scripture Service  
Dance
- 30 Uniform Shop  
Canteen Lunch Special  
Dance

### DEC

- 1 Canteen  
Dance
- 2 Assembly
- 5 Music Info Session
- 6 Dance  
High School Orientation
- 7 Parent Helper Morning Tea  
Dance  
Uniform shop open
- 8 Canteen open  
Dance
- 9 Mini Fete Stage 3  
Carols by Candlelight  
Assembly

## Principal's Message

Congratulations to Arinath and Ethan who received their Young Leaders Award at the Rotary Youth Leadership Ceremony event last week. Along with young student leaders from 14 local schools they were presented with their award by Mr John Alexander, Federal Member for Bennelong, Mr Victor Dominello, State Member for Ryde and Rotary President, Narelle Barker. Arinath and Ethan give their time and energy to assist in many areas in the school and they have been outstanding role models for all students this year.

## Second Kindy Orientation

Last Thursday we held our second 2017 Kindergarten Orientation Day for parents and their children. As on the first orientation day, the children were all very excited about visiting 'Big School'. The children all seemed to enjoy their activities and left excited and happy. The transition to primary school and starting Kindergarten is an important milestone and a special time in a child and their parents' lives. At WRPS we appreciate the involvement and strong support of our parents and I'd like to thank those parents who attended Orientation and acknowledge their contribution towards ensuring their child has a smooth start to the school year in 2017. I'd also like to thank our existing parents for their assistance in welcoming our new parents to the school and to Ms Brett and Ms Lee for their presentations and to all of our staff who assisted on the day. We have a great team at West Ryde who work tirelessly to make sure that all our children receive the best possible school experience we can provide.

## Remembrance Day

Last Thursday the students observed Remembrance Day by learning about its significance in remembering people who served their country in times of war. Thank you to Ms Devlin for organising the displays in the school foyer.

## After School Supervision

Parents and students are reminded that all students who are on the school grounds between 3:05pm and 3:30pm must be supervised by a parent. Recently I have had to speak to several children about unsafe play on the equipment at 3:20pm. We take your child's safety very seriously and do not want to see children injured due to lack of supervision.

## End of School Term

Can all parents please note in their diary that school finishes on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** for all children and staff.

## NOTES/MONEY

Dance Till You Drop	Term 4	\$30.00 due ASAP
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## Friendly Reminders

### Year 3-6 ARTCLUB2016

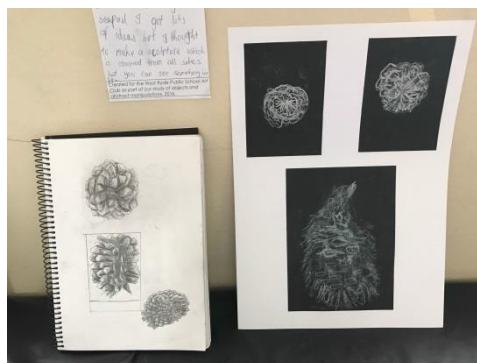
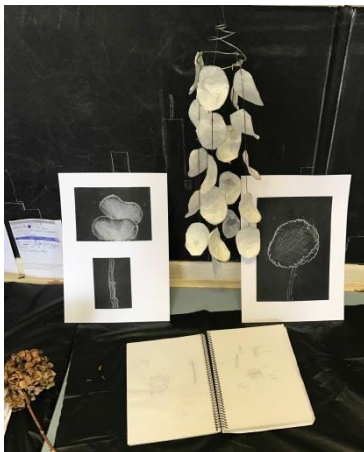
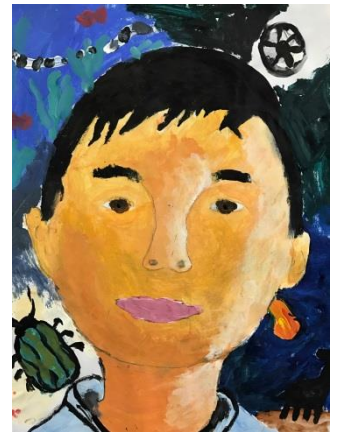
Budding artists from Years 3-6 have enthusiastically participated in Art Club this year. Over three terms, they have developed new and existing art skills, explored various artists and engaged with different art mediums.

In Term 2, students painted a portrait of a significant individual in their life. They studied the various techniques used by artists, like Cherry Hood, Picasso and Van Gogh, and applied their learning to create a portrait in the style of the artist that inspired them.

In Term 3, students learnt to sketch objects using graphite pencils and white charcoal, and create abstract sculptures using wire and tissue paper. They collaboratively created a colour wheel by sorting and cutting colours out of recycled magazines.

This Term, students will be exploring the various elements of art and creating a number of works focusing on these elements. They also worked together to paint some poppies for the school's Remembrance Day display.

At the beginning of Term 4, Art Club held a small art show for their parents to show off their artworks. The students and parents enjoyed the opportunity to see the various artworks on display and discuss their process and inspiration. It has been a great year for students in Art Club and it has been wonderful seeing all students eagerly participate and be creative.



# Library News

## Overdue notices

Borrowing has now ceased and overdue notices are being handed out. These notices are a reminder of the book/s your child still has on loan. Please return all books ASAP. If you are unable to find a book, please let me know – I will try and locate it in the library. If it is not found, you may be requested to forward money so the book can be replaced.

## Great Book Swap

Thank you to everyone who donated a book or two for our *Great Book Swap*. A special thank you must also be given to Mrs Lee (3L teacher), Mrs McDougal (1/2M teacher), Miss Murray (KS teacher), and Moses (3A) for their generous support and donations. We raised \$467. The **Indigenous Literacy Foundation** will use this money to send new books to remote Indigenous communities across Australia.

Ms Armstrong- Teacher Librarian

## Sport News

Congratulations to Hwan & Won for winning the Bennelong Cup Table Tennis competition. They are both great ambassadors for their sport and also for West Ryde Public School.



## Violin/Viola Information Meeting

Is your child interested in learning music?

Come along to our meeting with your child and try out a violin and a viola.

You can sign up for a beginner group lesson on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – great opportunity to ask questions.

Time: 3.15pm OR 6.00pm session (Meet outside the Library)

Sarah Wijngaarden - Violin Teacher

## Payments At The Office

As we are now using the new Department finance system could I bring to your attention the **POP (Parent on-line payment)** method which can be used 24/7 – at home or work through the School website. It is very simple and easy to use and a very secure method to pay for your child's school fees, excursions - saves time by not having to find cash or write a cheque. You can find it under "MAKE A PAYMENT" on the front screen of the school website. We also have an Ipad available for use at the front office if you do not have internet access.

## Please note: NO EFTPOS facilities.

Parents can only use the POP method (see below), cash or cheque to make payments to the school.

## New Payment Method now available (POP – Parent on-line payment)

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other. This is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the student's name, class and date of birth AND reason for payment (in reference section)

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

## Parking and Safety

Recently it has been brought to our attention that parents and children are crossing the road in front of the buses. Please promote road safety to your children by using the pedestrian crossings.

To ensure the safety of all students **do not park** on the **school crossing**. Please use the crossing with your child when crossing the road in Bennett and Endeavour Streets. **PLEASE DO NOT DO 'U' TURNS OVER OR ON THE CROSSING.**

As our school numbers have grown it will become increasingly difficult to park in and around the school.

Please **do not park across residents' driveways** as this makes 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.



## 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 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.

## Coding

For all those students who missed out on Coding Club this year, there is still a way for you to learn code. <http://www.code.org> is a great website for those who are new to coding but want to give it a try. It's free to sign up, and a little addictive once you get going!

## Skoolbag – Subscribe to App. and/or Email

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.



**School Banking Day**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**Commonwealth**Bank

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS – Updated Price List now on Website

**Please note there has been a price increase from Term 4 week 4.**

**EFTPOS now available!**

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

The Opening days for Term 4, 2016 will be:

**Wednesday (8.45am – 9.15am) 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

## CANTEEN NEWS – OPEN THURSDAYS ONLY!

**NOTE: You MUST provide CORRECT MONEY ONLY for lunch orders. Absolutely no change will be given.**

Lunch orders can be placed before school at the red table opposite the school office.

## P & C News

This is my last newsletter entry as President as the P&C. I want to say thank you to everyone for their support across my two years in the role, and especially for their kind words in the past few weeks. My youngest daughter is still only in Year 2 next year so I'll be about the school for many more years to come and of course will continue to be very involved, as I was on the committee before this term. It's been a pleasure to work with so many wonderful, passionate people for the betterment of our kids and their experience there. Please all keep it up.

As I said in my final President's Report at the AGM, I have an immense appreciation for the parents who give so much of their time to help. So many work full or part time or are heavily committed elsewhere in their lives. Thanks also to all of the teachers who've supported me and the P&C along the way, and thanks to the amazing office staff, Mrs Mazar and Mrs Harrison in particular, who're always dealing with annoying, time consuming requests from us. Lastly, thanks to Mrs LloydJones for her appreciation of what the P&C brings to the school and for doing her best to support us on top of her multitude of other responsibilities. We are very lucky at West Ryde to have such a great parent and teacher community.

### Volunteer Awards Nominations

At West Ryde we're fortunate enough to have many families and carers who volunteer their time to help about the school.

- Many volunteer efforts are never recorded and go unnoticed. Thank you to all our quiet achievers.
- Other volunteers can't help but be seen as they are everywhere and involved in everything.
- Some jobs require big blocks of work. Others are constant and ongoing.
- In particular, planning and organising is invisible but invaluable work.

While there is no way to easily recognise everyone or compare one person's efforts with another, we want to recognise those individuals that always put their hand up when a call for help is made, and those who have consistently given their time and effort to the school and its community.

We're asking the school community to nominate someone that they think deserves some recognition. To help you out, here's a list of just some of the volunteer jobs about the school.

Canteen	Uniform Shop	School Banking
Mothers and Father's Day Stalls	Orchestra	Working Bee
Fetes and BBQs	P&C Committees	PSSA and other Sports
In Class Helpers (eg reading)	Library Support	'Club' Helpers
Sports and Swimming Carnivals	Concert Props and Costumes	Class and 'Club' Excursions

Winners will be selected by a panel including the School Principal and P&C President. They will be announced at the Parent Helpers Morning Tea and displayed by the office.

Please fill out a form available at the office or email the following information to [pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au](mailto:pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au) by Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

- Name of Person Nominated (Note, P&C President not eligible)
- Their Child's Class (if known)
- Reason for Nomination (including volunteer work done)

# Centenary

The countdown is on for the West Ryde Public School's Centenary. There are only 127 days until West Ryde Public School begins celebrating 100 years of Education in West Ryde.

The Centenary Committee has been busy planning for the Centenary Year activities and is excited to start getting them underway.

## **WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL CENTENARY 2017**

It is hard to believe that the year is nearly over. Our Centenary year will be upon us before we know it.

On the last day of Term 3 we held another cake and cookie stall to fundraise for the Centenary. Thank you to the Parents and Teachers who donated goods for the stall and thank you to our wonderful volunteers for helping on the stall. We will be having other fundraising events this term so look out for notices/announcements.

In the coming weeks we will be launching our Centenary Logo – watch this space.

### **Some important dates for the diary:**

**Friday 17 February 2017 - Centenary Year Welcome BBQ**

**Wednesday 6 September 2017 - Centenary Celebration Open Day**

2017 will be a year of celebrating our School's past and present. We hope you will be as excited as we are to join in the planned celebrations.

Stay tuned for News and join our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WRPScentenary](http://www.facebook.com/WRPScentenary)

The WRPS Centenary Committee

Email: [wrpscentenarycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:wrpscentenarycommittee@gmail.com)



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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.

If you have any questions please email [sales@skoolbag.com.au](mailto:sales@skoolbag.com.au)



# Rhubarb Jam is coming to Ermington!



## School Holiday Performance Workshop January 16th - 20th



- Dance, Sing & Act
- Participants create the production alongside professional mentors
- Build confidence & creativity
- Week long workshop for ages 5-12



"Wow what an amazing week my daughter has had at Rhubarb Jam!! She has had a great time with the drama, dancing and singing, and is still showing us her dance moves tonight. We couldn't have asked for a better run program, and this afternoons performance was outstanding. Thank you Kim, Anna and Vanessa, Emerson can't wait until next holidays workshop!! She loved it!!"

Lisa Bonhote

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[www.rhubarbjam.com.au/book-online/](http://www.rhubarbjam.com.au/book-online/)

**Kim 0423 381 864**

**Anna 0410 309 298**



## Drama Classes Enrolments open

### Weekly Classes

- confidence and creativity
- voice, movement, improvisation, scripts
- 5-18 years

**...and audition for the children's theatre!**

### January Holiday Workshops

- 5 days of action-packed fun, 16-20th January
- Killara and Chatswood
- for 5-12 years

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## Gladesville Library **RE-OPENING CELEBRATIONS**



Come and join in the fun as we celebrate the new look Gladesville Library with free activities and performances.

**Where:** Gladesville Library,  
6 Pittwater Road, Gladesville

**Date:** Saturday 10 December

**Time:** 9.30am - 12noon

### Activities:

9.30 - 10.00am Riverside Girls High String Quartet  
10.00 - 10.30am StoryTime  
10.30am Official reopening and celebration cake  
10.45 - 12noon Performances by Villa Maria Catholic School Choir and Joubert Singers  
11.00 - 12noon Brick4Kids\* an interactive engineering and Lego workshop. Ages 7+.  
\*Bookings essential as spaces are limited.  
Call 9952 8352 or book online at  
[cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au](http://cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au)

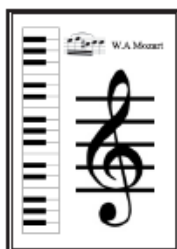
**Throughout the morning:** Free face painting, Children's craft activities and Gladesville Fire Brigade Truck

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



### TOP NOTE MUSIC

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In Term 1, 2017, we will continue to provide electronic keyboard organ / piano lessons for students at your school.  
Students would be taught by a qualified music teacher for a 45minute lesson per week.  
Tuition is \$19.00 per lesson. Family discounts for siblings are available.  
To express your interest in providing this program, fill-in the form, and return to your school by Friday 2nd December, 2016.

✂----- cut and return this part -----✂

### MUSIC LESSONS



Yes, I'm interested in my child in learning to play the piano/keyboard with Top Note Music School.

Child's Name ..... Class .....

School .....

We have our own instrument Piano ☐ Elec. Organ/Keyboard ☐ None ☐

Parental Approval..... ☎ Contact Phone No.....





# SCHOOL KINDNESS ADVENT CALENDAR

There are so many opportunities in our everyday lives to show kindness and Christmas is a beautiful time to refresh our kindness repertoire. Each day choose something from the calendar below with your family and cross it off. Post your random acts of kindness on social media (#KindnessCrew) to inspire others to join in.



Kindness impacts our community in profound ways and plants the seeds that will make our world a more positive place for everyone. Helping others increases personal energy, decreases stress and improves feelings of self worth... in short **KINDNESS MATTERS!**



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