

The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
Term 4: Issue No. 1 – 19 October 2017



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Upcoming events

OCT

- 20 Choir Rehearsal
PSSA Rd 6
- 24 Sculptures by the Sea Art Club
Excursion
- 25 School Photos
- 26 Opera House Concert
Kindy Orientation No. 2
Lifeskills – Stage 3
- 27 PSSA Rd 7
- 30 Whole School & Sports
Photos

NOV

- 1 Uniform shop open
- 2 Achieving Success Seminar
Lifeskills – St 3
- 3 PSSA Rd 8
- 6 - 17 Nov Swim school
- 9 Lifeskills – St 3
- 10 PSSA Rd 9
- 15 P & C Meeting
Uniform shop open
- 16 Lifeskills - St 3
- 17 Multicultural Disco Night
- 23 Lifeskills – St 3
- 29 Uniform shop open
Choir to Epping Club

Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4! This term is already promising to be action packed with many exciting events locked in. On the Term 4 radar we have: Kindergarten Orientation, Multicultural Disco, Year 6 farewell activities, end of year excursion and, of course, the highly anticipated Talent Quest. Be prepared for a busy and fun Term 4.

Alert !!!! Multicultural Disco is almost here

Please make sure that you are checking all your Skoolbag alerts to find information about our much anticipated Multicultural Disco on **17th November. If you can assist in any way please contact the P&C or the school See note in Skoolbag today.**

Kindergarten Orientation

Our first Kindergarten Orientation session took place today. All the students seemed happy and there were numerous positive comments made to me by parents as to how much their children and they enjoyed the morning. Thank you to all our parent helpers and those who donated cakes. A special thank you to all the Kindergarten Team and SASS staff who worked very hard to organise such a wonderful first school experience.

Congratulations

Goes to our budding film maker Laura in Year 5 whose film 'Hey Jack', made in collaboration with her friend Chloe, has been accepted for the prestigious Wales International Youth Film Festival and will screen at Westbury Castle in Gronant from the 10th - 14th October. We are thrilled for both girls.

Also **congratulations** goes to Isabella in Year 4 who has won the "Whose your Granny competition as part of the Granny Smith Festival." Isabella received a \$200 cash prize which she has generously donated to Mrs Thompson and the West Ryde Kitchen Garden. Thank you Isabella for your generous and thoughtful donation.

Congratulations also to Namika in Year 6 who received a highly commended Certificate from the Department of Education, NSW Community Language School Board for excellence in Japanese Language study.

And one for women in sport - Congratulations to Aanshi in Year 3/4 who plays for the Ravens soccer club and who was chosen to represent them to play at half time at the Matildas vs Brazil game on 16th Sept (see photo further in newsletter).

Is your child leaving West Ryde Public School?

This term we will be starting to organise classes and assign teaching staff to classes for 2018. If you know that you will be leaving West Ryde PS at the end of the year can you please let your child's class teacher, as well as our office staff, know so that we can ensure accurate numbers for planning purposes and also take them off our computer system.

NOTES/MONEY - REMINDERS

Please pay any outstanding **School fees**

Friendly Reminders

Attendance: Today the Home School Liaison Officer attended WRPS to check the attendance of all of our students. She has asked me to pass on the following information. Leave to have holidays outside of the designated school holidays time will not be approved by the Principal. This is a Department of Education Policy and has to be implemented by the school. All students who take leave outside of school holidays will be marked as absent.

Opportunity Class Information

Some primary schools across NSW offer places in 'opportunity classes' for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. To be considered for placement students must sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

Selective High School Information

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6.

To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

All applications must be completed online and no late applications will be accepted. If you have any queries regarding the application, please contact the Department's High Performing Students Unit by email - ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or by phone - 1300 880 367

2017 ICAS Competitions

Thank you to those students in Years 3 -6 for participating in the 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved outstanding results in English and Mathematics:

English
Distinction:
Stage 2: Selina, Kawin, Liuxin, Juno, Alex, James
Stage 3: Anju, Sanah, Fiona, Mitchell & Mikaela
High Distinction: Tommy

Mathematics
Distinction:
Stage 2: Anne, Selina, Liuxin, James, Rubeindranath, Nicolas, Maahika, Abithan, Angus, Lia
Stage 3: Sanah, Caleb, Riya, Alyssa, Tommy, Jared
High Distinction: Sean, Benjamin

EAL/D Teacher

Ludmilla Lee – ICAS Organiser

Library News

Scholastic Book Club

A great opportunity to buy gifts for Christmas...

Book Club issue 7 orders are due by **25th October**. Please note that payment can be made by cheque to Scholastic Book Club, or direct deposit - **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

Stocktake

Library stocktake will commence later this term. As a result, students will not borrow from week 6 onwards. **Overdue notices** will be sent home during week 7. If you are having trouble locating a book or think the books were already returned, please come and see me. It would be greatly appreciated if all library books are **returned no later than Friday 17th November**. Thank you for your assistance.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Reminder – certificates will arrive late November.

Ms Armstrong – Teacher Librarian

2018 Kindergarten Enrolments

The office will be open for Kindergarten enrolments on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday between 11am and 2pm. Application forms are available from the school office. Please ensure you have all the **relevant original documents** and have completed the application form **before** coming to the office.

The final Orientation Day will be 26 October for students who have **already enrolled for Kindergarten for 2018**. If you, or someone you know, has a child intending to enrol in 2018, please **enrol now** to enable attendance at the last Orientation day.

Public Speaking Competition

The Public Speaking Competition was a wonderful display of student talent in term 3. The K-2 finals were held late last term and it was wonderful to see such a rousing display of talent in our K-2 classes. A big congratulations to the winners of the Public Speaking competition from the K-2 classes in our school.

Kindergarten

Year 1

Year 2

Eliana

Aisha

Saif





PSSA Results

Cricket - Junior

13/10	Ryde	70	defeated by	West Ryde	140
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Cricket - Senior

13/10	Ryde	83	defeated by	West Ryde	19
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Softball

13/10	Gladesville	2	defeated	West Ryde	3
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Volley Ball

13/10 3-0 (loss) Ryde PS

Newcombe Ball

13/10 10-Juniors 2-1 (loss) Ryde PS
 10-Seniors 3-0 (loss) Ryde PS

T-Ball

13/10 Mixed 9-14 (loss) Gladesville PS
 Girls 2-12 (win) Gladesville PS

Lost Property

There have been a number of items lost that were clearly labelled with students' names. Please take a moment to check your child's uniform, including hats and jumpers, to ensure that they have not taken someone else's by mistake. Thank you

Visiting the school

When visiting the school the only gate that is open during the day is via Endeavour Street.

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 on your first visit to the school.

Occupational Therapist

We have secured the services of a new Occupational Therapist to visit the school on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to use this service please call Kimberlee Hughes from Sensory Spectrum Occupational Therapy on 0424 168 851. Please note that there is a cost involved and that this is not a free service.

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**.

2017 Parent Volunteers – WWCC Declaration

We are very appreciative of all our parent volunteers in the classrooms and around the school. Please ensure you have completed a 2017 WWCC Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors (Appendix 5) form which is available at **the school office**. You will also need to ensure you complete the Proof of Identity that meets the 100-point check (passport and driver's licence). Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Kiss and Ride

We are very lucky to have the use of Kiss and Ride at our School. A reminder of the etiquette when using Kiss and Ride:

1. NO PARKING are during school zone hours (0800-0930 and 1430- 1600), so don't park and leave your car.
2. Stop for up to 2 minutes to pick up and drop off children. DO NOT exit your vehicle to escort your child to the school gate.
3. You must stay with your vehicle at all times.
4. Move to the front of the line when you stop. DO NOT overtake the line to stop traffic to come at the front of the line. Please drive around the block or to the round-about.
5. Don't make a U-turn to enter or leave the parking zone.

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.

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.



DATE: Thursday 2nd November
LOCATION: BUILDING F, GROUND FLOOR
TIME: 3.30-5.00PM

Topics for the workshop will include:

- The importance of parent involvement in a child's learning journey
- Creating an optimal learning environment at home
- Positive ways to become involved with your child's learning at school

An information session for parents who want to create a positive learning environment for their children at home.

Register your interest at the school office or via the link from Skoolbag.

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Secure "Drop off" Box for Payment

We have a new **secure** system for any form of **payments** associated with West Ryde Public School e.g. fees/contributions, canteen orders, uniform shop orders, school banking (Commonwealth banking books) and also the P&C Association fundraising. This drop off box is to be used during school hours 8.30am – 3.30pm.

Parents/children are to place **permission notes, together with the money in an envelope clearly labelled with their child's full name, class** and also a brief description of what the payment is for. This is then placed in the DROP OFF BOX which is located near the front office (opposite the glass windows at the office/reception). You can also place your **POP payment receipt and permission note** in this box.

If we don't receive the permission note with the payment or vice/versa then the payment/note will be sent back to the parent via the child. **We will not be accepting payments without permission notes.**

Parents and their children are responsible for any money to be securely placed in the labelled box (which has an open slot for payments). Money should not be given to teachers under any circumstances and it's the responsibility of the parent and child to make sure that it has been placed in the drop off box.

Please make sure you place your payment in the correct slot.

School Administration Office

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 to make payments

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.



CommonwealthBank

School Banking Day WEDNESDAY

Bank books to be put in "drop off" box which is located outside the library.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The opening days for Term 4, 2017 are:

Wednesday (8.45am – 9.15am) 1, 15 & 29 November

EFTPOS/PAYPASS - Personal shoppers only - a minimum purchase of \$15

Order forms & money (in envelope) can now be put in drop off box.

CANTEEN NEWS – Canteen Now OPEN on Mondays and Wednesdays at Recess and Lunch for snacks and drinks only.

Menu – current as at 16 October

SNACKS:

Chips - Original \$1.20
Chips - Salt & Vinegar \$1.20
Rice Crackers - Sour Cream & Chive 80c
Rainbow Choc Chip Cookies \$1.50
Popcorn 50c
Cheese Stringers \$1.20
Frozen Pineapple 30c
Zooper Doopers 60c (lunch time only)

DRINKS:

Just Juice Popper - Apple \$1.20
Just Juice Popper - Paradise Punch \$1.20
Water - 600ml \$1.00
Moove Chocolate Milk \$2.00
Moove Strawberry Milk \$2.00

VOLUNTEERS are required to work in the canteen. Please contact canteen@westrydepublicschool.com.au with your name and phone number, child's name and class and days & times you are available.

P&C News

Welcome back all to the last term of year 2017!!! We hope you all had a great break and all are back re-energised, especially the children. Towards end of the term 3, there was an Information Evening for the parents of children enrolled in Kindy for 2018. There were quite a lot of people present and it appeared to me that it will again be a significant number of enrolments for 2018 as well.

Kiss and Ride

With the current school numbers, the Kiss and Ride parking zone is getting more and more use as time goes on. It's great to quickly drop or collect your kids (without having to walk in those awful high work heels!).

I gather that currently we are down to just skeletal support for our Kiss and Ride program. I'd like to put out a call to all you good people to see if someone can help with Kiss and Ride. We realise that we all are time poor and any help that any parent can extend will be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to help with Kiss and Ride program, please email your expression of interest to pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au

Multicultural Event

Another event to celebrate the 100 years for West Ryde Public School is a few weeks away on 17 Nov 2017. I understand that preparations are in full swing and believe this will be a great event like all the other events we have had this year to celebrate the Centenary of our school. Any big event needs a lot of collective effort from a lot of people; same is applicable for this event as well.

There is one thing in particular that we will like to bring to all the parents' attention. It is strongly recommended that any dance practice(s) that the school children are participating in needs to happen on the school premises. This is primarily for the safety and security of our beloved children. Please note that neither West Ryde Public School nor the P and C committee of WRPS will accept any responsibility in case of any mishap.

Happy Diwali

Commonly called as Diwali or Deepavali, this is the festival of light, joy and wealth. Diwali has been celebrated in India for many, many years. Awareness and popularity for this wonderful festival has now grown world over and marks the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. In Australia, like in the other parts of the world, Diwali is being celebrated on 19th October 2017. On behalf of P and C I'd like to wish you all a Very Happy Diwali.

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE
Wednesday 15th November, 7:00 pm
In the school library. Free child minding available.
We hope we'll see you there.

Centenary

WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL CENTENARY 2017 – Celebrating 100 Years

We are excited to say that the Centennial Cookbook has arrived. If you missed the opportunity to purchase one at the Open Day, it's not too late. Please leave your merchandise order form in the P&C Box outside the school office and we will continue to hold pick up days throughout the year. Tea towels and centennial badges are also available. Purchase our Limited Edition Centenary products now.



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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

Curious Kids Club



Travelbugs Mobile Mini-beasts Workshop

Get up close and personal in a hands-on mini-beast experience not to be forgotten! Live mini-beasts featured include large and colourful stick insects, centipedes, spiders, scorpions, beetles, caterpillars and more.

When: 30 October 2017

Time: 4.00 - 5.00pm

Where: Ryde Library

When: 14 November 2017

Where: West Ryde Library

Time: 4.00 - 5.00pm

Ages: 5-12 years

Cost: \$8.50

Places are limited for all activities, so book now.
Phone: 9952 8352 | Email: rydelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au

More activities

Kids Club - *During school term only.* After school fun in the library. Come along for craft, puzzles, games, Lego and more and the **Curious Kids Club** is a once a month special activity at advertised cost, bookings essential. All other sessions free, no bookings required. Ages: Primary school children

RYDE LIBRARY: 1 Pope Street, Ryde (in Top Ryde City Shopping Centre).
Every Monday at 4.00 - 5.00pm

WEST RYDE LIBRARY: 2 Graf Ave, West Ryde.
Every Tuesday at 4.00 - 5.00pm

 City of Ryde

Lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library



Moonlight Markets



Friday 3rd November
5pm – 9pm

€ 9D Cinema € Market Stalls € Art Auction

€ International Food Stalls € Sausage Sizzle

€ Entertainment € Raffles € Gift Hampers

€ Carnival Games € Face Painting € Crazy Hair

€ Craft Activities and much more

Bring your family & friends!

All funds raised will go towards the upgrade of our school grounds



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ADHD and Co-Existing Conditions

Dr Patrick Concannon Developmental Paediatrician

Dr Concannon will discuss emotional and social issues in children with ADHD and co-existing conditions, particularly those with learning difficulties, Oppositional Defiance Disorder and Aspergers. He will also cover behavioural therapies for this group of children. A practical presentation with plenty of time for questions.

WHEN	Thu 16 November, 2017
TIME	7.00pm - 9.00pm
VENUE	Dunmore Lang College, (adjacent Macquarie Uni) 130-134 Herring Road, NORTH RYDE, NSW 2113 <i>Public Transport: Macquarie Uni train station, Off-road and street parking.</i>
RSVP	www.trybooking.com/293975
DONATION	\$5.00 for catering at the door.

ALL WELCOME!
Stay for supper to meet the speaker
and other parents and carers.

ADHD Centre Helpline
Ph: 02 9889 5977 / 0416 111 036
Email: info@macquarieadhd.org.au



Effective Writing Workshop for Children

These workshops will cover the necessary writing skills for children aged 7-9 and 10 years plus. It will explore grammar, meaning, spelling, usage and writing that will supplement their learning of the English language at school.

They will analyse the overall structure of writing through grammar and sentence structure.

AGES: 7-9 YEARS

When	Saturday 30 November 2017
Where	Ryde Library
Time	10.00 - 11.30am
Cost	\$8.50

AGES: 10 YEARS +

When	Saturday 30 November 2017
Where	Ryde Library
Time	12noon - 1.30pm
Cost	\$8.50