

# ENDEAVOUR

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## NEWSLETTER OF WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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*'nothing left unattempted'*



### UPCOMING DATES:

#### 9<sup>th</sup> November

PSSA

#### 12<sup>th</sup> November

Stage 2 Gymnastics

#### 13<sup>th</sup> November

Schools Spectacular  
Rehearsal

#### 14<sup>th</sup> November

Canteen open

#### 15<sup>th</sup> November

Canteen open

#### 16<sup>th</sup> November

PSSA

#### 19<sup>th</sup> November

Stage 2 Gymnastics

#### 21<sup>st</sup> November

Canteen & Uniform shop

Schools Spectacular  
Rehearsal

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Canteen open

Schools Spectacular  
Rehearsal

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Schools Spectacular  
Performances

PSSA

### Principal's Message

In the past two weeks our students have been involved in many varied activities in and out of the school. From the Ryde Schools Spectacular, the Inaugural Flag Raising at Anzac Park, Performing in Martin Place for the Annual Diwali celebrations to the Public Speaking Competition our students continue to show the many and varied skills that they have gained as students West Ryde Public School. Congratulations to all the students involved and thank you to all our dedicated teachers and parents for preparing the students.

#### Disco

Our students had a wonderful time last Thursday dancing the night away in the school hall. I understand the behaviour of all our students was wonderful and a fun time was had by all. Thank you to Mr Kew and his merry band of assistants in organising the SRC disco for all our students to enjoy. The funds raised will go towards improving the sound system particularly our bells and emergency response speakers.

#### Kindergarten Orientation

After many hours of planning our Kindergarten Orientation commenced on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November. Orientation is a vital journey for all children as they begin their education and assists them to orientate themselves to their new environment. The parents' information sessions were very well attended and we look forward to welcoming our newest students in 2019. Thank you to all the Orientation Team for your effort in making Kindergarten Orientation so successful.

## Selective High School

Parents wishing to apply for a Selective High School placement in 2020 must apply online via NSW Dept. of Education Selective High school and Opportunity Classes unit by 10pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018. No late entries will be accepted.

**Kim Lloyd Jones- Principal**

## Deputy Principal's Message

### What is Visible Learning?

For teachers to be able to regularly evaluate their impact in their classroom and adjust their teaching methodology in response to what they see, their classroom needs to be made visible. The concept of seeing clearly what teachers are teaching and what students are learning is known as Visible Learning.

### Who is Professor John Hattie?

John Hattie was born in Timaru, New Zealand, and has been Professor of Education and Director of the Melbourne Education Research Institute at the University of Melbourne, Australia, since March 2011. He was previously Professor of Education at the University of Auckland.

In 2009 Professor John Hattie published *Visible Learning: A Synthesis of Over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement*. This ground-breaking book synthesized the findings from 800 meta-analysis of 50,000 research studies involving more than 150 million students and it built a story about the power of teachers and of feedback, and constructed a model of learning and understanding by pointing out what works best in improving student learning outcomes.

Since then, John Hattie has continued to collect and aggregate meta-analyses to the Visible Learning database. His latest dataset synthesizes 1,500 meta-analyses of 90,000 studies involving more than 300 million students. This is the world's largest evidence base into what works best in schools to improve learning.

**Visible Learning @ WRPS** - *Visible learning is all about children taking ownership for their learning.*

Throughout 2018, staff have been working collaboratively to understand the importance of making our learning visible. This has manifested in the classroom in the form of 'learning intentions'; 'success criteria' and 'feedback' being introduced into the classroom vernacular. The theory behind this move is to focus students on their learning and give them parameters in which to measure their success.

### Learner Qualities

The next step in the visible learning journey will be to introduce learner qualities to the school in 2019. The first step is to involve the students and task them with the creation of school 'mascot' who will be displayed around the school exhibiting all of the learner qualities that we want our students to exhibit when faced with a challenge at school.

### Mascot Competition

We need your help to design a mascot that represents the values and community of West Ryde Public School. Entries will be judged on originality, appeal to students of all ages and how well it represents West Ryde Public School. Designs should be considered a preliminary design that may be the basis for the final artwork produced in collaboration with a graphic artist. All entries should be submitted on the provided entry form. Entry forms will be available at the school office next week.

I am looking forward to seeing some fantastic mascot designs on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Have fun and remember to keep your learning visible

**Peter Hayllar – Deputy Principal**

# WEST RYDE MASCOT COMPETITION



**We need your help to design a mascot  
that represents West Ryde Public School.**

*Mascots must represent the values and community of West  
Ryde Public School.*

*Designs should be creative and original, use bright colours and  
have a name.*

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**ENTRIES CLOSE  
30 NOVEMBER 2018**



WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

MASCOT COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

What is the name of your mascot?	
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the office by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of November

## Ryde Schools' Spectacular

On Monday, 29 October 2018, the Junior Choir performed at the Sydney Opera House for the Ryde Schools' Spectacular. The Junior Choir were part of the combined choir and have worked all year to learn a collection of songs. Watching these students certainly inspired the audience and I felt very proud of our choir. They performed at their very best and their behaviour was outstanding.



Congratulations to Arthur and Thomas who were in the drama ensemble! They were confident, engaging and recited all of their lines without a stutter.



I would like to thank all of the choir parents for their support of this very special event. It was certainly an experience that the students will remember for many years to come and I hope their love for music continues to grow.



**Miss Ham**  
**Choir Co-ordinator**



## Library News

### STOCKTAKE - COUNTING BOOKS

**PLEASE LOOK AT HOME:** I need to count all the books in the library and I am asking for your help. Please take a look around at home to see if there are any school library books that need to be returned.

**NOVEMBER 30th:** Please return all children's books by the end of Week 7, on November 30th. This will give me Week 8 to contact parents so we can talk together about any missing books. Sometimes the book HAS been returned and I will hunt for it in the library.

**MANY THANKS:** Many thanks for your assistance with this - the students at West Ryde Public School are fantastic borrowers!

**Lizzie Chase, Teacher Librarian**

## New Information for Parents – Opal Cards

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

For further information visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

## Making Online Payments

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 school's website by selecting '\$ Make a payment'.  
<https://quickweb.westpac.com.au/OnlinePaymentServlet>

## 2018 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 WWCC Declaration for volunteers and contractors at the school office. You will also need to complete a Proof of Identity that meets the 100-point check. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have previously completed this in 2017, you will not need to do so again this year.

## Communication

At West Ryde PS we use a range of communication methods to keep our community up to date.

**Newsletter** –The newsletter is sent out to families via the Skoolbag app. The newsletter can also be found on our website and a hard copy in the office foyer.

**School Website** – The website provides a platform to locate general information about WRPS. Permission notes, photos and new stories are uploaded throughout the year.

**Skoolbag App.** – The skoolbag app. provides notifications to your phone. The app. is used to provide you with reminders about school events. For information on how to download the app, please view go to the website.

Can I please ask that you do not come to class lines or to classrooms and expect the teachers to talk to you while supervising the children or teaching the class. Our staff are more than happy to talk to you at a time that is suitable to both parties and affords enough time to discuss any issues that you might have. We do understand if the issues are urgent. If this is the case please see the office staff so that they can communicate this urgent information to your child's class teacher.

## Canteen

Our school canteen operates each week on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Please note that we cannot accept **foreign currency** at the Canteen as we are unable to bank this.

## Uniform Shop

Term 4 opening days: November 21st and

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** - This will be the last day for 2018, **no orders will be processed after this date.**

**Uniform Shop will no longer supply plastic bags with your purchase** - Please remember to bring your own bag.

## School Banking

Please put your child's bank deposit book in **SLOT 2 on WEDNESDAYS.**

The **CBA School Reward Program** items will be delivered within 2-3 weeks **after** your order has been placed.

## P&C News

Last week there was a Kindergarten Orientation at our school and it was very exciting to see some new and some familiar faces that have children starting Kindy next year. It was a delight to see many cute little faces everywhere. Most of the parents wanted to buy uniforms for their little ones. Our uniform shop was so busy that it could have easily beaten stores having a Boxing Day sale!! Amy, Yoko and Christine managed it all too well 😊 and none of the shoppers were disappointed 😊 😊!

Thanks to the Skoolbag App, we get all the notifications on time and one such notification was about the “**school upgrade information session**” to be held on Thursday, 01 November. Members of the project team put a pop up information display on the upgrade. They had information printed in English, Korean and Cantonese and I hope you had a chance to get some questions answered! Look at the pictures below. You will see some very keen children wanting to know what's happening with their school 😊

The playground equipment will be installed and right now the project team is finalising the contractor for the same. 😊 😊 😊!!!!

If you wish to discuss anything or need more information, School Infrastructure NSW can be reached on 1300 482 651 or [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au) or [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)



### **WORKING BEE Contribution**

I know we all have our commitments and it's really hard for everyone to turn up and volunteer at the school. Working bee was organised on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September and we had requested families that were unable to make it for the day, to donate \$10, if possible. We received about \$400 and this money was used for buying 3 high quality hoses and some snacks for our Working Bee Crew!!! Let's keep our school green and clean!

We had a signing sheet on the day but I am pretty sure everyone's name is not up there. Many of you went on to complete the assigned tasks as soon as you entered the school. You know who you are!!! And I thank you for all your help☺ Let me know if you helped on the day and don't see your name. The names that I received so far are Sunil, Anthony, Angelica, Vibhor, Pooja, Li Zhong, Satt, Shelley, Venu, Li Deng, Kishore, Shubhanjana, Simon, Sally, Alison, Stuart, Joseph, Jen, Hugo, Toby, Sumathi, Juelz, Sajan, Nick, Fiona, Nina, Linday, Maricel, Satyen, Sanyem, Samarth, S.Rao, Kaoru, Shoen, Annitine, Jing Ye, Craig, Ari, Angus, Meng Yuan, Surya, Prisha, Noriko, Ryan, Jamie, Bhushana, Sharad, Omid, Henry, Swapna, Piyush, Jason, Christine, Gautam, Angie, Geoff and Manisha. Thank you for all your help!!!!!! As I keep saying, West Ryde School Community rocks!

Our next P&C meeting and the AGM will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. It will also be the last meeting of this year. See you all there ☺

Many Thanks

Rachna Bhardwaj  
P&C President  
[president@westrydepublicschool.com.au](mailto:president@westrydepublicschool.com.au)

### **The next P&C meeting and AGM**

Wednesday 28th Nov 2018, 7 PM

In the school library (Free child minding available)



## THANK YOU TO OUR CENTENARY **GOLD** SPONSORS



**Kreston Dormers** is a multi-disciplinary professional service firm in taxation, financial and business advisory services located at 3/1049, Victoria Road, West Ryde.



**Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club** on Ryedale Road in West Ryde has been a regular supporter of our school. Many members of the school community attend the swimming classes and events there.



**West Ryde Pine Furniture** is located at the corner of Mons Ave & Victoria Road. It is an established quality furniture shop having been in West Ryde for over 30 years. They currently run Chalk Paint workshops and provide supplies.



**The Fridge Doctor** and **Town & Country Air** are school family run businesses. Specialising in refrigeration and air conditioning services for residential and commercial clients.



**Asiamart** (and **Jeunnal** at Ryedale Tavern) is located on Victoria Road and is a Korean grocery shop and Korean restaurant business.



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# Helen O'Grady DRAMA 2019

## Drama Develops Kids

Classes at West Ryde Community Baptist Church  
Endeavour Street West Ryde, Fridays 3-4.45pm

The Helen O'Grady Drama program is now available across the road from school. Children can be collected from the classroom or After School Care. Students learn new skills in acting, speech and creativity as well as gaining loads of confidence.

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[sydneyshore\\_admin@helenogrady.com](mailto:sydneyshore_admin@helenogrady.com)



# Remembrance Day Service

Commemorating 100 years since World War I ended

Date: Sunday 11 November 2018

Time: 10.15am for a 10.30am start, followed by refreshments in Memorial Park

Location: Memorial Park, Meadow Crescent, Meadowbank

For more information contact Customer Service on 9952 8222. [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ryderemembers](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ryderemembers)

City of Ryde



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## MULTICULTURAL GRANDPARENT CARERS SOCIAL GROUP

**Are you a Grandparent Carer?**  
**Are you looking to make new social connections  
with other grandparents?**

If you are responsible for caring for your grandchild on a regular or permanent basis, you might feel like you often miss out on social events. This group will provide you with the opportunity to meet with other grandparents like yourself in your community.

You can also support your grandchild's social skills as they interact and enjoy a range of fun activities.

A great way to make new friends, relax and have morning tea!

Call NRCA 9888 3380 to register. **First term FREE!**

### When:

Thursday 10am-12pm.

Term starts  
18 October 2018

### Where:

The Temple Society,  
7 Macpherson St,  
West Ryde

### Morning Tea provided

Child friendly venue  
with lots of fun  
activities for the kids.







### Bricks 4 Kids

Building fun once the school day is done! Come and join us for an interactive Lego engineering workshop. Explore exciting themes such as space, construction and amusement parks.

**When** Tuesday 20 November 2018  
**Time** 4.00 - 5.00pm  
**Where** West Ryde Library  
**Ages** 5yrs+ only  
**Cost** \$10.00

**When** Monday 26 November 2018  
**Time** 4.00 - 5.00pm  
**Where** Ryde Library  
**Ages** 5yrs+ only  
**Cost** \$10.00

Bookings essential. Book online at [cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au](http://cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au) or at any Ryde Library branch.

### 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.  
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## Live Life Well @ School

### HEALTHY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS



*From birthdays to holidays, there are many celebrations in schools. Each student's birthday can mean multiple birthday cakes and party foods in the classroom...*

**Let's help kids celebrate with some FRESH ideas:**

#### Hello Creativity

Make a birthday sign, stickers or a badge for your birthday boy or girl to wear

#### Eat a Rainbow

Pack a NEW fruit or vegetable for Crunch & Sip for the whole class to try or send in fruit kebabs or a fruit platter

#### Move More

Think of presents that help kids get active at recess or lunch – balls, frisbee, skipping rope

#### Mini Masterchef

Whip up some tasty fruit or veggie mini muffins or pikelets. Search for recipes at [www.cancercouncil.com.au](http://www.cancercouncil.com.au)

**More tips:**  
[www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)



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