

ENDEAVOUR

NEWSLETTER OF WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

'nothing left unattempted'



UPCOMING DATES:

26th October

PSSA

29th October

Ryde Schools Spectacular

Opera House Concert

Stage 2 Gymnastics

31st October

School Photographs

Canteen

1st November

Canteen open

Kindy Orientation No. 2

School Spectacular

Rehearsal

School Disco

2nd November

PSSA

5th November

Sports/Group Photographs

Stage 2 Gymnastics

7th November

Canteen & Uniform shop

8th November

Canteen

9th November

PSSA

Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4!

It is great to be back and have such a warm welcome from so many in our school community. This term is already promising to be action packed with many exciting events locked in. Already planned is; Kindergarten Orientation, the School Disco, Year 6 Farewell activities, end of year Excursion and so much more. Be prepared for a busy and fun Term 4. This is also the time when preparations begin for 2019. It is vital that if you know that you will not be returning to WRPS or will be late back to school in Term 1 2019 you inform the office or class teacher as soon as possible. Having an informed projection of student numbers in 2019 allows us to ensure we have the very best teachers for your child. Please send this information to the school no later than Friday 2nd November.

The 3:30 pm bell

While we love to see our parents and children spend time in the afternoon chatting and catching up for 30 minutes after school ends, all families on the school grounds need to leave when the 3:30pm bell rings. We have a contract with Aftercare that allows them exclusive use of the playground from 3:30pm onwards. Please assist us by leaving the school grounds promptly.

2019 Kindergarten Enrolments

The office will be open to process Kindergarten enrolments on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between 11am and 2pm. Application forms and all information are available from our school website. Click on this link <http://www.westrydep.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/enrolment> to download the required form.

Please ensure you have all the relevant original documents and have completed the application form before coming to the office.

Deputy Principal's Message

Future Focused Learning

What is future focused learning?

Future-focused learning prepares students across all curriculum areas and learning stages with skills and capabilities to thrive in a rapidly changing and interconnected world. It connects students and engages their sense of curiosity. Future-focused teachers know and understand the needs and talents of their students.

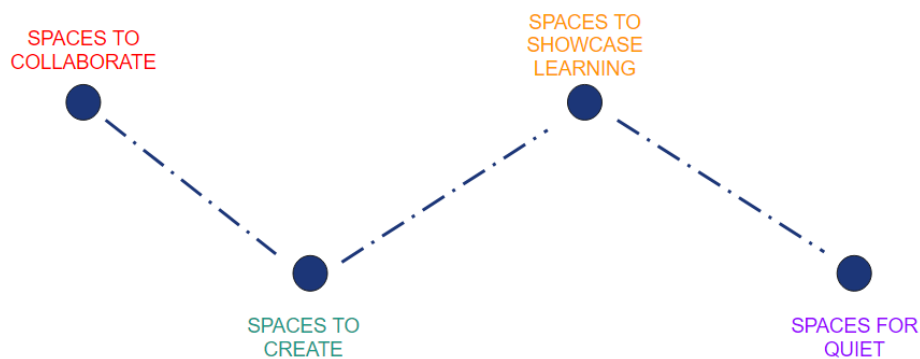
What does it mean to be future focused?

Future focused learning is personalised. A future focused, personalised approach in the classroom allows students to take control of their own learning. Each student is unique and learns in different ways. Personalising learning means students: ... are co-designers of the curriculum and their learning environment.

Future Focused Learning @ WRPS

Some of the teachers have recently begun participating in a 'Futures Learning Team'. The team is working on the academic theories behind future focused learning, in preparation for the completion of our major capital works program. The teacher's involved have been experimenting with the learning space within their classrooms and are looking forward to become 'champions' of the discipline within the school.

Future focused, flexible learning spaces require the following four elements:



In the library, students have been introduced to three new ideas: the cave; the waterhole and the campfire concepts discussed by Thornburg and Hewes:

1. **Cave:** *The cave is a space where students work independently to complete tasks.* They can reframe ideas gathered from interaction with other students and stay focused on their reading and research.
2. **Waterhole:** *The waterhole is a space where students work in small groups to complete tasks.* They are encouraged to discuss, collaborate and share ideas.
3. **Campfire:** *The campfire is a space where the whole group meets to receive instructions, discuss the topic and view stimulus to gather information about the topic.* Only one person speaks at a time in *campfire* so conversations are focused and directed around the topic and reflection of student experiences.

For more information:

Australia's Campfires, Caves, and Watering Holes <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1015175.pdf>

Flexible Seating Elevates Student Engagement - *Breaking up rows of desks fosters collaboration and empowers kids to think about how they work best.*

<https://www.edutopia.org/practice/flexible-classrooms-providing-learning-environment-kids-need>

Classroom layout – what does the research say?

<https://www.teachermagazine.com.au/articles/classroom-layout-what-does-the-research-say>

Peter Hayllar – Deputy Principal

Library News

Dear Parents/Carers

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

2018 ICAS Competitions

Thank you to those students in Years 3 -6 for participating in the 2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

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

English
<u>Distinction:</u>
Stage 2: Anay, Vivianna, Nina, Selina, Sean. C, Zoe, Satine, Kawin & Tane
Stage 3: Angus, Isabella. G, James. T & Henry
<u>High Distinction:</u> Nireat & Lammy

Mathematics
<u>Distinction:</u>
Stage 2: Nireat, Anay, Arequipa, Raj, Oliver, Lammy, Jialu, Sean. C, Kawin, Amritpal, Maahika, Hanrui & ZhiJing
Stage 3: Neil, Angus, Richard, Ashley, Leo, Jayden, Henry, Ethan, David, Aditya & Stephanie
<u>High Distinction:</u> Rubein, Luixin, Aaron & Abithan

Ludmilla Lee – ICAS Co-ordinator

PSSA Results

All games 19/10/18 cancelled due to Ryde School Spectacular Rehearsals

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. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - If you are able to help on those days please leave a message at the school office for the Canteen Coordinator.

Uniform Shop

Term 4 opening days: November 7th & 21st and

December 5th - 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.

P&C News

Welcome back to the last term of 2018!!! Hope everyone had a wonderful term break😊😊. How quickly has this year gone? It's hard to imagine that in another 8 weeks our year 6 children will get ready to move to high school! WoW! Very nostalgic!

On behalf of P&C, I would also like to welcome our Principal Mrs Kim Lloyd Jones back to school from her leave. We hope you enjoyed your time off! 😊

Building works Update

The relocation of all the demountables is now complete and the children are comfortably settled in their new classrooms.

I hope you have all had a chance to look at the information board in the hallway, in front of the office. This will give you an idea on how beautiful our school will look in less than 2 years from now! 😊😊

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 or www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au.

Kiss and Ride

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who volunteer as Kiss and ride monitors Every Tuesday and Thursday morning (8:30AM-8:55AM). **Daniella Kypreos** organises and manages the roster for the Kiss and ride each term.

Thank you Daniella for keeping it all under control and making sure that Kiss and Ride is not without a monitor on these 2 days. 😊

We are always looking for more parents who can occasionally help us on these days. If you are interested or you know anyone that may be interested, please contact us at pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au.

Training Band



Did you know that P&C runs the Orchestra, junior strings and wind Ensembles? There are parents managing the invoices/accounts, organising the band teachers, organising private lessons, helping with the purchase of the instruments and lots more. For all the work that happens in the background, a big thank you to our **WRPS Music Committee**. For creating and managing the training band, I would like to thank **Nathan Chang** for all his help. Many of these children were trying an instrument for the first time in their lives. There were many questions, follow ups and you were extremely patient with us. Thank you!!! The children in the training band are pictured above along with their band teacher **Frances**, who made sure that all of them acquired the skills to join the senior band at our school. Congratulations everyone for completing your initial training!!

Our next P&C meeting and the AGM will be held on 28th 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

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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First National Real Estate West Ryde is located on Victoria Road servicing your real estate needs 7 days a week be it buying, selling or renting in West Ryde, Meadowbank, Melrose Park, Denistone, Ermington, Dundas & surrounds.



West Ryde Rovers is the local sports and social club where many of our students participate in netball, soccer and cricket teams.

Instrument try-out for 2019 training band

Each year in Term 4 there is an opportunity for children to try-out some band instruments with music tutors. They will then recommend instruments to learn for the 2019 training band.

If you are interested, a note will come home in Week 3, or you can register online – the link is on the WRPS Music Committee web site:
<http://wrpsorchestra.blogspot.com/p/wind-ensemble.html>.

A response will be required by Wed 14th November.

Nathan, on behalf of the Music Committee





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Paper bags come in handy.

Avoid plastic wrap, foil, zip lock bags, packaged foods.

Healthy plastic free tips

- Freeze healthy muffins and use each day.
- Cut your own cheese slices and place them with crackers in a small container.
- Pack a handful of dried cereal or snack mix with dried fruit (e.g. apples, sultanas, banana), pepitas and sunflower seeds in a small reusable container.
- Make a smoothie at home and store it in a cold thermos that holds the temperature until recess or lunch time.
- Pop your own popcorn and pack it in a



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