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NEWSLETTER OF WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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UPCOMING DATES:

8th Nov

PSSA Round 13 Yr 3-6 Assembly @ 11.25

11th Nov

Sports Photos

13th Nov

Canteen Open Stage 2 - Environmentors Workshop

14th Nov

Canteen Open

15th Nov

PSSA Summer Round 14 K-Yr2 Assembly

20th Nov

Canteen Open Uniform Shop Open

21st Nov

Canteen Open

22nd Nov

PSSA Summer Round 15 Yr 3-6 Assembly

Principal's Message

Worlds Teachers' Lunch

As you can see from the photos in P&C section, our teachers are appreciative of the recognition shown by our parent community. We enter the teaching profession because we care for children, developing young hearts and minds to be the best they can as they grow into adults. Teachers do not stop at 3pm, their commitment stretches beyond the classroom. From all our teachers, thank you WRPS P&C –Rachna, Alison, Hannah, Rochelle, Assesa, Neesha, Nicole, Danilo, Mathi, Karina, Violet and Tracey. Thank you to all who contributed on the day.

Please keep an eye out for the Volunteers Thank You morning tea to be held later this term.

THANK YOU EVERYONE THAT TURNED OUT TO HELP AT THE WORKING BEE!









Band and String

Over the past several weeks, the Band and String Committee have been working closely with me to determine how to deliver a strong Band and Orchestral program at the school. We were able to meet with several external providers, experienced in providing quality programs in many local public schools within the area. Over the next couple of weeks, the committee will be refining what this will entail. I am confident that Teaching Service Australia (https://teachingservices.com.au/) and the committee will continue to strengthen both programs within the school.

Staffing

Through an Expression of Interest, Ms Pegolo will be joining WRPS as of Monday 11th November 2019. Ms Pegolo is from Pymble Public School, with strong and wide educational experiences. As Instructional Leader at Pymble Public School, Ms Pegolo worked closely with teachers to improve teaching practices and outcomes for all students. Ms Pegolo will work closely with the executive team and with myself and Ms Lee as part of the senior executive team. Ms Pegolo will be present at the next P&C meeting to introduce herself. I would encourage everyone to attend.



School Learning Environments and Change (SLEC)

Since last term, a small team known as the 'FUTURES TEAM', comprising of teacher representatives from each grade and programs from across the school have been working on a transition plan to support learning in our school environment. The team will focus on Quality Teaching Practices, put simply, it is the quality of our teaching not the environment that will improve student learning outcome. We must, however, discuss how our environment can enhance our ability as teachers, and how our student must use their environment productively and creatively.



Congratulations Bijinder!

Last Thursday, Bijinder was very happy and surprised for her AASHA team to be selected among 4 highly honoured finalists [out of 123, 000 nominated volunteer organisations] and called to the front to receive a special award in the Community Volunteer Organisations Presentation Ceremony.

We are proud of all the work Bijinder's organisation does to support Indian Seniors with health and cultural activities to increase their connectedness with community and break down social isolation. Congratulations, Bijinder!



Building Work Status

The upgrade of West Ryde Public School is progressing well.

We have commenced the structural concrete work and are on schedule to have the roof installed by beginning December 2019.



Kidpreneur

During terms 3 and 4 some stage three students participated in the Kidpreneur program. Kidpreneur aims to introduce entrepreneurial skills to students. These skills include creative thinking and cooperating in a small group to design and market a product to sell to their peers on market day.

Students successfully created a variety of products which ranged from participating in skills competitions, selling food and other products such as bookmarks, squishy balls and dart guns.

The market day was highly enjoyable for both buyers and sellers. Students who were selling their products got to keep the money they spent on materials and donated their profits to Stewart House. Stage 3 students raised nearly \$600.00 for the charity Stewart House. Well done Stage 3!!!!







Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020 are now open. The office will be accepting enrolments on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 11am to 2pm.

Application forms and all information is available on the schools website: https://westryde-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html



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' or via https://quickweb.westpac.com.au/OnlinePaymentServlet

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 see the instructions in the newsletter or go to the website.

Could we 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



Week 5 –Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November

Week 6 - Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November

Uniform Shop

Opening days for Term 4 2019

Wednesday (8.45am – 9.15am): 20th Nov and 4th December.

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



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers are needed urgently to help with Canteen, Uniform Shop and School Banking. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the office on 9874 2515 so your name can be passed on to the Coordinator.

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



World Teacher's day was celebrated on the 25th October! Our teachers spend relentless hours in giving quality education to our children. They also organise many extracurricular activities outside their normal time schedules. As a little thank you from the school's parent community, the P&C organised a lunch for our wonderful teachers on the 1st November. Thank you Teachers!

I would like to thank all the parents who brought in a food and helped in setting up on the day. Thanks Alison, Hannah, Rochelle, Assesa, Neesha, Nicole, Danilo, Mathi, Karina, Violet and Tracey. Thank you to all who contributed on the day.











On 2nd November, One of our parents, Geoff, organised another successful Working Bee in the school. It was a hot day and still many families did not mind getting their hands dirty in making our school look just great! They cleaned staircases, walls, washed chairs, raked leaves, put the mulch down and more. Families that stayed back enjoyed a sausage sizzle too! Thank you, thank you, thank you Geoff, Larsen, Wiji Lang, Li, Devendra, Wang, Han, Wang (Henry), Karina, the Tinsley family, Archana, Pallavi, Shweta, Devesh, the Orton family, Huang, Richard, Sasidhar, Venu, Akshay, Jing, Wasu, Manisha and everyone else who turned up to help. Even if your name does not appear here, you know you made a difference on the day! Big shout out to all our helpers. Thank you to all the children who happily joined their mums and dads to help. You are simply amazing!

The Working Bee is an annual event where we get together as a community to make our school look great! It's a great opportunity for the families to get to know each other and lend a helping hand together. We had requested families to donate \$10 if they were not able to make it on the day. The money that we received was used for buying sausages and the rest will be donated to the school to buy a strong Gurney for our school. Thank you for your contribution.

Enjoy some pictures from the Working Bee!









The P&C was involved in many activities throughout the year. I would like to thank each and every person who has helped us in making this happen. We are one strong community and we all deserve a pat on the back.

Here is a summary of what our P&C achieved in 2019:

- Organised the Welcome BBQ with a record turnout
- Organised 2 election BBQs and a book sale successfully
- Represented the school at the West Ryde Easter Show and won the Bunting competition
- Organised the Easter Raffle
- Organised a very successful Mother's Day and Father's Day stall helping your children to buy a gift proudly
- Organised a surprise farewell for our lovely former Principal, Mrs. Kim Lloyd Jones
- Organised a very entertaining Family Disco
- Organised a very engaging Working Bee
- With the help parent volunteers, started the Ethics class in our school
- Managed and run the Uniform Shop
- Monitored Kiss and Ride Zone every Tuesdays and Thursdays
- ♣ Attended meetings and provided feedbacks about the traffic congestions in and around the school
- Ran the Orchestra, Junior Strings and Wind Ensembles
- Organised Class Parents contact lists
- ♣ Got access and effectively communicated via Skoolbag about P&C related events
- Managed School Banking
- Organised "Thank You" lunch for the teachers
- 4 Actively participated in the interview panels for the Principal, Deputy Principal and Assistant Principals.
- Provided funds to support staff and purchase sports equipment and Library books
- ♣ Secured grant to procure devices supporting the STEM activates in the school
- Agreed to contribute to the community kitchen and passive play area in the old car park

I hope you have all marked your calendars for the AGM being held on the 20th of this month. Please note that unless you are a member, you will not be able to vote. You can become a member on the night, with a gold coin! The AGM will give you an opportunity to be a part of P&C and take on various open positions. The P&C needs you! Come along and get involved and see how much we can contribute as a community. See you all then!

Many Thanks

Rachna Bhardwaj
P&C President
president@westrydepublicschool.com.au

The next P&C meeting & AGM

Wednesday 20th November 2019, 7 PM

In the school library (Free child minding available)







School Travel - Term 4 2019

Stay up to date with Opal and ticketing changes for school travel



2020 school travel applications now open

To assist with any enquiries you may receive regarding student travel applications, we have provided some information below.

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer 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 via email.

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 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/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 from January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School travel application endorsements

It is not uncommon for applicants completing the online form to make mistakes, particularly entering their name or date of birth instead of the students. This may be due to an auto-fill function on a device or just human error. We ask that school administrators pay special attention to the information supplied by applicants which come through in the school portal. If the information supplied does not match your records or the student is not yet enrolled, please do not endorse the application. By selecting 'no' the application will be referred back to the applicant to correct and resubmit.

In the event that school administrators endorse in error, it would be appreciated if you could advise our SSTS team as soon as possible so the application can be intercepted before an Opal card or travel pass is issued.

To contact us about an endorsement error, please go to: https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback and select feedback about: 'school student transport scheme' and then select 'application updates'.

If school administrators require access to the school portal to endorse student applications, please request an account at https://appln.transport.nsw.gov.au/portal/requests/account/school

If you have staff that have left the school recently and had access to the school portal, please let us know at https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback and select 'school/operator portal' and then 'remove existing user access' so their access can be removed.



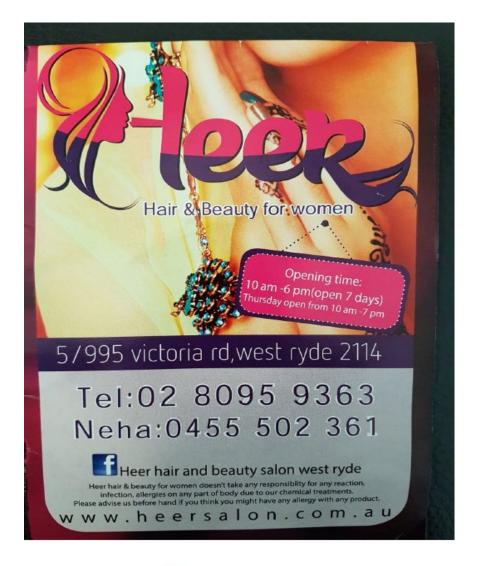
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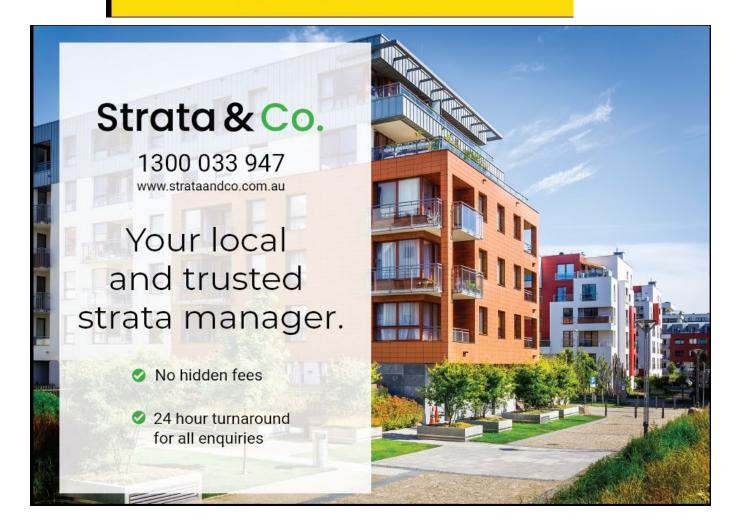
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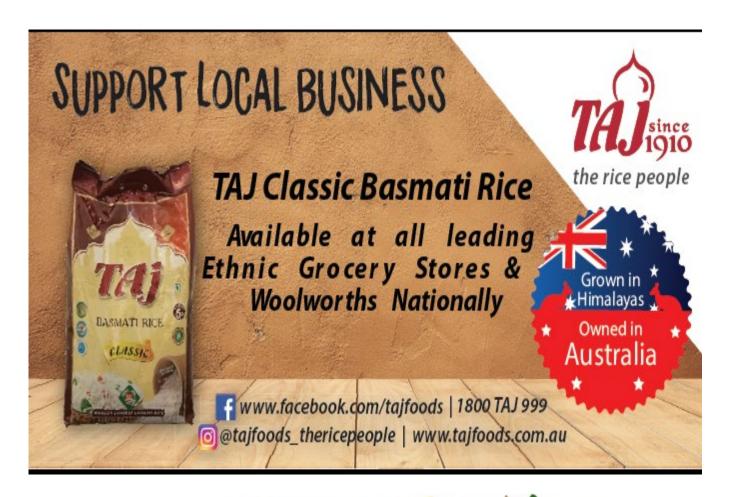
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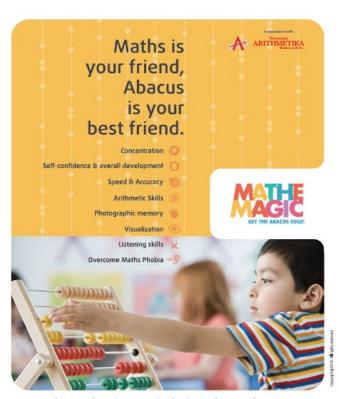




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West Ryde McDonald's reopening with a new look in October 2019!!!!





Abacus class in West Ryde Open for Enrolments

Program : Abacus

Level 1 - Level 8
Each Level would be for 24 hours (opres: 3 months)
Eligibility: Age Group 5 yrs -12 yrs
Fees: One time registration \$75

Term Fees (As per school terms): \$250

Contact Details:

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