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## NEWSLETTER OF WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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*'nothing left unattempted'*

### UPCOMING DATES:

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov

PSSA Summer Round 15  
Yr 3-6 Assembly

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

Raw Art-Stage 1

#### 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

Raw Art-Stage 1

#### 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

Raw Art-Stage 1  
Canteen open

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

Raw Art-Stage 1

#### 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

PSSA Semi Finals  
Raw Art-Stage 1  
K – Yr2 Assembly

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

Marsden HS Orientation Day  
Scripture Performance

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

Canteen Open  
Uniform Shop Open  
WSW Soccer Day-Stage 3  
Science Incursion-Yr 1

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

Canteen (recess only) – Last Day for 2019  
Volunteers Thankyou morning tea  
Mini Fete

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

PSSA Finals  
Epping Boys HS & Cheltenham  
Girls HS Orientation

### Principal's Message

#### NOW ENROLLING Kindergarten 2020

Our office staff have been helping lots of parents enrol kindergarten students for 2020. Remember, if you have a child who will be turning 5 before 31 July 2020, and you are intending to enrol them for next year, please complete an application form at your earliest convenience and return it to the office. Even if you already have children attending the school, we need a completed application form for each new student commencing in 2020. You can download enrolment forms by clicking [ENROLMENT FORMS](#). The Department of Education has these forms translated in many languages.

**Enrol now!**

#### PRESENTATION DAY

Our annual Presentation Day to celebrate all our students' achievements for 2019 will be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall.

As you are aware, we have a growing student population and limited space in our school hall. For this reason, we will be holding multiple sessions throughout the day to accommodate all students, teachers and parents.

- Years 5 and 6 (Stage 3): 9:00am – 10:15am
- Kindergarten (Early Stage 1): 10:45am – 11:45am
- Years 1 and 2 (Stage 1): 12:15pm – 1:15pm
- Years 3 and 4 (Stage 2): 1:50pm and 2:50pm

We understand that it will mean multiple sessions for many of you. However, the split sessions will mean more seating and space for our students, teachers and parents, so hopefully it should be a more pleasant assembly! We are looking forward to seeing you on the day to congratulate and celebrate our students on a great year of learning!

#### THANK YOU MORNING TEA FOR PARENTS

As a way of saying thank you to the parents who have worked around the school in so many different capacities throughout the year, I would like to invite our parent helpers to a 'Thank You Morning Tea' on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

The morning tea will be held in the School Hall, commencing at 9:30am – 10:30am. This invitation is extended to members of the P&C, uniform shop, classroom volunteers, library and sport volunteers, scripture teachers and anyone else who has been actively working within the school during the year. We hope you can all join us for this special event.

## **CLASS ORGANISATION FOR 2020**

The organisation of classes for next year is well underway, with another significant Kindergarten group and a number of new local students enrolling for 2020.

NSW Public Schools are provided with teachers and staff on an age-based differential formula. Once the Principal enters anticipated numbers of students, Department of Education staffing will allocate a set number of teachers and administration staff to each school.

It is then the Principal's job, with input from the school executive and teachers, to organise the best mix of classes and the best teacher allocation to suit the available resources.

As students are placed into classes, a wide range of factors are taken into account. Although this is not an exact science, the art of classroom placement for a student is a professionally responsible decision based on a combination of academic needs, social skills (or need to improve social skills), combinations with other students, the degree and number of high needs students within the cohort, special medical conditions, teacher expertise, and teaching and learning styles. Rarely do we get this placement wrong.

Parents will be provided with reasons for class placement of their child if requested. However, I want to make it very clear that it is very rarely possible to move one child from one class to another. The complexity of learning needs, classroom personalities and the interconnectedness of classroom interactions do not allow for such an easy 'swap' from one class to another. Whilst we will always listen to (and take into consideration) the concerns of parents, it is in the end, the decision of the Principal and the school as to where the best learning setting is for each individual student.

## **URGENT CALL!**

The P&C support the school and students in building a strong community. Your involvement is vital as we work together to provide quality programs within the school. We need a President and Secretary. Join and help shape the school as we enter into 2020. Please contact me through the office to discuss what these role entail.

## **Sakuna Pho**

### **Ryde Schools Spectacular Performance**

On Thursday, 24 October 2019, the Junior Choir performed at the Sydney Opera House as part of the combined choir for the Ryde Schools Spectacular, *The Greatest Show*. The Junior Choir's passion and commitment really shone through as they sang in beautiful harmony to a repertoire of 16 songs. They should be very proud of themselves.



Our very talented Arthur and Thomas were again selected this year to be in the Drama ensemble. They looked amazing in their costume and recited their lines with enthusiasm to entertain the audience.

Well done, West Ryde Public School!

## Gala Fundraiser Day on 13<sup>th</sup> December

On Friday 13 December, West Ryde Public School will be having a fundraiser gala day, provided by Sport in Schools Australia. We will be asking all children to contribute a gold coin on the day, which will be donated to the Koala Hospital. This is due to the impact the bushfires have been having on our Australian wildlife. Please see the website below for more information.

<https://www.koalahospital.org.au/>

It will be an engaging day of K-6 activities, which will be based on PE Health and Wellbeing Social Skills Programs.

## 2019 ICAS Competitions

Thank you to those students in Years 5 and 6 for participating in the 2019 Online International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

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

### English

#### Distinction:

Year 5: Sean, Nathaniel, Indiana, Kawin & Selina

Year 6: Liz & James

### Mathematics

#### Distinction:

Year 5: Zhijing (Leighton), Sean, Aaron & Kawin

Year 6: Arnav, James, Ishaan & Leo

#### High Distinction:

Year 5: Abithan

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Week 6 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**\*Please note: Last day for canteen in Term 4 is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December for RECESS ONLY!\***

## Uniform Shop

Opening days for Term 4 2019

Wednesday (8.45am – 9.15am): 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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

## P&C News

A few weeks ago, I had informed the school executive and the P&C executive of my decision to step down from the role of the P&C President. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role over the last 2 years and have had great interactions with the school and the parent community alike. I was part of a wonderful team that supported and looked after each other.

I would like to thank each and every member of the parent and the school community who has helped me and taught me so much during my tenure. Now, it's time for me to move on but I promise to help the new P&C Executive in all possible ways.

We held our Annual General meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> November and all positions were declared open. Unfortunately, we were not able to find a replacement for the roles of the President, Secretary and Building Fund Treasurer. If you are keen to take on any of these positions or know someone who might be willing to take over these roles, please let us know @ [pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au](mailto:pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au) as soon as possible.

Following are the office bearers that were elected for 2020:

**President:** Vacant

**Vice President 1:** Amy Bested (Uniform Shop Subcommittee)

**Vice President 2:** Sally Cole (Music Subcommittee)

**Secretary:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Swapna Ajay

**Building fund Treasurer:** Vacant

**Committee members:** Ruiming Zeng, Graham Christie

Many congratulations to all the new office bearers!

Please come and join us in the New Year and let's try and fill these vacant positions. I assure you it's a very rewarding experience and you will feel wonderful being a part of the P&C.

Thank you

Rachna Bhardwaj

P&C President

[president@westrydepublicschool.com.au](mailto:president@westrydepublicschool.com.au)

### The next P&C meeting

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 7 PM

In the new Staff Room (Free child minding)

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Riverside Girls High School Assembly Hall  
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3.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.  
on  
Wednesday November 27th, 2019**

This showcase presented by the TAS department will feature exhibits of students' design work in conjunction with the Year 7 Young Entrepreneurs \$20 BOSS Challenge.

Products from the Year 7 Entrepreneurs will be available to purchase.

A fashion parade of student's garments will take place in 45minute intervals from 3.15 - 6.00 p.m.

Year 10 Food Technology students will be serving refreshments during the afternoon.

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