

ENDEAVOUR

NEWSLETTER OF WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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UPCOMING DATES:

Mon 9th Nov

Whole School Photo

Wed 11th Nov

Canteen

Uniform Shop – online bookings only

Thurs 12th Nov

Canteen

Fri 13th Nov

PSSA

Wed 18th Nov

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Thurs 19th Nov

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Fri 20th Nov

PSSA

Principal's Message.

New Assistant Principals

At the end of this year we will farewell Mrs Sarah Hutton. Mrs Hutton has been relieving as Assistant Principal at WRPS for many years, her exceptional leadership of Stage 1 and as Learning Support AP in 2019 has strengthened the learning opportunities for students at West Ryde PS. Mrs Hutton will take up a permanent AP position at Beauty Point Public School in 2021.

Mr Kim Watterson will not be returning to WRPS in 2021. He has accepted a permanent Deputy Principal position at Cammeray Public School. Mr Watterson was Assistant Principal at WRPS and in 2019 and 2020 was relieving as Deputy Principal at North Sydney Public School.

Through open merit selection Mrs Emma Gibson will join WRPS on Monday 14th December 2020 and Mr Ryan Cox will join in 2021. We welcome them to the school and look forward to their valuable contributions to the school community.

Planning update

Teachers are continuing their process of measuring and collecting evidence of student growth across 2020 so they can write student progress reports, and in parallel we are continuing the task of collecting evidence of the impact of our school-wide learning programs.

Thank you so much to those who took the time to complete our 'Tell Them From Me' survey as it has given us excellent information about your opinions for us to now tussle with.

All of our Year 4-6 students completed a similar survey last term and their opinions are obviously of vital importance to us as we collectively draft the future of West Ryde Public School.

School start date change for 2021 (and finish dates, too)

The NSW Department of Education has made a change to the School Development Days (SDD) for next year, 2021. Teachers will now begin the year with two days of professional learning, team planning and classroom learning preparation; on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January.

This of course means that the first day of school for students in Years 1 to 6 will now be Friday 29th January. New Kindy students will start on Monday 1st February to ensure a smooth transition to 'big school'.

Please be aware that we will use the first three days of Kindergarten as Orientation, this means that students are not in their official classes.

At the end of 2021 there will only be one SDD, on Friday 17th December, with the last day of school for students now being on Thursday 16th December, 2021.

NOTE that these changes are for NEXT YEAR, 2021

Sakuna Pho

Deputy Principals' Message

Have you seen our new 360 Virtual Tour?

As you know, after what felt like a lifetime of living in a construction zone, we've finally got all our learning spaces open. As we haven't been able to have the community come on site to visit our new learning environments, please take the time to check out our new 360 Virtual Tour.

The tour can be accessed from the homepage of the school's website and includes a 360 view of new and existing learning spaces as well as interviews of parents and students. We hope that in lieu of having you on site, this may be the next best thing! <https://westryde-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

School Uniforms

At West Ryde Public School the wearing of full and correct school uniform is seen as important and is valued by the school community. As well as being a symbol of unity, pride, identity and belonging, it provides a measure of protection for students travelling to and from school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of a uniform code.

The Department of Education (DoE) supports the wearing of school uniforms and requires students to conform to acceptable general standards of dress inclusive of the school's uniform requirements. Our community expects that the school will insist on sensible standards of clothing, good grooming and personal cleanliness.

Teachers will speak with their classes and individual students who are consistently not wearing the correct school uniform. We ask that if your child is out of uniform for any reason, that you let the class teacher know why via Classdojo or via a note. If finance is an issue in purchasing the correct uniform, the school may be able to assist families through our equity funding so please get in touch with the school.

Lost property

Lost property is an issue. There are many jackets and hats, some named but most unnamed laying in the playground or in classrooms. Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with the student's name so they can be returned. Teachers have also been speaking with their classes about responsibility and ownership of items. We know uniforms are not cheap, so please speak with your child about being responsible for their own belongings.

Finally, summer uniforms should now be worn. Generally, summer uniforms are worn in Terms 1 and 4 and winter in Terms 2 and 3.

Drink bottles and lunch boxes

Earlier this term we sent out a Skoolbag notice about drink bottles. We wanted to reinforce the need for non-glass drink bottles and lunch boxes at school. We've had a number of glass drink bottles and containers being sent to school with students that have broken in school bags, in stairwells or on the playground.

Please avoid glass containers of any kind when packing your child's recess and lunch. Again, label all items being sent to school and encourage your child to be responsible for their own belongings. Anything with a name can be returned, but containers and bottles without names will end up as landfill.

Stage 3 ZOOM Dance Party

A huge congratulations to the Stage 3 team for their outstanding organisation of the ZOOM Dance Party this week. The students enjoyed the disco and snacks in a variety of locations across the school in order to maintain social distancing. However, they were all united by great music and DJ James who kept the crowd interested. What a success!



Zoom Dance Party By Bill, Jialu, Tane and Zoe.

In Week 4, K-6 participated in the Zoom Dance Party which was a fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell. The majority of the students took part in the fundraiser including teachers. It was a spectacular party including glow sticks, and tonnes of screaming and dancing children. DJ Sammy J (Mr James) played fun and upbeat music perfect for all ages.

We also played fun games like musical statues and drew raffle tickets hoping we would get a \$5 canteen voucher... Unfortunately, we all couldn't win but we had a great time nonetheless.

The Zoom Disco helped us raise money for our Year 6 Farewell, which will help us have an amazing send off. Many people enjoyed the Zoom Disco and wished the Year 6's a fantastic farewell.



Whole School Photo Day

The postponed whole school photo will now take place on Monday 9th November.

Please ensure your child is in their full summer school uniform on Monday. Year 6 students are requested to wear their school polo or dress and not their Year 6 shirt.

Appropriate COVID safety measures will be observed during the session.

Albina Lee (K-2) & Deb Pegolo (3-6)

Community Language News

This term Stage 3 students are leading an investigation into the world of 'Asian Cuisines' during community languages time. They were asked to research about one classic dish commonly seen on menus in a Chinese, Indian or Korean restaurant.

This week Stage 3 students are busy at work, participating in rotations, sharing their findings, and teaching other classmates how to say the names of dishes in its native language. Their learning intention is to order these delicious dishes in an authentic way when visiting their favourite restaurants!



The School Band is recruiting!

Steve, the director of Teaching Services Australia spent some time in the Year 2 learning spaces this week showcasing some of the instruments that students can learn through the school band and music program. He showed students various instruments including the trombone, clarinet and the glockenspiel.

Playing any instrument increases coordination and concentration, develops maths and language skills and is just really fun! If you want your child to try out an instrument or would just like more information about the programs offered, please see information below.



WRPS Band – Now Accepting New Enrolments For 2021

The WRPS Band, co-ordinated by Teaching Services Australia, is now accepting new enrolments for 2021. Enrolments are open to any student who will be in year 3-6 next year and no prior musical experience is necessary. For further information:

*WATCH our demonstration video (20min) – <https://vimeo.com/472412276/3d1ab09a0a>

*READ our online resources – www.teachingservices.com.au/resources-and-faq/

*RETURN our 'Expression Of Interest' form – www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi

WEST RYDE SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2021 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a **band demonstration** at school that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. After this demonstration they will receive a green *Expression of Interest* note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do?

1. Carefully read the green *Expression of Interest* and then register your child's interest in joining the band online at <https://www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi>
2. Once you register online a TSA tutor will meet your child to help them assess which instrument they are most suited to**
3. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with enrolment information

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

***Instrument trials will take place within strict COVID-safe guidelines and will include a basic aural and rhythm assessment among several other activities which measure your child's suitability for each instrument.*



(02) 9651 7333
enrolments@teachingservices.com.au
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Students arriving before 8.30am

Parents are reminded there is no supervision of students on school grounds prior to 8.30am.

Any students arriving at school **prior to 8.30am** must not wander around the playground and must be seated on the bench near the COLA until the 8.30am bell.

2021 Kindergarten Enrolments



Kindergarten 2021 enrolments are currently open. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2021 please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

If you know someone in the local community who will have a 2021 Kindergarten child, please encourage that family to contact the school office for an enrolment form.

We will be taking enrolment appointments on a Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday between 11 am - 2 pm and you will need to call the school on 9874-2515 to arrange an appointment, to register your application. This will take up to 30 minutes in duration.

Please ensure you have all the relevant original documents such as birth certificate or current passport, Immunisation records, 100-point Proof of Residential Address and have fully completed the application form prior to attending your appointment time.

Please click [here](#) for an application form and all other information.

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>

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

We have had a reported case of **Hand Foot and Mouth Disease** in Kindergarten, this is a contagious disease and is spread by contact. Please make sure your children are hand washing and using sanitizer regularly.

Watch out for small red dots that become blisters on the hands, feet and around the mouth area.

Please note that children should not attend school with this condition until the blisters have dried up.

Canteen

Canteen opening times for Term 4:

Week 5: Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November

Week 6: Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November



Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is closed to all public until further notice, however, it will be taking orders. If you would like to order any uniforms you will need to complete the '**Uniform Order Form**' together with the correct payment (**CASH ONLY**) or alternatively, you can make a booking via Skoolbag. Please be aware that there is only limited appointment times.

Please place Order Form and payment in an envelope and bring to the school office. You will be contacted to collect your order once filled.

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.

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.



- 1 Download the app**
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**
Search for your school and add your subscription groups





