

ENDEAVOUR

NEWSLETTER OF WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

'nothing left unattempted'

UPCOMING DATES:

Mon 23rd Nov

Wed 25th Nov

Canteen
Uniform Shop – **online bookings only**

Thurs 26th Nov

Canteen. **Last day for Term 4.**

Fri 27th Nov

PSSA

Wed 2nd Dec

Uniform Shop – **online bookings only**

Fri 4th Dec

PSSA

For your information:

Wed 16th Dec: Last day of Term 4 for 2020.

Fri 29th Jan: First day of Term 1 for 2021 for Years 1 to 6

Principal's Message.

Newest member of the West Ryde Family!

It is with great pleasure to introduce the community to William Rithy Pho! Sakuna and Kerrie welcomed a baby boy into their family on Wednesday, 18 November. Some of you who are quite observant will notice that the newborn's initials are WRP! Talk about commitment to our school! Congratulations Mr. Pho!



External Validation

During 2020 WRPS has been involved in an external validation process. This is a Department requirement undertaken by all schools every 4 years. This extensive process involves the staff completing a self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework in the three domains of learning, teaching and leading, across 14 elements.

The School Excellence Framework supports schools in the pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice.

On Tuesday 17 November, the validation panel consisting of a peer principal and a Principal, School Leadership attended a virtual meeting for a three hour conversation where four members of the executive team, Mrs Deb Pegolo, Ms

Natalie Devlin, Mrs Sarah Hutton and myself, presented the submission to the panel. At the end of the meeting the panel members compared the evidence from the school's submission and our self-assessment with their professional judgement. Our judgements across the three domains were validated and showed that all we do at WRPS is making an impact in the areas of learning, teaching and leading. The panel were extremely impressed with the school for sustaining so many impactful programs and processes even though we had gone through some major changes in the past few years.

The completion of EV means the beginning of the new School Improvement Plan. External Validation showed areas where we could continue improving and these form the basis of our future directions which become part of our new 4-year school plan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the EV team for the work they have put in throughout the year and to all the staff, students and community members for making WRPS such a fantastic school to be a part of.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Last Wednesday we held a special assembly to mark Remembrance Day. Our student leaders did an excellent job leading the assembly via Zoom. Thank you to Ms Nury Kim for coordinating the ceremony and the Stage 3 students for creating a beautiful wreath and poppies for students and teachers to wear on the day.



Albina Lee, Relieving Principal

Deputy Principals' Message

NAIDOC Week

In Week 5 (8-15 November) we celebrated NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week. The theme for NAIDOC Week was, **'Always was, always will be'**. NAIDOC week is a time to reflect and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of the First Nation peoples – recognising them as the traditional owners of the land.

This year's theme recognised that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists. NAIDOC Week reminds us of the First Nations people's deep spiritual and cultural connection to this country.



Everyday Maths Hub

An **Everyday Maths Hub** for parents has been launched on the Department of Education website. Families can support their children's mathematical skills and understanding with fun, practical and creative activities. The hub

can assist parents to explore everyday mathematics through the topics your child may have learned about in the classroom. You may like to explore the hub on the DoE website or through the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics/domain>

As we move closer to the end of the term and year, there are a number of events occurring at all Department of Education schools, including special celebrations for our Year 6 students who will be leaving at the end of the year. I would like to congratulate all of our students who I know are continuing to do their best, even as the year draws to a close.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Deb Pegolo

Students leaving school early

Any parent wanting to take their child out of school early for any reason, a DoJo message must be sent to your child's teacher as early as possible stating the precise time you will pick your child up. You are required to come to the office to sign your child out. Your cooperation would be very much appreciated.

Community Language News

This term a small group of Year 4 students are participating in an online exchange program with students from South Korea, Seoul Yeonji Elementary School. This pilot program has been initiated by the DET International NSW in collaboration with the Seoul Metropolitan Education Centre. Every fortnight students are engaged in conversations in English and Korean based on a given topic, over Zoom meetings. After getting to know each other in the first 2 meetings, this week we started our discussions about landmarks from Australia and South Korea. It has been exciting and a unique experience for students so far and we look forward to building the connection with our friends from Seoul!



Maths Olympiad

The Maths Olympiad competition has officially ended this year, after 5 competitions held across 6 months. In addition to this, students completed practice papers and attended training sessions every week to share effective problem solving strategies with reasoning.

The West Ryde team was comprised of year 4, 5 and 6 students. In order to be selected as a member of our Maths Olympiad team, students needed to demonstrate excellent mathematical knowledge and critical thinking skills. These students are all working beyond their expected level for their age.

All students received certificates for their efforts, with the top 5 scoring students receiving a medal. Congratulations to Selina (6SJ) on attaining an overall score of 19/20 which was the highest score achieved in the team. We are very proud of all the students who represented West Ryde in this competition.



Junior Cricket Report

Fri 23 Oct 2020: Boronia Park PS Junior Cricket 140 – 63 West Ryde PS Junior Cricket

The juniors returned to competitive play against a Boronia Park team overflowing with talented bowlers and batters. West Ryde competed with tenacity in a wonderful game in which all players stepped up. Special mentions to: William, who played a captain's game leading with the bat, and taking wickets through his bowling and outfield catches; Euan, for some excellent catches and decisive fielding skills; Keshav, for athletic wicket keeping and demon bowling; and Laith for an excellent display deputising as wicket keeper.

A great team performance and an enjoyable day for all.



Fri 30 Oct 2020: Hunters Hill PS Junior Cricket 84 - 66 West Ryde PS Junior Cricket

Fri 06 Nov 2020: Cancelled due to wet weather

Fri 13 Nov 2020: West Ryde PS Junior Cricket 66 - 80 North Ryde PS Junior Cricket

A game played in the true spirit of the game: students from both sides advising the umpire (me) what the correct decisions were even though they went against their teams, e.g. that ball went for a 6 not a 4; that is sport played as it should be. Objective #1: develop your skills, objective #2: have fun.

We lost this game on the count back system as there was insufficient time to complete all overs from North Ryde. We scored slowly in some of our early batting, but we finished very strongly and were easily ahead in this match,

with an unrivalled 19 off 9 balls from William, but to no avail as ... with the count back going to only completed innings ... his score was not included.

It is important that all team members have the opportunity to bat and bowl and so I rotate every player so that they all get a bite of the cherry. I commend the team for their total acceptance of this equity. Winning a game is great but playing as a team is true winning, all playing for the team not themselves. You should be proud of yourselves.

You are all winners irrespective of the score.

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.

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.

Canteen

Canteen opening times for Term 4:

Week 7: Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November. This is the last week canteen will be open for this term!

Week 8, Week 9 & Week 10: Canteen CLOSED!



Lunches

Over the past few weeks, there has been a number of students requiring spoons or forks for their lunches. If children bring a lunch to school that requires a utensil such as spoon or fork, you will need to pack this within their lunch as the school cannot provide these utensils.

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>

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.*



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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

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