

# ENDEAVOUR

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## NEWSLETTER OF WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### UPCOMING DATES :

**21<sup>st</sup> February**

K-2 Assembly 12.30 – 1.05pm  
PSSA Round 2

**26<sup>th</sup> February**

Canteen open

**27<sup>th</sup> February**

Canteen Open

**28<sup>th</sup> February**

PSSA Round 3

**2<sup>nd</sup> March**

"Meet the Teacher" – Parent  
Information night

**4<sup>th</sup> March**

Uniform Shop open  
Canteen Open

**5<sup>th</sup> March**

Canteen Open

**6<sup>th</sup> March**

PSSA Round 4  
The Human Race - K-6

**18<sup>th</sup> March**

P&C Meeting 7pm

### Principal's Message.

Classes have now settled in with their teachers, it's been lovely to have such settled, enthusiastic students and teachers across our whole school. Even with our compressed playground, our students continue to be safe and responsible with their friends.

### Teacher Professional Learning

Developing the capacity of teachers is an essential part in 'knowing our students' and 'how to best support' their learning and wellbeing. Throughout the year, teachers are engaged in professional learning in and out of school. This year all staff are engaged in 'Collaborative Planning Conferences', utilising the collective knowledge of classroom teachers and specialist teachers to share in designing and targeting learning activities to meet individual student needs. This level of collaboration is exceptional as we challenging our ourselves as adult learners.



### Meet your child's 'Lead Learner'

On Monday 2, 2020 we will be holding our start of the year Meet the Teacher sessions. This is an opportunity to get to know a bit more about how your child's program for learning will be organised for 2020, and to personally meet the teacher in their classroom. This year I have asked that the information night is for parents only. As always, if you have multiple children, please split your time between the different classrooms. All important organisational information will be made available after the meeting.

The 'Meet the Teacher' sessions are for parents only and there will be no student supervision provided.

Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
5:00pm - 5:15pm Principal's address in the hall	5:45pm - 6:00pm Principal's address in the hall
5:15pm - 5:45pm Meet the Teacher in classrooms	6:00pm - 6:30pm Meet the Teacher in classrooms

### List of Classes and Positions at West Ryde Public School

Principal	Sakuna Pho	Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4	
Deputy Principal	Albina Lee	3CJ	Courtney Jones
	Deborah Pegolo	3ML	Matthew Logan
Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten		3KD	Karen Dobbie
KND	Natalie Devlin ( <i>Assistant Principal</i> )	3NM	Eunice Ng / Nicole Maier
KLH	Linda Ham	4AM	Tony Maggs ( <i>Assistant Principal</i> )
KNW	Natalie Walker	4DB	Damian Brown
KNA	Natalie Au	4ND	Natalie Dowswell
Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2		4JS	Jennifer Spencer
1/2SH	Sarah Hutton ( <i>Assistant Principal</i> )	Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6	
1DM	Dianne Mills	5/6TW	Trish Whittaker ( <i>Assistant Principal</i> )
1OT	Ophelia Torres	5AV	Astrid Vega
1EK	Ellen Kim	5TT	Thi Truong
1VM	Vicki McDougall	6NK	Nury Kim
2SY	So Min Yoo	6SJ	Samuel James
2JS	Jessica Seggie	Specialist Teachers	
2MK	Monica Kirolos	English as an	Lisa Collins
2RC	Rebecca Collins	Addition Language	Ludmilla Lee
2SM	Sophie MacInnes	or Dialect – EAL/D	Cathii Tam
Administration			Hannah Kim
School Admin Manager	Susan Mazar		Di Hines
School Admin Officer	Helen Parker	Community	Archana Chaudhary – Hindi
	Vivienne Lo Surdo	Languages	Angel Liang – Mandarin
	Sandra Basile		Esther Park – Korean
	Jennifer Harrison	RFF	Lucia Scurrah
General Assistant - GA	Ross Murray		Laurel Colley
School Learning	Emily Barakat	Learning Support	Jasmine Lieu
Support Officer - SLSO	Christina Choi		Laurel Colley
		School Counsellor	Sharon Taylor

### What is RFF?

Each classroom teacher receives weekly 'Release from Face-to-Face' (RFF) teaching time. During this time the classroom teacher engages in *Collaborative Planning Conferences* with their teaching team (usually organised in grades), as well as using time for lesson preparation, marking, student assessment analysis, classroom organisation and communicating with you all about their students. Assistant Principals also receive additional time to complete administrative and wellbeing tasks for the whole Stage of classes, students and teachers. Class learning programs continue during this RFF time, often planned and delivered by our specialist teachers...

## **Swimming Carnival**

This week we held our annual Swimming Carnival at Epping Aquatic Centre, it was a fun community day, and thanks to the usual efficient organisation and management from Mrs Pegolo, Mr James and sport Team. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and those that turned up to support all students. The teachers and volunteers would also like to thank the P&C for generous morning and lunch! It kept us going through out the day.

## **Sakuna Pho**

### **Deputy Principal's Report**

#### **K-2 Deputy Report**

It has been wonderful to see all our K-2 students settling into routines and enjoying their learning at West Ryde PS. At last week's Leaders' Induction Assembly, we acknowledged our Year 2 Student Representative Council members who will be part of the bigger student leadership team. As part of their leadership responsibilities, they will be hosting the first K-2 assembly this week on Friday. Throughout the year, all K-2 classes will have an opportunity to host assembly, where we recognise student achievements for the fortnight. I am looking forward to attending these throughout the year!

We are very pleased to welcome parents and carers to our whole school Monday morning assemblies. If you are attending the assembly, we ask that you move to the back of the COLA, as having parents in the line of sight can be distracting for some of our students. At the end of the assembly, we also ask that you move away from the back of the COLA and keep all walk ways and stairs clear so our students and teachers can move to their classes as quickly as possible to get the week started!

## **Albina Lee - Deputy Principal**

#### **Years 3-6 Deputy Report**

It has been an eventful week for our Years 3-6 students. Last week we enjoyed a formal Leaders' Induction Assembly and morning tea for our student leadership team, house captains and SRC representatives. Thank you to our families and friends who joined us. At West Ryde Public School our student leaders have an increased sense of responsibility to help others and to model leadership principles and values. Trust and relationships are enhanced through the development of leadership qualities in all of our students and we embrace student voice and leadership.

We also all enjoyed our swimming carnival on Wednesday and this year all of our Years 3-6 students attended, as well as more than 30 Year 2 students. The weather was brilliant and so too was the sportsmanship and support for fellow students. It was a wonderful example of the school spirit we have here at West Ryde Public School. We had numerous students swim extremely well but in addition and of equal importance, we had large numbers of students 'have a go'. Our newly introduced untimed 25 metre race was very popular, with over 100 students participating. We appreciate the families and friends who attended on the day, to show their support. A special thank you also to our parent volunteers and our Sports Committee of teachers, led by Mr Samuel James. In addition, thank you to the contribution from the P&C for the food catering for the staff and parent volunteers.

Could I please remind all parents that a punctual arrival at school is essential for your children's wellbeing. To assist students and parents as well as to reduce traffic congestion, we provide supervision from 8.30am. Students should not arrive at school before 8.30am but it is vital that they are not late to school. Children benefit from socialising with their peers in the playground before entering the classroom. It allows a calm transition time between home and school. Children will feel unsettled and will not experience a positive start to their day if they are rushing to the classroom as the bell rings, or alternatively after the bell. The wellbeing of our students is our priority at all times at West Ryde Public School.

## **Deb Pegolo – Rel 3-6 Deputy Principal**



## Swimming Carnival photos



## Induction Assembly



## 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>

## Canteen

Week 5: Wed 26<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> February

Week 6: Wed 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March



## Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop will open fortnightly on Wednesdays.

Dates for Term 1: 4<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April

New hats now available. Our new hats are adjustable around the crown with our school logo clearly displayed on the front. Sizes available S/M M/L L/XL Cost is \$12.00.

Please note we still have a small selection of our old school hats available but please be aware that once these are sold out we will not be restocking that style.

## P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 18 March at 7pm in the new staff room (next to community languages room). We hope to see you there!

## Help Required!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Canteen is in need of volunteers!

If you can spare a couple of hours to help us  
out it would be really appreciated!

Please email Amy at

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

with your contact details and availability  
and we will be in contact with you.

## 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.



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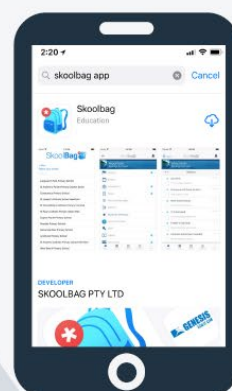
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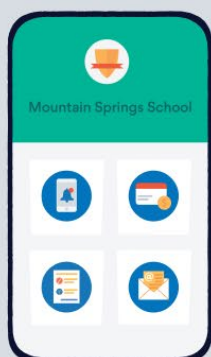
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**Presentation: ADHD Research, Health Services & School Engagement**

**Thursday 12 March 2020, 6:45-9:00pm**

**Alex Latouche, Clinical Psychologist**

This will be the first time Alex Latouche will present to the Macquarie ADHD Parent Support Group. Alex recently published research in the Journal of Attention Disorders, specifically evaluating a specialised ADHD training program for educators, which was a landmark study in Australia. He will present on the research findings, plus the implications for ongoing support. In addition, he will explain the difference between the professional health services available and how to navigate their services including Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Neuropsychologists, Psychiatrists. Finally, Alex will provide some practical suggestions for engaging schools to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

Alex Latouche is a clinical psychologist with over ten years of experience working with children, adolescents, families and adults across neurodevelopmental disabilities, mild to severe mental health issues, complex developmental trauma, and parenting/family issues both in community and inpatient settings. Alex is the founder of 'thinkfree.', a psychology practice based in Sydney providing clinic-based and at-home psychology services. Alex has experience facilitating ADHD workshops including training over 300 educators to better support children with ADHD in the classroom.

**NEW VENUE**

**St Anne's Anglican Church Top Ryde**, Hall Function Room  
42 Church Street, Ryde, <http://www.stannes.org.au/>

**TRANSPORT**

30 car spaces are available underneath the church, via Gowrie Street. Limited street parking. Alternatively Top Ryde Shopping Centre is a 5min walk.

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**COST**

\$10 online (or at door if places are available). Member discount applies to this event. Become a member: <https://www.macquarieadhd.org.au/membership-form/>

**DETAILS**

Please arrive for 6.45pm with the speaker commencing at 7pm sharp, for approximately one-hour presentation. After a short break, a Q&A session will follow with an opportunity to meet other parents. Maximum capacity 120pax. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

**\*\* This is a new venue for our group and the Committee appreciates any assistance from parents to help set up the room and pack down at the end of the night.**

ADHD Centre Helpline: 02 9889 5977

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