Principal’s Message
This is our last newsletter of the school year and as such I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our school community for their contribution to another wonderful year at West Ryde Public School. The support you provide the school through involvement in school programs, activities as well as the support you provide your children ensures we have an outstanding school learning community.

On behalf of the staff we wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas, New Year and holiday period.

Thank you to our student leaders of 2014: Haydyn, Joelle, Jonah, Kaito and Avaneesh for their outstanding work in hosting our annual Presentation Day yesterday.

I would like to thank all our Year 6 students who have been a wonderful cohort of learners, always willing to ‘have a go’ but most importantly kind and caring young people.

I wish you all the very best for the coming year in high school and look forward to hearing of your successes.

Congratulations to our incoming Student Leaders for 2015
I would like to congratulate, Conor and Aiden our Captains; Adelle and Roychelle our Vice Captains, Minuri, Alba, Natasha and Jina our Prefects and Jinuki the Chairperson of the School Leadership Executive on their election as the incoming leaders for 2015.

Christmas Carols and Food Markets
A huge thank you to all the school community who braved, rain, hail and wind to ensure that our Carols and Market evening was a great evening for all.

Farewell and Welcome
At the end of the term we will be saying farewell to Mr Jenkins who officially retired in June this year, Ms Cannon who started at our school as a student teacher and Ms Becky Cantlay who took over from Ms Murray in her absence. They have all done an outstanding job and added value to the school. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. Next year we will welcome Mrs Yvonne Lee and Ms Natalie Devlin who were posted to the school by the Department of Education. We look forward to working with them both in 2015.

Supervision
I again remind parents about the issues of safety at school. It is a very unsafe practice to drop your child off at school before 8:30am. This week we have had children arriving at 7:45am.

Often at this time teachers are usually on their way to school or in their classrooms unaware that there are children on the playground.

WE TAKE YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY VERY SERIOUSLY AND ASK YOU NOT TO PUT YOUR CHILD IN A VUNERABLE AND UNSAFE SITUATION BY DROPPING THEM OFF BEFORE 8:30AM.
Friendly Reminders

The CHOOKS
We desperately need people to feed the chooks and water the vegetables over the holidays. If you can assist could you please let Mr Logan know.

Balmoral Beach Excursion
Please ensure that you child is at school by 8.45am as the bus will be leaving promptly. Bring your wet weather gear as the excursion will go ahead rain or shine.

Student Reports
All student reports, for Semester 2, went home yesterday. I wish to thank all the staff for the preparation of these reports as they do involve considerable time and effort to ensure parents receive the most accurate information relating to their child's progress.

Singing Lessons in 2015
If you are interested in your child doing singing lessons in 2015 please contact Mrs Lloyd Jones.

Dates to Remember
All Students in Year 1 to Year 6 will return to school on Wednesday, 28th January 2015.

2015 Kindergarten Students
New kindergarten students will commence school on Monday, 2nd February 2015. Best Start appointments for the new kindergarten children will be on Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday, 30th January. A letter has been sent to all 2015 kindergarten parents with their child’s best start appointment time.

Swimming Carnival 2015
Although it seems a long way away, I urge all students, 8 years and over, to spend the holidays training for the swimming carnival in 2015. I would like to see more students participate next year and ‘have a go’. The new skills gained by the children at the school swimming lessons can be put to good use to represent their house, and possibly go further to represent the school! Also don’t forget there will be a ‘parents and students’ relay on the day of the carnival.

School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am
Starts Term 1 2015 on 19th February (week 4)

Canteen News

Term 1 2015
The canteen will reopen in Week 2 of Term 1 on Tuesday, 3rd February. In 2015 the canteen will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only.

On Tuesday, 3rd February we will have belated Australia Day celebrations in the canteen by selling mini meat pies, lamingtons and fruit or jelly cups.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Term 1 2015 Opening Days:
Wednesday, 28th January the uniform shop will open from 9.00am – 9.30am.
Wednesday, 4th & 18th February (8.45am – 9.15am)
Wednesday, 4th & 18th March (8.45am – 9.15am)
Wednesday, 1st April (8.45am – 9.15am)

P & C NEWS

What a night. Friday’s Carols certainly started off with a bang, literally, as the thunder clapped and the hail came pelting down! What a way to add some excitement to the evening. For a moment we were worried that the whole thing would have to be called off, but in the end the clouds cleared, the sun came out and the crowds came. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the school and enjoy a night of Christmas cheer. There are so many parents and teachers who worked very hard to organise the many stalls, and I can’t possibly list them all. Thank you. You know who you are. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Lloyd-Jones and Mrs Boyd for once again working so hard and going above and beyond to put on a fantastic event for the school community to enjoy.

With just one week left of school, we’re on the home stretch. From everyone at the P&C, I’d like to wish everyone a safe and relaxed break. Whatever you’re doing or wherever you might be going, I hope you find some quality time to spend with your family and friends, and a moment to yourself to recharge your batteries ready for what will no doubt be another busy year ahead. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Yule or Winter Solstice or any other celebrations that I may not be aware of. Have a Happy New Year, and we’ll see you in 2015!

Regards,
Alison Chan (2C)

ORCHESTRA NEWS

There has been some interest from children to learn some brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. At this stage there are insufficient numbers to start group lessons, however the orchestra committee will be assisting families to obtain instruments and find music tutors. If you have not yet registered your interest, you can still do so by clicking on this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RRSPNFT.

Orchestra committee wrpsorchestra@gmail.com
summer school holiday camp

Tennis & Sports Program

Tennis • Soccer • Basketball
Squash • Cricket • Volleyball

Don’t miss the opportunity to join the famous holiday camps at Next Generation, Ryde. Children will enjoy lots of different sports. There will be coaching, competitions and tons of fun. We also have a full wet weather program in case of rain.

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*Early Bird Specials - These prices are available until December 19th

Book and pay online at www.voyagertennis.com and click on the Ryde tab
Enquiries: Contact tammy@voyagertennis.com

Term 1 Tennis After School Program

FREE TENNIS LESSON OFFER

Book your child in for a free tennis lesson today before the new term begins:
Call Tammy on 0425 334 466
Programs are every day after school from Monday to Friday.
Join us this year to Celebrate Christmas at
WEST RYDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

THANKSGIVING
Sun 7 Dec / 4pm Thanksgiving Service
[A time to thank God for loved ones who have passed away]

CAROLS
Sun 14 Dec / Carols on the Corner
[Food & activities at 6pm, Carols at 7pm]

CHRISTMAS EVE
Wed 24 Dec / 10am Choral Communion
Wed 24 Dec / 5pm Kids Christmas
Wed 24 Dec / 11pm Contemporary

CHRISTMAS DAY
Thurs 25 Dec / 9am Family Christmas

Calling all Superheroes!
HEROES
9am until 12noon
HEADQUARTERS
20th-23rd January 2015

West Ryde Anglican Kids Presents
Heroes Headquarters Holiday Club
This SUMMER kids will discover HEROES who were
not so super or powerful, yet their faith in God was
used to do POWERFUL things!
Suit up for an Awesome Four days. Sign up today
$6 per child per day
Kindergarten to Year 6

For more information and pre-registration
call Elliott (02)9874 1928 or 0421 656 904

West Ryde Anglican Church 35 Bellevue and Dackson Ave,
West Ryde
SANTA'S COMING TO
BRUSH PARK BOWLING CLUB

Friday 19th
December, 2014*

Brush Park Bowling Club is located:
On the corner of Rutledge St. & Marsden Rd. Dundas opposite Lauriston House

LAST FRIDAY NIGHT B-B-Q for 2014 + Ham & Meat Raffles
STEAK DINNER - $12, SAUSAGE DINNER - $6, SERVED AT 7:00PM
or Enjoy a quality Chinese Meal from DRAGON 88.

TELL US IF YOU’RE ATTENDING ON 9858 1166 + HOW MANY

The program is:

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<td>5 pm</td>
<td>Arrive and find your spot for the night's entertainment “On the Green”</td>
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<td>6 pm</td>
<td>'Elphina' Face Fiction's own larrikin elf, will land right here on Brushies Green via her GIANT parachute, for fun &amp; games before blowing things up! Elphina really puts on an interactive magical family show, fun for all ages.</td>
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<td>7 pm</td>
<td>BBQ dinner is served + Draw Christmas Hamper + Raffles whilst we eat.</td>
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<td>8 pm</td>
<td>Carols “On the Green” featuring Sophie &amp; members of P.H.U.N. (ukuleles)</td>
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<td>Santa arrives  Children receive a bag of lollies from Santa. Then free time</td>
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<td>9 pm</td>
<td>Event Closes.  But club will remain open for members and Guests.</td>
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* All children MUST be accompanied and supervised by a Parent/Guardian at all times.
Play Netball in 2015

Comets Netball Club

ARE LOOKING FOR:
NEW players turning 7yrs -Seniors in 2015
Saturday games at Brush Farm for 7-10yrs,
And Meadowbank Park for 11yrs and up!
Register online NOW as registrations are closing soon!

www.cometsnetball.com.au

Call Debbie on 0414 256 864

president@cometsnetball.com.au