Welcome back
I hope that all of our community had a relaxing and safe holiday and are ready for a busy term of learning and related activities. This term we are celebrating Education Week with Open Day on Wednesday 30th July. The theme for this year is “Music” where you will have the chance to learn the ukulele or the violin, watch our many performing arts groups perform and partake in some great food at our multicultural luncheon. We look forward to seeing you in Week 3. We would also like to welcome Ms Monica Kirollos, Mr Kym Watterson and Ms Sarah Murray to our permanent staff at West Ryde PS.

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Upcoming events

Jul
23rd Stg 3 Camp – Parents’ Meeting
24th SPORTSPRO
25th PSSA Round 13
28th Education Week
29th ICAS English Competition
30th OPEN DAY
31st Athletics Carnival

Aug
1st PSSA make up games
2nd Assembly – KC
4th to 8th Stage 3 Camp - Tea Gardens
5th Raising Kids that Cope Seminar
6th Uniform Shop open
7th SPORTSPRO
8th PSSA Semi Finals

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Sportspro – whole school  Term 3 Weeks 2 to 10  $42.00
Athletics Carnival – whole school – Thursday, 31st July  $8.50
Reminders

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School Swimming Scheme
Our school swimming scheme is scheduled for Term 4 starting on Monday 3rd November and continuing for two weeks.
Given the rules on child protection the teaching staff is unable to assist children with dressing and undressing. With this in mind we cannot offer places to Kindergarten so only children from Years 1-6 will be able to attend.
If you are interested in your child attending, the lessons will cost $8.00 per day plus the cost of the bus. An approximate price will be in the vicinity of $150.00 inclusive. The exact price will be given closer to the date. A note will be sent home soon so that you can indicate your interest in your child attending.

Speech Therapist
We are fortunate enough to have a Speech Therapist visit the school once a week. If you are interested in your child seeing the speech therapist, please see Mrs. Lloyd Jones.

Beginner Violin Lessons
Group beginner lessons start in Week 3. If you are interested in your child joining this group, please leave a message at the office for the teacher, Mrs Wijngaarden, as soon as possible.

Library News
Book Week
Book Week is a time to celebrate outstanding Australian books for children. Each year, the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) shortlists books in different categories (e.g. Picture Book; Early Childhood and Information Books). During Library lessons students will take part in a variety of literature based activities on the shortlisted books. The winning book and runner up in each category will be announced by CBCA during Book Week (week 6).

Poster competition
The Book Week theme for 2014 is Connect to Reading. Students are encouraged to design a poster with this theme. Posters should be clearly labelled with their name and class. Entries close Friday 15th August (end of week 5) and will be displayed in the Library. All entries receive a complementary book mark and winners from each class will receive a voucher to spend at our Book Fair.

Book Fair
To celebrate Book Week our school will be holding a Book Fair. The theme for the fair is Book Fair Garden: Catch the Reading Bug! Students will preview the Book Fair on Wednesday 20th August. Sales will take place Friday 22nd August. You are welcome to attend either of these days – more details to come.

HELP NEEDED... If you have some time to help out at the Book Fair on Friday 22nd August, please contact Ms Armstrong (in the Library).

Ms Armstrong – Teacher Librarian
School Banking
Just a reminder that school banking is every Thursday. For more information about school banking please go to https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking-program.html

Soccer News
PSSA Results 18th July - Boys Senior A: 0 - 5 Senior B: 0–9 Junior A: 0-4 Junior B: 0-3 Girls: 8–0

Term 3 started promisingly for all West Ryde Soccer Teams. Despite some windy conditions, the teams played some impressive soccer. The Senior teams fought well against some tough opposition and were very unlucky to concede goals. Both the Junior A and B teams held their positions well and tried to play a short passing game. They were unlucky on the day and almost had a few goals of their own.
The girls were convincing winners and are looking like they are a tough team to beat in their competition. Overall it was a good team effort.
Please do not forget that soccer training is on Friday mornings at 8:00am and all players are expected to attend.

Mr Watterson – Organising Teacher

Netball News
Term 2 ended on a high note for the PSSA Senior A netball team, who celebrated a convincing victory over Gladesville. Unfortunately, the other PSSA teams were not as lucky and were given the opportunity to practise their on-court defence. Bearing the miserable weather, all teams were spirited and reflected positively on Term 2 during the walk back to school.

Term 3 has begun in a similar fashion, with the Senior A team narrowly beating our biggest competition, Eastwood in the final moments of the game. Our girls were five points down at half time and came back in very windy conditions to win 18-17 in the last minute of the game. The Senior B team, didn’t win their game, however their improvement throughout the season has been notable. Similarly, both junior teams have developed confidence in their netball skills and should be very proud of their achievements this season.

The PSSA netball season is coming to an end, with only two more games to be played for most teams. If you can get down to the game I’m sure all the girls would really appreciate your support for their last two games.
Friday morning netball will continue to be held each week for the remainder of the year. It is a chance for both boys and girls from year 3 onwards to enhance their skills and enjoy playing the game in a friendly, nurturing environment.

Ms Farthing – Organising Teacher

Canteen News
The Canteen is now being run by the P & C. It is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only.
Please write your child’s lunch order on the bag provided and put the correct money inside the bag. Put the bag into the box which is located outside the library in the hallway.

Uniform Shop News
The opening days for Term 3 will be Wednesday (8.45am - 9.15am) 6th & 20th August (Dr Shoe attending) and 3rd & 17th September.
Please note that we only accept cash or cheques (made payable to the West Ryde Public School Uniform Shop).
P & C NEWS

It’s now past mid-year and the beginning of term 3. Welcome back to school. I hope you enjoyed the winter break. For some of you, the late nights of World Cup football (soccer), interspersed with Wimbledon Tennis, is replaced by the Tour de France! Makes me sleepy just thinking about it.

Canteen
Canteen has restarted with a vengeance. The canteen has been serving since last Tuesday when school reopened. Again, many thanks to the parents who put up their hands to volunteer in the canteen. The contribution of the canteen has been great, with so many stepping up to make it a success. This term a few parents have volunteered for positions left vacant when a couple had to return to their studies. This is very encouraging. The children get a kick out of seeing their parents serving.

We will continue to require help from parents and it takes 3 sessions to train a volunteer at the canteen. You will gain an insight into the workings of a small business environment (which is what a canteen is) and you will get to meet other parents (new and experienced school parents alike) to keep up with what’s happening. We encourage you to volunteer with the canteen.

Safety
Parents please ensure that you follow the signage around the school. The signs play a key safety role around the school. From 8:00 to 9:30am, you are NOT allowed to drop off your kids at the Bennett Street entrance. We will be working with the authorities, as there have been a number of near misses on the street during School Zone times. A couple of times, cars came very close to my door when I exited my car parked on the other side because another car was overtaking a parked car on the No Stopping side. With a Children’s Crossing in the vicinity, it is downright dangerous.

School Zones are for the safety of kids and the school community. Please make sure you adhere to the rules.

Week Without Words
How about lunch without kids talking? That’s the Week Without Words (http://www.weekwithoutwords.org.au/), which a number of students are supporting in September, including my children. Week Without Words is an initiative of the St Lucy’s School in Wahroonga, a special school for children with disabilities. It is particularly special for us, as our son Cayden attends this school. It gives him an opportunity to achieve beyond our expectations.

The campaign highlights the challenges for children with verbal disabilities (i.e. who cannot use speech) to communicate. Please support the children in this initiative. You can donate for one of the children on the website: http://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/weekwithoutwords2014/sponsor_a_friend and search for West Ryde.

Thanks to Joelle, Tiffany, Aidan, Rowan and Danny E, Gemma, Aidan R, Karin and Sarah for joining Jarrod and Alyssa in this activity.

CONCLUSION
I look forward to seeing you at the P&C Meeting next month at 7pm on 20th of August.

Alan Khaw (Parent 5/6H, 3L)
President

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE

20th August, Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

In the school library.
RAISING KIDS THAT COPE
BUILDING RESILIENCE AND OPTIMISM IN CHILDREN

This evening seminar will be helpful to parents and others who work with or support children.

DATE: Tuesday 5th August
TIME: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
LOCATION: West Ryde Public School
Library
6 Endeavour St
West Ryde
RSVP: westryde-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
COST: FREE

Resilience and optimism are essential for helping children to bounce back and keep going during the hard times of life.

Research has found that an optimistic mindset helps to protect children from developing depression or anxiety in the long term.

This seminar will:
- look at some practical ways that we can foster optimism in children
- explain some of the resources and coping skills that help children to deal with difficulties
- equip you with some simple tools for recognising and encouraging the strengths and supports in your own child’s life

About the presenter ...
Cay Camden has an extensive background across a range of health and welfare areas and with Education Offices in the NSW school system. Cay has presented the Resilience Doughnut to staff, education professionals, parents and community members, sharing practical strategies and useful tips.

Find out more about Cay at our website below:

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Key to Weekly Programs
- Tiny Tots (3-5 years) - group classes - 30 minute sessions
- Red Play (5-8) - supervised matches - 1 hour sessions
- Hotshots (5-8 years) - group classes - 1 hour sessions
- Hotshots (9-12 years) - group classes - 1 hour sessions
- Selective Squads (6-8 years) - 1.5 hour sessions
- Selective Squads (8-12 years) - 1.75 hour sessions
- Performance Squads (10-12 years) - 2.5 hour sessions
- Performance Squads (12-18 years) - 2.5 hour sessions
- Teens Group - 1 hour sessions
- Adults ‘Beginners’ Group - 1 hour sessions

Hotshots Challenges
- A Recreation and Selective Tournament is held at the end of each term - date to be determined

Head coach is Adam Feeney - ex tour professional - adam@voyagertennis.com / 0402 018 685

Please let us know if you would like to arrange a tennis or multi-sport Birthday Party.

To book any class - please go to www.voyagertennis.com / click on Ryde tab

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Free HOMEWORK HELP

The Macquarie University Rotaract Club and CMRC are offering free tutoring for students K-6 who have been in Australia for less than a year. Please come and get help! Let’s enjoy learning in Australia!

When?
Every Monday From 4th August 3:15-4:45pm
Except school holidays

Where?
Community Migrant Resource Centre
159 Shaftsbury rd. Eastwood
(Next to the Eastwood Fire Station)

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Sophie Stone: Tutor/ Community Director
sophie.stone@students.mq.edu.au