**Principal’s Message**

**“Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars” Concert**

I think that you will all agree that the Junior concert was a great success and thoroughly entertaining. The children were well prepared and the variety that was on display showcased all our talented students. Thank you to Mrs Thompson for her co-ordination, all of our hardworking staff, Mr Thompson our camera operator and Ms Thompson (daughter of Mrs and Mr Thompson) who also filmed the concert. Also a big thank you to any parents who assisted and to all the children for their effort and enthusiasm.

**Staffing Update**

Over the last three weeks we have been in the process of employing a new Assistant Principal, Class Teacher and Office Manager. I would like to welcome Ms Nicole Brett who will be the Assistant Principal of Early Stage 1, and Mr Connor Whyntie, class teacher. The new Office Manager will be announced in the next newsletter. I would also like to thank the parents and the staff members who assisted on these panels. It is a huge task to be involved in and I appreciate the time that they have all given to the process.

**Are you Moving?**

It is that time of year when we are starting to plan for the 2016 school year. It is important for us to have up-to-date information about the number of students we can expect to have in each year group. If your family will be moving in 2016, or your child will no longer be attending West Ryde Public School, we ask that you notify us in writing as soon as possible.

**After School Supervision**

Just a reminder that no children should be on the school grounds after 3.00pm unless supervised by a parent. Recently we have had numerous unsupervised children on the school grounds after 3.00pm. Please do not ask your children to stay at school after 3.00pm unsupervised as we value your child’s safety. Also, parents who choose to stay with their child on school grounds after school need to ensure that they supervise their child. Recently we have had children climbing trees while their parents are elsewhere on the playground.

**Donations**

This year the staff is organising a fundraising raffle for Christmas. If you can donate any of the following to make into Christmas cakes please send to the office; sultanas, currants, mixed peel, dried apricots, tinned pineapple pieces, glace cherries. Thank you

*Thank you to Melinda Emeleus for her very generous donation and the two other anonymous parents who donated goods. We still need donations.*
Friendly Reminders

Selective High School Information Evening
A separate note has been sent home to parents about our Selective High School Information evening. Please also see the notification in Skoolbag.

Important Information:
· Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
· Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015.

Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
· All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016
Just a friendly reminder, that we are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. If you have a sibling of students already enrolled at the school and you are in the catchment area for West Ryde Public School please come to the office to fill out the paperwork. Kindergarten Orientation Days will be 29th October, 5th & 12th November.

“Strategies for Maths” Workshop for Years 1 and 2 Parents
Due to unforeseen circumstances this workshop has been cancelled.

Junior Concert “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Stars”
A high quality DVD has been made of Friday’s wonderful concert! Order forms have been sent home with performing classes.
If you did not receive an order form you can obtain one from the office. Cost $15 per DVD and should be sent to Mrs Thompson.

Library News

Stocktake
Library Stocktake will commence during week 7 of this term. As a result, students will not borrow from week 6 onwards. Overdue notices will be sent home in week 6. If you are having trouble locating a book or think you have already returned all books please come and see me. It would be greatly appreciated if all library books are returned no later than Friday 13th November. Thank you for your assistance.

Great Book Swap
Our school is holding a Great Book Swap on Tuesday 10th November to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF).
To take part, students bring in a book from home that they are happy to part with (donate). The book/s must be in good condition and given to the class teacher no later than Friday 6th November. Please no more than 3 books per student.
On Tuesday 10th November, students donate a gold coin and choose a “new” book. The ILF will use the money raised to provide books to kids in remote communities throughout Australia. Please help us support their work. Parents are welcome to come in to the Library any time after 11:30 on Tuesday 10th November to either purchase a “new” book or make a donation.

Ms Armstrong
(Teacher Librarian)
West Ryde Public School Centenary 2017
Thank you to the five parents who have volunteered to assist with helping organise the School Centenary. The first meeting will be held very early in Term 4. If you would like to assist us in planning the events please contact Mrs Lloyd Jones so I can include you in our meetings.

EFTPOS now available
At the school office. Fees can still be paid by either cash, cheque and now credit card facilities (eftpos). The school will only accept a minimum transaction amount of $15 and over.

Kitchen Garden - 1st Thursday of month under COLA - Next date: 5th November

SCHOOL DISCO 6 - 8PM FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
“Bollywood” is the theme of this year’s School Disco. Please mark the date in your calendar. If you would like to be a member of the organising committee, please leave your contact details in the office.

A special thank you to Mr Jabbal for sponsoring our Bollywood disco by paying for the DJ, food ingredients and gifts for the night.

Skoolbag – Subscribe to App. and/or Email
Message from Apple - Apple is releasing the new version iOS 9.0 on the 16th September and we are pleased to confirm that your Skoolbag App will function fine on this iOS 9.0 update.
However for the first time ever, Apple has also released a public Beta version of iOS 9.1 which is due for release in a couple of months time. You should encourage your users to NOT install this version, because many apps do not work on it, including Skoolbag.

Our school now has its own smartphone app! The app will help us communicate more effectively with our Parent and Student community. We are asking for as many parents and students to install our Skoolbag School App.

To install it, just look for our school name "West Ryde Public School" in the Apple App Store, Google Play Store or Windows Store and install it on your phone or tablet today!

To subscribe to the email go to our school website front page and follow the links.
Please refer to the flyer at the end of this Newsletter for further information on subscribing to notification groups.

School Visits and Safety Induction
When you come onto school grounds you will need to come to the front office and sign in to receive a visitor’s badge. You will now also be required to a have a safety induction. The gates on Mons and Bennett Streets will be locked during the school day - please enter via Endeavour Street.

Speech Therapist
We again have the services of the Gladesville Speech Pathologist on site every week. If you think that your child needs speech therapy please come to the office and ask for a referral form. The Speech Pathologist will contact you directly to arrange a time that suits you. Please note that there is a cost involved and that this is not a free service.
School Banking – Changes in Term 4 – please read

From **Week 1 Term 4** all bank books will be collected in the **classroom** on **WEDNESDAY** for processing on Thursday (when the bank books will be returned to students via the class teacher). If bank books are not received by **Wednesday** they will be not be processed until the following Thursday. To claim rewards students will need to return reward forms and you must have 10 tokens.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**MENU CHANGES – TERM 4**

**No** chicken and vegetable soup available for Term 4.

**Tuesdays to Thursdays recess and lunch** (PLEASE **PRE-ORDER** ON ORDER BAGS AND **COLLECT MILO FROM CANTEEN WINDOW AT RECESS OR LUNCH**) - **Warm Milo with milk** - **$1.50** a cup (with lid).

**Thursday lunch** - **Fried rice with HAM** egg, onion, peas, corn and carrot, **$3.50**

*Please note: only limited portions of fried rice will be available each day.*

Please use separate bags for recess and lunch orders for each student and place order bags in box (outside library). Please note that only Kindergarten recess and lunch orders are delivered to the classroom.

Our Canteen is also in need of **more parent volunteers** to sign up for once a week/fortnight or monthly duty. Either between 9.30am to 12.00pm OR 12.00pm to 2.45pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Please contact Shakeela at shakeela.ahmed@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thank You.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Stop Press! EFTPOS now available in Uniform Shop**

**Personal shoppers only** - a minimum purchase of $15

**Opening days for Term 4 2015**  Wednesday - (8.45am – 9.15am)
11th & 25th November and 2nd December.
Be a part of your P&C! Yes, you!

Come and join the team!
We need people to be part of our executive and fundraising committees.
Nomination forms are available at the office, or contact the P&C for more info - pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au

AGM - Wednesday 18th November, 7pm in the Library

P&C NEWS

What an amazing display last week from our talented junior kids and their Stage 2 narrators. The kids that I spoke with all had great fun, and there were many parents bursting with pride. To all of the parent helpers who supported their classes with costumes and props, thanks for all of your efforts. To the teachers, you are amazing. Trying to direct Kindy children to follow and remember actions and instructions on moving about the stage is a serious challenge and you did brilliantly. To the kids, you’re all stars. Well done everyone. Thanks to the school for taking the time to promote visual arts and performance in our childrens’ education.

Still on the performing arts, next week our senior choir students will be taking part in a singing extravaganza at the Opera House as part of a mass choir. Good luck to you all, and enjoy. As always, I’m sure that you’ll represent our school beautifully.

The P&C Need You!

Does your child have fun on the play equipment?
Does your child benefit from using technology such as iPads in the classroom?
Is your child cool in summer and warm in winter due to classroom air-conditioning?
Has your child proudly represented WRPS in a smart sports uniform e.g. netball, soccer, athletics?

All of this and much more has been provided by WRPS P&C Association. The P&C is responsible for many of the things that people value at our school such as orchestra, canteen, uniform shop, school banking, school social events and mother’s and father’s day stalls. We represent parent concerns on issues such as school overcrowding and traffic safety. It’s your chance to have a voice, and the more people we have involved, the less work for any one person.
Next month on Nov 18th the P&C will be holding its Annual General Meeting. We would love to see some new faces on our committees, so if you have some ideas or enthusiasm to help out please consider putting your name down. We particularly need some helpers on the fundraising committee. 2016 will see a big push to raise funds for the canteen refurbishments, and 2017 we will be celebrating our school’s 100th birthday. There’s a lot we can do, if we have the people to help make it happen.

Also, if you have any skills with bookkeeping or numbers, we are looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer, and another to co-ordinate the building fund.

Please consider whether you can give your support and be part of a great team. Pick up a nomination form from the office or contact the P&C at pc@westroydepublicschool.com.au, and come along to the AGM on 18th November and have your say.

World Teacher’s Day
World Teacher’s Day was on the Monday of the October Long Weekend, before school began. At West Ryde we’re lucky enough to have some excellent and very dedicated teachers. To say thanks for all that they do for our kids, the P&C will be providing a morning tea for the staff at the end of the month. Thanks to the fabulous canteen folk for pulling that together. Please take the time to talk to your child’s teacher or others at the school and let them know that their efforts are so appreciated.

Volunteers Award
I feel like I spend much of my time in these newsletters thanking people for their support and hard work at the school. That’s because there are so many things which couldn’t happen without volunteers, or the extra time committed by our teaching staff above and beyond that which is required as a part of their job.

I often thank volunteers who have actively supported P&C run activities such as canteen, uniform shop, school banking, stalls, raffles, barbecues, and more. I also often commend our teachers for their incredible efforts. However, there are many other volunteers in the school for whom I haven’t given a shout out. These people work with the teachers, reading in classrooms, coaching sports teams, supervising at excursions, covering books in the library, and numerous other regular and one off efforts.

We would love to individually recognise all that our volunteers do here at the school, and we’re trying to pull together a list of names of people who have helped out over the year. Hopefully we’ll get the names of most people! If I could I’d provide each and every one of you with a reward of some kind.

There are particular individuals, however, who stand out above the crowd in regards to their ongoing contributions and time committed to the school. This year the P&C has decided to run a Community Award to acknowledge these quiet achievers. Nomination forms will be sent home soon so that everyone at the school can have their say, and winners will be announced at the Parent Helper’s Morning Tea in early December. Please keep your eyes open for the forms and let us know who you think deserves some recognition!

Final Mobile Phone Collection
All year the P&C has been collecting old mobiles as part of a recycling and fundraising program. The last day of collection will be Friday 16th November. If you’ve still got some at home to add, please be sure to get them in before that date. Thanks everyone.

Earn and Learn Success
Hi everyone. Thanks for all of your efforts to collect Woolworths earn and learn stickers. We were able to collect enough stickers to fill 451 completed sheets. These have been sent in and the school has used these points to buy new resources for the school’s early learning program in Kindy. Great job everyone!

Regards,

Alison Chan
P&C President
president@westroydepublicschool.com.au
### iPhone and iPad users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

### Android users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

### Windows Phone users

1. Go to the Windows Store on your Windows Phone
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows Phone App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones.

If you have any questions please email sales@skoolbag.com.au
COMMUNICATING WITH KIDS

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

- Learn communication skills for building positive relationships
- Problem ownership
- Listening and assertiveness skills
- Problem solving skills

This 2 ½ hour workshop will be facilitated by a Parent Educator from Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District.

| VENUE: Meadowbank Public School Hall |
| DATE: Thursday 5th November 2015 |
| TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30p.m. |
| COST: $10 pp REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED |

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. PLEASE BOOK AND PAY AT FRONT OFFICE BY 30 OCTOBER 2015 OR EMAIL meadowbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au BY 30 OCTOBER AND PAY AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING
