**Principal’s Message**

**Remembrance Day**
On Remembrance Day last week we collected money for the Poziers French-Australian School Project. A century ago Victorian children collected pennies to rebuild a school in a French village the Australian soldiers had liberated in WW1. This year a new generation repeated the gesture with our school collecting a generous $123. The money has now been sent off and as a result our school will have its name engraved on a commemorative plaque.

On this special day our student leaders accompanied by Mr Hayllar went to a commemorative service to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in Ryde, see photos later in this edition.

**Bully Busters**
Last Friday our Chaplain, Mrs Gorton, organized the Bully Busters program for all the students in Years 3-6. This important program provided the students with strategies in how to be assertive and not a victim of bullying and information on the qualities of a good friend. Thank you Mrs Gorton.

**Centenary Orchestra and Band**
Even though it might seem like a long way away we are already planning for our 100 years celebrations in 2017.

As part of this exciting time in our school’s history we are planning on adding to our existing orchestra and band to form a Centenary Orchestra and Band to perform in a number of venues in 2017.

If your child would like to be part of this great initiative we are looking for viola, cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet and percussion (drums) players. Some instruments can be hired through the school. If you would like your child to take part and they can play another instrument they are most welcome to join in. See notice further in the newsletter.

We do have tutors who attend the school every week to provide tuition – (fees apply.) Please see Mrs Lloyd Jones

**Congratulations to Hwan and Won** who represented West Ryde Public School in the Bennelong Cup table tennis competition. Thanks to their amazing talent our school came 1st from a pool of 16 schools (see photos below)

**Semester 2 Reports**
Teachers are in the process of writing the K-6 reports. Reports will be sent home on Friday 11th December.

**Thank You Morning Tea Wednesday 2nd December**
Don’t forget to send in your RSVP to our Thank You morning tea hosted for our fabulous parent volunteers.

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**Upcoming events**

**Nov**
- 27th Assembly – Leaders
- Bollywood Disco

**Dec**
- 1st Christmas Scripture Service
- 2nd Parent Helper Morning Tea
- 3rd Last banking day
- 4th No Assembly
- Stage 3 Mini Fete
- 9th Presentation Day
- 10th Yr 6 Farewell
  - Last day for Canteen
- 11th Reports go home
- 14th CANTEEN CLOSED this week
- 15th Talent Quest
- 16th Picnic Day – Last day for students

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**NOTES/MONEY**

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Friendly Reminders

Netball
The annual Parents v Students netball game will be held Friday the 11th December at 8am. All parents are encouraged to have a run, regardless of ability or gender, however if you don't feel netball is your sport, please come and support those brave enough to take on the Year 6 girls. This year is shaping up to be bigger than ever. The Year 6 girls went to round 5 of the State Knockout Netball Competition and are arguably the most competitive players in the school. Coaches like Mel Emeleus and Dennice Perry will go head to head with the same girls they have spent 4 years training. A coffee cart will be nearby to re-energize both playing and supporting parents, and the orchestra will perform at the end of the game.

Library News
Please return all outstanding books IMMEDIATELY to the library so as to avoid being charged for missing books.

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.

SCHOOL DISCO 6 - 8PM
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
Pre-ordered food will be collected from “class” tables on the night. Mango Lassi (yoghurt drink) as well as soft drinks and water will be available for sale. Indian sweets are also for sale- Kulfi(ice-cream) and Gulab jamun.
ENTRY from BENNET STREET gate ONLY. Entry tickets will also be available for sale at the gate on the night. Please remember all children must be supervised by an adult.
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 have a safety induction. The gates on Mons and Bennett Streets will be locked during the school day - please enter via Endeavour Street.
**Kitchen Garden** - **1st Thursday of month under COLA** - **Next date:** 3rd December

**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**.

**Remembrance Day**

![Remembrance Day banner and group photo]

**Hwan & Won Table Tennis Champions**

![Table Tennis Champions photos]
School Banking – Last day for banking Term 4 is 3rd December 2015

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**

Canteen will be closed on week 11 of term 4.

In weeks 9 and 10, some stock may not be available. As such, please list 2 lunch options for each lunch order should your first preference be unavailable, eg beef lasagne or beef pie.

**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

**Term 4 2015**  Wednesday - (8.45am – 9.15am)

Last day opening day and orders for the term is **2nd December**. NO orders will be processed after this date for this term.

**CLEARANCE SALE** - Track Jumpers - $18.00 (normally $20.00)

First two opening days for Term 1 2016 will be **THURSDAY, 28th January 9.00am to 9.30am and WEDNESDAY, 3rd February** (8.45am – 9.15am).
Only three weeks to go!!!! ................... Enough said.

P&C Committee for 2016
Last Wednesday the P&C held its Annual General Meeting for 2015. Thanks to everyone who attended. Your executive and committee for 2016;

President: Alison Chan  
Treasurer: Ranila Jayasooriya

Vice-President (1): Sally Cole  
Building Fund Treasurer: Paridhi Tyagi

Vice-President (2): Amy Bested  
Fund Raising Coordinator: Fiona Lamborn

Secretary: Danielle Wilcock  
Committee Members: Jo Chang, Shelley Dewan

Thank you to those people who stepped up to help.

The P&C do a lot for this school, some of which you might not be aware of. For example, at the November meeting following the AGM, the P&C agreed to fund $1000 worth of new homework readers for your children to use. We will also be providing awards at Presentation Day, and the Year 6 cake at their farewell.

On top of that, we’re currently working with a group of Kindy parents to organise the Welcome BBQ for next year. The orchestra, uniform shop, school banking and canteen are all run by the P&C. Then were talking with council about parking, the education department about school crowding, and more........

These and other special events can’t happen without parent volunteers, so please consider putting your name down to help plan or organise any of our P&C activities next year. If you’ve got any questions please contact us at pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au, or ask someone to point me out around the playground.

Christmas Raffle
To help make this year’s Xmas Raffle prizes better than ever we’re asking for contributions from the school community. Thank you for all the support and donations we’ve received so far.
You can help by
- donating a gold coin towards the purchase of a collective gift (please send in an envelope marked WRPS Xmas Raffle to your class teacher before the end of this week)
- ask your employer or friendly business contact to donate an item to our raffle (eg, any products or goods, vouchers, etc)
- volunteer your time to ask local businesses for their support.

If you are able to volunteer your time or have any questions about how your company can help please contact our P&C Fundraising Coordinator Fiona Lamborn on 0421 137 862.

Tickets for the raffle will be sent home next week. Thank you all for your support.

Volunteers Award
Nominations are now closed for the 2015 P&C Community Awards. Winners will be announced at the Parent Helper’s Morning Tea on 2nd December. Thanks to those who made a nomination.

Orchestra Christmas Outing
On Thursday 3rd Dec our orchestra will be joining Meadowbank students to bring some Christmas cheer to residents of the Wesley Rayward Retirement Village in Carlingford. Thanks to all the parents and students participating. As someone who used to sing in Christmas choirs at nursing homes way back in my school days, I know that events like this are so welcome and appreciated by residents, especially at this time of year.

Netball and Orchestra Fusion – Gala Morning
On the last Friday of school, Dec 11th, there will be a little sporting and music fusion event for all to enjoy.

The morning will start with a parent/teacher vs kids netball game at about 8:15am. If you’re a netballer and want to have some fun, come along on the day or speak with Ms Farthing.

Afterwards, the school orchestra will be performing some Christmas carols to showcase what they’ve been working on for the past month or so.

There will be a coffee van to help us all get through that last morning before the weekend, and it’ll be a great chance to have a little social chat or to line up those holiday play dates. If you’re free to come and watch the kids show off their skills, please join us.

Regards,
Alison Chan  P&C President  president@westrydepublicschool.com.au
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If you have any questions please email sales@skoolbag.com.au
Wind Ensemble / Band for 2016!

The West Ryde PS Wind Ensemble started in the middle of 2015, and now has 9 Children involved! We are looking to grow this group in 2016 – once it gets big enough we can start calling it a Band!

Children in year 3 or older, who are learning brass (eg Trumpet and Trombone), woodwind (eg Sax, Flute, Clarinet) or drums are welcome to join.

To find out more:
- The Wind Ensemble will perform for the current year 2 and year 3 children (Friday 4th Dec, 2015 2:30pm in the hall).
- We are planning a “try-out” day when children can try out playing some of these instruments. It will be towards the end of Term 4.
- The Wind Ensemble will be playing at presentation day.
- Please contact the Orchestra committee on wrpsorchestra@gmail.com.
- Some information about the Wind Ensemble is on the web site. Wrpsorchestra.blogspot.com.au

Ukulele Club now at West Ryde Public School

Wednesday lunchtime 1.30pm – 1.40pm
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Contact Frances for details,
0403 869 133  kidsukulele@iprimus.com.au
www.facebook.com/kidsukulele
Epping Boys High School

Engaging All Boys: Building Fine Men

Orientation Day
Thursday 3 December 2015

All incoming Year 7 students and parents are invited to Epping Boys High School to get to know more about your new school before you commence in 2016.

Registration commences at 8.30 am and students will be available for collection at 1.00 pm.

Take this opportunity to meet your son’s Year Adviser, Deputy Principal and support staff. Information about school routines and organisation will be given.

Telephone: 9869 2701
Fax: 9868 1198
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December Dates: 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd
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Times: 8am to 6pm (activities between 9am and 3pm)
Costs: $275 for any 10 days’ $150 for any 5 days’ $40 per day’

* Early Bird Specials – Price available until 11th December

Book and pay online at www.voyagertennis.com and click on the Ryde tab
Contact: nextgeneration@voyagertennis.com Ph 0402 477 762

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Book your child in for a free tennis lesson today before the new term begins:
Email: nextgeneration@voyagertennis.com Call: 0402 477 702
Programs are every day after school from Monday to Friday.
Offer available to new clients only.

2015 CITY OF RYDE
Christmas Lights
COMPETITION
$3,000 PRIZE POOL

Register your home or business in the Christmas Lights Competition and Council will promote your location so the community can share in your spirit of Christmas.

Registrations close 8 December.
Be one of the first 25 to register and you will receive a $20 Coco Cubano Gift Voucher.

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www.cococubano.com.au

This year there is a $3,000 prize pool in the following categories:

BEST DECORATED HOME
1st Place $500 cash
2nd Place $300 cash
3rd Place $200 cash

There will also be ‘Best Street Award’ (Minimum of 5 homes within the street to qualify for nomination).

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