Welcome back we hope that you had a relaxed, fun-filled holiday. It seems like everyone grew at least an inch over the five week break! We’d like to extend a big welcome to all of our families as we begin an enriching and exciting new school year with your child at West Ryde Public School.

We are thrilled to see so many new and returning faces - students and teachers alike. Each new school year we watch enthusiastic Kindergarten students arrive at school eager to start learning. Please be assured, it is also normal to see a few children more fearful with some tears.

We realise how important it is to be confident that your children are not only actively learning, but are also happy and safe. We can assure you that as a team at West Ryde, we will do everything we can to provide a safe, happy, and nurturing environment to make sure your child’s year is positive and memorable.

I would like to welcome Mrs Yvonne Lee, Ms Natalie Devlin, Ms Katherine Noble, Mr Matthew Bullen, Ms Aaisha Khan and Ms Jessica Stark as well as Mrs Michelle Green and Mrs Helen Parker - School Admin and Support Staff.

**Classes and Class Teachers**

*Kindergarten:*  KK – Ms Kirrollos, KL - Ms Lewington, KN – Ms Noble, KS, Ms Murray, KT – Mrs Thompson  
*Year 1 & 2:*  1D – Ms Dobbie, 1L – Ms A. Lee, 1N – Ms Devlin, 1/2S – Ms Stark, 2B – Miss Belme, 2H – Mrs Hines, 2M – Ms McDougall  
*Year 3:*  3A – Mrs Aspee, 3L – Mrs Y. Lee  
*Year 4:*  4CM – Mrs Colley/Mrs Maier  
*Years 5/6:*  5/6H - Mr Hayllar, 5/6L – Mr Logan, 5/6W – Mr Watterson

**Special Request**

This year we hope to start our canteen refurbishment. If you have any expertise that could assist us it would be greatly appreciated so that we can try and keep costs down. At present we need a structural engineer to assist us in deciding if it is possible to remove some walls to create a larger working space for our volunteers in the canteen. We will also need in the future a plumber as well as an electrician. If you can assist please see Mrs Lloyd Jones.

**Interesting interview on reading**

Friendly Reminders

School Visits
When you come onto school grounds you will need to come to the front office and sign in to receive a visitor’s badge. The gates on Mons and Bennett Streets will be locked during the school day, please enter via Endeavour Street.

Parking and Safety
To ensure the safety of all students do not park on the school crossing. Please use the crossing with your child when crossing the road.

Communication Channels
With classes now formed for 2015 I would like to clarify the communication channels for any concerns or questions you may have throughout the year.

With regards to all classroom and playground related matters please follow the sequence outlined below;
First point of communication: Make an appointment with the class teacher or email the school. The email will be forwarded to the classroom teacher.
Second point of communication: Make an appointment to see the Team Leader for your child’s grade or stage.
Third point of communication: Make an appointment to see the relevant K-2 or 3-6 Assistant Principal.

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.

Chess Lessons start Week 2 Thursday 5th February
Orchestra & Violin Lessons start Week 2 Friday 6th February
Flute lessons start Week 4 (day to be confirmed)

Singing Lessons and Parent/Staff Choir
In week five we commence singing lessons at school. Thank you to those parents who expressed an interest last year - your details have been forwarded to the teacher.
Please come to the office if you are interested in your child participating in private singing lessons at school. This year we are also trying to put together a parent/staff choir. If you are interested please contact Mrs Lloyd Jones. Please note that there is a fee for singing lessons as well as for participation in the parent/staff choir.

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

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

The CBA School banking lady will be present to open new accounts for student. Please bring your child’s birth certificate or passport.
Canteen News

The Canteen is now being run by the P & C. It is open on 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

Term 1 2015 Opening Days:
Wednesday, 18th February (8.45am – 9.15am)
Wednesday, 4th & 18th March (8.45am – 9.15am)
Wednesday, 1st April (8.45am – 9.15am)

P & C News

Well, welcome to 2015 everyone! For me and many people that I’ve spoken with, these summer holidays seemed to rush by very fast and the new school term came at us before we knew what hit us. For me, perhaps that’s because my youngest has started Kindy this year, an event which often arrives before we’re ready!

P&C in Your School

My young lady is one of over 100 Kindergarten kids at West Ryde Public this year, and new enrolments in this and other grades have swelled our numbers even more than expected at the end of 2014. Our school is continuing to grow, and no doubt the opportunities and experiences for our children will grow with it. Through all of that, I personally hope that we can hold onto that ‘small school feel’, something that attracted me to West Ryde in the first place.

A big part of that ‘feel’ is created by the school community – not just teachers and students but whole families as well. At the P&C, we want to help people to feel included, involved and excited about what is going on within the school. We want to find new ways to communicate with parents about school events or plans, and for parents to share their thoughts and feedback. The P&C is the official ‘parent’s group’ within the school and its voice is heard, so please make sure that we can hear yours.

Please come along to our first meeting of the year, Wed 18th Feb, and also sign up for P&C contact on your class lists (see paragraph below).

Class Lists & Class Parents

At the upcoming ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening and the Welcome BBQ, there will be an opportunity for you to add your name to a class contact list. This list can be used to organise class activities, share information of interest to you and your children, and to communicate important messages from the teacher, school and P&C if permitted. Please be sure to sign up.

We also look for someone to volunteer as a ‘Class Parent’. This person is the first point of contact for the class and any messages are sent through them. If you’re happy to do this, please make a note on the sign-up sheet.

Welcome BBQ

The annual Welcome BBQ will be held on Friday February 13th after school, from 5-8pm. There’s a free jumping castle for the kids and a cheap but tasty sausage sizzle to make your dinner plans a breeze. Make sure you come by.

If you’ve got some time to spare in the next couple of weeks and would like to help make some posters or pull together some photos for a digital display, please leave a note for the P&C at the office with your contact details, or email pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au.
Election Day BBQ
On March 28th, West Ryde Public School will be a polling station for the state election. The P&C is likely to hold a barbeque and cake stall to raise money. If you’d like to work with our great fundraising team to organise this day, please let us know.

Christmas Carols Raffle Wrap Up
Thanks to the amazing Fiona Lambourn for organising last year’s Christmas Raffle, and thanks to the following companies and individuals for their support.

- Alice In Paperland
- Coles
- Evanescence Beauty & Day Spa
- Aston Medispa
- Civic Video
- McDonalds
- Element 6 Café
- Tommy Thai Smile
- Putt Putt Golf
- Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre
- Bunnings
- Mark King
- Claudia Martinez
- Milla Krivozhnya

Congratulations to the winners
1st Prize – Isabelle Z
2nd Prize – Nobuko
3rd Prize – Ruth Yarad
4th Prize – Alysha H 2B
5th Prize – Julie, 4F

NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE
18th February, Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm
In the school library. Free child minding available

West Ryde Before and After School Care News
West Ryde BASC would like to welcome back everyone to 2015!
We would like to invite all families to the Centre on 11th February at 6:15pm to Meet the Committee and Staff. The Committee would like to extend a warm invitation to all families to stay for the Committee meeting at 7:15pm to see how the Centre is run.
Nibbles and free child minding will be available to those that attend on the night.
Claim your free tennis lesson

Offer is available to all new kids

- World class coaching, competitions and holiday camps
- Free after school pick-up from selected schools
- Daily tennis programs Monday to Saturday
- Supervision until 6pm each day
- Venue: Next Generation Club, 504A Victoria Road, Ryde
- For more info visit: www.voyagertennis.com

To book in your free lesson contact:
0402 477 762
or nextgeneration@voyagertennis.com
Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 1 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 6wks/2.5hrs (24/2 - 24/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

NEW Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminars (3-8yrs)
Series of 3 seminars on Positive Parenting & Raising Confident, Competent & Resilient Children
Chatswood (11/3, 18/3 & 25/3, 7.00 - 9.00pm)

Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood (31/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Teens Course
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents' needs & behaviour.
Chatswood 5 wks (2/3 - 30/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 26/2, 6/3 & 12/3 (3 wks/2.6hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (19/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (23/2, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)
☆ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
☆ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
☆ Speech & Language Development/Sleep
☆ Older Sibling - New Baby
☆ Bully Busting
☆ Resilient Kids
☆ Transition to School
☆ Transition to High School
☆ Triple P Seminar Series 1-12 yrs & Teens
☆ Communicating with Kids
☆ Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
☆ Grand Parenting

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

NSW Health
Northern Sydney Local Health District
Spirit of India (Not For Profit Organization) offers Yoga classes in your area

1. Yoga for Adults @ West Ryde Saturday: 7 to 9 AM
   Location: West Ryde Community Hall 3-5 Anthony Rd

2. Yoga for Adults @ Epping Sunday: 7 to 9 AM
   Location: Epping Community Hall 9 Oxford St

3. "Yoga for Children (6-13 years of age) Sunday from 5.00 to 6.00pm. Location: Pennant Hill Leisure and Learning Centre (8 Warne Street, Pennant Hills)

Contact: Suresh - 0412 202 182, email: spiritofindia2002@yahoo.com

Please visit our website for other classes and locations. www.spiritofindia.org

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TOP NOTE MUSIC

In Term 1, 2015, we will continue to provide electronic keyboard organ/piano lessons for students at your school. Students would be taught by a qualified music teacher for a 45-minute lesson per week. Tuition is $19.00 per lesson. Family discounts for siblings are available. To express your interest in providing this program, fill-in the form, and return to your school by Friday 13th February.

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Music Lessons

Yes, I’m interested in my child in learning to play the piano/keyboard with Top Note Music School.

Child’s Name .................................................. Class ..................................................

School........................................................

We have our own instrument Piano □ Elec. Organ/Keyboard □ None □

Parental Approval ........................................... Contact Phone No. ................................
Parents and Students Year 7 2016 and 2017

Parents and guardians of boys currently enrolled in Years 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend the school’s Information Afternoon in the Edmund Barton Examination Centre.

Epping Boys High School has an outstanding tradition of academic, cultural and sporting achievement.

4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Principal and Deputy Principal presentations
- Boys to Men Program
- Student presentation
- Musical items
- Question and answer session with senior staff
- Meet key school personnel

5.00pm – 6.00pm
- Tours of the school

6.00 – 7.00pm Gifted and Talented Program 2016
- Presentation in the School Common Room to interested parents

For further information about our school and achievements, please check our website: http://www.eppingboyh.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: www.eppingboyh.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Address: 213 Vimeria Rd, Eastwood, NSW, 2122
Enrolment enquiries for 2015 are invited to the Enrolment Officer on 9863 2701.

COME & PLAY FOOTBALL WITH THE

RYDE PANTHERS

HAVE FUN AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

ONLINE Registrations for weekend WINTER SOCCER NOW OPEN

Boys and Girls Welcome!
ALL AGES CATERED FOR starting from Under 6’s
Mixed League Competition - play Saturday
Girls League “PINK Panthers” - play Sunday

SPECIAL OFFER 2015:
ALL PLAYERS – 10% discount if paid on or before 22.2.15
FREE SOCCER BALL with each Junior/MiniRoo Registration

REGISTRATION INFORMATION DAYS:
* Information – Top Ryde S/Centre – 7th Feb 2015 – 10-2pm
* Registration FAMILY FUN DAY – ALL WELCOME
RCSC/ELS Hall Park, Kent Rd
8th Feb 2015 – 10-4pm
Wherever possible, friends are placed in the same team.

For more information:
Scan the QR code on the left to take you to the website
secretary@rydepanthers.com - Kim Clifton - # 0401 733 760