Principal’s Message

Congratulations

To our two little fish, Claire and Claudia, who competed in the regional swimming competition yesterday at Sydney Olympic Pool at Homebush. There were some outstanding individual performances from both the girls. The competition at this level is extremely high and we are pleased to announce that Claire will now compete in the State Championships. Well done girls we are all very proud of your achievements.

Harmony Day

Just a reminder that our annual Harmony Day luncheon is on Tuesday 24th March. All children are encouraged to wear their cultural costume or wear orange the official colour of Harmony Day.

Easter Parade & Fair at West Ryde 28th March

This year Mrs Aspee has very kindly taken over from Mrs Boyd and is organising our students to participate in the West Ryde Easter Parade. For those who are new to the school it is an opportunity for your child to march behind the West Ryde School banner in their Easter hats, decorate their bike or scooter and watch the West Ryde School Orchestra and Choir perform. There are prizes for the best dressed wheels, best decorated hat and a prize for the Best School. Come along and join in the fun. A note has been sent home today.

Open Rehearsal

On Friday the 27th March the West Ryde School Orchestra would like to invite you to our open rehearsal at 8:15am. Come along and see the orchestra rehearse the new songs they are learning for the Opera House concert. You never know you might be inspired to learn an instrument and join our growing Orchestra.

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016

Expression of Interest Forms have gone home to all Year 6 students regarding their High School placement next year. Please note this form will need to be returned by all students (even those going to a private school) on or before Friday 20th March.

Upcoming events

Mar
19th SPORTSPRO
20th Assembly – 3L 11.30am-12pm
23rd SPORTSPRO
24th Harmony Day
25th Parent Interviews SPORTSPRO
26th Easter Hat Parade SPORTSPRO
27th Assembly – 2H 12.20pm-1pm
Clean up Australia Day
28th State Election – P & C stalls
Easter Parade & Fair
31st Easter Scripture Service

Apr
1st Uniform shop open
2nd Cross Country – Yrs 2-6
Last day for Term 1
3rd Good Friday (Public Holiday)

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Congratulations

Well done to Hwan and Won who competed in the PCYC 2015 Autumn “Open Table Tennis Championships” on Sunday 15th March. The boys performed very well in competition to achieve the following medals.

Hwan: Gold Medal at U9 Single & U11 Single, Bronze Medal at C/D Grade Singles

Won: Gold Medal at U8 Single, Silver Medal at U9 Single

Friendly Reminders

Parking and child safety
As our school grows it will become increasingly difficult to park in and around the school. Recently we have again had parents parking across residents’ driveways making it difficult for these homeowners to enter or exit their driveway in the morning and afternoon.
Please help us to have a good relationship with our neighbours by respecting them and the parking rules around the school.
Also could parents please help their children to understand that it is important to use the crossings in Bennett and Endeavour Streets to cross the road. We have also had phone calls from concerned community members regarding parents not supervising their children when crossing busy roads on the way to school.

New procedures for Morning Assemblies
Due to an increase in student numbers at the school we will be trialling new procedures for lining up in the morning.
In week 10 beginning Monday 30th March, all students will line up in their designated area. The children will be shown the area prior to this date. Music will be played at 8:50am as a signal that all students will proceed to their area. The bell will then ring at 8:55am. By this time all students should already be in line and the children, along with their teacher, will proceed to the classroom.

Parents are asked to assist us by:
1. Ensuring that their child is at school on time.
2. Not engaging the teachers in conversation.
3. Moving away from the area once their child has been dropped off at the designated area.

Emergency Contact/Medical Information Form
This form was sent home last week. Please ensure that you return it to your class teacher as soon as possible so that we can update our records. Please make sure you complete all of page 2 i.e. court order and photo/film consent sections.

Easter Hat Parade
The West Ryde School Easter Parade will take place on Thursday 26th of March under the cola from 2-3 pm for Kindy to Year 4 students.

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 also now 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.
Communication Channels
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.

Singing Lessons and Parent/Staff Choir
In week five we commence singing lessons at school. 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.

School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am

Canteen News
An important reminder to all parents to write a separate bag for each child with name and class with exact order and amount. Please use 1 bag for recess orders and 1 bag for lunch orders. Thank you

Raisin toast will no longer be available at the canteen due to low demand. Garlic bread is still available for 50cents a slice.

On Thursday of week 9 (26th February) a fresh baked item will be available for sale at canteen. Details will be posted from Tuesday, of week 9.

Week 10, canteen will celebrate Easter with buttered Hot Cross buns for sale for $1 and chocolate mousse cups for $1 (available Tues, Wed and Thurs until stocks sold out).

Uniform Shop News
Term 1 2015 Opening Days:
Wednesday, 1st April (8.45am – 9.15am)

If you are not able to attend the uniform shop on opening days order forms are available from the office.
Please fill in the form and put cash (correct money only no change given) or cheque (payable to West Ryde Public School Uniform Shop) in an envelope and give to office. Your order will be filled as soon as possible and given to your child.
Can you believe that there’s only two weeks left of first Term? Where in the world has it gone? The next couple of weeks are going to be quite busy for the P&C with Easter and election activities, and the remainder of the term will be gone before we know it.

In the weeks just past our kids have many extracurricular opportunities in which to participate.

Amongst others clubs and sports, try outs have recently been held for the school netball teams and the school dance group, and on Tuesday last week a number of our children attended the Ryde Zone swimming carnival. Congratulations to all of those who successfully made it through, and well done to everyone for having a go. We have some great physical talent at this school.

In addition, last Saturday night members of the school orchestra had the excitement of participating in a free performance by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra (SSO) at Parramatta Park. As a part of a group of students from Western Sydney schools, our kids accompanied the SSO for one song, even earning themselves an encore. Some of our students played their instruments, whilst others joined in with some body percussion. As one of the parents who attended, I can say that it was a fabulous night and the kids seemed to have a fantastic time. Well done all.

Easter Egg Raffle
A note has gone home about our annual Easter egg raffle, along with raffle tickets for sale. Thank you in advance to all of those families who contributed to the Easter egg collection. Please make sure that your raffle tickets and monies are returned to school by Monday 23rd March.

Election BBQ
Remember that on March 28th the school will be acting as a polling booth for the State election. The P&C will be holding a BBQ and cake stall on the day. A note has just gone out asking for volunteers to help out on the day. If you don’t receive the note and would like to help out, please contact the P&C through the office or via email at pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au.

Thanks everyone.
Regards,
Alison Chan
P&C President
president@westrydepublicschool.com.au

Have You Got Any Old Mobile Phones?

Have you recently upgraded your phone and have no use for the old one?

The P&C are collecting all old mobile phones for recycling. For every phone donated, the school receives $3. Please ask around and send any old mobile phones to school with your child – yours, your neighbour’s, friend’s, anybody’s.

A collection box can be found in the office area. Thanks for your support.

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE
Wednesday 18th March, 7:00 pm
In the school library. Free child minding available.
We hope we’ll see you there.
**THE ACTING EXPERIENCE**

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS:

› PRIMARY DRAMA DAYS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 6
  TUES 14 APRIL

› YOUNG ADULT SCREEN ACTING EXPERIENCE
  FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
  1 OR 2 DAY PROGRAM
  WED 15 AND THURS 16 APRIL

The Acting Experience also runs weekly drama classes:

› Primary Classes – Wednesdays
› High School Classes – Thursdays and Saturdays

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
actingexperience.com.au
info@actingexperience.com.au
0457 574 662

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**ATTENTION MUMS AND DADS!**

Group Fitness Classes will be starting at Meadowbank Park Netball Courts in Term 2

Children and toddlers are welcome to join in at no cost

**WHEN:**       Wednesday 22nd April
**TIME:**        9:30am - 10:15am

**$100 For the Term (10 wks)**
**or $12 per week**

• Train with like-minded individuals
• Have fun whilst getting fit
• catered for all fitness levels
• Lose weight and tone up
• Enjoy the fresh air where there are no mirrors, egos or queues
• Set in a motivating, yet non-intimidating environment
• Shelter provided in case of inclement weather

Classes are conducted by a Fully Qualified and Insured Personal Trainer, Master Functional Trainer, Boxing Trainer, Weight Loss Specialist Coach, Specialist Children’s Fitness Trainer, Diploma of Physical Education and Diploma of Fitness.

DON’T MISS OUT!!
0405 014 629
michael@alivept.com.au
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Enrolments for the sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place at St Michael’s Church Meadowbank on the weekends of 21/22 and 28/29 March. Mass times are 6.00pm Saturdays and 8.00am and 10.00am on Sundays. All Reconciled children in year 4 and above are invited to enrol. The cost of the program is $20.00. Please note that children must have made their Reconciliation before they can take First Holy Communion. Should you have any queries regarding the sacramental program please contact Marisa Squadrito on ph: 0402 902 872
COMMUNICATING WITH KIDS

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

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

VENUE: Community Health Centre, 57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATE: Tuesday 31st March 2015
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
COST: $45

For all enquiries and bookings, please phone: 9857 5630

All our course leaders are parents and trained educators.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING

Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District


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Senior’s
Week Event
2015

Grandparenting Workshop

A 2 hour workshop to discuss practical ways to look after and enrich grandparent’s relationships with their children and grandchildren.

Topics include:
- The role of grandparents in today’s world
- The challenges of being a grandparent
- Celebrating the joys of being a grandparent
- Supporting children/grandchildren using communication skills
- Discussion around real life scenarios e.g. self-care, boundaries & discipline & grand parenting after separation/divorce

12.00 - 12.45pm
Guest Nutrition talk
Tai Chi & Zumba demonstrations
by SHARE participants

Free Promotional Offer
& Information
Ryde Hunters Hill Homes
Maintenance Service

Date: Friday 27th March 2015
Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm
Location: The Acacia Room, Level 1A Pope St, Top Ryde (above Ryde Library)
Cost: $15 per person

This includes handouts, morning tea, light lunch, demonstrations & giveaways

This workshop is organized by Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District in conjunction with City of Ryde Council


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The Junior Science Academy aims to encourage children to engage in and develop their understanding of science. Supported by science experts at Macquarie University, the activities are designed to suit primary school aged children and are aligned with the NSW Science curriculum.

Children are introduced to science concepts through hands-on activities and experiments and make friends in a safe and supervised environment on campus at Macquarie University. The students have access to the university’s learning facilities such as a planetarium and laboratory.

Our programmes run for nine weeks from Term 1 to Term 2. Each program runs for three classes from 9.30am to 11.30am. Please see website for more details.

**WEEK 1**
- **Tuesday, 7 April**
  - The Human Body: Our Senses (Years 3 – 4) + WILD Weather: Wind (Years 5 – 6)
- **Wednesday, 8 April**
  - The Sun and Solar System (Years 3 – 4 and Years 5 – 6)
- **Thursday, 9 April**
  - Robotics and Magnets (Years 3 – 4 and Years 5 – 6)
- **Friday, 10 April**
  - Heating and Waves (Years 3 – 4 and Years 5 – 6)

**WEEK 2**
- **Tuesday, 14 April**
  - Chemistry (Years 3 – 4 and Years 5 – 6)
- **Wednesday, 15 April**
  - The Human Body: Our Senses (Years 3 – 4) + WILD Weather: Wind (Years 5 – 6)
- **Friday, 17 April**
  - Robotics and Magnets (Years 3 – 4 and Years 5 – 6)
  - Heating and Waves (Years 3 – 4 and Years 5 – 6)

**Parenting Programs**
Child & Adolescent Parenting

**WHAT'S ON IN TERM 2 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

**Tuning in to Kids Course** (3-20yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood Boys' Club (Tuesday 18/6, 25/6, 2/7, 9/7, 16/7, 30/7, 7/8, 14/8, 21/8, 28/8)

**Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminars** (2-6yrs)
Series of 5 seminars on Positive Parenting & Raising Confident, Compassionate & Resilient Children (12/9, 19/9, 26/9, 3/10, 10/10, 17/10, 24/10, 31/10)

**Communicating with Kids Workshop** (based on PET) (4-12yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long-term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood 82/2 1/2/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11, 29/11, 6/12, 13/12, 20/12, 27/12, 3/1/1, 10/1, 17/1, 24/1, 31/1

**Tuning in to Teens Course**
Developing communication and understanding skills for your teenager.
Chatswood 82/2 1/2/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11, 29/11, 6/12, 13/12, 20/12, 27/12, 3/1/1, 10/1, 17/1, 24/1, 31/1

**Toddlers Workshops** (1-3yrs)
Series of 6 workshops for parents to assist with young children showing signs of anxiety.
Chatswood Boys' Club (14/9, 21/9, 28/9, 5/10, 12/10, 19/10)

**Helping Your Pre-School Child with Anxiety**
Series of 2 workshops for parents to assist with young children showing signs of anxiety.
Chatswood Boys' Club (1/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11, 29/11, 6/12)

**Resilient Kids Workshop**
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills.
Chatswood Boys' Club (18/6, 9/7, 16/7, 3/8, 10/8, 17/8, 24/8, 31/8, 7/9, 14/9, 21/9, 28/9)

**Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop**
Learn how to write a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager.
Chatswood Boys' Club (6/6, 7/6, 9/7, 10/7, 17/7, 18/7, 25/7, 26/7, 3/8, 4/8)

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

**WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830**
- Understanding Your Toddler/Infant & Toddler
- Transition to School
- Transition to High School
- Triple P: Seminar Series 1-12 yrs & Teens
- Dealing with Teen's Backchat
- Growing Parenting