Principal’s Message

Mother’s Day Breakfast and Stall
I hope that all our mums and caregivers had a great Mother’s Day and enjoyed the gifts purchased from our Mother’s Day stall. Thank you to Fiona and her team from the P&C Fundraising Committee who coordinated a great array of presents for a variety of budgets. Thank you also to Heather and Rosie, our Chaplains, and our staff for all their efforts in preparing the breakfast for all our mums. Heather arrived at 5:30am in the morning to start preparing the pancakes so that breakfast would be ready on time. If you see Heather and Rosie on the playground take the time to say thank you to them.

Safety
In the past week I have had the opportunity to view first-hand numerous breaches of safety by members of our school community. Illegal parking, unsafe u-turns, children crossing roads in an unsafe manner next to a zebra crossing, parents calling children back across the road while they sit in their cars, parents parking in neighbours’ driveways and the staff car park.

We are hoping to put together a working party to address these issues, and numerous other unsafe practices to ensure the safety of all in our community, as well as working towards having harmonious relationships with our neighbours. If you are interested in joining this working party, please leave your name at the front office. Council rangers have been in attendance after complaints have been made by residents in Bennett Street and Mons Avenue.

Afternoon Play
A reminder that children who play in the school grounds after school must be accompanied and supervised by a parent.

Congratulations
Adelle Thomas has made the Ryde Zone Netball Representative Team and will soon be trying out for the next level team. Well done Adelle.
Friendly Reminders

Walk to School – Friday, 22nd May
Talk to your neighbours/friends and walk to school together.

Kitchen Garden Market
On the first Thursday of each month there will be a market stall under the COLA from 8.30am, selling produce from our school garden. Produce will include bok choy, coriander, cucumbers, basil (green & purple), chocolate mint, ginger mint, parsley etc.

Naming the “F” Block Balcony Competition
There will be a competition held to name the balcony on top of “F” Block. Entry forms are available in the hallway near the library (next to the Canteen order box). The winning name will be announced on Friday 22nd May.

Netball Knock-Out Competition
Our netball girls played Epping West last Wednesday, 6th May and have made it through to the next round to play Normanhurst Public School. More details will be made available shortly.

Help Needed
If any parents have professional experience and equipment and are willing to volunteer to film the school concert/performance in Term 3 would you please contact Miss Belme, or leave a message at the school office.

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. All students will line up in their designated area. 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 your child has been dropped off at the designated area.

Holiday Leave Application Forms
As part of the implementation of the National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences on the student attendance roll. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.
Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, parents will need to complete an “Application for Extended Leave – Travel”, available from the office, for the approval of the Principal. If the application is approved your child’s absence will be marked as “leave”, if not approved, it will be marked as “absent”.

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.

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.**

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School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am

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**Canteen News**

**New for the Autumn/Winter Menu**

*Tuesdays to Thursdays recess and lunch* (please order from Canteen window) - Warm Milo with milk - **$1.50** a cup (with lid).

*Tuesday lunch* - Chicken, potato and carrot (or pumpkin) soup with 1 slice of wholemeal toast - **$3.50**.

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

*Please note: only limited portions of the above lunch items will be available each day.*

Our Canteen is in need of a parent volunteer to fill the role of **Canteen Purchaser** - the role involves liaising with canteen suppliers weekly/fortnightly via email and/or telephone to place orders for food, drink and miscellaneous stock. Please contact Veronique at veroniquepng@yahoo.com.au if you are able to help. Thank You.

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.

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**Uniform Shop News**

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

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

**Term 2 2015 Opening Days:**

Wednesday - (8.45am – 9.15am) 27th May, 10th June and 24th June

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 the office. Your order will be filled as soon as possible and given to your child.
Happy Mother’s Day to all of our school mothers and grandmothers, or to any other women who fill a vital role in the personal lives of our children. I trust that you were all spoilt rotten on Sunday, particularly with love and hugs.

Thank you as always to the wonderful staff at West Ryde Public School who each year hold the fabulous Mother’s Day Breakfast. Special thanks to the organisers of Friday’s event, our school chaplains Heather and Rosie. It was a lovely morning and a great opportunity to catch up with some friends not often seen.

A huge thank you also to those mothers who helped out with the Mother’s Day Stall for the kids on Thursday, particularly to Fiona for all of her hard work in the purchasing and planning. For giving up your morning or helping with the preparations, thank you to Fiona Lambourn, Fumiko Dean, Amy Bested, Midia Biban, Dawn Furey, Yoko Calder, Jo Chang, Fiona Tchan and Isabelle Petour. If I missed anyone, my apologies.

P&C Building Fund
As indicated earlier in the year, the school will soon be sending out a statement regarding the voluntary P&C Building Fund Request.

The P&C Building Fund is used to assist with the cost of building programs and maintenance within the school. As a public school, government funding is provided but limited, so the financial support for on-going developments and improvements also comes from generosity within the community.

The P&C Building Fund is used to pay for items such as air conditioning, smart board installations, small painting works or other such items not necessarily covered by government funding.

Voluntary Gifts (donations) to this fund are tax deductible. A receipt will be issued by the school which should be retained for tax return purposes.

Remember, all donations made to the Building Fund prior to 30th June are tax deductible for this financial year.
When you receive this statement, please consider making a contribution to the improvement of your child’s school. Thank you.

Regards,

Alison Chan
P&C President
president@wetrydepublicschool.com.au

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE
Wednesday 20th May, 7:00 pm
In the school library. Free child minding available.
We hope we’ll see you there.

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.
Going to School in 2016?

Transition to School Seminar
for Families from Korea

IS YOUR CHILD TURNING 4 YEARS OF AGE BY 30TH JULY?

Time: 9.45am-12.30pm
       Wednesday, 20th May 2015
Venue: West Ryde Community Hall
       3-5 Anthony Road, West Ryde 2114 (Cnr Anthony Rd and Reserve St)

- How do you prepare your child for ‘big school’?
- What does ‘school readiness’ mean in Australia?
- What is school like in Australia?
- Do you have a child with special needs and want more information?

If you would like to know more about the above questions please come to our ‘Going to School in 2016’ seminar.

Speakers include Assistant Principal of West Ryde Public School.

Booking is essential. For enquiries and bookings please call the below number or email by 15th May.
Contact: 02) 9888 1925 (Mon-Korean, Wed—Fri, English)
Email: cmrc.northernregion@gmail.com KakaoTalk ID: Korean Community

Limited childcare is available. Priority will be given to families with children starting Kindergarten in 2016.

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