Principal’s Message

Last Thursday 21st May, a group of 50 students represented our school at Zone Cross Country at Meadowbank Park. I was extremely proud of the effort and sportsmanship shown by our students. Our results were fantastic and a huge thank you goes to Mrs Maier and Mrs Lee for their terrific organisation of the day. See full report below.

SALT - Sharing approaches to teaching and learning

In the last two weeks as part of our work in Great Teaching Inspired Learning, the teachers from our school are developing a shared understanding of productive classroom practice through an observation and feedback model, similar to that adopted in numerous other professions worldwide. This approach allows all teachers to learn from each other in order to provide a quality learning environment for our students.

Stranger Danger

In the news recently there have been many reports of children being accosted by strangers who are intent on doing them harm. We often speak to the children on this issue to remind them of what to do in different situations. Can I ask that all parents take the time to discuss strategies on how to keep safe when they are not in your care.

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.

Nepal Fundraiser

Thank you to Ms Murray, her trusty helpers, students and parents for supporting our Nepal Fundraiser movie day. Over $1200.00 was raised to assist those families devastated by the recent earthquake. A special thank you to Thomas’ family from 1/2S for donating $100, Henry (3A) for donating $55 (all of his saved pocket money) and Ana (3A), for also donating her pocket money to this worthy cause.

To all who donated “you are amazing!” Thank you

### Upcoming events

**May**
- 29th Assembly 11.30am - 3A
- PSSA Round 6

**June**
- 5th Assembly 12.30pm – 1/2S
- PSSA Round 7
- 8th Queen’s B’Day Holiday
- 10th Uniform shop open
- Nepal Fundraiser
- 11th Regional Cross Country
- 12th Assembly – Leaders
- PSSA – Round 8

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Zone Cross Country

On 21st May, 50 students proudly represented West Ryde Public School in the Zone Cross Country Carnival. Everyone did an amazing job in their race and displayed sportsmanship to all of their team mates by cheering and encouraging them to get to the finish line!

Staff and parents from other schools commended on how fantastic students from our school behaved. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Extra special congratulations to place getters and those in the top ten.

1st Place - Natasha 12/13yr girls and Adelle 11yr girls
3rd Place - Claudia 8/9yr girls
4th Place – Caleb 11yr boys

Top Ten:
Hwan 10yr boys (8th)
Jessica 8/9yr girls (9th)
Casey 11yr girls (9th)

A Group Prize for West Ryde Public School was awarded to the 11yr old girls (2nd Prize) and 12/13yr old girls (3rd Prize). Well done to all participants in these races whose points went towards these prizes.

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers, Yoko and Veronique and to all of our other parents who came on the day.
Mrs Maier and Mrs Lee

Nepal Fundraiser

Year 5/6 Hindi Students and Mrs Chaudhary are going to cook and sell veggie & lamb burgers to raise funds for the Nepal Earthquake relief fund. I would like some parents to volunteer to help with the cooking on Wednesday, 10th June from 11am to 1pm. If you are interested, please come and talk to Mrs Chaudhary. If you are able to donate money to buy the meat, it would be greatly appreciated. An order form for the lunch for the will go home next Monday.

A Thank you from our School Chaplains

HEATHER'S FAMOUS PANCAKE RECIPE HAS BEEN PRINTED AT THE END OF OUR NEWSLETTER

“Dear Parents,

Heather and Rosie would like to thank you for joining us in celebrating Mother’s Day. We thank you for your cooperation in allowing us to model to the students, that it is a breakfast dedicated to blessing you. It is this reason that we choose to serve you first, so that the students see the blessing in allowing others, the Guests of Honour to go first thus showing respect for their Elders and acknowledging all that you do for them. Below I have written a motto which enhances the qualities we are seeking to present as an example to your children so that their social skills would continue to grow as they join in with greater participation into the wider community.

In my friendship group I have introduced a motto. “LET YOUR WORDS AND DEEDS BE YOUR GIFT”.

KIND REGARDS
HEATHER AND ROSIE

Kitchen Garden Market

Fresh produce from the balcony and kitchen gardens will be sold again Thursday 4th June under the COLA from 3pm. Crops such as radish, parsley, coriander, basil, bok choy, choc-mint and ginger mint will be for sale with prices starting at $1. We hope to see you there.
Naming the “F” Block Balcony Competition
The newly named 'Highview' balcony is open to visitors Monday to Thursday afternoons from 3-3.30 for all those interested in having a look at what our students are growing.

Netball Knock-Out Competition
Round 2 knock out netball senior girls won 38-6 against Normanhurst Public School. More information about Round 3 coming soon. Thank you to Ms Perry, Mrs Emeleus, Ms Lawson, Ms Lain and Mrs Balasooriya. Your help and support of the team is very much appreciated.

Skoolbag is here!
Launching today, 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!

Please refer to the flyer at the end of this Newsletter for further information on subscribing to notification groups.

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”.

Absence from School (Sick)
If your child is going to be absent for more than three days please notify the school office - it is not necessary to call the school every day. It is a requirement under the NSW State Legislation to send an absent note when your child returns to school detailing the reason, date of absence and your signature.

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.
**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**

**Autumn/Winter Menu**

PLEASE USE SEPARATE BAGS FOR RECESS AND LUNCH ORDERS FOR EACH STUDENT AND PLACE ORDER BAGS IN BOX. Please note that only Kindergarten recess and lunch orders are delivered to the classroom.

*Tuesday 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).

*Tuesday to Thursdays recess and lunch* (PLEASE **PRE-ORDER** ON ORDER BAG) – **Slice of garlic bread** – 50c

*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 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) 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.
To all of our years 3 and 5 children, well done for participating in your Naplan tests earlier this month, and thank you to their teachers who worked hard to prepare them whilst keeping things in perspective. As parents we all want our children to have done well, but it is important for them and us to remember that throughout their school career, exams of this nature don’t determine a child’s future success or their value as a person. They cannot test all that makes up an individual, nor is academic excellence the only measure of intelligence, talent or skill. As a parent of a child who sat her first ‘real’ exam two weeks ago, I am very grateful that the teachers at our school don't push and stress our students, but rather take a very measured and nurturing approach to events such as this. It is vital to nurture and develop all that makes our wonderful children the precious people that they are. Thank you.

Speaking of non-academic success, congratulations to those students who last week represented their school at zone cross-country. At the time of writing, I haven't heard specific results but I know that those parents who attended were very proud of their children’s efforts, as is the whole school community of all our attendees.

Canteen
Please remember that help is still needed in the school canteen. If you can offer help each week, fortnight or even monthly, they’d love to hear from you.

Regards,

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

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE
Wednesday 17th June, 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.
## 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 on 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
HEATHER’S PANCAKE RECIPE

Ingredients

2 cups Self Raising Flour
¼ cup sunflower oil
¼ cup of Castor sugar
2 teaspoons of Vanilla Extract
1 ½ cups of milk (270 ml)
3 eggs

Method.

1) In a large bowl pour in the milk, oil, vanilla extract and ½ the sugar.
2) Separate the egg white from yolk and place the yolk with milk mixture.
3) In a clean bowl whisk egg whites to a peak and then slowly add the remaining sugar to give the whites stability.
4) Whisk milk mixture and then add Self Raising flour in the middle and whisk together. Do not over mix. It should be a fairly thick batter.
5) Fold in the whipped egg whites and allow to rest for 15mins before you begin making the pancakes.

Hot Caramel Sauce

500ml cream
350g Brown Sugar
500g Butter

Cube butter and place all ingredients in a saucepan and bring to the boil then simmer for 5 mins. Allow to cool a bit to serve.
THE ACTING EXPERIENCE

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS:

- PRIMARY DRAMA DAYS
  FOR SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 6
  WED 1 JULY
- ACTING FOR SCREEN
  FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
  6 STUDENTS ONLY
  THURS 2 JULY

*The Acting Experience also runs weekly drama classes:
  - Primary Classes – Wednesdays
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West Ryde Public School
Students of Years 2-6 proudly present

The Lucky Country
A concert that celebrates the diversity of Australia.

Wednesday 16th September in WRPS Hall – 12:30pm
Wednesday 16th September in WRPS Hall – 7:00pm

Tickets $6 each or $20 for a family of 4.
Tickets on sale early Term 3!