Principal’s Message

Open Day 2015

Thank you to the many parents who attended Open Day. Our students loved having you in their classrooms and enjoyed sharing their work with you. Congratulations also to the Choir and the Orchestra on their fantastic performance and to the winners of our Annual Photographic Competition (see below).

A special thank you also to our teachers who organised activities that children could do with their parents.

K – Yr 1  Winner: Anna (1/2S)          2nd Prize: Matilda (1/2S)
Yr 2- 3  Winner: Ivy (2H)                2nd Prize: Thevni (2M)
Yrs 4-5  Winner: Jessica H. (4CM)  2nd Prize: Olivia (5/6H)
Yr 6    Winner: Natasha (5/6H)   2nd Prize: Alba (5/6H)

People’s Choice Winner: Adrienne (5/6H)

Festival of Instrumental Music

On Tuesday evening some members of our school orchestra and recorder group attended the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House accompanied by Ms Devlin and Mrs Brackenreg. The 2015 Festival of Instrumental Music featured musically diverse performances by NSW Public and High School students in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. Our students were given the opportunity to be involved in this magnificent concert series which involved over 400 schools and literally thousands of students from across the State in Combined String and Combined Recorder Ensembles. These ensembles played diverse and challenging repertoire which was specially commissioned or arranged from Australian composers. Thank you to our parents for supporting the students and well done children.

West Ryde Public School Centenary 2017

In 2017 our fantastic school turns 100 years old and we would like to celebrate this important occasion in style. We are asking for anyone who is interested in helping us plan the events for the centenary to let Mrs Lloyd Jones know.

Help Needed - Urgent request

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.

School Charges

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Ceremony to remember the Battle of Lone Pine
Today our student leaders attended the ceremony to commemorate the Battle of Lone Pine at Ryde Park Cenotaph. As ambassadors for our school they laid a wreath at the Cenotaph. The ceremony was organise by Ryde Council and Mr Bernie Cox, President of the Ryde District RSL Sub-Branch.

Mrs Thompson’s Retirement
Thank you to all our wonderful parents who helped make Mrs Thompson’s official retirement day such a wonderful event. Mrs Thompson has dedicated 20 years to educating the students of West Ryde and it was a testament to how much the parents appreciate her by the wonderful lunch that they organised. Thank you to all involved, it was a wonderful way to say thank you to a great teacher! Mrs Thompson will stay on in her capacity as a temporary class teacher until the end of the year so as to not disrupt the learning of the children.

Alyssa from Year 4 Flag Bearer at the Netball World Cup 2015
Turn on your televisions on Friday at 7pm to see Alyssa from Year 4 carry the Australian flag into the stadium as part of the Opening Ceremony for the Netball World Cup. Congratulations Alyssa on your application and being chosen to carry the flag for Australia.
Friendly Reminders

Thank you
A special thank you to Nathan, (Abigail, Owen & Shaun’s dad) for
3 x office desks with side returns, 4 x drawer units 4 x filing cabinets and various office supplies.
It was a fabulous donation to start furnishing our new front office (coming in Term 4).

School Swimming Scheme
Our school swimming scheme is scheduled for Term 4 starting on Monday 2nd November and continuing for two weeks. Given the rules on child protection the teaching staff is unable to assist children with dressing and undressing. With this in mind we cannot offer places to Kindergarten so only children from Years 1-6 will be able to attend. The lessons will cost $8.20 per day plus the cost of the bus. An approximate price will be in the vicinity of $150.00 inclusive. The exact price will be given closer to the date. An expression of interest form will be sent home next week. Please return it asap if you are interested in your child participating.

Woolworths - Earn & Learn Promotion
West Ryde Public School will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion once again this year. We have been very fortunate to have received some very useful resources through this program in previous years thanks to the help of our great community. Woolworths issue one Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. These stickers are then placed on one of their sticker sheets. Once your sheet is full, it can be placed in one of the collection boxes marked “West Ryde Public School” located at West Ryde & Top Ryde Woolworths. There will also be one located outside the Principals office at the school.

Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for recently completing the challenge:

Class: 2H
Year 3: Darius, Vinuki, Maya, Jayden, Sophie, Fiona, Ana
Year 4: Shaun, Tayech, Gemma, Tanika, Mikaela
Year 5: Casey, Rakshit, Ethan, Dhakshana, Rohan, Jack, Claire
Year 6: Benjamin
Reminder: ONLY 3 WEEKS TO GO!
Students in Year 3-6 please have your online reading log completed by 21st August.

Happy reading!

Poster competition reminder
ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO! Students are encouraged to design a poster with the Children’s Book Council of Australia Book Week theme for 2015 - Books Light Up Our World. Posters should be clearly labelled with their name and class. Entries close Friday 14th August (end of week 5) and will be displayed in the Library. All entries receive a complimentary book mark and winners from each class will receive a voucher to spend at our Book Fair.

Ms Armstrong – Teacher Librarian

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016
Just a friendly reminder, that we are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. If you have a sibling of students already enrolled at the school and you are in the catchment area for West Ryde Public School please come to the office to fill out the paperwork.
Schools National Tree Day
On Friday 24th July students participated in the Schools National Tree Day. The children tidied the front garden beds of the school and then planted a selection of groundcovers, shrubs and small trees. Near the sports field, students continued their development of the small bird habitat, adding extra trees and shrubs to provide extra security.

Once again we were supported with a donation of 50 plants from The Habitat Nursery at Santa Rosa Park [http://www.habitatnetwork.org/CommunityNursery.htm](http://www.habitatnetwork.org/CommunityNursery.htm) and by Sandra Payne from Ryde Council Bushcare, who came to assist with the planting. Sandra brought trowels and a wealth of knowledge, and gave talks to the children about plants, caring for them, and their place in our environment.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their time in the gardens and contributed wonderfully to making our school more beautiful. Find out what happens to our brain when it comes into contact with nature by reading the Planet Ark independent survey, “Needing Trees - The Nature of Happiness”. [http://treeday.planetark.org/research/](http://treeday.planetark.org/research/)

Mr. Logan

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School Concert – Evening Concert - Sold Out
The “Lucky Country” concert tickets have been selling very well. There are still some matinee tickets left for the concert for Wednesday, 16th September.

Netball
This week marks the end of the PSSA season. A huge thank you to all the parents and friends for the support you have shown the teams this season. The girls’ improvement has been incredible and is a direct result of our fabulous coaches. Melinda Emeleus has given hours and hours of her time to ensure the West Ryde Public School Netball squad has gone from strength to strength. Thank you again for a great season.
Friday morning netball will start back again next week.

Kitchen Garden
A reminder the kitchen garden market will be held 1st Thursday every month under the cola. Next date 6th August.

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.
Skoolbag is here!

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.

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.

School Banking – Every Thursday at 8.45am

Canteen News

"Fresh for Kids Campaign" Week 5 to Week 10

The Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids campaign is running again in 2015 to encourage kids to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables, and to purchase them from their school canteen.

From next Tuesday, 11th August the canteen will sell and promote Fresh Fruit Cups for $1, Fresh Salad Sandwiches made with one or more salad items, and our regular Tuesday Chicken and Vegetable soup. Students who purchase any of these healthy choices will be rewarded instantly with a token sticker for each purchase. Once two token stickers are collected, students fill in a competition entry form at the canteen and receive a token Fresh for Kids Pencil and Eraser. All entry forms will be sent to Sydney Markets for the chance to win some major prizes at the end of the campaign.

Autumn/Winter Menu

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.

Tuesdays to Thursdays recess and lunch (PLEASE PRE-ORDER ON ORDER BAGS AND COLLECT MILO FROM CANTINE WINDOW AT RECESS OR LUNCH) - Warm Milo with milk - $1.50 a cup (with lid).

Tuesdays 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

NEW Thursday lunch - Fried rice with HAM 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.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Stop Press! EFTPOS now available in Uniform Shop

Personal shoppers only - a minimum purchase of $15

Term 3 2015 - Opening Days:
Wednesday - (8.45am – 9.15am) 19th August, 2nd & 9th September

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.

P&C NEWS

Last Monday, Mrs Lloyd-Jones and I joined Principals and P&C representatives from schools across the Ryde Local Government Area (LGA) at a meeting called by the NSW Department of Education. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the growing population pressure in our region and to consider solutions to address these problems. They aim to develop a proposal for future management of the Ryde LGA, to be put forward to the government for consideration and funding. To develop that plan they are asking for feedback from schools and parent groups in the area.

For the information of parents, I’ve included below a brief outline of those discussions relevant to West Ryde Public School. The P&C may form a group to meet with Meadowbank Public School and discuss possible future actions. If you are interested in contributing to that group, please get in touch with the P&C (pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au).

Open Day

It was lovely to see a good number of parents at school on Wednesday last week participating in the school Open Day. Thank you to all of the teachers for opening their classrooms to us and sharing a little bit of what our children get up to each day, plus some other cool and fun stuff. I really liked the idea of 3-D modelling with lollies, but that’s probably my sweet tooth talking. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm displayed by our children. Not all of them had sweets to inspire them either! They genuinely had fun and loved showing off their work and skills to their parents. I know that I speak for the school community when I say that we do so appreciate the commitment of our teachers and believe that West Ryde teachers are a great group of people. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the day.

Congratulations also to those children who showcased their talents on stage in the orchestra and choir. The standard of both groups continues to improve every year thanks to the hard work of the kids and their teachers. Well done, and keep it up. You sounded fantastic. More artistic talent was on display through the annual photo competition, with some beautiful entries being submitted. Well done to this year’s winners. I hope that some of you got the opportunity to sample the amazing cookies and cupcakes that the P&C had on sale at lunchtime. They were delicious. Thanks to Amy Bested and Jo Chang for their baking and sales efforts, and to Fiona Lamborn for being our travelling salesperson about the school.

Mrs Thompson’s Retirement

On Thursday last week the parents of KT organised and ran an amazing retirement parent luncheon for Mrs Thompson. There was food and cakes and flowers and presents and tears – everything you need at such an event. Thank you to the incredible efforts of Marisa (April’s Mum) and Lorna (Isabella’s Mum) plus a host of others. Special mention must also go to Lorna and Sarah Oxborough for not one but two amazing cakes! Mrs Thompson has been teaching at West Ryde for 20 years and will be missed. Hopefully after farewelling her class at the end of this year we’ll continue to see her around the school helping out as a casual like others before her.

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

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE
Wednesday 19th August, 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.

Outcomes of Department of Education Meeting on Student Population Growth in Ryde LGA  
July 2015

Included here are some statistics put forward by the Department, and some issues discussed.

Education Department Demographic Projections
26% growth in student population in NSW, 2011-2031
90% of that in Sydney Metro
Sydney North region (incl Ryde) is the 4th highest region in Sydney, with + 40,000 students

Ryde Local Government Area
- currently has 13 primary schools and 2 secondary schools
- is one of 8 key development areas in NSW
- is on the state average for % school in demountables, but includes a number of schools with a small area, including West Ryde, so is of concern
- Most development pressure will be in 2021-2031
  Short Term to 2021
  Primary - +13.9% student increase (from current numbers)
  Secondary - +8.3% student increase (from current numbers)
  Longer Term to 2031
  Primary - +25.4% student increase (from current numbers)
  Secondary - +32.7% student increase (from current numbers)

No numbers were available, but there was a feeling that student population increase in our part of the LGA would plateau out in about 8-10 years, whilst by 2031 areas such as Herring Rd and North Ryde would only be at approx 60% of their proposed development.

Proposed Department of Education Responses
Possible responses of interest to West Ryde include;

- Considering Smalls Rd as a new primary school, possibly with a high school component added in the future. This will be AT LEAST 3+ years away after any regional plan is approved.
- Changing catchment boundaries. Opening Smalls Rd would allow for changes in Denistone East boundaries which would filter on to us.
- Considering opportunities to build up and minimise the footprint of buildings on a school
We are continuing to push for funding to build permanent classrooms on top of our toilet blocks. These blocks were built with foundations to support a second story, and include existing staircases which currently lead nowhere. Building on these sites would provide us with four new classrooms – not enough to fulfil our needs as a school but it would take some pressure off our green space and reduce the city of demountables.
New WRPS Wind Ensemble!

In Term 2, we started a wind ensemble, which will be performing as part of the music night on 25th August.

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.

If anyone is interested to learn these instruments or join the group, contact the orchestra committee on wrpsorchestra@gmail.com.

Come along to the music night and listen to the group perform!
**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).
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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
THE ACTING EXPERIENCE

PRIMARY DRAMA CLASSES
ENROL NOW FOR TERM 3!
SMALL CLASS SIZES / 2 HOURS EACH WEEK

Enrol in Term 3 to be included in the end of year performance.

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

Ryde Multicultural AFL Auskick Centre- After School
Thursday 13th of August – 3rd of September. 4:00pm–5:00pm on Eastwood Upper Oval

The cost of $10 includes
• 4 week Auskick program with qualified coaches
• AFL Auskick footy, Swans stickers, soft touch!
• Become a Swans Red Rookie for 2016 and get free tickets to matches!
• ALL WELCOME!

To register please call Lou on 0474141409
Or simply come on the first week
Registration forms will be provided on the day

WIN FOUR FREE TICKETS!!
Sydney Swans vs Gold Coast Suns
Round 23 at the SCG

Simply register and pay on the day to go in the draw to win tickets

“Real humanity is shown when we care for others” - Professor Fred Hollows

The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion for others.

After three successful years in the ACT the Award is expanding into NSW with the support of NSW Premier Mike Baird.

Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a compassionate Year 6 student through the online nomination form by August 21. It’s a great opportunity for students to be recognised outside the sporting and academic realm.

All nominees and their parents will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sydney to announce the NSW winner.

To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward