Principal’s Message

Over the last fortnight we have had some exciting activities at the school. On Monday 7th September we had Justine Clarke, an Australian actress, singer and television host come to the school to perform for all the students. The school won the visit as part of the “Indigenous Literacy Foundation Book Swap. It was a fun and exciting visit for the students and the staff. Thank you to all the students and families who supported this fantastic initiative and to Ms Armstrong for her instigation of the event.

A huge thank you also goes to our P&C fundraising committee for their enormous effort in organising the Father’s Day stall and to our school chaplains, Stephanie and Heather, their volunteers from C3 church, and the school staff for all their hard work in making the Father’s Day Breakfast such a huge success.

“The Lucky Country” Performance

I am sure that you are all looking forward to the matinee and evening performances as much as the students are. The staff and children have all been working very hard to perfect their performances so prepare yourselves to be delighted, amused and entertained. A special thank you goes to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children for their performance, making props and costumes and to those parents who have assisted with making costumes and sourcing materials.

End of Term

As we come to the end of the term can I emphasise the importance of making sure that your children follow the road rules and stay safe. I have seen some of our students have near misses outside the school, running across the roads without looking, and, not using the crossings. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

School Canteen

The school canteen plays an important role at the school in providing a healthy lunch alternative for busy parents. Many of the students look forward to having a canteen lunch as a special treat.

As you know at the end of the year we will lose the assistance of Veronique our Canteen Organizer as her son Aidan moves onto high school. Without a Canteen Organiser we will not be able to run the canteen. If you think that you can assist us in taking over this important role, three days a week, please contact the school and we will pass on your details to the P&C.

Leaving the School?

If your child is leaving the school at the end of Term 4, and not returning in 2016, would you please inform the office as soon as possible.

School Charges
All classes
Various amounts

Principal: Mrs Kim Lloyd Jones
West Ryde Public School
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West Ryde 2114
Phone: 9874.2515
Fax: 9804.7731
Friendly Reminders

Thank you

We would like to acknowledge the kind donation from Mr Jabbal and Mrs Kaur, parents of Amritpal and Prabhsharan, of $2100 which will be put towards much needed literacy resources for the school.

West Ryde Public School Centenary 2017

Thank you to the five parents who have volunteered to assist with helping organise the School Centenary. The first meeting will be held very early in Term 4. If you would like to assist us in planning the events please contact Mrs Lloyd Jones so I can include you in our meetings.

Summer Uniform for Term 4

Parents please be aware that students are expected to return to school in full summer uniform.

Request from DEC Website Team

“We need your help

We are always looking at how we can better our service to you and enhance the quality of the School Website Service. With parents being a key audience of your school website, we want to find out what they think of the current service and to also to tell us what functionality and enhancements would help improve the quality of communication and we need your help to do this.

Parent survey now open

We would greatly appreciate it if you could help us improve your school website by circulating this online survey to as many of your parents as you can.”

The survey will be opening from now until midnight Thursday the 24th of September.

Survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG

2015 ICAS - English Competition

Thank you to those students in Years 3 -6 for participating in the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) – English.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a Distinction for their outstanding results.

Vinuki – 3A
Owen– 4CM
Alisa – 4CM
Teja Sri – 4F
Katie– 4F
Jack– 5/6W
Sriven – 5/6H
Nicole – 5/6L

EFTPOS now available

At the school office. Fees can still be paid by either cash, cheque and now credit card facilities (eftpos). The school will only accept a minimum transaction amount of $15 and over.

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. Kindergarten Orientation Days will be 29th October, 5th & 12th November.
Junior Concert “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Stars”
Tickets are now on sale for the matinee performances on Thursday 22nd and Friday, 23rd October. A note has been sent home about this concert for Kindergarten, Year 1 and 1/2S students.

Kitchen Garden
The next date will be Thursday, 8th October (Wk 1 Term 4).

SCHOOL DISCO 6 - 8PM
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
“Bollywood” is the theme of this year’s School Disco. Please mark the date in your calendar. If you would like to be a member of the organising committee, please leave your contact details in the office.

Skoolbag – Subscribe to App. and/or Email
Message from Apple - Apple is releasing the new version iOS 9.0 on the 16th September and we are pleased to confirm that your Skoolbag App will function fine on this iOS 9.0 update. However for the first time ever, Apple has also released a public Beta version of iOS 9.1 which is due for release in a couple of months time. You should encourage your users to NOT install this version, because many apps do not work on it, including Skoolbag.

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!

To subscribe to the email go to our school website front page and follow the links.

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

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.

School Banking – Changes in Term 4 – please read

From Week 1 Term 4 all bank books will be collected in the classroom on WEDNESDAY for processing on Thursday (when the bank books will be returned to students via the class teacher). To claim rewards students will need to return reward forms and you must have 10 tokens.
Canteen News

Term 4 – Canteen Re-Opens Week 2 on Tuesday 13th October

Menu Changes – Term 4

No chicken and vegetable soup available for Term 4.

Tuesdays 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).

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

Please note: only limited portions of fried rice will be available each day.

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.

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

Opening days for Term 4 2015 Wednesday - (8.45am – 9.15am) 7th, 14th & 28th October

11th & 25th November, 2nd December.

P&C News

This is the last newsletter for Term 3 and spring is well and truly here. To all of our families and teachers, have a wonderful two weeks off. Get out in some magical weather and enjoy what this amazing city has to offer. I highly recommend some bush walking in some of our fantastic reserves and parks to enjoy the wildflowers currently in bloom. If you’re heading out of town, stay safe. Wherever you are, kick back and relax and enjoy some time with your loved ones.

Before we reach Friday, however, our senior students are due to put on their school concert. They and their teachers have all been working very hard to prepare their pieces, and I’m sure it’s going to be amazing. Good luck to you all, and I’m looking forward to seeing the show!

Father’s Day Raffle

The winners of our Father’s Day raffle were

1. Rex (5/6H)
2. Nicola (KK)
3. Annabel (3A) and Grace (1N)

Thanks again to Stanley Black and Decker and all of our other supporters for their donations to our raffle and Father’s Day stall (Ryde/Paramatta Golf Club, Bunnings Rydalmere, Coles West Ryde, Three Threes Condiments, Aldi Gladesville, Unilever, Civic Video West Ryde, Autoparts West Ryde, and McDonalds West Ryde). Thanks again also to Fiona Lambourn for running about organising all of the donations.
Father’s Day Breakfast
Thanks to Heather Gorton, Stephanie Thoms and all the other helpers from C3 church and teachers for a fabulous Father’s Day Breakfast. There were days of organising and ordering to be done before the date, and some people were on hand at 6am getting set up for you all to enjoy. We really do appreciate their commitment. Unfortunately I didn’t get to sample any of the food, but I’ve been told by many fathers that the French toast went down a treat!

Proposed Traffic Safety Afternoon
To try to improve parent driving safety around the school, the P&C Traffic Management Group is considering a Traffic Safety Afternoon after school one Friday next term (possibly late Oct / early Nov).

It’s currently just an idea, but hopefully it’ll become more if enough people can help out. The basic thinking is to make road safety visible to all for the afternoon. Even if people don’t stop and take part too much they will see it happening and hopefully question what it’s about.

We’re looking for people who are willing to help organise the afternoon or lend a hand on the day. We’ll need people to help hand out information, set up some displays, even bake and sell some goodies.

If you’re interested in being involved, please let me know.

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 21st Oct, 7:00 pm,
in the school library. Free child minding available.
We hope we’ll see you there.
### 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.

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### 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.
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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".
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Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows Phone App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones.

![Windows Phone](image)

If you have any questions please email sales@skoolbag.com.au
PILATES CLASSES

If you want to increase your mobility, improve your posture & reduce lower back pain then Pilates is for you!
This class caters for all levels of fitness and is run for men & women.

Time: 6pm-7pm.
Day: Tuesday Nights.
Cost: $100 for the school term or $20 for a casual visit.
Address: West Ryde Public School
6 Endeavour Street
Contact: Kael Walker
Mobile: 0414 063 124
Email: kael.walker@gmail.com
Bring: Pilates/Yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

All classes are run by a qualified Instructor with a Certificate IV in Pilates.