Principal’s Message
A very warm welcome back to all our existing students and to all our newly arrived students. We hope that your first days at West Ryde Public School have been enjoyable meeting old friends and making new ones. I hope that all our students and families had a restful and happy holiday and that everyone is ready to start their year of learning. We are thrilled to see so many new and returning faces - students and teachers alike. Each new school year we watch enthusiastic Kindergarten students arrive at school eager to start learning. Please be assured, it is also normal to see a few children more fearful with some tears.

We realise how important it is to be confident that your children are not only actively learning, but are also happy and safe. We can assure you that as a team at West Ryde Public School, we will do everything we can to provide a safe, happy, and nurturing environment to make sure your child’s year is positive and memorable.

I would also like to welcome new staff, Ms Brett (Asst. Principal – Stage 1), Mrs Whittaker, Mr Whyntie, Mr Tolnay, Ms Andrews, Ms Moule, Ms Kim and Ms Sun to West Ryde.

Classes
Due to the large number of new students enrolling at West Ryde we could not form classes until today. I apologise if this has caused any inconvenience. With over 100 new Kindergarten students enrolled our Best Start testing took until Tuesday to complete. I would like to officially welcome our newest students and their parents to our school.

If you have the time please consider becoming one of our many volunteer helpers. It is a great way to meet others and get to know what goes on at the school. If you have not already done so you can register your interest to volunteer at our welcome BBQ on Friday 5th February at 5pm.

Classes and Class Teachers
Kindergarten: KK – Ms Kirollos, KB - Ms Brett, KN - Ms Noble, KS - Ms Murray, KW – Mrs Whittaker
Year 1 / 2: 1/2D – Ms Dobbie, 1/2L – Ms A. Lee, 1/2N – Ms Devlin, 1/2W – Mr Whyntie, 1/2B – Mrs Brackenreg, 1/2HB – Mrs Hines/Mrs Boyd, 1/2M – Ms McDougall, 1/2H – Linda Ham
Year 3: 3A – Mrs Aspee, 3L – Mrs Y. Lee, 3G - Mrs Gray
Year 4: 4CM – Mrs Colley/Mrs Maier, 4F - Ms Farthing
Years 5/6: 5/6T Mr Tolnay, 5/6L – Mr Logan, 5/6W – Mr Watterson, 5/6 A – Ms Andrews

Upcoming events
Feb 2016
5th  Student Leader Induction Assembly
Welcome BBQ. 5-8pm
8th  SPORTSPRO
10th  SPORTSPRO
11th  SPORTSPRO
11th  CANTEEN OPEN
School Banking
12th  Swimming Carnival
15th  Meeting the Teacher night
SPORTSPRO
16th  Scripture commences
17th  Uniform shop opens
P & C Meeting
SPORTSPRO
18th  SPORTSPRO

Principal: Mrs Kim Lloyd Jones
West Ryde Public School
6 Endeavour Street
West Ryde  2114
Phone: 9874.2515
Fax: 9804.7731

NOTES/MONEY

| Friday, 12th February | School Swimming Carnival – Yr2-6 | $25.00 (bus & pool entry) |
Friendly Reminders

Support Staff
ESL – Ms Stark, Mrs L. Lee, Ms Moule, Ms Kim, Mrs Weir
Reading Recovery – Ms Belme
Class support – Mrs Cama, Mrs Dugal, Mrs A. Chen, Mrs Lesic
Korean – Ms Sun
Chinese – Mrs C. Chen
Hindi – Mrs Chaudhary

Welcome BBQ
Don’t forget that our Welcome BBQ is on Friday 5th February starting at 5pm.
This is a great way to meet new friends and get to meet our fantastic school community.

Book Orders
Please order your child’s book pack as soon as possible so students can have all the necessary equipment in order to support their learning in 2016. The note is available on the website or skoolbag app.

Communication Channels
With classes now formed for 2016 I would like to clarify the communication channels for any concerns or questions you may have throughout the year.

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.

Parking and Safety
To ensure the safety of all students do not park on the school crossing. Please use the crossing with your child when crossing the road in Bennett and Endeavour Streets.

As our school numbers have grown it will become increasingly difficult to park in and around the school. Please do not park across residents’ driveways as this makes it difficult for these homeowners to enter or exit their driveway in the morning and afternoon. Please do not park in the designated parking areas of the surrounding units.

Please help us to have a good relationship with our neighbours by respecting them and the parking rules around the school.

Our Student Leaders for 2016
School Captains: Prisha and Casey
School Vice Captains: Maahika and Rohan
Prefects: Sarah T, Claire, Isabel, Nicole and Teresa as the Speaker for the Students’ Executive

House Captains & Vice Captains
Falcons: Captains - Vardan & Lily              Vice Captains – Jinhee & Riya
Bald Eagles: Captains – Arinath & Alyssa     Vice Captains – Rakshit & Samantha
Night Hawks: Captains – Matthew & Anush     Vice Captains – Hannah Tan
Masked Owls: Captains – Jessica H & Chad    Vice Captains – Rowan and Ramya Sri
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.

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 – 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.

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.

Instrument Lessons 2016
Michael Slater is a professional woodwind player in the Sydney region. He owns a Bachelor of Music degree in Saxophone Performance from the University of Tennessee in the U.S.A. and has been playing for 20 years. He teaches flute, clarinet and saxophone. Available days at the school are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during lunch time hours. Contact details are: Mobile: 0413 169 464, E-mail: michael.slater310@gmail.com

School Banking – Commences next week (Wk3)
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). If bank books are not received by Wednesday they will be not be processed until the following Thursday. To claim rewards students will need to return reward forms and you must have 10 tokens.
Stop Press!  **EFTPOS now available in Uniform Shop**

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

Opening days for Term 1 2016 will be **Wednesday** (8.45am – 9.15am) 17\(^{th}\) February, 2\(^{nd}\) & 16\(^{th}\) and 30\(^{th}\) March.

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**Canteen News** **Thursday 11\(^{th}\) Feb 2016**

The canteen will reopen on **Thursday 11\(^{th}\)** Feb 2016.

NOTE: You MUST provide CORRECT MONEY ONLY for lunch orders. Absolutely no change will be given. Lunch orders can be placed before school at the red table opposite the school office.

At the moment we will only open one day a week on **Thursdays**. We hope to add extra days but need to find and train volunteers to do this. Because of the current lack of workers, we’ll also be running a limited menu.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** If you want the school canteen to continue and have some time available to help, please let us know. Email [pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au](mailto:pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au) or talk to the folks in the canteen when they’re open.

In December we were successful in our Community Building Partnership grant application from the NSW Government. Well done and thanks to Christine Song, Carol Gasparini and Paridhi Tyagi for all of your efforts. This money will go towards our much needed canteen refurbishment later in 2016.
## West Ryde Public School Canteen Menu Term 1, 2016

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*G - Green Food, Eat Always  A - Amber Food, Eat Sometimes*

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Canteen is currently open **Thursdays only**!

Please put correct amount in paper bag with child's name, class and exact order.

Change will not be given!
Happy New Year to everyone, and welcome to a brand new year. I hope it brings everything that you could hope for. Success doesn’t come without effort, however, and there’ll be many opportunities for both our children and the school community as a whole to contribute to making 2016 at West Ryde Public a fantastic year. I hope to see many of you out there taking part.

For those new to the school or our schooling system in Australia, the P&C (Parent’s and Citizen’s Association) is the official parent’s voice within the school. We
- Raise money to improve facilities and resources at the school
- Provide services such as the uniform shop, school banking and orchestra
- Hold school and community events to bring families together outside of school hours
- Address issues of concern to parents and work with the school to find solutions

If you’d like to find out more or get involved we’d love to hear from you. P&C meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month during term, 7pm, in the School Library. Free child minding is provided. Meetings provide a chance to be a part of the school community and find out what’s happening with your child’s schooling. Email: Alison Chan (president@westrydepublicschool.com.au) or Danielle Wilcock (pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au) to receive emails of upcoming P&C meetings and events.

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE
Wednesday 17th Feb, 7:00 pm
In the school library. Free child minding available.
We hope we’ll see you there.

Interesting in Helping Out?
Today we’re all busy and committed to many different roles in our lives. However, things must still get done and people can’t always be paid to do it. Like so many places, our school relies on volunteers for many of its activities. Volunteers are not paid – not because they’re worthless but because they’re priceless.

Do you think that you could be one of those magic people? One hour, one day, once a fortnight. Any time you can give makes our school community a better place.
- It improves the opportunity for extra-curricular activities for our kids.
- It offers better resources for our teaching staff and progressive student outcomes.
- It has a positive impact on your child’s education.
- It promotes a positive message to your children that they and their school are important.

If you’re time poor, personal & company donations can also be invaluable to the success of many events and activities.

Please contact the P&C and let us know if you’d like to help. Perhaps you have a great idea you would like to share? We’d love to hear from you.

The P&C manage a volunteer email list, used to advertise new volunteer opportunities. If you’re interested and aren’t already on our books, please provide us with your name, email, phone, skills, and any particular area of interest, and provide permission to be added to the email list if you’d like.
Class Parent Lists
Each year the P&C gathers parent contact details and organises a class parent representative as the first point of contact for each class. These class lists are used by your child’s teacher and the P&C to organise class activities, share information and communicate important messages. It also provides a contact list for parents to arrange play dates or ask for support from other class families.

Data will be collected at the ‘Meet the Teacher’ night on Monday Feb 15th. If you’re unable to attend or miss the meeting for any reason you can provide details to your class teacher or the P&C. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

2015 Christmas Raffle Fundraising Update
Congratulations to the winners of last year’s Christmas Raffle.
1st Place – Dion 1L
2nd Place – Roman KS
3rd Place – Olivia 1N
4th Place – Daniel, 1D
5th Place – Brian, 4CM

Thank you all for supporting our fundraising efforts. Through the raffle we raised a total of $1336.00. Last year the P&C supported the school in the purchase and installation of the new hall projector, the purchase of new homework readers, classroom literacy stations, photographic competition and school spirit awards and numerous other smaller items. In 2016 we have committed a large sum to the canteen refurbishment efforts. 2016 will see a big push to raise further funds for the canteen, and 2017 we will be celebrating our school’s 100th birthday. With your support we’ll continue to help improve your child’s schooling experience.

Thank you again to all our parent & business contributors, including Black & Decker, Maxwell Williams, Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, Hoyts Cinema, Challenge Me Fitness, Citadel First Aid, Kurrajong Kitchen, Send a Basket Voucher and MarisSage Reflexology & Massage, as well as the beautiful homemade Christmas fruit cake by Sarah Oxborough.

Thank you as always to the wonderful Fiona Lamborn for organising the raffle.

Regards,
Alison Chan
P&C President
president@westrydepublicschool.com.au
### 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 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".
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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
Are you interested in learning Ukulele?

Classes are now running at your school
Small group lessons, experienced teacher, beginner lessons only $10/w.

5 Reasons you should learn ukulele!

1. **It's Cool!** Ukulele is the biggest new trend in music education
2. **It's Cheap!** An average Ukulele will only cost $30
3. **It's Easy!** With only 4 strings it is very easy to learn
4. **It's Portable!** You can play your Ukulele anywhere
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Contact Frances for details 0403 869 133 kidsukulele@iprimus.com.au
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We welcome all players from the under 6s through to all ages. Whether you are new to the game or you have been playing for years.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN EARLY JANUARY 2016. EARLY BIRD OFFERS AVAILABLE.

EASTWOOD OVAL

SUN 31ST JAN 2016

ASK QUESTIONS

INFORMATION DAY

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW.EASTWOODSTANDREWS.ORG

GIRL’S FOOTBALL HERE IN 2016

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH SPORT

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
If you are interested, please contact:

MICHAEL MANSUANO
president@eastwoodstandrews.org

EASTWOOD AFC
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Simply CLICK on the Registration Tab on the left of the screen

Junior Mixed League & AA Men play Saturday
PINK Panther Girls & AA Women's play Sunday

Season 2016 Club Registration, Info & Family Fun Day
Held indoor at the Ryde Community Sports Centre
ELS Hall Park, Kent Rd, Nth Ryde
FREE Indoor Games/Face Painting/Sausage Sizzle
Panther Jumping Castle/Online Facilities Available

* Sunday 7/2/16: 10am—2pm
Contact: secretary@rydepanters.com

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TRY RUGBY LEAGUE DAY
PLUS REGISTRATION & GEAR TRY ON
SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - 10am to 12pm
ELS HALL PARK - Kent Road, North Ryde
Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

FREE HEADGEAR FOR U6 to U10s

Contact: Millie Booth - 0433 546 559 or registrar@northrydehawks.com.au
Glenn Higgin - 0488 008 572 or president@northrydehawks.com.au