The Endeavour

West Ryde Public School Newsletter
Term 1 Issue No. 3 – 2nd March 2016

Principal’s Message

Clean up Australia Day: This coming Friday will see all of our students contribute to the “Clean Up Australia Day” message by pitching in and tidying up some areas of the school playground. If children are able, they are encouraged to bring their own gardening gloves to school on Friday.

Communication Channels

If you need to communicate with a staff member and are not often at school you can email the school and the message will be forwarded to the relevant staff member.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is held every year on 21st March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

This year we will be celebrating Harmony Day in conjunction with the Easter Hat Parade.

Part of the celebrations will be the K-2 Hat Parade as well as a multicultural lunch. A separate note will be sent home with details closer to the date.

West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair

Children and adults can win over $5000 in cash prizes at this year’s West Ryde Easter Parade & Fair on Saturday 19th March. All are invited to join in the Grand Easter Parade from Miriam Park to the Easter Fair and street markets in Market Street and Graf Avenue West Ryde.

Cash Prizes can be won for the Best Easter Parade Schools entry, Individual Children and Adult Best Easter Bonnet or Hat entries, Best Decorated Wheels (bicycles, scooters, skateboards, tricycles, billy carts, prams, strollers etc), Best Stalls, Best Bunting by schools and best Paper Planes competition.

High School Application forms

We are in the process of sending out all paperwork for Year 6 students to apply to their local high school.

If you have not received your forms please see Mr Hayllar to organise.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Good luck to all our swimmers competing in the Zone Swimming carnival this coming Tuesday.

Upcoming events

Mar
3rd SPORTSPRO
   CANTEEN OPEN
4th Clean Up Schools Day
   Assembly
7th SPORTSPRO
8th Zone Swimming Carnival
9th SPORTSPRO
   BYOD Meeting – Year 4
10th Stg 2 Dirt Detective Exc
   SPORTSPRO
   CANTEEN OPEN
11th Assembly
14th SPORTSPRO
   Stewart House Bags back
16th Uniform shop open
   SPORTSPRO
   Area Swimming Carnival
   P & C
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NOTES/MONEY
Friendly Reminders

Library News

This year our school will again be participating in Scholastic Book Clubs. During the year, Club flyers will be sent home offering a different selection of books. You will find award winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests. Some cost as little as $2.

It is easy to order. Just look over the flyers with your child, select the books you wish to purchase, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer, fill in the student name and class as well as the total and return the order form inside a sealed envelope (labelled with student name, class, and ‘Books Club order’) to the classroom teacher or office with payment by the given due date. Payment can be made via cash, cheque or LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment system – see flyer below). If paying by cheque, make cheques payable to ‘Scholastic Australia.’ If paying by cash please include the exact amount. The books arrive approximately one week after the orders are submitted.

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school; however there is never any obligation to order.

Sincerely,
Ms Armstrong
Teacher Librarian
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.

New Payment Method now available (POP – Parent on-line payment)

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR here is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

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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.

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.

School Banking
All bank books will be collected in the classroom on WEDNESDAY
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) 16th and 30th March.

Please note that the navy socks are now sold in a 3 pack @ $12.00.

Canteen News - Thursday Only

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@westrydepubilcschool.com.au or talk to the folks in the canteen when they’re open.

Beginner Band starting in Term 2, 2016

We have a number of children starting to learn band style instruments this year, and in Term 2 we are planning to start a beginner band.

1) It is not too late to start learning! Brass (Trumpet, Trombone), Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Sax) and Percussion instruments are all suited.

2) We are particularly needing brass players of Trumpet and Trombone. Note that recently plastic trumpets (ptrumpet) and trombones (pbone) have been produced for young learners that are lower cost than metal instruments, lighter and easier to hold for children, and very resistant to drops and dents.

3) We also need percussion. If you are learning Drums, OR you can read music and are willing to learn, you can join the group (year 3 or older).

For more details, please contact the Orchestra committee on wrpsorchester@gmail.com, or check out the web site:
# West Ryde Public School Canteen Menu Term 1, 2016

## Recess
- Cheese Toasted (Half) $1.50
- Cheese Toasted (Full) $2.50

## Snacks
- Fresh Popcorn $0.50
- Assorted Chips $1.00
- Frozen Pineapple $0.50
- Drinking Jelly $0.50

## Lunch

### Hot Food
- Twista Spaghetti $3.50
- Macaroni Cheese $3.50
- Meat pie $3.50
- Sausage Roll $3.50
- Chicken Nuggets (6) $3.50
- Nacho Dippers $4.00

### Drinks
- OZ Water - 600ml $2.00
- Flavoured Milk (Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla Malt) $1.50
- Juice Bombs (Apple/Blackcurrant, Lime, Raspberry) $2.00

### Sandwiches Fresh or Toasted

### Icecreams - Lunch Only
- Funny Finger $1.00
- Zooper Dooper $1.00
- Juicicies $1.00

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

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!
P&C News
The P&C has recently needed help for a range of small, one-off jobs and I’m really pleased to say that we’ve had the best response that I’ve ever known from people offering to lend a hand. It’s absolutely fabulous to have new folk step up and help out where they can, spreading the load across everyone rather than asking a few people to carry it all. What’s even more awesome is that we’ve even had some come forward to make some bigger, longer term commitments. This is the area where we always struggle. It’s very hard to find people who are willing to organise events or projects. For example, right now we’re looking for someone to help purchase and deliver food for the upcoming Easter Fair BBQ on the 19th March. If you have the energy and can lend a hand we’d love to hear from you.

Thank you as always to everyone who volunteers their time to help the P&C or the school. So many things couldn’t be done without your help.

Easter Fair BBQ – March 19th
On March 19th the West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair will be held at West Ryde Marketplace shops. The P&C will be holding its usual BBQ stall there to raise funds for our canteen refurbishments. A note will be going home soon to ask for volunteers to cook and sell on the day. In the meantime, as mentioned above we’re also looking for people to help purchase food and organise other logistics. If you’re free and able to lend a few hours between now and the 19th please let us know.

Raising Money for our New Canteen!
As you may know, later this year the school and P&C are planning to extend and renovate the canteen space. This is an expensive job but one that we believe is necessary and of benefit to the school.

Why Do It?
It’s true that we’re currently struggling to find enough help to manage our volunteer run canteen and at the moment we only provide a limited menu one day a week (unless we get more volunteers - can you help?). So why bother putting the money and effort into a new canteen space?

1. The canteen is an important service to a growing school and will continue to be run in some way in the future (eg. volunteer, paid manager or contracted to an external company).
2. We can’t arrange any other form of canteen management until the facilities are updated.
3. The current canteen barely passes health and safety inspections and is too small.
4. The new canteen will also be used by our children as a part of the kitchen garden program and other home sciences work.
5. The space will be used by the school for special events, fundraisers, etc., as well as rented out to external groups for use.

In order to make these important changes to the canteen space, the P&C will be raising funds all year to support the work. Other funds are being provided by the canteen committee itself from the money they’ve raised over the past couple of years, and from the school.

Traffic Safety
Mons Ave Kiss and Ride
The P&C is pleased to say that we finally have some movement on the request for a Kiss and Ride parking space on Mons Ave. Over the holiday period council visited and considered our needs and issues, and a proposal is to be put before the council Traffic Committee in March.

The plan is to change parking on the school side of Mons Ave, from the school gate to Bennett St. This will all become Kiss and Ride parking. Restrictions on some other parking spaces around the school will be changed to free up some parking spots elsewhere.

In a ‘Kiss and Ride Zone’ drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children, however ‘No Parking’ rules apply. Restrictions apply during the specified hours of operation on the signage.

• Maximum stop time is 2 minutes
• Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle
• Vehicle must not be left unattended

The hope is that this will help to prevent parents from double parking, stopping on crossings, on corners, across driveways or in resident’s parking spaces to quickly drop their children. If you wish to walk your child into or out of school, then as always you’ll be asked to find a legal place to park, even if it’s a block away from the school.

We’ll hopefully hear back from council with further information later in March. In the meantime, council have consulted with the local residents and the P&C has sent a letter to Mons Ave residents by the school regarding the proposed changes.

Setting an Example
In the last newsletter I noted that teaching and demonstrating road safety is a parent’s responsibility. I was referring particularly to the example that we each set for our children, but sometimes we need to help remind adults around us as well. Both, I and other teachers, as well as P&C members do sometimes speak up when we see dangerous or inappropriate behaviour. Unfortunately we’ve often been told to mind our own business, sometimes aggressively. As a school we all need to be responsible for encouraging safe behaviour around us. Many people will only change their ways when it becomes unacceptable not to. So please, get on board to model safe behaviour to your kids and other parents, and talk to your friends and peers if you see something inappropriate.

Monday Morning Assembly
On the topic of speaking up, at Monday morning’s school assembly I took to the mike as a parent representative to ask parents to stop talking whilst assembly is being run. As the school grows, so does the number of parents and the noise that we can make. Not talking shows respect to teachers who are trying to teach and manage your children, and to other parents who stay behind to hear the morning announcements. We love that there’s a great social connection between parents at the school, but if you wish to talk please do so after assembly or leave the school grounds. Thanks for your cooperation.

Easter Egg Raffle
Notes have been sent home for the Easter egg raffle, asking for donations and providing tickets for purchase. Unfortunately due to a mix up some classes received notes with just one ticket, not ten. We’re attempting to find out which classes and fix the problem. If this was your youngest child’s class, please let us know at pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au.

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 lists are used to organise class activities, share information and communicate important messages. They also provide a contact list for parents to arrange play dates or ask for support from other class families.

Contact details were collected at the ‘Meet the Teacher’ night. If you didn’t make it or missed filling out the form, you can either drop a note into the office for the P&C or to your class teacher, or email pc@westrydepublicschool.com.au. Please include;

• Child’s class
• Child’s name
• Parent’s name
• Email
• Mobile (optional)
• Whether or not you wish to share your contact detail with the rest of the class.
• Whether you are happy to be the class parent representative.

Sharing your details with the class will allow for more personal or informal contact amongst class families. If we have your details from last year and nothing has changed there’s no need to send them again.

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

The NEXT WRPS P&C MEETING DATE
Wednesday 16th Mar, 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.

### 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
Vacancies Available. Enquire Now!

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"Our Centre creates a calm, comfortable environment for your child to thrive."

Drama program 2016

Drama Develops Kids

Classes held at Eastwood Uniting Church

We all want our kids to be confident.
You’ll love your child’s growth in confidence, creativity and communication skills through our self-development drama program.

More Information
LEARN NEW SKILLS AND IMPROVE YOUR GAME! 3 DAY SPORTS CAMPS 6 TO 16 YEAR-OLD GIRLS AND BOYS

Learn and develop sporting skills with a quality three-day coaching experience for players of all standards. Our structured skill development programs are delivered by a panel of experienced and talented coaches at first class facilities. Providing that extra WOW factor for the kids, our coaches are supported by guest appearances from top level state and national sports men and women. Also, we always ensure that children are placed in age, friendship and skill appropriate groups.

For more details regarding our camps and coaching panels, please visit our website australiansports camps.com.au or call 1300 914 968 or email admin.australian sports camps.com.au

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

AFL FOOTBALL
13, 14 & 15 APRIL
St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill
28, 29 & 30 APRIL
University of NSW, Crows Nest

BASKETBALL
13, 14 & 15 APRIL
Sydney Boys High, Moore Park
18, 19 & 20 APRIL
Ryde Community Sports Centre, North Ryde

HOCKEY
20, 21 & 22 APRIL
University of NSW, Crows Nest

NETBALL
13, 14 & 15 APRIL
Sydney Boys High, Moore Park
18, 19 & 20 APRIL
Ryde Community Sports Centre, North Ryde

RUGBY UNION
13, 14 & 15 APRIL
St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill
28, 29 & 30 APRIL
University of NSW, Crows Nest

SOCCER
13, 14 & 15 APRIL
St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill
28, 29 & 30 APRIL
University of NSW, Crows Nest

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Join our team – we’re hiring!

August 9 is Census night and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for 2,500 motivated and community minded Area Supervisors to join our team across Australia.

Area Supervisors:
- Are temporary casual jobs, with flexible working hours
- Will recruit, train and lead a small team of field staff to help deliver the 2016 Census
- Will earn $34.76 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

Applications open 1 February 2016. Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers

Make a difference in your community and help shape its future.
MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL

Academic, Music and Sport Scholarships Available

OPEN DAY
8th March 4.30 - 6.30pm

Partners in education with: Macquarie University and Northern Sydney TAFE

Exclusive opportunities: Gifted and Talented Pinnacle classes, Robotics, Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles, Talented Sports Program, Bush Regeneration, overseas and interstate excursions plus many more - see website for details.

Principal’s address 4.30pm followed by school tours

Take this opportunity to meet our students and staff and see all that we can offer.