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19 June 2020

## Kindergarten 2021

### Time to Enrol

## PBEL

Thank you for supporting the students and teachers in implementing PBEL and our focuses for the fortnight.

IN THE PLAYGROUND	
<b>Be Responsible</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ We place our rubbish in bins</li> <li>✓ We use equipment sensibly</li> </ul>
<b>Be Respectful</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ We share friends, equipment and space</li> <li>✓ We are kind and considerate to others</li> <li>✓ We listen to and follow teachers' instructions</li> </ul>
<b>Be Safe</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ We wear our hats</li> <li>✓ We choose sensible games and equipment</li> <li>✓ We walk on hard surfaces</li> <li>✓ We stay in bounds</li> <li>✓ If we arrive at school early, we wait on the silver seats until the teacher comes on duty</li> </ul>

## Principal

19 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**THANK YOU!!!**

We cannot thank you enough for the enormous amount of support you have shown us throughout these past couple of

months. Our teachers and school staff have been so flexible, professional and ahead of the surge in every instance, readily increasing their workload and engaging in additional professional learning throughout this whole period, all to ensure the very best learning and wellbeing opportunities for our students. The accolades, the lovely notes and letters, the emails, the cakes and slices, the kind words of gratitude, it really is so heart-warming and is very much appreciated by us all. THANK YOU!!!

### GERRIC

I would like to remind parents that the first two days of Term 3 have been dedicated to teacher professional learning. All teachers at WPPS are enrolled in the Mini-COGE (Certificate of Gifted Education) through UNSW. As Tuesday 21 July is designated state-wide for students to return to school, we are asking that you return your child/ren on Wednesday 22 July instead. There will be learning from home activities provided by teachers for your child/ren to engage in. We understand that this will not be possible for everyone so there will be casual teaching staff employed to teach those students who do come in on the Tuesday. Can I please request that all families complete the pop survey attached to this newsletter to indicate intentions. This will allow me to engage the appropriate number of casual teachers.

### Staff Development Day 21 July

Question1

Will you be sending your child/ren to school on Tuesday 21 July, whilst the class teachers are involved in professional learning. \*

Yes

No

## COVID-19 Guidelines

With restrictions being eased, we are able to resume many normal activities. SRE/SEE will be recommencing in Week 2 of Term 3, Band and tutorials will start up as of Wednesday Week 1, all community users may return at the start of Term 3 and external providers will be allowed on site to deliver either programs for the students or professional learning for staff. There are still very strict protocols in place to ensure the continued health and wellbeing of all at school. We thank everyone for their patience.

Parents are reminded that they are still not permitted to enter the school grounds and are requested to ring the office. If you need to deliver anything to school or are dropping off/collecting your child, please ring from the Tristania Avenue gate and a staff member will meet you there.

For further information please refer to the NSW DoE Return to Face to face Guidelines for Parents at:

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1511/face\\_to\\_face\\_learning\\_guidelines\\_for\\_families\\_2020.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1511/face_to_face_learning_guidelines_for_families_2020.pdf)

## Happy Students

A huge congratulations must go to our amazing students! From the first day back, where they were so excited to return to school to now, it is a joy to be back working with them. I must make comment on how settled and relaxed they are. Coming into school by themselves has encouraged their independence. The students all have time for social interaction with their friends before the day starts with the playground being much safer and more conducive to game playing due to the fact that only students and staff are on site. They are entering the classroom in a far more relaxed manner and are ready to start their day. While it may not suit parents, it certainly is of far greater benefit to the students.

## School Uniform

Now that students have returned to school, the expectation is that all children will wear the correct school uniform and wear it correctly, as determined by the parents and community of West Pymble Public School.

If a child is out of uniform for any reason, they must bring in a letter from their parents explaining why and speak with their teacher or myself.

The new school uniform which include a pants option for the girls is currently with the Uniform supplier and will be available in the uniform shop as soon as possible. The last survey concentrated on the summer uniform changes. There is a pop quiz in this issue of the newsletter to determine the colour choice for the girls' long pants for your input. Many thanks in advance.

## Reports

These will be sent out at the end of Week 1 next term. They are in a modified form this semester to cater for the learning

from home experience. This is as per DoE guidelines. Phone interviews to discuss the report will be held in Term 3. More details about booking will be in the next newsletter.

## Enrolment 2021

It is that time of year again.... already and time to enrol! If you know of anyone who is planning to enrol for next year and is yet to do so, or you are in this position, please enrol soon to help with our predictions for classes and staffing. Our orientation program has been severely disrupted and we are planning an alternative program that will hopefully deliver the same or similar outcomes. Thanks for your patience while the planning process takes place. We will let you know when events are about to happen.

Likewise, if you know your child will be leaving, please let us know at your earliest convenience. Thank you to those parents who have already informed us.

## Opportunity Class Applications

Applications for Year 5 entry to Opportunity Classes in 2021 must be made online from Tuesday 9 June 2020 to Friday 26 June 2020 at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

## School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will be held on the last day of this term for all students. COVID restrictions, unfortunately, prevent any parents or visitors from attending. Your child should wear a t-shirt in the appropriate house colour along with normal sports uniform. Thank you to Miss Feltscheer and Ms La Rosa for organising this great event.

## Solar My School Project

We are very excited to announce that we are only one step away from gaining funds to cover the entire cost of the Solar My School project for our school and another step towards the increasing "greening" of West Pymble Public School.

We were one of only three schools in the Ku-Ring-Gai area to be accepted into this program, the total cost of which is approx. \$46K. The Department covers 50% of the cost and the Purryburry Trust, through a successful grant applied for by Glen Leo (parent) and Jodie (Solar My School) will cover 25%. The P&C have now submitted a grant application to the Community Partnerships Grants program to cover the remaining 25%. Should this not be successful, the school and the P&C will split the remaining cost of \$11.5K or 25% between them equally. Once the solar project has been installed it will pay for itself in about three years.

Congratulations and well done to all concerned in this exciting initiative, Jodie from Solar My School who has been our guiding light through the whole process, parent Glen Leo,

Environmental Coordinator Lauren Feltscheer and the P&C. All efforts are very much appreciated

## Kiss and Drop

This area has really settled down now, so thank you to all those who have made a conscious effort to adhere to the rules. Rainy days still present a problem, so please be patient. Remember to stay in your car while you are waiting to collect your child and only stop in the designated zone for a maximum of 2 minutes. Remember safety over convenience every time!

Have a safe and happy fortnight.

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Wyuna

MERIT AWARD: Elodie N 2B,

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Miles E5/6H, Euan G 3/4B, Angelina S 1K, Olivia C 3/4B, Maddison I 3/4B, Marcus L 1/2W, Chaya B 5/6SL, Abigail G 3/4N, Lucinda T 1/2W, Aadyanth R 1/2B, Alistair R5/6SL

## Schools News

### West Pymble Merit List

19 June 2020

Term 2, Week 6

KG	Jude J	Oliver J	Samuel T
KSB	Aahil C	Berlin H	Alexandra E
K1/E	Isadora S	Jyotsna I	Satoshi K
1K	Eli H	Emer M	Isla B
1/2F	Aadyanth R	Charlie H	Grace C
1/2W	James T	Logan L	Maddison E
2B	Rotem B	Indiana S	Teo B
3/4B	Alexander P	Callan R	Howie Z
3/4F	Evan B	Fergus B	Leon O
3/4N	Ethan K	Jayden J	Mila H
3/4OH	Frances S	Gabriel R	Noah O
5/6H	Atila T	Kayla S	Rosy W
5/6SL	Alistair R	Dan M	Lily D
5/6Y	Holly A	Madeleine R	Sophie C

Specialist  
Teacher  
Merit  
Amelia B  
3/4B,  
Hannah  
L 3/4N

Teachers will give out merits in the classroom whilst we are unable to hold assemblies.

### Information about Applying for Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2021

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1473/information\\_about\\_applying\\_for\\_year\\_5\\_entry\\_to\\_an\\_opportunity\\_class\\_in\\_2021\\_05062020.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1473/information_about_applying_for_year_5_entry_to_an_opportunity_class_in_2021_05062020.pdf)

### Nationally Consistent Collection of data on School Students with Disability

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1514/nccd\\_newsletter\\_19062020.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1514/nccd_newsletter_19062020.pdf)

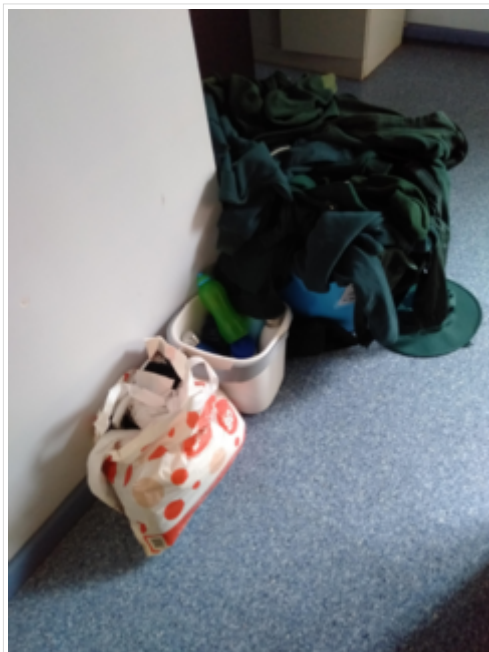
## From The Office

Thank you for your understanding with regards to parents not entering the school grounds. If you have to drop off or collect your child/ren outside normal times, please come to the gate at Tristania Place, call the office and we will collect or bring your child/ren to you.

As there are presently ongoing changes to school procedures, please keep up to date by referring to our newsletter and watching out for SZapps.

Please continue to email if your child/ren are going to be absent from school or if you have any questions and please remember to add their class.

Again we have a large amount of lost property, if your child/ren have lost any items ask them to come and take a look. Please ensure all items are labelled, it makes it so much easier to find its way back to their owner.



School photos are scheduled for Tuesday 28 July. Sports and extra group photos are scheduled for 11 August. Please click on the link below for details on how to order. Further information will be sent home soon.

## Library

### Premier's Reading Challenge Update

We now have 138 finishers, which is fantastic progress!

Congratulations to

KG	Elliott H, Harrison L, Daisy N, Samuel T
KSB	Jua M, Amy C
K/1E	Ashton O
1K	David D
1/2F	Sophie C, Tyler F
1/2W	Zahara P
2B	Teo B, Phoebe B
3/4F	Dylan Y
3/4N	Harry T, Heston B

3/4OH Rosie C, Noah O, Ben D

5/6H Grace C

5/6SL Poppy L, Eloise P-M, Zachary L

5/6Y Dimitry H, Madeleine R

3/4F and 1/2W are now equal leads in the class challenge, with each class having 14 finishers. Very close behind is 1/2F with 13 finishers.

Just a reminder that for this year's Challenge, 10 choice books can be added. Follow the link below to see how to add the extra choice books.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Thank you to all the families who have returned extra books borrowed during our remote learning time. If you still have library books from that time, could you please send them back with your child, a few at a time if there are lots is fine, to be put into the returns box in the library. Holiday borrowing is coming soon!

We also encourage students to reserve books online through their student portal. Students then have their chosen books waiting for them (when available) in their library lesson.

Happy Reading.

Jane Matkovich

Maria Greenwood

West Pymble Library

## P&C

Dear Parents & Carers,

### P&C General Meeting

On Monday 15th June we successfully held our first virtual P&C General Meeting. Thankyou to those who attended. We encourage anyone else who would like to attend to please join us at the next meeting to be a part of the discussions.

The minutes from the 17th February P&C meeting have been approved and are available in the link below. You can also access minutes at any time from the homepage of the Schoolzine app:

<https://www.wppspnc.com.au/meetingminutes>

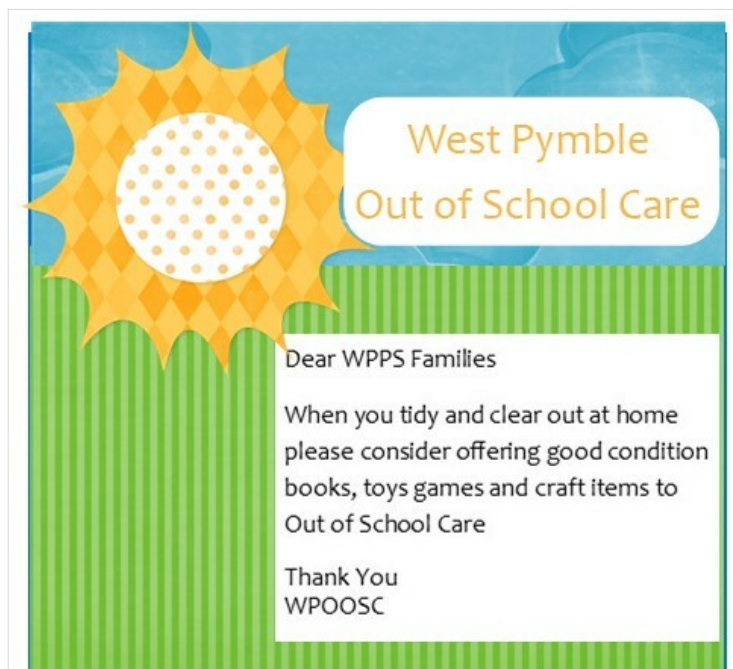
### 2020 Fundraising

As we mentioned in the last newsletter we were unfortunately unable to go ahead with Trivia Night this year. We are still going ahead with the Spell-a-thon in early term 3 which will be our main fundraiser this year. Please keep an eye out for further details in week 1 next term.

## Solar My School project

WPPS have been successful in obtaining partial funding towards the Solar My School project via the Purryburry Trust. As part of this project, our school will receive a heavily subsidised solar installation that will reduce electricity bills by \$8000 per year. This equates to powering 300 computers, 10 homes or taking 19 cars off the road each year and avoiding 54 tonnes of annual carbon emissions. The money saved each year will be invested back into the school. The installation will cost \$46,000 and (funding dependant) will be completed by the end of this year or early next year. WPPS is one of the first schools on the North Shore to be involved. This is exciting news for us and a big thankyou goes to parent Glen Leo and Lauren Feltscheer for championing this successful "green" project for us.

ThankyouP&C



## Canteen

Dear parents and caregivers,

We are very excited to announce the reopening of the Canteen!

Until further notice the Canteen will be open on **Thursday and Friday** just for **online lunch orders**. We will not be selling items over the counter yet and we will not be serving afternoon tea. We will have a limited number of items for now but we are looking forward to having our full Winter Menu back on offer as soon as possible.

Next to our famous chicken fingers, beef pies, sausage rolls and pastas we are offering you two exciting new meals: **Honey Soy Chicken with rice** and **Butter Chicken with rice**.

You will be able to place your orders via the School24 website.

Looking forward to preparing your children's lunches again!

The Canteen Team

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1373/2020\\_term\\_2\\_menu.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1373/2020_term_2_menu.pdf)

## Out Of School Care

A graphic titled "The New Child Care Package" with a "Starts 2 July 2018" badge. It lists "What you need to do" in three steps: 1. Sign into your Centrelink online account through myGov. 2. Select Complete your Child Care Subsidy assessment task. 3. Work through the steps to provide new information and confirm your current details. It also states: "Get ready for the new Child Care Subsidy. Get online now." and "From 2 July 2018, the child care fee assistance your family receives will change. Your information does not automatically rollover to the new system and you may not receive any subsidy if your assessment is not completed. Login now to complete your online form now through myGov." At the bottom, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-transition-families".

## Uniform Shop Open Hours

The uniform shop will operate as follows:

1. Tuesday afternoon between 2:30am to 3:30pm.
2. Thursday morning between 8:30am to 10:00am.
3. Parents are encouraged to use online facility (Logon ID: wpps Password: exceluniforms [www.exceluniforms.com.au](http://www.exceluniforms.com.au))
4. Alternatively, parents can send the attached order form by email/fax.
5. For exchanging uniforms, please send them with your child to take to the uniform shop on Tuesday or Thursday Only, please don't send your exchanges to the office.

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1380/new\\_uniform\\_shop\\_price\\_list\\_august\\_2019.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1380/new_uniform_shop_price_list_august_2019.pdf)

## Community News

### Notice of Hazard Reduction Burn

*Issued in accordance with the Rural Fires Act 1997 & Regulations*

A hazard reduction burn is planned to take place at:

Avondale Golf Club, Avon Rd, Pymble NSW 2073

**Date:** Burning may take place between: **16 JUNE and 31 JULY 2020**

Up to date info including any changes: <https://www.facebook.com/firesupportNSW>

Times: Between 08:00 and 19:00 (may vary)

Location: Avondale Golf Club, Avon Rd, Pymble NSW 2073

Purpose: Reduction of Bushfire Fuels

Method: Bush fire hazard reduction, controlled burning.

Contact: Incident Commander/Burn Manager: Timothy Wainwright

Phone: 0413 229 347

Email: [info@firesupport.com.au](mailto:info@firesupport.com.au)

Up to date info including any changes:  
<https://www.facebook.com/firesupportNSW>

City of Ryde and Lane Cove Council are bringing Dr Michael Carr-Gregg to your screens to provide 2 x FREE workshops to help parents during and post COVID-19.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/raising-resilient-kids-in-the-coronavirus-era-w-dr-michael-carr-gregg-tickets-106864933894>

#### Raising Resilient Kids in the Coronavirus Era

The spread of the Coronavirus has turned life upside down, almost overnight, for millions of people around the world. Being a young person is complicated even without a global pandemic in the mix, and many adults are struggling to navigate the new reality of remote schoolwork, lots of family time, and a ton of uncertainty about what happens next. This webinar offers practical, evidence-based strategies on what to say and what to do in these challenging times. It also includes information on managing remote learning and self-care.

**Suitable for:** Parents, grandparents and adult carers of younger children.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/parenting-teenagers-post-coronavirus-lockdown-w-dr-michael-carr-gregg-tickets-106870733240>

#### Parenting Teenagers Post Coronavirus Lockdown

In just a matter of weeks, the coronavirus pandemic has turned our vibrant modern cities into virtual ghost towns. Thousands of Australians are without jobs and 24.6 million people were told to stay home unless they absolutely have to go outside. Hard enough as an adult, but particularly tricky if you are a teenager trying to tackle the tasks of adolescent development. This webinar explains the impact of the coronavirus lockdown on teenagers, focusing their mental health and gives participants some skills to manage teenagers especially as they transition back to school in all year levels, deal with disappointment and try to regain their motivation.

**Suitable for:** Parents, grandparents and adult carers of teenagers.

For further information contact Andrew – [amarselos@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:amarselos@ryde.nsw.gov.au) or Hayley – [hrose@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hrose@lanecove.nsw.gov.au)



#### UPDATE #3 - 19 MAY 2020

**As you are aware, the NSW Government has issued a new directive on physical distancing on public transport. We expect these changes will affect our customers including our students and I wanted to outline what steps we are taking to implement these changes.**

All of our public route services will now have a total customer limit of 12 people (and 24 people on our double deckers). Available seating will be identified by a large green circle decal that says 'sit here'. However we can confirm that this limit will not apply to school students and priority will be given to them where possible. We are still bound to ensure no child is left behind.

I can also reaffirm that our dedicated school buses have no changes in regards to social distancing or capacity limits.

Please note that our drivers have been instructed to allow customers to board to this limit, with exceptions made for students and vulnerable customers, but they are not expected to enforce this measure.

In line with Government instruction, we also encourage people to avoid peak hour travel, allow additional travel time or make alternative travel arrangements if possible. Similarly, we ask that parents also consider alternative transport options for their children to ensure they are not impacted by these changes.



We do expect that some of our bus services will also be impacted by an increase in general traffic due to these measures and ask for your understanding if this occurs.

Be assured, your students safety and wellbeing is paramount and we are doing everything possible to support our community and our employees.

If you have any concerns during this time, please do not hesitate to contact our School Engagement Team on [tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au](mailto:tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au) or by phone (02) 8700 0555.

Yours sincerely,

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**Ethics classes at West Pymble Public School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Are you passionate about teaching? Are you looking for something meaningful to do next year?

Could you be an ethics teacher 2020 for WPPS?

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two days workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and would need to be available on Wednesday each week during the term time.

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and/or contact Liliam Sheridan, [ethics.wpps@gmail.com](mailto:ethics.wpps@gmail.com) ph.0420204466

Liliam Sheridan

**Healthy Lunch Box**

Check out the NEW Healthy Lunch Box website from the Cancer Council

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1093/the\\_simplest\\_way\\_to\\_pack\\_a\\_healthy\\_lunch\\_box\\_06\\_03.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1093/the_simplest_way_to_pack_a_healthy_lunch_box_06_03.pdf)

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1501/what\\_is\\_a\\_serve\\_of\\_fruit\\_19062020.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1501/what_is_a_serve_of_fruit_19062020.pdf)

[Click here for Healthy Lunchbox Ideas](#)

**Entertainment Book**

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[Installing\\_SZAPP.pdf](#)

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
AND SAVE

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WISH eGift Card\*

PLUS

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