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PBEL

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

Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

These are certainly unprecedented times! We are guided by information provided to us from the NSW Department of Education (DoE) who in turn is working closely with health experts from the NSW Department of Health. Advice is being updated daily and is indeed changing rapidly! As it is sent to us in schools, we are sending it straight out to you. I know that not every scenario will be covered by the official advice, but in these cases, common sense must prevail.

Advice received this week has reduced the maximum size of indoor gatherings. In a televised address on Wednesday this week it was announced that the Governor-General had enacted a biosecurity emergency banning non-essential indoor gatherings of 100 or more people. Restrictions on non-essential outdoor gatherings of 500 or more people would remain in place. We have cancelled or postponed all non-essential activities in the school. We have suspended until further notice a range of activities that involve having additional people on the school site. Parent meetings are now being conducted by telephone and as much as possible, we are implementing social distancing measures for both students and staff.

There is no talk at the moment of any public school closing for a lengthy period of time. Should this happen, however, there are many resources provided by the DoE to assist with learning from home. Links to these resources were included in my letter to Parents and Carers sent on Monday via SZapp. This letter also contained information on changes to planned school activities. I have included a copy of this letter for those who may

have missed it. In the unlikely event that WPPS closes, staff will continue to provide resources and introduce remote learning opportunities in line with Departmental guidelines. Please reinforce basic hygiene and health practices with your children:

Health advice for our schools

The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is the same way you would protect yourself from catching flu or other respiratory illnesses.

1. Wash your hands

Clean your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based sanitiser with at least 60% alcohol.

Helpful hygiene heroes Piper and Hunter are here to teach you how to wash your hands [External link](#).

2. Cough etiquette

Cover your sneeze or cough with your elbow or with a tissue (and dispose of it immediately). Avoid close contact with people who are ill. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

3. Stay at home if you are sick.

If your child is unwell with a respiratory illness they should remain at home until symptoms clear up.

Our website has the most up to date information on its front page, so please check this regularly.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1129/covid_19_160320.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1134/covid_19_attendance_marks_updated_advice.pdf

Stay safe and keep happy and healthy. Until next fortnight,

Ms Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

Schools News

West Pymble Merit List

This week's school merits will be the the next newsletter, Teachers will give out merits in the classroom whilst we are unable to hold assemblies.

From the Office

Once again, there is an overwhelming amount of lost property. Please ensure your child/ren check through the pile for any of their belongings. Any items of clothing still left at the end of the term will be donated to the secondhand uniform shop or charity and lunch boxes will be disposed of.

Green Team

10c Bottle and Recycling Drop-off has been put on hold

Dear West Pymble Community,

In response to the social distancing advice, we have put our monthly 10c Bottle and Recycling Drop-off days on hold until further notice.

A big thank you to all those who have donated, volunteered and helped make this project turn recyclables into funds for WPPS. To date we have collected and recycled 16,213 items.

The Green Team

Library

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

We now have 24 students who have completed the reading challenge.

Congratulations to the following students:

KSB	Michael D, Saskia H
K/1B	Isadora S G
1K	William B
1/2W	Charlie H
3/4B	Oscar G, Amelia B, Kyra D
3/4F	Ben C, Ryan W, Kate D
3/4N	Maddie M, Henry B, Gerard B G, Gunes O, Hannah L
3/4OH	Zachary A
5/6H	Sarah P, Alex L, Henry M
5/6Y	Ruby B, Lachlan M

What a fantastic effort, especially from 3/4N. The students will receive their school merit cards from their class teachers.

Happy reading.

Jane Matkovich

Maria Greenwood

Canteen

Hello everyone,

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO ALL PARENTS

Important message from the P&C regarding the canteen

Dear Parents and Students,

Today the following SZapp was sent.

As everyone is aware, the Covid-19 situation is developing quickly and we would like to ensure the school community that the canteen is taking all the steps necessary to deliver meals to your children with the utmost health and safety.

The canteen will still remain open on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday until further notice. Parent volunteers will continue as rostered, however students will no longer be able to volunteer in the mornings.

From Tuesday 24 March there will be no over the counter sales. This measure has been taken to minimise cash handling as well as the number of students congregating at the canteen at any one time. All items will still be available for order online and will be delivered to classes at lunch and afternoon tea as per usual. Frozen treats will also be available to order online and will be included in the deliveries.

While the canteen always operates with high health standards, we have increased the frequency of cleaning work surfaces and common touch points as well as handwashing throughout the day.

Thankyou for your understanding as we implement these changes.

The P&C Executive and Canteen team

END OF TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY 3 APRIL - CUT OFF FOR ORDERING IS WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

We will be holding our End of Term Sausage Sizzle on Friday 3 April.

NB: Once logged in, please click on Events to order your Sausage Sizzle instead of putting in the date of order. Please order your Sausage Sizzle BEFORE Wednesday 1 April.

BYO CUTLERY

The Canteen wants to minimise all rubbish and create a green and rubbish free environment.

We therefore ask you to bring your own spoon and/or fork from now on.

In Term 2 we will be charging 10 cents for a spoon and/or fork but if you return it you will get your 10 cents back.

Please help us towards a rubbish free Canteen!

Many thanks,
Wendela, Nada & Paula

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1084/19_20_breakfast_menu.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1086/19_20_frozen_treats_menu.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1087/2019_2020_summer_canteen_menu_.pdf

P&C

In light of the current situation, the P&C are currently reviewing operations and events across term 1 and 2 and will be releasing communications in due course to advise the community and keep everyone up to date.

Important Dates:

Bottle Drop off – Wednesday 1st April - **cancelled until further notice**

End of term sausage sizzle – Friday 3rd April - going ahead at this stage

Want to help or have a suggestion? Please contact a member of the P&C:

President: Vanessa Thompson president@wppspnc.com.au

Vice President: Natasha H vicepresident@wppspnc.com.au

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Community News

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 and/or contact Lilliam Sheridan, ethics.wpps@gmail.com ph.0420204466

Lilliam Sheridan

Out of School Hours News

Uniform Shop Open Hours

Due to social distancing the Uniform shop is no longer open, however you can order online. Allth einformation is on the link below.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1089/new_uniform_shop_price_list_august_2019.pdf

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

[Click here for Healthy Lunchbox Ideas](#)

Entertainment Book

NEW PROMOTION this month. When you buy an Entertainment Membership before 31 March you will receive a \$10 JB Hi-Fi eGift Card.

Enter the Promo Code: GIFTME at the checkout.

*JB Hi-Fi eGift Cards will be sent by email within 30 days of purchase. \$10 JB Hi-Fi eGift Cards issued when promo code GIFTME is applied at checkout. Limit one per order. Offer valid for Entertainment Digital Memberships purchased online between 12:00am Sunday 1st March and 11:59pm Tuesday 31st March 2020 AEST using promo code GIFTME. Offer excluded Entertainment Waitstaff and Corporate Partner offers. JB Hi-Fi eGift Cards do not expire. *JB Hi-Fi eGift Cards Terms of Use. Lost or stolen cards cannot be replaced.*

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Click here to purchase your Digital Entertainment Membership NOW!

Click here to order your Entertainment Book

The School App

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After School Activities At West Pymble Public School

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids and Creative Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The Sports voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The Creative voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued. Apply online through www.service.nsw.gov.au.

Chess

We have Beginner, Basic and Intermediate classes starting.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1099/chess.pdf

Tae Kwon Do

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1125/tae_kwon_do_2020.png

Camerons Tennis School

Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803

<https://enrol.cameronstennis.com.au/wpps-tennis>

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1088/wpps_tennis_2020_t1.pdf

Drama

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1097/drama_time_2020..pdf

Art

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1098/hive_flyer_2019_generic_2_.pdf

Community Activities

St Matthews



SMASH

SMASH is on
Friday Afternoons
After School until 5pm
During term times
At St Matt's West Pymble
\$7/week OR \$50/term

It's an **action-packed** program for kids in years 3-5. We have **stacks of fun**, and **learn about Jesus!**

We supervise kids on a Walking Bus from Gordon West and West Pymble Public Schools.

Permission notes and more info are on our website: www.stmattswp.org/kids

Bush School Learn to swim

Contact Gai Aylward (9498 0000)



BUSH SCHOOL
LEARN TO SWIM CLUB

A voluntary community organisation
much cheaper than other swim clubs

Kids Aged 4-12
Saturdays
November to March
Qualified Instructors
Active Kids Voucher
Family Discount
Season Prices from \$135

www.bushschoolts.org
Wahroonga Public School, 23 Burns Rd, Wahroonga NSW 2076

Spanish



LEARN SPANISH

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN SPANISH?

We are assessing the possibility of offering Spanish lessons after school starting Term 1 2020. If you would like your child to attend, please follow the link below and submit your expression of interest.

www.spanishconnect.com.au/interest

We are a Creative Kids Registered Provider.

Community

\$1,000 to WPPS on every sale.

Rob Szosta and Stone Real Estate Turrumurra will donate \$1,000 to WPPS to anybody who mentions this E-newsletter when they list and sell with Rob.

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