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Week 2 Term 1 2020

PBEL Focus of the Week



Principal's Report

21 February 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Meet the Teacher Evening

Just a quick reminder "Meet the Teacher Evening" is this week. Please see your SZapp communication for the times for each Stage and please take note that three of the four classes in Stage 2 will be holding their sessions on Thursday evening.

I cannot stress enough the importance of your attendance at these sessions as there are new things to learn about your child's education EVERY year. It also provides the opportunity to start to form a relationship with your teacher, which is vital to your child's success, see Michael Grose article on Parent Teacher Relationship, in the link below.

Welcome Night

Following "Meet the Teacher" sessions on Friday evening, the P&C is holding its Welcome Night in the Hall. This is a welcome to the year for ALL parents, not just new parents.

I do hope to see many of you there.

Assemblies

Despite the current Curriculum Review being undertaken by NESA and led by Professor Geoff Masters, our curriculum continues to become more and more overcrowded. We find ourselves frequently redesigning, realigning and reorganising our weekly routines to enable smarter teaching and learning to occur.

As new research comes to light on what is truly important and new initiatives are delivered to us to implement, some things need to go. Although nice to have, they are not essential components of our core business or time efficient. Outcomes can be achieved in other, better ways.

After a review of Assembly practices, we have decided to hold one whole school assembly every two weeks in the even weeks (refer to your 2020 NSW School Planner distributed last year if you are unsure of which week we are currently in). There will be other opportunities for Year 2 to develop their leadership skills. With this change, we are also undertaking a review of the Merit Award Procedures, in line with current research and DoE Policy. When these procedures are fully reviewed the school will publish them in the newsletter.

Parents are welcome to attend these whole school Assemblies at 2:10pm on a Friday afternoon, even weeks. Please note that Kindergarten will not be joining in until Week 6.

Upcoming Events

Just looking on my Term 1 Calendar Planner, I am at a loss to find just one day that doesn't have something on!

Your newsletter is your bible, a fortnightly information bonanza that contains everything you need to know for the coming fortnight and lots more besides. Yes, we often remind parents of important events, last minute changes and urgent information via a quick SZapp, but the information is all there in your fortnightly newsletter, for you to scan, dip in and out of at your leisure or hungrily devour the moment it lands in your inbox. Please write everything of interest to you on your 2020 School Planner as soon as you receive the information. We really should not be using the SZapp for reminders of upcoming events if they have been clearly published in the newsletter or in the individual notes sent home, copies of which are on the website, however, we do send out final reminders, to encourage full student/community participation in all the events that have taken so much time and effort from many people to organise for the benefit of all.

Upcoming events for the next two weeks include:

- SRE/SEE started this week. Kindergarten and new parents, if you haven't returned the letter regarding your choice of SRE/SEE/non-Scripture, please do so as a matter of urgency;
- Assembly for Years 1-6 was held on Friday at 2:10pm You are most welcome to attend any future whole school Assemblies which will be held every even week at this time;
- "Meet the Teacher" and the P&C Welcome Evening were held for the majority of classes on Friday evening. If you were unable to attend you may have missed vital information, please see your teacher to find out if there were any parent handouts you should read;
- OzHarvest lessons start for Stage 3 on Monday. Notes were sent home about this, please ensure payment is received or your child will be unable to participate.
- Dance auditions on Monday and Tuesday of Week 5. Don't forget to learn the routine in preparation for the audition;
- Zone Swimming Carnival is on Friday 28 February. Congratulations Miss Hall on organising a brilliant School Carnival in preparation for Zone. Miss Hall has already met with the team and discussed organisation with them. They all have a note to complete and return. Please do this by the due date on the note, not the day of the activity;
- Statement of Accounts were sent out this week. Thank you to the many parents who have already paid their fees.

Educational Acronyms

Every couple of years I try to publish the most updated list of educational acronyms for your reference. This list was updated in December 2019. Hope it helps.

For further information on how you can provide practical help to your child as a parent or carer, please refer to the NSW Department of education (DoE) internet page:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-fo r-parents-and-carers

Toilet issues

At this week's P&C meeting, the issue of broken/unusable toilet amenities was raised and an estimated time for these issues to be rectified was requested.

- Toilet doors locked: these are locked by students from the inside then they crawl out from underneath leaving them locked. These are unlocked and made accessible by our General Assistant (GA) every time he is in, two days per week.
- Students not able to manipulate the toilet paper dispensers: in every toilet block, there is at least one cubicle that has a big round toilet paper dispenser to assist those students who do not have the manual dexterity to use the regular dispensers. Please remind your children of this.

Regarding an estimated time for these issues to be completed. I'd like to share with you what our GA's morning looked like today (Tuesday):

- After checking the toilets, as part of his regular early morning duties, he checked the blocks and found that one cubicle in the boys' toilet was covered in faeces, all over the toilet, wall and the cistern. He then proceeded to clean it in readiness for students to be able to use.
- He then cleaned the blocked drains that had been filled up with sand and dirt and were overflowing.
- Then he removed all the smashed rocks that had been thrown against the toilet walls and were left in smashed pieces.
- The door with the broken lock: After having purchased the appropriate new lock following a trip to Bunnings, he commenced instalment. Part way through and finding that he didn't have an essential piece of equipment with him, he returned to the GA store to collect it. On his return a few minutes later, the lock was missing, with a couple of very uneasy (dare I say guilty looking!) children standing outside the toilet block, including a girl. After spending an extra half an hour trying to find the lock, the girl produced it from her pocket. It seems that one of the boys had come into the block, in the GA's short absence to collect the correct tool and taken the lock who then gave it to the girl.
- The toilet with the broken door needs a complete rebuild, as it has been pushed against its hinges and completely destroyed. This work has been referred to Assets for attention. This job has been added to a waitlist and will be attended to in turn.

As you can see, the GA is extremely busy with unforeseen jobs and it is very difficult to provide an estimated time for completion of all works, but rest assured we are attending to everything as quickly as we can. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Please speak to your children about acceptable use of the school bathrooms as I'm sure they wouldn't treat bathrooms at home in the same way!

Uniform Survey

Uniform Survey Results are now in. Following are your definitive choices. We had 59 families out of 236 who responded which is a 25% response rate and is a valid sample.

Short Style

Skort	50.85%			
Shorts	37.29%			
Culottes	11.86%			

Material Preference

Plain	57.63%
Patterned	42.37%

Colour Preference

Green	54.24%
Dark Navy	30.51%
Grey	15.25%

Blazer

No	15.25%
Yes – Compulsory	1.69%
Yes – Optional	11.86%
Yes – Borrow	8.47%

Ties – Compulsory

No	64.41%
Yes - Boy & Girl Winter	11.86%
Yes – Boys	3.39%

Girls Tie Style

Standard	59.32%
Crisscross	38.98%

**Status Quo will remain regarding ties. Although not compulsory on a day to day basis they will still be required for formal occasions.

Have a safe and happy fortnight.

Bronwyn Wilson Principal

Planning Ahead

Zone Swimming

Friday 28 February

Schools News



West Pymble Merit List

West Pymble Merit List 21 February 2020 Term 1, Week 4

K1/E	Maverick S Ruby B		
1K	Emer M	Lucas M	Olivia S
1/2F	Mia P	Tyler F	Zachary O
1/2W	James T	Logan L	Lucinda T
2B	James W Phoebe B		Felix C
3/4B	Amelia B	Ishika B	Oscar G
3/4F	Henry B	Lachlan V	Sienna B
3/4N	Boris W	Gunes O	Shreyansh G
3/4OH	Alejandra S	Marshal S	Rosie C
5/6H	Amelie P	Dragan J	Grace C
5/6SL	Alexander P	Katerina J	Lillyanna H
5/6Y	Aaron L	Hamish M	Zara O

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5/6SL	Chaya B	3/40H	Arabella W	3/4F	Airlie S
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HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Bangal

MERIT AWARD: (School Merit): Macklyn O 1/2W

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Hamish D 3/4B, Benjamin D 3/4OH, Annabelle S 3/4B

West Pymble Wonders

Members of the community will be recognised as 'West Pymble Wonders'.

What is a West Pymble Wonder, I hear you ask??

These are members of our community, parents, carers, students, teachers and volunteers who deserve special recognition for their efforts to enhance our school in many different ways.

If you wish to nominate a West Pymble Wonder, please send an email to the office telling us a bit about the wonderful work that they have done in our school community. The students of West Pymble have designed community awards to recognise the West Pymble Wonders.

From the Office

Statement of Accounts were sent out this week. Thank you to those families who have already paid. ALL activities / excursions are to be paid at least two days prior to the event date as it takes at least 24 - 48 hours for your payment to appear in our bank account. If you haven't paid prior to the event, unfortunately your child may be unable to attend.

Library

Welcome back to 2020.

This year, both Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Matkovich will be looking after the library. We will be taking classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but students will also be able to visit second half of lunch from Monday - Thursday for board games, quiet reading, doing puzzles or colouring. Students from Kindergarten through to Year 2 are expected to have some form of library bag to carry their books between home and school.

This year's Premier's Reading Challenge will commence on Monday 2 March and run through until late August. Books are added online to the students' reading records. The user name and password is the same as the individual student's school login. This year we are hoping that all students will complete the Challenge. Happy reading!

Jane Matkovich Maria Greenwood

Band

Band program 2020

The band program is off to a great start with all lessons now running and Performance Band and Concert Band having their first rehearsals last week. Training Band will have their first rehearsal in around week 7 or 8 - details will be advised. Band camp will run from 15-17 May. Please put this in your calendars now (more information will follow soon).

We are still looking for a Year 4-6 keyboard/piano player to join Performance Band. If you have some keyboard/piano skills, please get in touch at wppsband@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to experience group music and grow your musical skills.

Canteen

Hello everyone,

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO ALL PARENTS

we need

Dear students, parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 1!

We hope you all had a wonderful break and are well rested for the new year!

We are offering you an exciting **Summer Menu** with **Fresh Fruit Salads, Green & Caesar Salads, Passionfruit Yoghurt Tubs, Frozen Fruit Slices** and much more!

Due to price increases from our main supplier and the higher prices of fresh produce we have had to increase the prices of some of our items. Most of our items have not been increased since 2015 and we have minimalised the increases as much as possible. We are very competitive with our neighbour schools on price.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

Happy ordering!

The Canteen Team; Wendela, Nada and Paula

P&C

Important dates:

Bottle Drop off - Wednesday 4th March 8.30am P&C General Meeting: Monday 16th March 7.30pm in the library

** P&C meeting minutes

The minutes from the 2nd December 2019 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



Out of School Hours News



Uniform Shop Open Hours

Normal opening hours - Tuesday 2:00pm - 3:30pm and Thursday 8:30am - 10:00am.

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Healthy Lunch Box

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

https://healthylunchbox.com.au/

Entertainment Book

Early Bird BONUS offers are here! Launching Saturday 8th February 2020.

Early Bird BONUS offers include:

- Spend & Save with THE ICONIC, endota and rebel
- Up to 4 months extra membership when you buy in February
- A \$20 WISH eGift Card when Multi City & Multi Plus Memberships are purchased.

Hurry offers end 29th February!

Entertainment Memberships can start anytime and are packed with thousands of substantial savings on dining, travel and fun family activities. The digital membership is easy to download to start using instantly. New offers are added weekly for ongoing value all year round.

https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/20048b0

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 the link below.

http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/

Chess

We have Beginner, Basic and Intermediate classes starting.

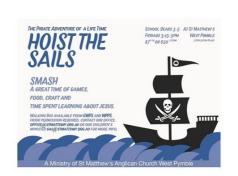


Camerons Tennis School – School Holiday Camps Available

Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803

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

Community Activities



Contact Gai Aylward (9498 0000)

