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22 May 2020

## PBEL



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

## Principal

22 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you for your patience, understanding and support in this current environment.

It is a challenging time for everyone in many ways. The latest of these challenges is the topsy turvy way we have been informed of student full time return to school. The original phased and organised plan of a managed return to school has been disrupted with no warning and with the media informing us of the new plans, certainly not an ideal scenario. Schools, their teachers and their staff, are, to use the current buzz words, “pivoting with agility”!

Our staff at WPPS have been remarkable throughout this whole situation. With every twist and turn, they have worked to develop and implement best practice, finding the best ways to engage every student. This is differentiated teaching and learning to its highest degree. As professional educators, we have been given the opportunity to use our creativity and professional knowledge to the best advantage of our students, something that has not been part of the landscape previously due to the crowded curriculum and the many administrative tasks required. Life in general has slowed to allow time for students especially to internalise new concepts, reinforce them through downtime and play and to prepare for new learning.

The changes for schools were sent to you earlier this week via SZapp. We are expecting to see all students back at school as of this Monday. Of course, there are some exceptions. Students who are immune suppressed or who have increased health risks may continue to learn from home to suit their individual needs. A single unit of work will continue to be provided by our teachers. Please continue to support your children with their learning from home if they are required to learn remotely.

Pick up and drop off continues as per the previous weeks with additional staff on gate duty to ensure a smooth handover. Enhanced cleaning continues in our school. As the school canteen is still not fully operational, please ensure your child/ren have lunch (see message from the Canteen regarding limited operations next week), Crunch 'n Sip and afternoon tea and of course a drink bottle. If your child is showing any signs of illness, no matter how slight, please keep them at home. Also please ensure that either you or your emergency contact is available to collect your child/ren from school should they show signs of illness during the day.

Regarding afternoon collection of your child/ren. K-2 students will be ready to be collected at 3.00pm from your designated gate, rather than normal finishing time to allow for an easing of congestion. Kiss and Drop in Apollo remains a safety issue with increased congestion. If at all possible, if you are walking to school, can you utilise Diana and Tristania Avenues for your drop off and collection, leaving Apollo for vehicular traffic. If you are walking, please wait on the outward run of all of these

streets to avoid children crossing the road. If you are driving, we recommend that you wait in your car. The teachers on gate duty will send your child/ren to you. Please also ensure that your yellow family sign is both legible and prominently displayed inside your car's windscreen.

We have had a few accidents over the past couple of weeks with toileting. Please reassure your child/ren that the toilets are cleaned regularly throughout the day and that if they need to go, they are safe to use.

Reporting to Parents and Carers will look different this term. We are working on our new format and will advise as soon as we have developed our plan.

You should have received a SZapp from the office earlier this week regarding SZapp alerts. Please follow the instructions and you should then start receiving the notifications. If you have further issues please email the school office and we will do our best to resolve them for you.

The attachment below is a repeat of the information for Parents and Carers sent earlier this week. It looks different but is now in a publication form, however, all the information is the same. Don't forget that you can use the translator at the top of the newsletter to change it to your home language should you so wish.

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1379/face\\_to\\_face\\_learning\\_guidelines\\_for\\_families\\_accessible.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1379/face_to_face_learning_guidelines_for_families_accessible.pdf)

If you have any issues with your child's full time attendance as of next week, please contact the school to let us know. Please note you will need to supply a medical certificate in support of this decision. The DoE's Learning from Home Hub and our WPPS Learning from Home Hub will be of assistance in these instances. As mentioned earlier it will still be a single unit of work, but this time based on face to face teaching in the classroom.

Until next time, stay safe, healthy and happy,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

## Schools News

### West Pymble Merit List

22 May 2020

Term 2, Week 4

KG	Anika J	Meeka N	Mohammad P
KSB	Hannah P	Michael D	Tyler W
K1/E	Chloe O	Connor T	Ruby B
1K	Evie S	Georgii B	Vihaan S
1/2F	Knox M	Krystal C	Thomas M

1/2W	Lucas M	Oscar P	Sienna S
2B	Antonia G	Charlyse M	Oliver L
3/4B	James H	Olivia C	Xavier M
3/4F	Airlie S	Dylan Y	Hayley L
3/4N	Abigail G	Eitam S	Kingsley P
3/4OH	Ryan V	Siena F	Zoya G
5/6H	Miles E	Sophie M	William C
5/6SL	Kateryna B	Paige S	William A
5/6Y	Lachlan B	Lachlan M	Libby T

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

## Library

We now have 81 students who have finished the Premier's Reading Challenge. This is a fantastic effort. Congratulations to

KG Stella L, Nesara K  
 1/2F Christian F  
 1/2W Cooper L  
 3/4F Matthew M, Veda R  
 5/6SL Daniel M

All classes now have students who have finished, with 3/4F being the class with the most, so far. Remember that now 10 books can be added as choice books this year, instead of the usual 5. For instructions on how to do this, please see the PRC Home Page. Now that students are returning to school on a regular basis, please also send along any library books borrowed back to school with your children so that we can keep our books circulating.

Happy Reading.

Jane Matkovich

Teacher Librarian.

# BOOK CLUB ISSUE 4 IS *Running!*

Click on this link to take a look  
[scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents](https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents)

**45 titles @ \$5 or UNDER**

**BOOK CLUB BROCHURES ARE BACK!**

**SCHOLASTIC**

Dear Parents/Carers,  
 West Pymble Public School participates with Scholastic Book Club. Twice per term your child will come home with a club catalogue with a different selection of books offered. All orders submitted give your Childs' class points with which the class teacher can then purchase resources for the classroom. Ordering is via LOOP, see instructions attached and also a youtube clip below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SiDTemy2x5w>

The books will arrive around two weeks AFTER the closing date.

The closing date for Issue 4 is Sunday 14th June.

Any problems you can find me in the library on Wednesdays or leave a note with your class teacher.  
 Thank you and Happy Reading!  
 Helene Annabel

## Canteen

Dear parents and caregivers,  
 We are very excited to announce the reopening of the Canteen next Thursday the 28th of May!

Until further notice the Canteen will be open on **Thursdays and Fridays** 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 from Tuesday the 26th of May.

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)

## Uniform Shop Open Hours

The uniform shop will continue to operate as follows:

1. Thursday morning between 8:30am to 10:00am.
2. Tuesday afternoon is still closed until further notice.
3. Social distancing is required.
4. Parents are encouraged to use online facility (Logon ID: wpps Password: exceluniforms [www.exceluniforms.com.au](http://www.exceluniforms.com.au))
5. Alternatively, parents can also send the attached order form by email/fax.

[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



### 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.

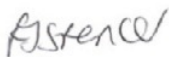


We do expect that some of our bus services will also be impacted by an increase in general traffic due to these measures and ask for your understanding if this occurs.

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?

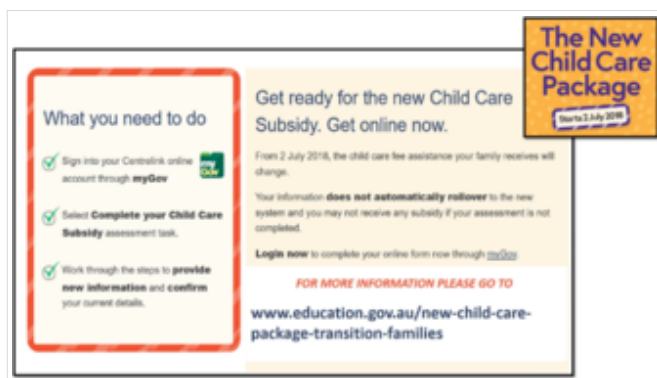
We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

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

## Out of School Hours News



### 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)

[Click here for Healthy Lunchbox Ideas](#)

### Entertainment Book

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.

[Click here to purchase your Digital Entertainment Membership NOW!](#)

[Click here to order your Entertainment Book](#)

### The School App

[Installing\\_SZAPP.pdf](#)

## SAFE Animal Rehoming

My name is Analiese and I am a volunteer at SAFE Animal Rehoming, a charity that believes "every animal deserves love, understanding and a first, second or even third chance".

At SAFE we take in surrenders and rescued animals, fix up any medical issues, desex them and ready them for adoptions. We also offer boarding and help with getting them settled in their new home.

We are still a relatively young charity (coming up to 3 years old) and as we are based in Roseville.

We are reaching out to the local community to look at ways we can let more people be aware of SAFE.

Thank you very much for your time and help!

Analiese