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28 August 2020

Kindergarten 2021

It is time to enrol for next year. Please click on the link below for an enrolment form.

Kindergarten 2021 Information

Due to the current COVID-19 guidelines we will be delivering our Kindergarten 2021 information in a virtual format.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1526/enrolment_form.pdf

PBEL

PBEL Transitions

Thank you for supporting the students and teachers in implementing our PBEL and fortnightly focus.

DURING TRANSITION

Be Responsible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We are prepared for the next activity ✓ We look where we are going
Be Respectful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We remember that other classes are learning ✓ We keep to the left ✓ We stand aside for others
Be Safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We stay with our class ✓ We walk sensibly ✓ We wait sensibly in the correct place

27 August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

UNSW GERRIC Mini-COGE

The professional learning in which all teachers at WPPS recently engaged has been invaluable on so many fronts. Differentiation for all learners, not just the gifted or high potential, identification of strengths, strategies to help students achieve their true potential, engagement, underachievement and a consideration of twice exceptionality are just some of the areas we covered. I am seeing the results daily as I visit classrooms. Our school is quite unique in that our whole teaching staff is now fully trained in High Potential Gifted Education from one of the nationally, if not internationally recognised, leading universities in this area.

Congratulations to the following teachers who have successfully completed the Certificate of Gifted Education:

Christopher Bedford	Dominic Benedet	Calum Byers	Tara Cooling
Laura Cowen	Kerry Elliott	Rachel Favell	Annerie Feldman
Lauren Feltscheer	Ben Graham	Maria Greenwood	Erin Hall
Gabrielle Kaye-Smith	Megan Kelly	Gabriella La Rosa	Megan Leddet
Kitty Liu	Jane Matkovich	Andrew Noble	Lisa O'Shannessy
Christine Persson	Tim Simpson	Emma Smales	Brianna Weston
Bronwyn Wilson	Rachel Yee		

Principal

School Administrative Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week

This week is School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week, a time to acknowledge and thank the often unsung heroes in our schools. Our SAS staff are amazing: Mrs Eyre, Mrs Funda, Mrs Brain, Mrs Hill, Mr Stewart, Mrs Annabel, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Hickman, Mr Byers and Mr Lower (who is currently seconded to the Army Reserve and on COVID duties).

Our SAS staff play an important role in the school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community.

We celebrated with an afternoon tea set within the festooned and festive expanses of the Library (to allow for social distancing) to say thank you for always going above and beyond in everything they do. They are the oil that keeps the machine running smoothly!

I encourage all members of our community to mark SASS Recognition Week whether it's a simple word of thanks and appreciation or an email or a bunch of flowers. I would also personally like to acknowledge and thank all our SAS staff for the valuable work you perform and your contribution to supporting great teaching and learning outcomes at WPPS.

Pyjama Day

What a great day for PJ Day! The day was chilly with clear blue skies so staying snugly warm in our pyjamas and Ugg boots was just the right thing. Year 6 raised \$460 for their gift to the school, well done everyone.

Lost Property

The ever-increasing lost property collection at West Pymble has always been a serious problem, but one that has now become a serious safety concern.

The bin was emptied only a week and a half ago, by Year 6 students but is once again overflowing and distributed all over the floor. Children come in to look for items and just throw everything onto the floor as they search through the bin and then leave it there.

Earlier this week we had a major accident to a member of staff, caused by the lost property scattered all over the floor, which resulted in medical assistance being required and time away from work.

As a result, the lost property will be moved away from what is essentially a major thoroughfare and the process for collection will change. The children will be notified about this when it has happened.

Parents, can you please label **EVERY** item with your child's name and current class and check with your children that what they went to school with in the morning, they have come home with in the afternoon. If they are missing any items, as a parent myself, I would suggest some serious at home follow up with

your child. It must literally be costing parents a small fortune to supplement lost items judging by the sheer volume of items that appear daily. Can you please, as your child's first teacher, instil the importance of looking after one's own possessions.

Any items that are unlabelled will be sent to Stewart House at the end of each week. If your child's belongings are labelled, they will eventually receive them back. Of course, the initial onus is on your child to show more responsibility and not leave items lying around in the first place.

Have a safe and happy fortnight,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

School News

Gifted Parenting Series

Tell Them From Me

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1667/tell_them_from_me_newsletter.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1668/ttfm_parents.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1671/ttfm_extra_info.pdf

West Pymble Merit List

28 August 2020

Term 3, Week 6

KG	Anika J	Emily V	Mohammad P
KSB	Hannah P	Harvey B	Leroy H
K1/E	Chloe O	Daniel W	Oscar L
1K	Evie S	Neil V	Thomas W
1/2F	Harvey A	Heidi H	Sophie C
1/2W	Abigail M	Cooper L	Zahara P
2B	Elodie N	Rory R	Thomas M
3/4B	Howie Z	Niamh M	Ryan O
3/4F	Kyan P	Matthew M	Olivia T
3/4N	Charlotte N	Gunes O	Shreyansh G
3/4OH	Frances S	Leila B	Noah O
5/6H	Holly M	Hugo D	Sophie M

5/6SL	Adam W	Rylie W	Zachary L
5/6Y	Adele L	Edward W	Nikita R

HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Bangal/Bangal

MERIT AWARD: Isaak L 1/2F

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Siena B 3/4F, Liam B 1K, Tyler W KSB, Ewan S 5/6Y, Niamh M 3/4B, Alejandra S 3/4OH, Yushaa K 3/4B, Anika L 1K,

Specialist Teacher Awards:

Alexandra E KSB, Macklyn O 1/2W, Zoya G 3/4OH, Howie Z 3/4B, Ryan W 3/4F, Sienna M 3/4N,

From the Office

Dear Parents and Carers,

****Found**** A watch has been handed in, if you think it is yours, please come to the office.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions unfortunately we are unable to have homemade treats to celebrate birthdays. If you would like to send something, it will need to be an individually pre-packed treat.

As per the Department of Education and NSW Department of Health guidelines, please keep your child/ren home if unwell. Any sign of cold/flu symptoms, they must have a COVID test and results sent to the office (via email) prior to their return to school.

Kind regards,

Office Staff

Library

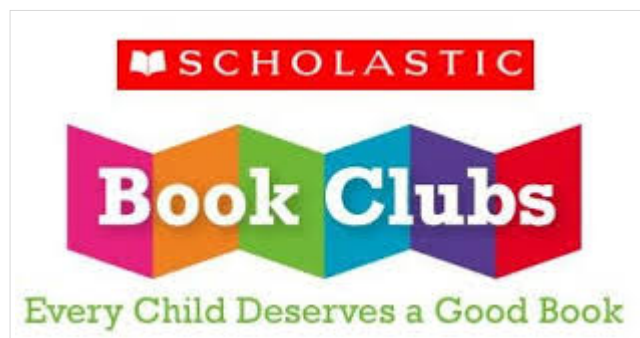
Library News

The last date for students to add books to their Premier's Reading Challenge records is Friday 28 August. Should you

miss this deadline, it may be possible for me to add books for a few more days. If this is the case, please forward the list to the library.

So far we have 244 students who have finished, which is a fantastic effort, close to our best ever. As I have not been at school for a few weeks, I will list all the recent finishers in the next newsletter, so I don't miss any names. I will also catch up on Merit Cards, however, I must make special mention of K/1E, who have all completed the reading challenge. Congratulations K/1E.

Jane Matkovich
Teacher Librarian



Canteen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This term the canteen will still only be open on Thursdays and Fridays but the full winter menu is now available for lunch and afternoon tea.

For those children participating in PSSA on Fridays, please select the "Process early - PSSA Sport" option when paying so your child receives their lunch on time.

We will not be serving breakfast yet but we are now open for over the counter sales at lunchtime and afternoon tea.

Please see menu attached below. You will be able to place your orders via the School24 website.

Looking forward to preparing your children's lunches!

The Canteen Team

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1542/canteen_menu_term_3.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1574/2020_frozen_treats_menu_term_3.pdf

P&C

Bottle Recycling

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions we have not been able to have our monthly bottle drop off at the school. There are some who are kindly dropping their bottles off to the recycling centre in Gordon. If you would like to transfer the funds you received, please send an email to: info@wppspnc.com.au and

you will be given details on where to transfer. Thankyou, your support is greatly appreciated.

P&C General Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the 15 June P&C General meeting have been approved and are available at: <https://www.wppspnc.com.au/meetingminutes>

P&C Finance Audit

The P&C would like to thank Charlotte Lee for providing her bookkeeping services to audit the P&C finances. Charlotte dedicated her own time and effort to do this for us and we appreciate her help and commitment. It's this kind of support that makes our school community so wonderful! If you would like to contact Charlotte please visit Be Wise Services at <http://Fb.com/bewiservices>

P&C Executive Committee 2021-2022

The current P&C team are nearing the end of our two year term. We are looking for the next team to take the reins to form the P&C executive committee for 2021-2022. Being a member of the P&C is a fun and rewarding experience. It is a great way to contribute to the school community, meet new people and also have fun along the way. No prior experience is necessary.

The following roles are available:

President

Vice President

Vice President - Fundraising

Communications Manager

Treasurer

Secretary

If you feel that any of these roles would suit you, or you would like to ask questions about any of the roles, please send an email to president@wppspnc.com.au

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

Vice President: Lisa Corrigan fundraising@wppspnc.com.au

Secretary: Tamara Leo secretary@wppspnc.com.au

Treasurer: Jen Stokes treasurer@wppspnc.com.au

Communications officer: Anjali

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you need to exchange any items please send them in with your child/ren so it can be exchanged during these times.

2:30pm - 3:30pm Tuesday

8:30am - 9:30am Thursday

All enquires can be made direct to Excel Uniforms Phone 0405 506 383 or

Email : wpps@exceluniforms.com.au

Online: www.exceluniforms.com.au

(Logon: wpps Password: exceluniforms)

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1659/new_uniform_shop_price_list_august_2019.pdf

Community News

Norman Griffiths Oval Community Support 2 Minute Survey

Introduction to photography at the Wildflower Garden

We are excited to announce our Introduction to photography at the Wildflower Garden. Come and enjoy the great outdoors while learning the basics of photography. Brett Fairhurst from Fairhurst Photography will be teaching us the fundamentals to photography while we make our way through the beautiful scenery.

2nd October 2020, 10am – 12pm. Cost is \$20 and places are limited for Teens. All attendees will receive a goodie bag, learn some new skills and enjoy a fun day out!

To book head to - <https://bit.ly/2QfjvoO>

Emma Tysoe • Youth Services Officer • Ku-ring-gai Council
9424 0994 • 0409 407 635

Available Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

etysoe@kmc.nsw.gov.au • kmc.nsw.gov.au • www.facebook.com/kcyouthservices

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: Primary Date: Wednesday 2nd SEPT 2020.

Back-up Dates: 3-4-5 SEPT, and, 7-8-9-10-11-12 SEPT 2020, and 14-15-16-17-18-19 SEPT 2020)

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

Times: Between 07:00 and 19:00 (may vary)

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

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is back to normal opening times and will still operate under online only orders until restrictions are eased. If

Purpose: Reduction of Bushfire Fuels to Protect Life and Property.

Method: Bush fire hazard reduction, controlled burning.

Contact: Incident Commander/Burn Manager: Timothy Wainwright

Phone: 0413 229 347

Email: info@firesupport.com.au

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

Kind Regards,

R U OK?

In acknowledgement of the difficult year 2020 has been so far, Council is running three R U Ok Day events to raise awareness and understanding of mental illness. The events are all on zoom and are free.

The first event is an online webinar where Simon Gillard, a former police officer and author, will talk to participants about his journey with mental health. Simon has had several suicide attempts but once he reached out for help, he found meaning and purpose again. Simon is now a R U Ok Day ambassador and a very engaging speaker. Join Simon to hear his story and to learn about the signs and symptoms of when people are not coping and how you can reach out and help someone.

Another event Council is running is Are You Ok Seniors? This session is aimed at seniors who may have concerns around a friend or loved one, or for children of seniors who are concerned about their parents. The sessions will be facilitated by Lyn Worsley from the Resilience Centre.

The last session is Are Your Teens Ok? This session will be facilitated by a Ruth Forcye, a psychologist from the Resilience Centre. The session will help parents to understand the signs and symptoms teens may display when they are not coping and help parents to ask their teens if they are ok, and what they can do if they are not ok.

To book, click on the image below and it will take you to the What's On page where you will see the events, or find the individual links on the flyer.



The flyer features the 'R U OK?' logo at the top, with a smiley face in the 'O'. Below the logo are three images: a man (Simon Gillard), an elderly couple, and a young woman. Each image is accompanied by a title and a brief description of the event. At the bottom left is the Kuring-gai Council logo, and at the bottom right is the 'R U OK?' logo with the tagline 'A conversation could change a life.'

R U OK? Day	R U OK? Seniors	Are your teens OK?
Former local police officer and author Simon Gillard shares his journey with mental health and how he has discovered meaning and purpose along the way.	Join us for an online workshop highlighting reasons why older people may not feel OK. What to do and how to get help. Presented by Lyn Worsley from the Resilience Centre.	A psychologist will facilitate a discussion about how you ask teenagers R U OK? What do you do if they say they are OK but you don't think they are, and what do you say if they are not OK.
Join Simon online 6:30pm-7:30pm • 10 September Book online kmc.nsw.gov.au/RUOKSimon	10:30am-12pm • 16 September Book online kmc.nsw.gov.au/RUOKseniors	6:30pm-8pm • 7 October Book online kmc.nsw.gov.au/RUOKteens

Primary
ETHICS

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

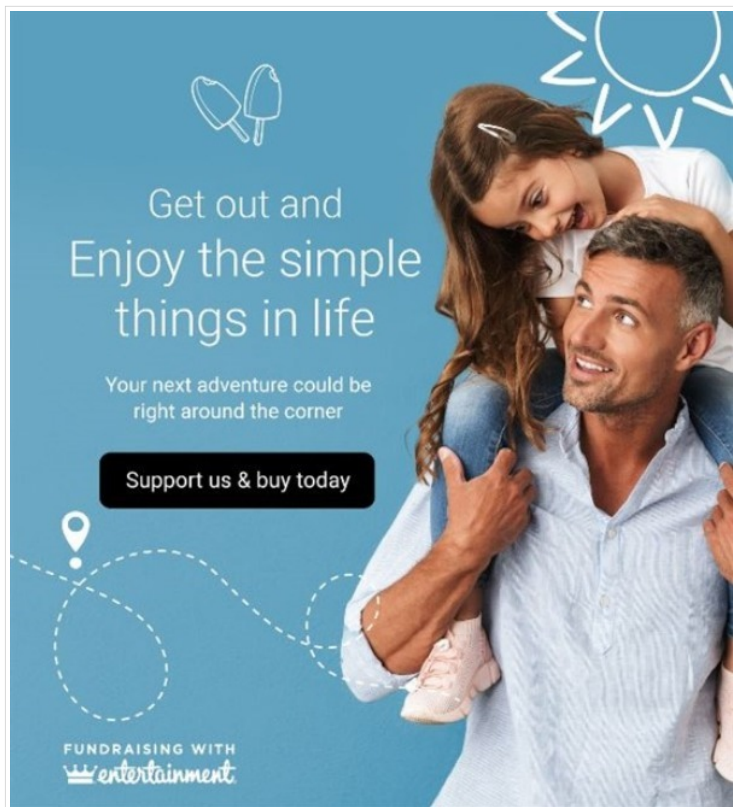
Healthy Lunch Box

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

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1706/snippet_28082020.jpg

[Click here for Healthy Lunchbox Ideas](#)

Entertainment Book



Entertainment Memberships can start anytime (you have 3 months to activate your new membership) and are packed with thousands of incredible savings on dining, travel, shopping and fun family activities. The digital membership is easy to download and start using instantly. New offers are added weekly for ongoing value all year round.

Support us and buy today. Click below to purchase your Digital Entertainment Membership NOW!

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

The School App

[Installing_SZAPP.pdf](#)

After School Activities At West Pymble Public School

Active and Creative Kids Program

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

Art

Art Classes starting Term 3

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1529/hive_flyer_0306.pdf

Camerons Tennis School

Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803

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

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1699/wp_t4_2020_and_sep_camp.pdf

St Matthews

Community Supporter

