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31 July 2020

## Kindergarten 2021





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

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## PBEL

### End of Day

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

 <h1>END OF DAY</h1>	
<b>Be Responsible</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ We leave the classroom on time</li> <li>✓ We take our belongings</li> <li>✓ We watch for our parents' cars</li> </ul>
<b>Be Respectful</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ We leave class quietly</li> <li>✓ We listen to teacher instructions</li> <li>✓ We respect our neighbours and their property</li> </ul>
<b>Be Safe</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ We walk on the footpaths</li> <li>✓ We use Kiss and Drop correctly</li> <li>✓ We walk bikes until we leave school grounds</li> </ul>

## Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to another new term. I hope everyone has had a refreshing and relaxing holiday. We are hopeful of an

uninterrupted and settled term ahead. Many of our internal activities can resume, although there are some that are still on hold, most notably New Student Enrolment activities and overnight excursions. SRE/SEE recommenced this week and Band rehearsals last week. All authorised visitors to the school are required to complete and sign in at the office as part of the COVID safe processes implanted by the NSW Government. Please ensure your child/ren are kept at home if they are not well and for absences longer than three days a medical certificate is required.

We are still required to ask parents and visitors to stay off site. All enquiries should be directed to the Office on 9144 7584. If you need to deliver/collect anyone or anything from school, please ensure you come to the Tristania Place entrance and one of the Office ladies will pop out to meet you. You can also use the gate buzzer to call the Office from this entrance. There is unrestricted parking in Tristania, as opposed to Apollo which is the designated Kiss and Drop Zone.

## GERRIC

Once again, thank you to our community for allowing us the luxury of time to complete this 16 hour course over the first two days of Term 3. Many of you will know that we have been working securing mutually agreeable dates between GERRIC and the School since I first took it to the P&C for approval back in 2018. The GERRIC Mini Certificate of Gifted Education (COGE) is highly sought after and securing suitable dates has been a long and arduous course, but one that has been well worth the wait! The Mini COGE has been an absolute highlight for all of us. We are now one of very few schools where all staff are fully trained in gifted and high potential education. I personally found the course to be one of the most rewarding and enriching professional learning experiences that I have engaged in over my many years as an educator and a learner.

## Playground Update

What a lovely surprise! We came out of the GERRIC Session in the Hall on Tuesday to find the fencing had been erected and the work had commenced on the current phase of the playground. The landscapers expect the work to be completed this week, although with the rain, this may have an effect. Below are a couple of photos of the work in progress.

**\*\*STOP PRESS\*\*** The playground is now complete and looking amazing. Fences to come down next week and more photos to follow.



## Assessment and Reporting to Parents

This week you will have received your child's Semester One report. Next week we will be holding parent teacher interviews by telephone. Each interview will be 10 minutes in length. Should you require more time, please call the office to arrange. A SZapp was sent out to parents and carers on Wednesday to advise of procedures for booking interviews. These bookings will close at 12.30pm on Friday this week.

## School Photographs

Our students all looked their very best for photographs on Tuesday this week. It was a shame about the weather, especially as we are using a new photography company and they would really like to have been able to showcase our beautiful grounds and perfect light. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a lovely sunny day on Tuesday 11 August when they return to take the special group photos.

## Powerful Project

Year 4 are due for their first off campus excursion this week as part of the Powerful Project. The endangered local animal that we are studying this year is the Eastern Pygmy Possum. Due to COVID restrictions some mentor aspects have had to be changed to avoid "cross pollination" between schools. Our mentors for the program are Year 9 students from Turramurra High School. The program will run for the entire term, culminating in a community awareness campaign and Expo at the end of the term.

## Cross Country Carnival

Everyone had such a great time on the last day of term. Although it was a student and teacher only event, I noticed a few parents enjoying the Carnival and cheering on their house from the comfort of their back gardens. Below are some photos of the event for your enjoyment.

## Gymnastics program

This program commences this term on Mondays and Tuesdays for all classes K-6. As there won't be a Spring Showcase this year, we will instead share some photos and videos of the children, probably through the website. I will advise when these are available for viewing.

## Uniform Survey results

Final votes are in: There were 114 responses. Navy 53%, Grey 47%.

Navy is the colour of choice so I will contact Peter at Excel Uniforms to start the production phase.

## New Student Orientation

All the orientation activities in their current format have been put on hold pending further advice from the Department. We have a virtual tour that will be released early next term and a virtual information evening that will be ready very soon. We are still looking at other virtual opportunities to help you and your child get to know the school. We will keep you informed at each stage.

## Enrol now for 2021

Enrolment forms are on the website if you haven't already enrolled. If you are leaving the school and will not be recommencing with us in 2021, please let us know as soon as possible. Term 3 is the time we start planning for the coming year, classes, teachers and physical resources and everything is dependent on the enrolment numbers. Thanks so much in advance.

Anticipated enrolments for 2021 are due to the Department of Education next week. Please complete the survey (sent via SZapp on Friday 31 July) indicating your enrolment status for next year ASAP and before next Wednesday. This is for everybody whether you are returning, leaving or unsure.

Have a safe and happy fortnight,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

## Schools News

### West Pymble Merit List

31 July 2020

Term 3, Week 2

KG	Elliott H	Hugo S	Stella L
KSB	Aahil C	Jay G	Alexandra E
K1/E	Ashton O	Maverick S	Penelope B
1K	Anika L	Charles M	Jack H
1/2F	Jackson W	Nina G	Tyler F
1/2W	Cooper L	Marcis L	Sienna S

2B	Dylan K	Edward J	Lotan S
3/4B	Hamish D	Ishika B	Kyra D
3/4F	Ethan C	Isra H	Sienna I
3/4N	Mila H	Matthew J	Eitam S
3/4OH	Alejandra S	Benjamin D	Chloe W
5/6H	Emma G	Maanya I	Thomas B
5/6SL	Ethan L	Poppy L	Stephanie C
5/6Y	Dimitry H	Lachlan B	Libby T

HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Bangal

MERIT AWARD: Oliver V 1K – Amy C KSB

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Sophie C 5/6Y – Maanya I 5/6H – Ethan G 2B – Satoshi K K/1E – Stephanie C 5/6SL – Ethan H 5/6H – Zachary Z K /1E – Lily D

## From the Office

Welcome back!

Term 3 Activity Statement of Accounts have been sent out this week. Due to COVID we didn't want to include excursion fees until we knew it was going ahead, please pay these fees at your earliest convenience. If you have any fees in advance, please allocate this money first to any of outstanding items.

Unfortunately the lost property pile has exploded again! This is a constant issue, would you please remind your child/ren to look in the lost property pile ASAP for their belongings. Next week any unnamed items will be donated to the second hand uniform shop or Stewart House.

Special Group photographs are scheduled for Tuesday 11 August. These include all sporting teams, Band and extra curricular. All students are to wear full winter uniform (including ties for boys). Performance Band, please bring your band uniform and instrument. Concert and Training band are to wear full winter uniform and bring their instruments. All sporting teams are to bring their sports uniform to change into.

As we had dreadful weather this week for our formal school photos, we will have the whole school photo taken on this day too. Please ensure all students are in their full winter uniform

(including ties for the boys) and arrive before the bell as the photo will be taken first thing (9:10am)

Kind regards,

Office Staff

## Library

### Library News

#### Premier's Reading Challenge

We now have 191 students who have finished the Reading Challenge. What a fantastic effort!

Congratulations to

KSB	Mason C, Berlin H, Otto W, Harvey B
1K	Jack H
1/2F	Thomas M, Eva L, Katherine R
2B	Oliver B, Ethan G, Charlyse M-C, Yerin N, Maya P
3/4B	Ryan O'D
3/4F	Evan B
3/4N	Mila H, Kingsley P, Shreyansh G, Jayden J, Ethan K, Rani S, Boris W, Hayley L
3/4OH	Stephanie E, Leila B, Kosta B, Ryan V
5/6H	Orr B, Hugo D, Harry M, Jazim S, Kayla S, Rosy W, Micah W, Lola B, Amelie P, Sophie M
5/6SL	Kateryna B
5/6Y	Samuel N, Paige C, Lachlan B, Hayden S

There is still a month to go, and in spite of the disjointed year, we have made fantastic progress. It would be amazing if all West Pymble students finish the Reading Challenge this year. We can do this!

Jane Matkovich  
Teacher Librarian

1800 021 233

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

ISSUE 5 BOOK CLUB KEEP KIDS READING

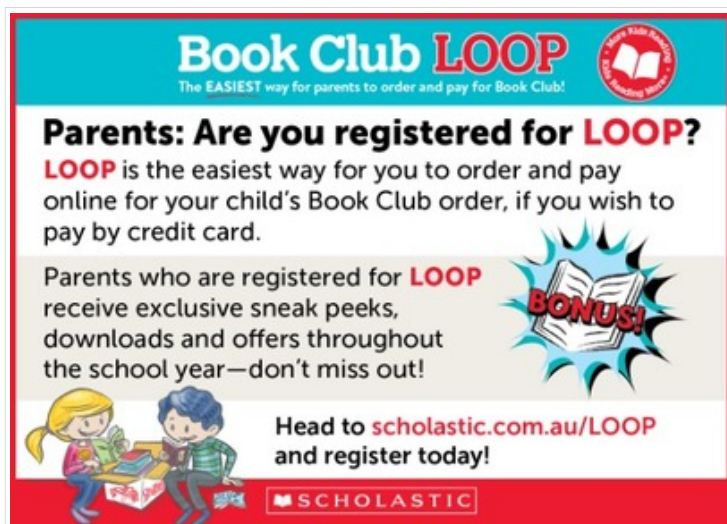
Issue 5 catalogues should go home with your child this week.

*The closing date for Issue 5 is Sunday 9th August, 2020*

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



**Book Club LOOP**  
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

**Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?**  
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

**BONUS!**

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

SCHOLASTIC

## 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.

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.

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

Piranha has taken over Koala popcorn and have unfortunately increased their prices. This means we need to increase our price to \$1.80 per packet.

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

Looking forward to preparing your children's lunches again!

The Canteen Team

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[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1574/2020\\_frozen\\_treats\\_menu\\_term\\_3.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1574/2020_frozen_treats_menu_term_3.pdf)

## P&C

Welcome back to Term 3 !!

We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing holiday and are ready for another busy term at school.

## P&C Meeting

With many COVID-19 restrictions still in place at the school we have made the decision to postpone the next meeting (Monday 3rd August) by a few weeks. Once a new date has been confirmed with the school we will advise details of the next virtual meeting.

If there is anything you would like to bring to the P&Cs attention before the next meeting please email: [secretary@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:secretary@wppspnc.com.au)

We continue to follow up on outstanding items from previous meetings and may be able to address some new items outside of scheduled meeting times. As the term progresses we'll keep you updated on any developments via email and the P&C section of the fortnightly school newsletter.

## Spell-a-thon

This week your child would have received information about the P&Cs main fundraising initiative for 2020. As all other fundraising has been cancelled for 2020, we're hoping our WPPS families can dig deep and support their child and our school for this event.

This term all WPPS students will be participating in the Spell-a-thon. This is a fun and educational fundraiser where students will be required to learn 10 spelling words which have been developed by their teachers. During the two week learning phase students are encouraged to collect sponsors to support them in their learning. Sponsors can choose to support your child on a per word basis or alternatively they can do a lump sum contribution.

On Tuesday, week 4, all students will sit the Spell-a-thon and be required to write their spelling words on a test paper. The P&C will collect the answer sheets and hand them back so that students and their sponsors know how much they are to contribute.

This is by no means a competitive activity. There are prizes for the classes with the most correctly spelled out words and prizes for the classes who raise the most money. Last year we raised over \$11,000 which is an amazing effort. Let's try and beat that this year!

Please keep an eye out for the hard copies of the attached information.

## Second Hand uniform stall

Due to the current situation we have not been able to run the second hand clothing stall. We are currently working through options to allow access to the stall and will advise as soon as a solution is found. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Thankyou

The P&C Team

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

President: Vanessa Thompson [president@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:president@wppspnc.com.au)

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Vice President: Lisa Corrigan [fundraising@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:fundraising@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](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and/or contact Lilliam Sheridan, [ethics.wpps@gmail.com](mailto:ethics.wpps@gmail.com) ph.0420204466

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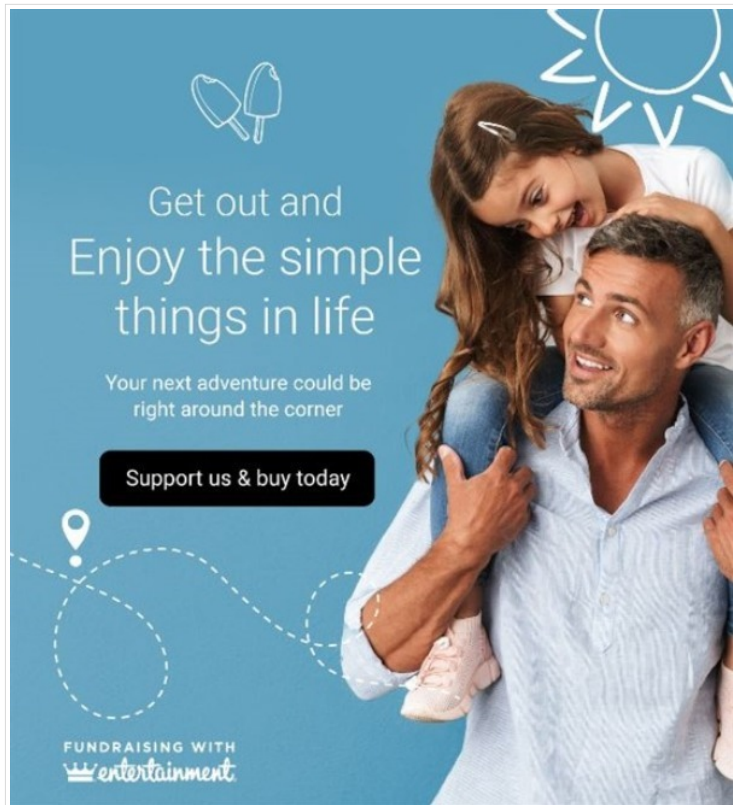
## Healthy Lunch Box

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/1565/hlb\\_promotional\\_flyer\\_july\\_2020.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1565/hlb_promotional_flyer_july_2020.pdf)

[Click here for Healthy Lunchbox Ideas](#)



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### The School App

[Installing\\_SZAPP.pdf](#)

## 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](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au).

### Chess

We have Beginner, Basic and Intermediate classes starting.

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1099/chess.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1099/chess.pdf)

### Art

Art Classes starting Term 3

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### Camerons Tennis School

Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803

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

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### St Matthews

### Community

