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3 April 2020

PBEL



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

Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we certainly are living in a new world.

I wanted to start by sending a huge thank you to all of you for supporting our school community in such a positive way in recent times. It has been an unprecedented few months for everyone with drought, fire, flood and now this pandemic, and the staff have greatly appreciated the many ways that you have been showing your kindness and support for the school. I wanted also to thank you for the wonderful job that you are doing on the home front. Your children will continue with their learning because of all that you, under the expert guidance of our teachers, are doing in this area. Always remember though,

that this is all new for our children too. Sometimes, they won't want to engage in the set activities. That is okay. Engage them in lots of play based activity and physical movement.

Sometimes they might just want to have some quiet time. The attention span of a child is roughly equal to their age, so for a five year old, this will be about five minutes, for a 12 year old, this will be approximately 12 minutes. Of course, every child is different, but try not to expect too much. Change their activities and rotate through exercise, play, fresh air and indoor activities and ensure a balance between active and passive times. Use household experiences to help them reinforce various concepts, for example, bake a cake together and ask your child to help you identify the ingredients in your pantry (word recognition) or measure them out (maths). This is of course age dependent on how much they can do in this space. Come back to their learning from home assigned tasks after a brain break.

Mrs Feldman sent out some very useful resources on Wellbeing. These activities and ideas are great to use as brain breaks and simply to have a bit of fun with your child. Mrs Greenwood has sent out some useful information relating to the library, please see flyer later in the newsletter.

Home Learning Devices

Thank you so much for your phenomenal response to our "IT Ready" survey. I have sent this information to the DoE for supplementation of our school resources. We should be ready to start distribution of devices etc early next week, if not before. I will keep you updated about Student Loans in this area.

Vacation Care

I received an email regarding the need for Vacation Care. I have sent this to you via SZapp. It is time sensitive, and the survey closes at close of business on Friday 3 April, so if you haven't completed it yet and you need vacation care, please complete this survey as a matter of urgency.

WPPS continues to operate and continues to be dedicated to achieving the best educational opportunities for our students. For the safety our staff, our children and our community, we thank you for keeping your children at home if at all possible. Our teachers are rostered either as on duty at school or on

duty elsewhere and are engaged in supervising students who are still attending school, preparing learning materials or making contact with students and parents.

We will be in regular contact with you via SZapp alerts, SeeSaw, email and the school website. My best wishes go to everyone during this very difficult time.

Please continue to stay safe, healthy, positive and connected.

Ms Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Oscar L K/1E – Charlotte N 1F – Amelia B 3/4B – Isra H 3/4F – Edward W 5/6Y

3 April 2020

Term 1, Week 10

Schools News

West Pymble Merit List

20 March 2020

Term 1, Week 8

KG	Nesara K	Samuel T	Harrison L
KSB	Saskia H	Jua M	
K1/E	Ashton O	Daud I	Matthew J
1K	Angelina S	Oliver V	Thomas W
1/2F	Emily M	Cooper L	Lennox L
1/2W	Emily B	Isaak L	Katherine R
2B	Maya P	Emma L	Thomas M
3/4B	Arron T	Kyra D	Lachlan B
3/4F	Ethan C	Sennia I	Tia W
3/4N	Sydney F	Bethany R	Matthew J
3/4OH	Benjamin D	Chloe W	Luke A
5/6H	Jack C	Sarah P	Hugo D
5/6SL			
5/6Y	Dimitry H	Emily C	Charlie B

HOUSE OF THE WEEK: BANGAL

MERIT AWARD: Benjamin D 3/4OH – Oscar L K/1E – Yushaa K 3/4B

KG	Stella L	Caleb K	Doris L
KSB	Harvey B	Dani M	Amy C
K1/E	Mackenzie L	Penelope B	Tyler M
1K	Jack H	Neil V	Remy L
1/2F	Jessica B	Nicholas E	Sophie C
1/2W	Abigail M	Liam S	Luca D
2B	Elodie N	Oliver B	Thomas M
3/4B	Ruby B	Niamh M	Yushaa K
3/4F	Matthew M	Olivia T	Veda R
3/4N	Harrison T	Gerard B	Madeleine M
3/4OH	Alejandra S	Oscar B	Stephanie E
5/6H	Emma G	Henry M	Maeve G
5/6SL	Chaya B	Eloise P	Zachary L
5/6Y	Ewan S	Lachlan M	Ruby B

From the Office

The office will remain open for the remainder of the term 9:00am to 3:00pm if you need to email or call us and will reopen on Monday 27 April 9:00am to 3:00pm. Stay healthy, safe and positive.

Library

Library News and Premier's Reading Challenge Update

It is very pleasing to see that our students are still reading and finishing the Reading Challenge. Congratulations to the following students who have taken our numbers up to 38.

KB	Saskia H
K/1E	Isabel O'D, Chloe O
1B	Angelina S
2B	Sofia K
3/4B	Ella C, Olivia C, Ruby B-G
3/4F	Fergus B-G, Ethan C, Lachlan B
5/6SL	Adam W
5/6Y	Lachlan B, Zara O, Ewan S

It is also great to see most of our students have started adding books to their individual reading records. Audio books can be counted as well.

There are a number of ways to still enjoy reading. Check out YouTube and authors' websites to find many children's authors sharing their books or being interviewed. David Walliams for example is reading a story a day from his collection of tales.

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>. You will find some great free and fun literacy activities based on his books here as well.

Another great source is Ku-ring-gai Library. While the actual library is closed, the e-library is very active. See the Ku-ring-gai Council website for more details.

Happy reading and keep safe.

Jane Matkovich

Teacher Librarian

P&C

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope that you're all safe and healthy and doing well at home.

In the lead up to the events of the past week, the P&C had been working closely with the school to make decisions regarding P&C operations and events. We have been following the advice of the school, Department of Education, NSW Health and the P&C Federation to ensure the health and safety of our students, teachers and school community.

With these new developments, we felt it was appropriate to advise the community of the status of P&C related areas. Below is an update for events across term 1 and 2. Please note that as this situation is developing rapidly, we will do our best to advise changes as soon as possible.

Band

As of Friday 20th March, all band rehearsals ceased temporarily. Music lessons were temporarily stopped from Wednesday 25th March.. Please refer to communication directly from your band co-ordinators in relation to any other matters.

Band camp that was scheduled for May has been postponed. Further details will be provided in due course

Canteen:

As per schoolzine app communication, the decision had been made to close the canteen as of Tuesday 24th March for the rest of the term.

The end of term sausage sizzle is cancelled. For families that have already purchased, we will provide a refund to your school24 account.

General Meetings

P&C General Meetings have been postponed until further notice. The P&C Federation will provide guidance on this matter.

Events in Term 1

All events in Term 1 one have been postponed or cancelled. Please refer to Schoolzine app for status on school events.

Events in Term 2:

The school will advise the status of Term 2 events.

- Second Hand uniform stall has been postponed until further notice. If you have items to donate, please temporarily hold off on bringing these to school as we currently do not have the capacity to accept more items. We are considering alternatives for this and will advise further.
- Mother's Day Stall is scheduled for 6th May (week 2, term 2). As we still don't know how this situation will evolve into term 2, we have held off communications on this and will advise as soon as a decision has been made.
- Trivia Night - a decision will be made after Easter with consideration given to postponing the event to later in the year.
- Bottle recycling - cancelled until further notice
- Morning and afternoon teas – postponed until events are rescheduled

With events either cancelled or postponed this year, our fundraising targets will be affected. We will continue to monitor the situation in order to meet our pledge targets. The great news is that the playground upgrade has not been affected and is scheduled to go ahead this year with funding from the school, grants and the P&C.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email: president@wppspnc.com.au

Thankyou,

The P&C Executive Team

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

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The School App

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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 Liliam Sheridan, ethics.wpps@gmail.com ph.0420204466

Liliam Sheridan

Out of School Hours News

The New Child Care Package
Starts 2 July 2019

What you need to do

- ✓ Sign into your Centrelink online account through myGov
- ✓ Select **Complete your Child Care Subsidy** assessment task.
- ✓ Work through the steps to **provide new information** and confirm your current details.

Get ready for the new Child Care Subsidy. Get online now.

From 2 July 2019, the child care fee assistance your family receives will change.

Your information **does not automatically rollover** to the new system and you may not receive any subsidy if your assessment is not completed.

Login now to complete your online form now through [myGov](https://my.gov.au)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO
www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-transition-families

Uniform Shop Open Hours

Due to social distancing the Uniform shop is no longer open, however you can order online. All the information 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

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