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3 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

### Playground

Thank you for supporting the students and teachers in implementing

PBEL and our fortnightly focus.



## Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you for your overwhelming and continued support. Our partnerships are what makes WPPS a truly unique and wonderful school. This really comes to the fore

during times of unpredictability such as we have seen during 2020. As we approach the end of Term 2, I wish to advise you of upcoming arrangements for Term 3 and beyond.

### STAFFING

Due to the advent of COVID many staffing arrangements have changed. We have carefully considered a range of options that will best benefit the school and provide the least disruption to programs for the students. The following arrangements will apply from the beginning of Term and continue through to the end of the year:

- Mrs Ashton will not be returning from maternity leave this year.
- Ms La Rosa will be taking maternity leave as of the end of Term 3.
- Mr Benedet will continue in his current roles of floating casual and School Plan Coordinator until Ms La Rosa takes leave and will then be job sharing with Mr Simpson on 5/6SL for three days per week. He will also be taking on the role of New Arrivals Program (NAP) teacher for one day per week as of the start of the term, working intensively with a group of students who are newly arrived in Australia and require intensive English language instruction. He will be coordinating the development of the WPPS School Plan 2021-2024, initially for as many days as are available and then for one day per week. This involves extensive collaboration with all members of the school community and will set our School Plan in place for the next four years. He continues in his substantive role of Assistant Principal.
- Mr Graham will continue as class teacher on 2B.
- Mr Bedford continues as class teacher of 3/4B.
- Mr Simpson continues in the role of Assistant Principal for two and a half days per week, teaching 5/6SL for 2.5 days per week and 2.5 days per week on higher duties as Deputy Principal. When Ms La

Rosa takes her maternity leave, he will change to 2 days per week Assistant Principal on class 5/6SL and 3 days per week Acting Deputy Principal

- Miss Feltscheer and Mrs Favell will continue in their roles of Relieving or Acting Assistant Principals.
- Ms Smales continues in her substantive role of Assistant Principal.
- All other staffing arrangements remain in place.

## GERRIC

The first two days of Term 3 have been set for staff as professional learning days at WPPS. Monday 20 July is a state-wide designated Staff Professional Learning Day. Tuesday 21 July, our second day of the GERRIC Mini-COGE (Certificate of Gifted Education), is designated as students returning to school for Term 3 for government schools, however, it will be a little different for WPPS this year. Thank you to all those parents who responded to our survey to let us know you will be keeping your children home on this day. Remote learning opportunities will be available to you via See Saw and Google Classroom. There will be casual teachers engaged to continue at school learning for those students who attend. Approximately 50% of our parents responded to our survey with a great majority indicating they would be keeping their children home on the Tuesday. Thank you to our community for acknowledging the importance of this professional learning and providing us the avenue to engage in such valuable professional learning. This will be of benefit to all our students as it has as one of its foci, differentiation, an aspect of classroom teaching and learning that is essential for all students. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

## CURRICULUM REVIEW

You may be aware that the NSW curriculum has recently undergone a major review, the first in 30 years. I have included a fact sheet for parents and carers below for your information.

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1532/curriculum\\_review\\_fact\\_sheet\\_for\\_parents\\_and\\_carers.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1532/curriculum_review_fact_sheet_for_parents_and_carers.pdf)

## K-2 FINISHING TIMES

Starting Term 3, our K-2 students will be dismissed at the normal time of 3:10pm each afternoon. Gates will be locked each morning just after bell time of 9:10am to ensure that no visitors or parents are on site. If you are a late arrival or early departure, please come to the Tristania Avenue entrance and ring the office. A staff member will come out to greet you. As always, we urge that you deliver your child to school before 9:10am each day, unless there are extenuating circumstances. You can use the keypad at the gate to call the office if you so wish. While staff supervision on gates will be scaled back, there will still be some additional supervision on Gate duty.

## PARENTS/VISITORS ON SITE

COVID restrictions continue to prohibit any parents or visitors on site with the exception of authorised visitors such as music tutors, community users of school facilities, canteen helpers and the uniform shop workers. This is under consideration during Term 3 by the DoE and Health Department and I will advise you of any changes if and when they come to hand.

All authorised external visitors to a school site are required to sign the *External Visitors to the School Site form* each time they visit the school site. This form has been updated and acts as evidence that the visitor is aware of, and will abide by their obligations to comply with the health advice of the day, including hygiene and distancing requirements. The visitor must provide personal contact information to the school to be used in an emergency or when performing contact tracing if required. Schools should keep the form securely and confidentially for a period of 4 weeks.

## MADDY'S DAY

On Thursday this week, WPPS fondly remembered Maddy Gladen, a kind, caring and very much valued former student, who passed away just 12 months ago at the age of 14. Maddy put up a brave battle with cancer. We wore a touch of blue, Maddy's favourite colour and donated a gold coin to Bear Cottage, where Maddy spent her final days. Our total was \$700, a great effort from the students, staff and community of West Pymble PS. Thank you to all for supporting Maddy's Day and Bear Cottage.

## CROSS COUNTRY SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Our school Cross Country Carnival was held today. This carnival does not lead to Zone, Area, State or National Championships, as all these have been cancelled by the PSSA this year.

## PSSA

PSSA inter-school competitions resume in Term 3. Once again these are student only events, whether in school or at other venues.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A number of intra-school activities will resume in Term 3, Gymnastics, Choir, Dance, Games Zone and PSSA training.

## RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Until further advice from the DoE and Health Department, this will remain on hold.

Our priority, as always, remains the continued health, safety and wellbeing of all students and staff. Thank you for your support and understanding throughout this time, it is very much appreciated.

## GIRLS' UNIFORM SURVEY

Due to the small number of parents who have responded to the initial survey the results are inconclusive, although navy did present as the favoured choice with parents.

This week we have a final uniform survey which I urge everyone to respond to, the option is navy or grey. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter. This survey will close promptly at 3pm on Monday 6 July.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR ENGAGING LEARNERS

West Pymble Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Engaging Learners school. Our school expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Safety are deeply entrenched across our site. Our focus since returning to school has been on playground expectations and routines.

From the beginning of Term 3 we will be looking at "Taking Responsibility for our Belongings" which includes wearing our school uniform with pride.

In order to support the school, we ask that you make sure all your children's belongings are correctly and clearly labelled with the current owner's name. If belongings are labelled we are able to return them.

When our students return at the beginning of Term 3 they will do so wearing their clean and pressed full winter school uniform. Refer to the Week 8 Virtual Assembly video for details. We ask that students wear black school shoes with their school uniform. No jewellery such as long earrings, bracelets and necklaces. A reminder that student's hair should be tied back if sitting on the shoulders. Children with very long fringes should clip their hair back.

Term 3 is a great opportunity to get back into the habit of taking care of our belongings and wearing our school uniform with pride. We thank you in advance for your support.

Have a restful and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you back in Term 3.

Kind Regards,  
Bronwyn Wilson  
Principal



## West Pymble Merit List

3 July 2020

Term 2, Week 10

KG	Emily V	Meeka N	Mohammad P
KSB	Cielle C	Jay G	Leroy H
K1/E	Mackenzie L	Noah K	Oscar L
1K	Ayaan W	David D	Lucas M
1/2F	Christian F	Mia P	Zachary O
1/2W	Ari C	Lucas M	Willow A
2B	Dylan K	Emma L	Ethan G
3/4B	Amelia B	Annabelle S	Sean M
3/4F	Aashi C	Henry B	Kyan P
3/4N	Bethany R	Harrison T	Madeleine M
3/4OH	Indiana I	Konstantin B	Matilda B
5/6H	Jodie M	Lola B	Tom B

## Schools News

### Young Archie 2020

Congratulations to our very own Artist in Residence. We are very proud of your portrait, of Lisa your au pair who sadly passed away from a brain tumour at the age of 21 in April.

5/6SL	Elijah C	Liam S	Max C
5/6Y	Charlie B	Lachlan B	Libby T

HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Munda

MERIT AWARD: Satoshi K K/1E, Maddison E 1/2W, Lennex L 1/2W

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Hannah L 3/4N, Ethan C 3/4F, Indiana I 3/4OH, Jyotsna I K/1E, Macklyn O 1/2W, Oscar B 3/4OH, Madeleine R 5/6Y, Oliver L 2B

We now have 158 students finished. There are still two months to go, so let's see if all students can finish this year.

Enjoy The holidays and happy reading.

Jane Matkovich

Maria Greenwood

## Canteen

Dear parents and caregivers,

We are very excited to announce the reopening of the Canteen!

Until further notice the Canteen will be open on **Thursday and Friday** 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.

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)

## From the Office

Enjoy your well earned break. Stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

The office will be re-open on Monday 20 July at 8:30am.

## Library

### Library News

Congratulations to the following students who finished the PRC over the last fortnight:

KSB	Daniella M
1K	Remy L, Jake M, Lincoln W
1/2W	Emma M
1/2F	Heidi H
2B	Felix C, Edward J, Isabelle T
3/4B	Euan G, Niamh M
3/4N	Sydney F
5/6H	Miles E, Maeve G, Maanya I, Emma G, Ethan H, Dragan J
5/6SL	Rylie W
5/6Y	Adele L

## P&C

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Canteen for Term 3

The school canteen will be reopening next term on Thursdays and Fridays for over the counter sales and online orders for both lunch and afternoon tea.

If there are any parents or carers who would like to volunteer on one of those days please send an email to: [canteencoordinator@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:canteencoordinator@wppspnc.com.au)

It is a great way to get involved and support the school

### 2020 Spellathon

We will be running the Spellathon again this year in Week 4 of Term 3. As we were not able to run Trivia Night, this will be our major fundraising initiative for 2020 so please support us.

In our 2019 Spellathon we raised an amazing \$11,000 so let's try and beat this total! Keep an eye out for more details early Term 3.

## Back to school transition

A big thankyou goes to Bronwyn and all the staff for such a smooth return to school earlier this term. It's been a challenging year and we appreciate all of your hard work. Hope you all have a great holiday and some well deserved rest.

We would also like to wish all families a wonderful and safe holiday. See you in Term 3.

Thankyou

P&C

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

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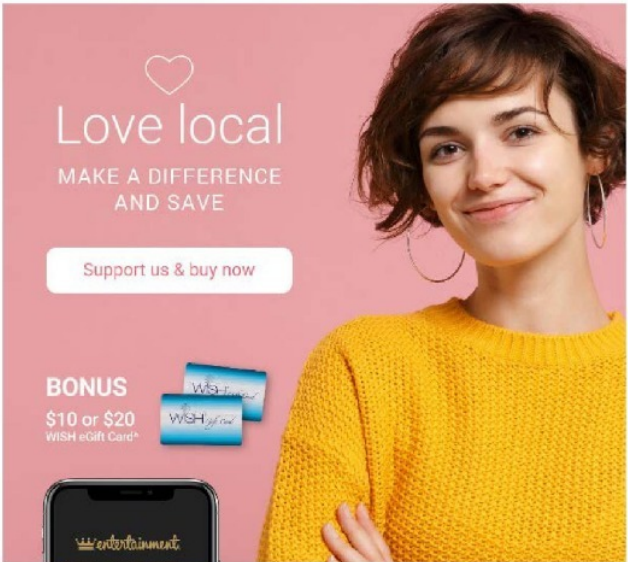
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## Community News



### 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 Liliam Sheridan, [ethics.wpps@gmail.com](mailto:ethics.wpps@gmail.com) ph.0420204466

Liliam Sheridan

### 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)

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[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



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