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4 December 2020

Happy Campers

Kindergarten 2021

Kindergarten 2021 Information

The Department of Education is changing the enrolment process and will now be online. The Online Enrolment System has been available since Monday 23 November. To access this, please go to our website to enrol.

The happy campers have returned, somewhat weary but all safe and sound. They enjoyed a cram packed, fun filled experience at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens earlier this week and are now ready to buckle down into the homeward run for 2020.

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day plans are in full swing! A huge thank you to everyone who has played their part in the preparations but especially to Miss Lauren Feltscheer and Mr Tim Simpson, who have coordinated the K-2 and Years 3-6 sections respectively. It has been a mammoth effort especially when one considers that not all that long ago, we were in doubt as to whether it would be able to go ahead at all! It will be livestreamed and along with recognition of many outstanding achievements, the announcement of the new student leadership team and staff changes, there will be some video clips of our performing arts groups for you to enjoy. I would also like to thank and congratulate the outgoing student leadership team, Lola, Lachlan, Ruby and Chad, for their efforts and support throughout the year. They have done an amazing job in all respects, despite the uncertainty of what might be around the corner. Please join us on Monday morning at 9:30am via livestream for the K-2 section followed by Years 3-6 at 11:00am.

PBEL

PBEL At Bell Time

 AT BELL TIME	
Be Responsible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We respond to the music before the bell ✓ We line up quietly in our designated area ✓ We bring our belongings with us
Be Respectful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We listen to and follow the teachers instructions
Be Safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We walk on hard surfaces ✓ We wait sensibly

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

Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Term

Despite popular opinion, we do keep our children working until the last day. It is not a time to cease programs or ease off in any way. Every day at school is a valuable learning day. While there are lots of festive activities happening, equally there is social and curriculum learning taking place as well as activities to ensure a smooth transition into the coming year for your child. If your child is absent over the next week and a half, they are likely to miss much valuable learning time.

P&C AGM

The final P&C meeting for the year was held on Monday evening. I would like to thank the outgoing P&C Executive team, led by President Vanessa Thompson, for the enormous amount of work they have done over the last two years to support the education of our children. Congratulations to the incoming Executive team, led by President Lonii Broers. I am looking forward to working closely with the new team in 2021 on lots of new and exciting initiatives.

Opportunity Class Test

Congratulations to all the students who sat the Opportunity Class test last Wednesday at school. Your behaviour and ability to maintain test conditions were impressive. Results will be published in January 2021 and sent directly to your homes.

Apollo Ave

There is new signage and additional road markings in Apollo Avenue to assist with Kiss and Drop. Thank you to Tamara Leo for contacting KMC Road Safety Officer Maria Leotta and working closely with her to initiate the changes. There is now a line on the road to indicate where cars should wait before entering the turning circle. This is to prevent tailgating and other unsafe practices which inhibit clear visibility of the road. There is also additional signage to this effect. Please be aware of these new safety measures to ensure the ongoing safety of our children.

Storm Damage

If you are not already aware, we have sustained storm damage to the Tristania Avenue gates. Students are required to enter the school via the driveway and not the pedestrian path which is blocked. We hope to have this situation remedied soon as it is now in the hands of Assets and the Department's insurance company.

COVID Update

We look forward to the further easing of COVID restrictions in the new year. As these guidelines are complex, they are taking careful consideration to digest and are a constant state of flux. I will let you know early in the new school year about restrictions on parents and visitors entering the school grounds. At this stage it appears to be drop off at the gates and leave in the morning and in the afternoon it will be the same procedure in reverse, collect and leave, but I will confirm these guidelines for you at a later date.

Holiday Message

I hope that after this topsy turvy year, our whole school community takes the opportunity to refresh, relax and spend valuable time with families. Congratulations to everyone who has not only survived 2020 but who has grown and thrived.

This year has been one of disruption but also one of great opportunity to re-examine what we do, how we do it and why we do it. It has also been a year to develop many new skills, independence, resilience, social and emotional maturity, technology and additionally for us as educators, our pedagogy in delivering a true future focused education. Collaboration, communication, creativity, curiosity and critical thinking and problem solving (the 5Cs) have really established their prominence in education. During remote learning, our children were afforded the opportunity to play more and of course it is through play that these skills are developed and consolidated. During this break, I urge everyone to play more. Regardless of how old we are, play is crucial. I am reminded of a quote from George Bernard Shaw who said "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

Although this is the last full New Weekly for the year, we will have our Christmas edition ready for you in Week 10. There will be a number of staff changes for 2021 which I will share with you then. They will also be announced in the Presentation Day Ceremony livestream.

Remember that we have two Staff Development Days at the start of Term 1 2021, with students in Years 1-6 returning on Friday 29 January. Kindergarten students will commence on Wednesday 3 February after completing their Best Start Assessments.

For any safety and security concerns, please contact Hornsby Police on (02) 9476 9799 or School Security on 1300 880 021 and please also remember that school grounds are private property and are classified as Inclosed Lands. Only staff have authorisation to be on the school site at any time. I know that many neighbours have gates opening onto the school grounds, but please refrain from using these as you will be trespassing.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all back in 2021. Don't forget to look out for our special holiday edition of the New Weekly the week after next.

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

Up Coming Events

Monday 7 December - Presentation Day K - 6 (Livestreamed No Parents)

Wednesday 9 December - Mystery Day Out

Friday 11 December - Recognition Day - No parents

Monday 14 December - Year 6 Graduation

Monday 14 December - Fundraiser Drought in Australia

Tuesday 15 December - Class Parties

Wednesday 16 December - Talent Fest

Wednesday 16 December - LAST DAY (for Students)

Great Aussie Bush Camp 2020

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP!!!!

On the 30th of November, Stage 3 took a super long bus trip to Tea Gardens for the Great Aussie Bush Camp. We stayed for 3 exciting days and endured many thrilling activities. We were put into 3 groups and worked together in teams. We stayed in cabin like tent things with 6 bunk beds in each. Most tents had 4 to 9 people in them and were stinking hot.

We had so much fun on all the hair-raising and gripping activities, which included the Giant Swing, Rock Climbing, and loads more. We all got a chance to push ourselves out of our comfort zones and encouraged our friends to do so as well. Nearly everyone had the courage this year to have a go on every activity, even if they didn't go all the way to the top. Especially Miss Hall, who was brave enough to go on the Giant Swing herself!

We had loads of fun and are very grateful to the teachers for preparing it. Although it was postponed (for 3 terms) due to COVID-19 and were uncertain that it would actually happen, Mr. Simpson managed to find a way.

Thank you to Mr. Simmo, Miss. Hall, Miss. Yee, Mr Byers and Mr. Noble (filling in for an unwell Mr. Benedet), we all had a great time!

Terrific Tuesday

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS!

We would like to advise all Students, Parents and Staff that Terrific Tuesdays will be launching in week 2 of Term 4.

Terrific Tuesdays will involve the sale of yummy frozen treats from the canteen in the second half of lunch.

Terrific Tuesdays will be run by Year 6 to raise money towards the end of year gift to the school.

Frozen treats will be priced between
\$1.00 - \$2.50

Dairy Free options will be available



We look forward to keeping you cool on Tuesdays!

Thank you for your support!

West Pymble Merit List

4 December 2020

Term 4, Week 8

KG	Anika J	Hugo S	Oliver J
KSB	Berlin H	Hannah P	Tyler W
K1/E	Maverick S	Noah K	Oscar L
1K	Emer M	Jack H	Lucas M
1/2F	Christian F	Grace C	Isaak L
1/2W	Lucas M	Sienna S	Willow A
2B	Teo B	Felix C	Isabelle T
3/4B	Owen R	Euan G	Callan R
3/4F	Airlie S	Rachel L	Jacob O
3/4N	Eliya W	Bethany R	Heston B
3/4OH	Stephanie E	Marshal S	Rose C
5/6H	Amelie P	Jazim S	Maeve G
5/6SL	Adam W	Miriam D	Elijah C
5/6Y	Hamish M	Sophie C	William W

Specialist Teacher	Penelope B Lily R	Stephanie E Kayla S
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HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Bangal

MERIT AWARD: Logan L 1/2W, Leila B 3/4OH, Remy L 1K, Zachary O 1/2W

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : William W 3/4F, Charlie B 5/6Y, William A 5/6S x2, Kingsley P 3/4N, Ryan W 3/4F, Erina K 3/4F, Krystal C 1/2F, Logan L 1/2W, Zachary O 1/2W, Heidi H 1/2F, Oscar P 1/2W, Solomon R 1/2W, Stella L KG, Mohammad P KG, Ruby B K/1E, Ashton O K1/E,

Enrolments Online

FAQs about the Online Enrolment process.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1944/faqs_enrolments_online.pdf

Lachlan M, Zara O, Eloise P-M, Madeleine R, Hayden S, Rylie W.

Jane Matkovich
Teacher Librarian

Library News

Library News

After many years at West Pymble PS, this is my final newsletter item. My time here as Teacher Librarian has been a large and enjoyable part of my life, and I hope I have been able to instil a lifelong love of reading for pleasure as well as for knowledge in the students I have taught. There have been many memorable experiences, including many author/illustrator visits, book parades with such imaginative and creative costumes, treasure hunts, book fairs and trivia competitions, as well as our involvement in the Sydney Writers' Festival School Days program for senior students. We even managed to move the library as part of the BER program. That seems so long ago now.

Thank you to all the staff for their continual support over the years. You are the best!

Thank you to the P & C as well as the wider community for your generous support of our library through funding, donations and Book Fairs. We have one of the most well resourced primary school libraries in the area. Finally, thank you for the privilege of teaching your children.

I wish you all a safe and happy Festive Season. No doubt I will see some of you around the local area in the years to come.

Premier's Reading Challenge Update

We had the best year ever for the PRC. Students who have now finished 1, 2, 3, 5 or 6 Challenges will receive a regular certificate. Students who have now finished 4 Challenges receive a Gold certificate. Congratulations to the following students for achieving Gold level.

Year 3 Zachary A, Henry B, Oscar B, Ella c, Rosie C, Sol C, Ben D, Kyra D, Stephanie E, Siena F, Abigail G, James H, Nicholas H, Yushaa K, Hayley L, Hannah L, Matthew M, Ryan O'D, Noah O, Bethany R, Lily R, Marshal S, Annabelle S, Harry T, Ryan V, Lachlan V, Ryan W, Chloe W, Dylan Y.

Year 4 Amelia B, Henry B, Sydney F, Kyan P, Tanishka S, Alejandra S-M, Eliya W.

Year 5 Orr B, Lillyanna H, Aaron L, Kayla S, Harry M.

Year 6 Lola B, Stephanie C, Lily D, Sophie M.

Students who complete seven Challenges receive a Platinum Certificate. Congratulations to the following Year 6 students.

Ruby B, Max C, Paige C, Aidan E, Madelyn G, Emma G, Avril H, Ethan H, Adele L, Zachary L, Holly Mcl, Jodie M, Henry M,



STOCK TAKE time for the LIBRARY

Please check under your bed, in the car,
at Nan's, in your brother's or sister's rooms,
in the lounge room, in your tub at school,
on the book shelf in your classroom and return
your library books to the library ASAP.

Thank you

Library Staff

WPPS Band

Training Band enrolments 2021 - Notice for Year 2 parents

We are proud at West Pymble of our strong band program starting in Year 3 with the Training Band. Our music directors, Key Music, have visited classrooms in recent weeks to show children the instruments of the band. Year 2 children should have brought home an information sheet with details of how to enrol. If your child is interested in joining band please register at www.myschoolband.com.au/enrol. There is no commitment at this stage but registering will allow us to provide you with further information early next year about the program. Some further general information is available at <https://www.wppspnc.com.au/band>. Otherwise please contact us at wppsband@gmail.com with any queries.

Message from the Office

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank all our wonderful parents for their support during what has been a very different school year with

lots of changes but we have made it to the end of 2020 - Yay!
Looking forward to seeing you all in 2021.

We'd like to wish all our beautiful Year 6 students all the very best for the next phase of their school life - good luck and we'll miss you.

To all families leaving us next year, all the very best of luck for your future endeavours and adventures.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Michelle, Dawn, Emma and Amanda x

New P&C Executive Committee 2021-2022

We are excited to announce the new P&C Executive Committee for 2021-2022 as follows:

President - Lonii Broers

Vice President - Paula Stokoe

Secretary - Qasima Hugo

Treasurer - Tricia Wright

Communications Officer - Amanda Tyler

Uniform Shop

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

UNIFORM SHOP WEST PYMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Uniform Shop Hours

Regular Opening Time

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Tuesdays & 8:30 am - 10:00am Thursdays

Opening Hours Term 1 2021

28 Jan 21	Thursday	8:30 am - 10:00 am
29 Jan 21	Friday	8:30 am - 10:00 am
01 Feb 21	Monday	8:30 am - 10:00 am
02 Feb 21	Tuesday	2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Then Opens		
2:00pm - 3:30pm Tuesdays & 8:30am - 10:00am Thursdays		

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www.exceluniforms.com.au

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

On behalf of the 2019-2020 P&C Executive; Vanessa, Natasha, Lisa, Tamara, Jen & Anjali, we would like to wish the new P&C executive and their wider team all the very best over the next 2 years. Being on the P&C has been a rewarding and valuable experience and a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the spirit and culture of our school community. We have all enjoyed our time in the P&C and thank you all for the help and support you have provided us.

P&C General Meeting minutes

The minutes from the 26th October P&C General meeting and the December 2019 AGM minutes have been approved and are available at: <https://www.wppspnc.com.au/meetingminutes>

Athlete's Foot

Thank you to everyone who headed in to Athlete's Foot in Top Ryde and Macquarie Centre to purchase their school shoes this year.

\$5 for every pair of shoes sold (including school, sports and adult shoes) is donated to the school just by mentioning you're from WPPS. This year we have received \$400 which is a fantastic result given the year we have had. Every dollar counts and helps us to achieve our fundraising goals.

Don't forget to head into Athlete's foot this January when you're shopping for new shoes!



Thank you for your support.

End of term Sausage Sizzle

Our end of term sausage sizzle will be held on Friday 11th December. Please visit the school24 website and place your order under EVENTS.

Orders will close on Wednesday 9th December at 8am.

The usual Summer Lunch Menu will not be available but the Canteen will be open as per usual for over the counter snacks and ice blocks at lunchtime and afternoon tea.

Canteen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

No need to bring your own lunch to the Swimming Carnival! The Canteen is offering you 2 Meal Deals and they will be delivered to the Ku-ring-gai Aquatic Centre. The Meal Deals are also available for students who are not participating in the Swimming Carnival and staying at school.

Please order via the School24 website and click on 'Events'.



This term the canteen will still only be open on Thursdays and Fridays. Online orders and over the counter sales will be available at both lunchtime and afternoon tea.

We are not serving breakfast yet, but we have brought back Up & Go which you can now order online for lunch and afternoon tea.

Our summer menu is now available with fresh fruit salad, caesar salad and a new flavour fruit snack cup: pineapple! You can now also order sushi for afternoon tea.

On Fridays you can order a GREEN Meal Deal which includes sushi of your choice, a salad bag and a juice.

Thankyou

The Canteen Team


https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1786/canteen_menu_term_4.pdf

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

Click below for how to order school lunches.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1763/school24.pdf

Out Of School Care



WPOOSC
Casual Places

Do you have an early meeting or need a shopping day, or maybe you are meeting friends for a Christmas celebration and want the afternoon free, we have casual places available at Before & After School Care.

Call us on **9418 1918** or email coordinator@wpoosc.com.au

Macquarie University Holiday Program

Volunteer to teach 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 Liliam Sheridan, 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/1845/food_safety_snippet_t4_w6.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1847/food_safety_snippet_t4_w6.pdf

Community News

Basketball

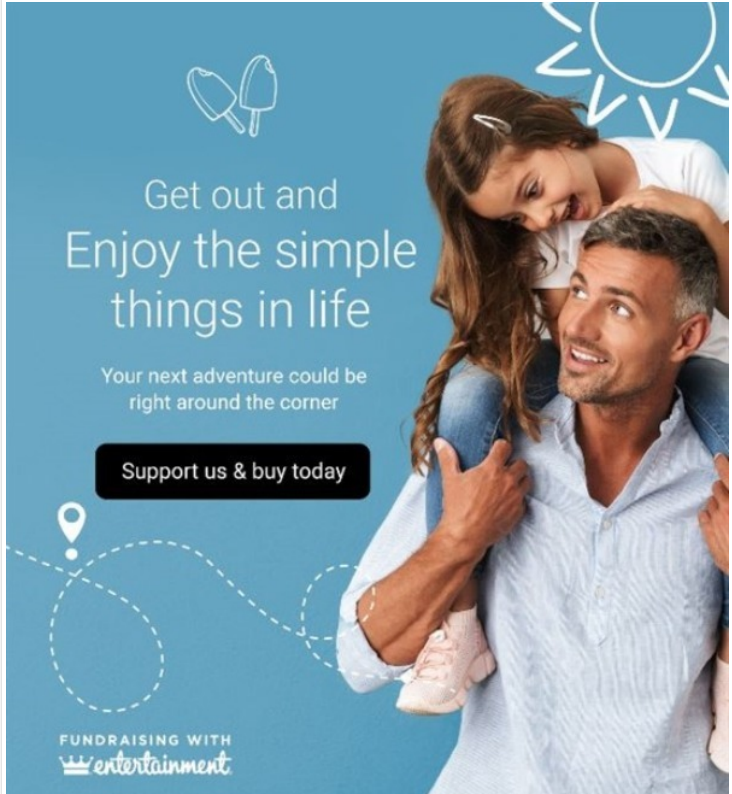
We are looking for new players for the new season starting early in Term 1 of 2021

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Entertainment Book



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things in life

Your next adventure could be
right around the corner

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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/1785/chess_term_4_2020_flyer_for_west_pymble_ps.pdf

Art

Art Classes

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

Camerons Tennis School

Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803

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