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smooth as possible. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you!

PBEL

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

IN THE PLAYGROUND	
Be Responsible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We place our rubbish in bins ✓ We use equipment sensibly
Be Respectful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We share friends, equipment and space ✓ We are kind and considerate to others ✓ We listen to and follow teachers' instructions
Be Safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We wear our hats ✓ We choose sensible games and equipment ✓ We walk on hard surfaces ✓ We stay in bounds ✓ If we arrive at school early, we wait on the silver seats until the teacher comes on duty

Gratitude Week

As a small way of saying thank you to our amazing teachers and staff, the School Executive provided a week of surprise treats for staff. Monday was Mocha, Milkshake and Mudcake Monday. We organised a coffee van to come in to provide as many coffees and other hot drinks as staff wanted and of course this was accompanied by a huge mudcake. Tasty Tuesday involved a banquet luncheon in the Library, Wellbeing Wednesday, lots of self-care and gratitude activities, Thursday was Thankful Thursday with snacks and nibbles for afternoon tea and then of course Friday which was Freaky Friday, where everyone swapped roles for the middle session (See Principal Cooling's report). I became the new teacher for 3/4F. A great deal of fun was had by all, though I don't know if Mr Bedford and Mr Graham have recovered from Kindergarten yet! It was a lovely way to return to full time face to face teaching and learning and very well deserved by all of our staff, teachers and Admin alike.

Principal

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Return to Full time School

It was delightful to see so many happy faces back at school last week. Everyone, students and teachers were excited about returning. The children were greeted at the gates with smiling, happy teachers and had the added bonus of a "Welcome Back" obstacle course along the driveway that many of them completed numerous times. Thank you to all of our families for working with us to make the transition back to school as

Reporting and Assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and is receiving additional assessment now that face to face teaching has recommenced. Your child will receive a modified version of the report that you would normally receive. If teachers have any issues or concerns about your child's progress they will speak with you either via telephone or zoom, prior to you receiving the report. Our Semester One reports have now been redesigned to reflect the current learning environment and you should receive your child's report early next term.

Riding to School

We have noticed an increase in the numbers of children riding bikes or scooters to school. Independent bike riding is only

allowed for students in Years 3-6. If students in Years K-2 wish to ride, they are requested to ride with an adult. Before the age of 8, children have not developed their peripheral vision which is essential to riding safely. Please only allow your child to independently ride a bike if they are over the age of 8. Scooters are only allowed on the school site on "Ride Safely to School Day" and are not allowed on site at any other time. Thank you for your support with this very important aspect of road safety. We want to keep everyone safe!

Solar My School Project

Further to this amazing program that we have been accepted into (one of only three schools in the Ku-Ring-Gai area), we have just been notified that our grant application through the Purryburry Trust to fund a large portion of this project has been successful. The Department of Education funds 50%, the grant will fund a further 25% and at present, the school and the P&C will split the remaining 25% equally, though we are in search of further grants to address this remaining portion. Thank you so much to parent, Glen Leo and Environmental Program School Coordinator, Miss Feltscheer. This is an exciting time indeed!

Playground Update

I met with Urban Landscapes this morning to plan the next phase of the playground update. We discussed lots of ideas and I am looking forward to seeing the ideas on paper very soon. The cost of this phase will be met by the Community Grant received through Alister Henskens' office last term.

Meanwhile we still have one phase in the pipeline, all set up and ready to go. This phase of works will take three weeks to complete and it is programmed to start around 3 August. It could be a week either side of that depending on what happens between now and then with weather etc.

Kiss and Drop

While operating much more smoothly now that we have at least four teachers on duty during this period of increased traffic flow, this will not always be the case. The safety of our children is paramount. Please adhere to the road rules and ensure that you do not stop in any No Stopping Zones. Apollo Avenue has ample signage to ensure the rules are clear. If you do not have a yellow family sign, please send a message to the office and we will provide your child with as many as you need.

Key Messages

The Department of Education has asked that we communicate the following key messages to our community:

1. The best outcome for students is that they are back at school.
2. Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC guidelines.

3. All students are expected back at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

Attendance and roll marking

All students are expected to attend school unless they are unwell.

If parents believe that their child has a condition which means it is not safe for them to return to school, they will need to obtain a medical certificate. These are likely to be children with suppressed immune systems or undergoing treatment like chemotherapy.

This means students are either:

- at school
- at home because they are currently unwell
- at home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.

Please note, students who are residing with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise. The parent or carer should provide written confirmation from the treating health professional that the student is unable to attend school.

If students are away from school because they are unwell, there is no expectation that they complete school work. It is important that unwell students rest.

At this time, in the event of students having a medical certificate to not attend school due to a long term illness or underlying health condition, as is current practice, schools will continue to be responsible for providing work for students for the period they are prevented from being at school.

Individual schools should work with parents to determine how to best meet student's needs in these circumstances. Additional support and advice can be found on the [Learning from home hub](#).

School site visitors and school usage

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Preference should be given to virtual meetings wherever possible.

Essential visits to school sites should occur only when the school can assure adherence to social distancing requirements, enhanced cleaning of used areas and minimise contact with the broader school population. Essential visitors may include:

- departmental staff (Directors Educational Leadership, Executive Directors School Performance, school services and itinerant support staff),
- allied health providers, wellbeing and case management professionals,
- maintenance providers,
- final year teaching practicum students.

Wherever possible P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually or at an alternative venue.

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Term 2, Week 6

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal. Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use operators can only recommence for uses that are necessary for continuity of education or are deemed as essential to the community user's livelihood and are by exception with approval by the principal. The organisations must comply with current NSW Health and AHPPC guidelines and public health orders. Principals must have assurance from the community use operator of their ability to comply with these guidelines, including a written commitment. Principals should consult their Director, Educational Leadership in making this decision.

Have a safe and happy fortnight.

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

Freaky Friday

Last Friday, all seemed normal until after lunch when things suddenly got a bit freaky. Confusion washed over the faces of every student as they watched their class teacher walk straight past them and through the doors of a different classroom. The roles of every staff member at the school were tipped upside down; the Principal became a Stage 2 teacher, the office staff became teachers, stage 3 teachers suddenly were in rooms with much smaller chairs, some teachers had to dust off their administration skills as they took on the front line in the office. I traded in the computer lab for the Principal's office. For the hour and forty minutes between lunch and recess, as Freaky Friday took full force and every room in the school had a new occupant, it was an absolute pleasure to get to visit every classroom and witness the joy from every student. STEM challenges, Maths games, English lessons and art activities were that little bit extra special. It showed so clearly the care, love and passion that spreads through every corner of our school on a daily basis. With all the adjustments and uncertainty that we have all been through recently, it was so wonderful to see the freakiness embraced and the children experiencing how exciting change can be. See some of the fun that was experienced.

Miss Tara Cooling

Acting Principal (on Freaky Friday)



KG	Elliott H	Lachlan S	Violette C
KSB	Cielle C	Leroy H	Reef P
K1/E	Chloe H	Daniel W	Matthew J
1K	Jake M	Liam B	Luca R
1/2F	Annabelle C	Macklyn O	Solomom R
1/2W	Jeffery L	Ryan N	Jake T
2B	Angus C	Matthew A	Sofia K
3/4B	Euan G	Madison I	Owen R
3/4F	Jacob O	Jasper L	Rachel L
3/4N	Harrison B	Nicholas H	Rani S
3/4OH	Leila B	Matilda B	Dylan T
5/6H	Avril H	Ethan H	Micah W
5/6SL	Chaya B	Daniel M	Samuel D
5/6Y	Caitlin K	Hayden S	Kiahna M

HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Bangal

MERIT AWARD: Ayaan W 1K, Harvey A 1/2F

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Daniel M 5/6SL, Thomas M 1/2F, Grace C 1/2F, Charles H 1/2W, Ryan O 3/4B, Eva L 1/2F, Riley W 1K, Madeleine M 3/4N,

Teachers will give out merits in the classroom whilst we are unable to hold assemblies.

Information about Applying for Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2021

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1473/information_about_applying_for_year_5_entry_to_an_opportunity_class_in_2021_05062020.pdf

From The Office

Thank you for your understanding with regards to parents not entering the school grounds. If you have to drop off or collect your child/ren outside normal times, please come to the gate at Tristiana Place, call the office and we will collect or bring your child/ren to you.

As there are presently ongoing changes to school procedures, please keep up to date by referring to our newsletter and watching out for SZapps.

Please continue to email if your child/ren are going to be absent from school or any questions and add their class.

Library

Premier's Reading Challenge Update

We certainly have so many keen readers at West Pymble Public School. We now have 117 finishers. Thank you to all the parents who have been encouraging their children to keep reading over the past weeks. Now that we are back at school, the children will be seeing so many more great and inspiring reads on the shelves.

Congratulations to our recent finishers:

KG	Anika J
KSB	Hannah P, Tyler W
K/1E	Daud I, Noah K, Mackenzie L, Tyler McA, Jyotsna I, Maverick S
1K	Neil V
1/2F	Grace C, Jessica B, Cooper M, Aadyanth R, Jackson W
1/2W	Ari C, Lennex L, Abbey M, Emily McA, Solomon R, Marcus L, Barney T, Lucinda T, James T, Liam S
2B	Ollie L, Indiana S
3/4B	James H, Annabelle S
3/4F	Ethan C, Aashi C, Airlie S, Kyan P
3/4N	Abigail G, Nicholas H, Bethany R, Sienna M
3/4OH	Oscar B, Siena F, Marshal S, Ryan V, Rory G
5/6H	Aidan E, Jodie M, Grace C
5/6SL	Liam S, Lily D, Madelyn G

This is a fantastic effort. 3/4F is still the champion class ... just. 1/2W has had a super performance lately and they are closing in rapidly.

Remember that students can reserve books on line through their student portal, and when the books requested are available, they are put aside, ready for the student's library lesson.

Happy reading!

Jane Matkovich

Teacher Librarian

Helene Annabel

School Administration

Terrigal PS & West Pymble PS

P&C

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope the children have enjoyed being back at school the last few weeks. There are certainly a lot of smiling faces about!

P&C General Meeting - Monday 15th June

There will be a P&C General meeting on Monday 15th June at 7.30pm. This will be a virtual meeting held on zoom. If you would like to attend, please confirm your attendance by sending an email to: secretary@wppspnc.com.au and a meeting invite will be sent to you.

A reminder that the canteen is open for online lunch orders only on Thursdays and Fridays.

We would like to take the opportunity to recognise the Out of School Care team (OOSC). OOSC remained open throughout the isolation period, giving families much needed assistance during the difficult time. A big thankyou goes to Shona, Jacqui B, Sonja, Wendy, Jacqui C and the rest of the OOSC team, your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the long weekend everyone!
ThankyouP&C

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 **Thursdays and Fridays** 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 from **Tuesday the 26th of May**.

Looking forward to preparing your children's lunches again!

The Canteen Team

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1373/2020_term_2_menu.pdf

Uniform Shop Open Hours

The uniform shop will operate as follows:

1. Tuesday afternoon between 2:30am to 3:30pm.
2. Thursday morning between 8:30am to 10:00am.
3. Parents are encouraged to use online facility (Logon ID: wpps Password: exceluniforms www.exceluniforms.com.au)
4. Alternatively, parents can send the attached order form by email/fax.
5. For exchanging uniforms, please send them with your child to take to the uniform shop on Tuesday or Thursday Only, please don't send your exchanges to the office.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1380/new_uniform_shop_price_list_august_2019.pdf

Community News

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: Burning may take place between: 16 JUNE and 31 JULY 2020

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

Times: Between 08:00 and 19:00 (may vary)

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

Purpose: Reduction of Bushfire Fuels

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>

City of Ryde and Lane Cove Council are bringing Dr Michael Carr-Gregg to your screens to provide 2 x FREE workshops to help parents during and post COVID-19.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/raising-resilient-kids-in-the-coronavirus-era-w-dr-michael-carr-gregg-tickets-106864933894>

Raising Resilient Kids in the Coronavirus Era

The spread of the Coronavirus has turned life upside down, almost overnight, for millions of people around the world. Being a young person is complicated even without a global pandemic in the mix, and many adults are struggling to navigate the new reality of remote schoolwork, lots of family time, and a ton of uncertainty about what happens next. This webinar offers practical, evidence-based strategies on what to say and what to do in these challenging times. It also includes information on managing remote learning and self-care.

Suitable for: Parents, grandparents and adult carers of younger children.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/parenting-teenagers-post-coronavirus-lockdown-w-dr-michael-carr-gregg-tickets-106870733240>

Parenting Teenagers Post Coronavirus Lockdown

In just a matter of weeks, the coronavirus pandemic has turned our vibrant modern cities into virtual ghost towns. Thousands of Australians are without jobs and 24.6 million people were told to stay home unless they absolutely have to go outside. Hard enough as an adult, but particularly tricky if you are a teenager trying to tackle the tasks of adolescent development. This webinar explains the impact of the coronavirus lockdown on teenagers, focusing their mental health and gives participants some skills to manage teenagers especially as they transition back to school in all year levels, deal with disappointment and try to regain their motivation.

Suitable for: Parents, grandparents and adult carers of teenagers.

For further information contact Andrew – amarselos@ryde.nsw.gov.au or Hayley – hrose@lanecove.nsw.gov.au



UPDATE #3 - 19 MAY 2020

As you are aware, the NSW Government has issued a new directive on physical distancing on public transport. We expect these changes will affect our customers including our students and I wanted to outline what steps we are taking to implement these changes.

All of our public route services will now have a total customer limit of 12 people (and 24 people on our double deckers). Available seating will be identified by a large green circle decal that says 'sit here'. However we can confirm that this limit will not apply to school students and priority will be given to them where possible. We are still bound to ensure no child is left behind.

I can also reaffirm that our dedicated school buses have no changes in regards to social distancing or capacity limits.

Please note that our drivers have been instructed to allow customers to board to this limit, with exceptions made for students and vulnerable customers, but they are not expected to enforce this measure.

In line with Government instruction, we also encourage people to avoid peak hour travel, allow additional travel time or make alternative travel arrangements if possible. Similarly, we ask that parents also consider alternative transport options for their children to ensure they are not impacted by these changes.

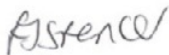


We do expect that some of our bus services will also be impacted by an increase in general traffic due to these measures and ask for your understanding if this occurs.

Be assured, your students safety and wellbeing is paramount and we are doing everything possible to support our community and our employees.

If you have any concerns during this time, please do not hesitate to contact our School Engagement Team on tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au or by phone (02) 8700 0555.

Yours sincerely,



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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?

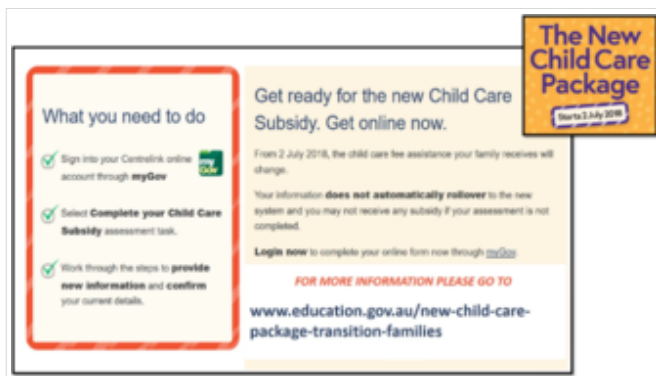
We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

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

Out of School Hours News



The New Child Care Package
Starts 3 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

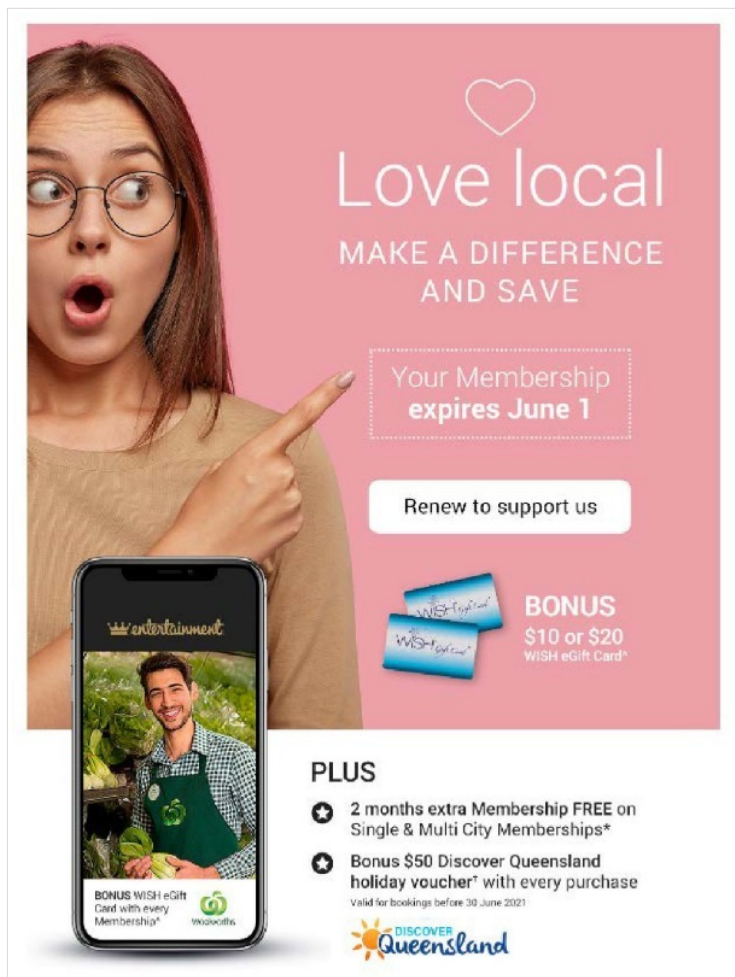
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO
www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-transition-families

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

Click here for Healthy Lunchbox Ideas



Love local
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
AND SAVE

Your Membership expires June 1

Renew to support us

BONUS
\$10 or \$20
WISH eGift Card*

PLUS

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- ★ Bonus \$50 Discover Queensland holiday voucher* with every purchase

*Valid for bookings before 30 June 2021

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The School App

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