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PBEL

 LEARNING FROM HOME	
Be Responsible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓We schedule regular break times ✓We set up a quiet and organised learning space ✓We keep devices charged
Be Respectful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓We communicate appropriately with teachers and peers ✓We complete our personal best work online ✓We think before we hit 'send'
Be Safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We keep our passwords secure ✓ We follow teacher instructions ✓ We only access relevant files and websites

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

Principal

7 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The New Normal

It is not only an unusual time but a very busy one for everyone, juggling new ways of working with caring for family, while being creative, finding ways to embrace and lead in the “new normal”. This is without doubt a very challenging time for everyone. There are however many positives that are emerging. One of these is in education. We all have to discover ways of working smarter. It is also a time to reflect on what has not worked well in the “old normal” and to be innovative, to develop new skills, to engage in new professional learning opportunities. Our

teachers at WPPS, in fact teachers all over the world, have adapted to ten years of educational reform in less than ten days. We have worked our way through the crisis stage and are now in the adaptation phase where we are developing new educational opportunities for our students. This is a time of flexibility and agility, reflecting on what works best and how we can improve, a time to take calculated risks and refine practice. It is also a time where teachers are putting in more hours than ever before. Whether at school or working from home, the demands on their time and expertise has never been greater. We are moving into the opportunity phase, a time where we can look forward to setting the best of these in place for all future teaching and learning. Education will no longer resemble the old industrial model that has been the norm since the early 1900s, a model that has long been in need of reform. While we have been making advances in this area over the past ten years or so, these changes are small compared to what is happening now. Our students are 21st century citizens and deserve an education that meets, indeed exceeds, their need and this is the time to deliver just that. Thank you so much to you, our community, for your wonderful support.

If you are finding the going tough please reach out and talk to some one. You can phone or email the school office or email one of the contacts on the WPPS Wellbeing resource (Issue no 3 which was SZapp was last week. All issues are in the WPPS Learning Hub on the website)

- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Beyoud Blue 1300 22 4636
- Kids Line 1800 55 1800

Reach Out
 BRAVE Program

Physical Distancing Responsibility of Parents and Family Members

We ask until further notice ALL parents keep a distance from the school wherever possible. I request you DO NOT enter the school when dropping your child/ren and you use the kiss and

drop zone if conveying your child/ren to school by car. If you walk your child/ren to school I ask you put them through the school gate and immediately remove yourself from the vicinity - do not stop to socialise or catch up with friends or other parents. You should maintain a 1.5 metre distance from other parents and students. All contact with the school should be done by phone or email as required.

COVID-19 Update to Parents 4 May 2020 and Managed Return to School.

I have included a copy of my last email to parents in this issue of the newsletter for anyone who may have missed it. If English is not your first language you can click onto the translator button at the top of the newsletter to have it translated into your home language.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1313/covid_19_4_may_2020.pdf

Community Grant Success and Playground Upgrade.

We have been successful in gaining another Community grant through the State Government's Community Grants program. This grant is for \$26,482. This will enable another phase of the playground upgrade to proceed. The phase we currently have in place has been delayed due to COVID, but will proceed early in Term 3. I am meeting with the construction company soon to discuss the next phase. Thank you to the P&C for submitting this grant application on behalf of the school and thank you to Alister Henskens for his outstanding support of WPPS.

I hope you are all managing well and staying healthy and happy. Thank you once again for the wonderful job you are doing with your children during this home schooling time, while still working and caring for your families. Thank you for your ongoing support of teachers and our school.

Until next time,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

Schools News

West Pymble Merit List

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

7 May 2020

Term 2, Week 2

KG	Riyansh S	Octavia H	Emily V
KSB	Otto W	Aiden A	Phoebe B
K1/E	Zachary Z	Kara M	Isabel O
1K	William B	Eli H	Riley W

1/2F	Cooper M	Eva L	Nina G
1/2W	Charles H	Barney T	Cillian C
2B	Angus C	Phoebe B	Elodie N
3/4B	Ella C	Flynn C	Ryan O
3/4F	Benjamin C	Erina K	Penelope B
3/4N	Eitam S	Sienna M	Sol C
3/4OH	Derin G	Rory G	Rose C
5/6H	Alexander L	Jodie M	Holly M
5/6SL	Stephanie C	Alexander P	Olive B
5/6Y	Sophie N	Wolf V	Adele L

Library

Library News and Premier's Reading Challenge Update

It is fantastic to see our students are still reading and finishing the Reading Challenge. The pile of merit cards to give out is growing larger. Congratulations to the following students who have taken our numbers up to 60.

K/1E	Ashton O
1K	Anika L, Ayaan W
1/2F	Emily B, Thomas M, Nina G, Krystal C, Isaak L
1/2W	Ari C, Emily McA, Barney T, Lucinda T
2B	Thomas M, Elodie N
3/4B	Lachlan B
3/4F	Lachlan V
3/4N	Sol C, Eliya W
3/4OH	Zoya G, Alejandra S-M
5/6H	Avril H, Henry M
5/6Y	Sophie C

Do make sure you check out the updated rules, specially added for the current circumstances. The most important of these is that ten choice books may be added to student reading records. I am sure this will help many students finish the Reading Challenge.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1298/a_message_from_the_library_regarding_the_prc.pdf

For all you David Walliams fans, and those who just like reading and writing, I have just enjoyed watching an author talk recently recorded with him at the Sydney Opera House. Here is the link if you would like to see it too.

<https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/forthekids>

There are many new books being added to the library collection; many new releases, and some new on the Reading Challenge. Check out the Oliver student portal, Orbit, to see them. Remember you can reserve books there, and when available, they can be picked up from the library.

I am looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces back in our library soon.

Jane Matkovich

Teacher Librarian

BOOK CLUB IS Running!

To order from this issue go to scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/

45 titles @ \$5 or UNDER

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

BOOK CLUB IS COMING!

We're really excited to have **BOOK CLUB** running this Term, but it will look a little different! It will be a **virtual catalogue** rather than the printed catalogues you're used to receiving.

Term 2 Issue 3

To order from this issue go to:

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Place your order on LOOP as normal and orders need to be in by:

Sunday 17th May

We will receive your order here to our school like normal. The students will then

Be given their Bookclub orders at school.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact:

Helene Annabel via email to the school - westpymble-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Even though this is a virtual catalogue, we will still receive 20% of your order value back in Scholastic Rewards to use to purchase additional books and resources for our school!

SCHOLASTIC

Helene Annabel

School Administration

P&C

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you all had a fun and relaxing school holidays. In the last newsletter, we mentioned the status of P&C related areas and would like to provide an update of Term 2 events. Again, as the situation is rapidly changing, we will do our best to advise any changes as soon as possible.

Mother's Day - as Mother's Day is this Sunday, the stall will not go ahead. We are hoping to still have a BBQ for Father's Day but this is dependant on how the situation unfolds in the coming months.

Trivia Night - we have decided to cancel Trivia Night primarily due to the limitations prescribed by the government for social gatherings. Consideration will be given towards an end of year function/fundraiser. We will advise as soon as a decision has been made on this.

Canteen - remains closed but we will assess re-opening as we move to an increase in school days later this term.

Bottle recycling and morning/afternoon teas are cancelled until further notice.

Second hand uniform stall - the next stall will be in Term 3. The new uniform shop will be open this term. Please check the newsletter for opening days and times.

Thank you P&C

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

President: Vanessa Thompson president@wppspnc.com.au

Vice President: Natasha H vicepresident@wppspnc.com.au

Vice President: Lisa Corrigan fundraising@wppspnc.com.au

Secretary: Tamara Leo secretary@wppspnc.com.au

Treasurer: Jen Stokes treasurer@wppspnc.com.au

Communications

officer:

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- Alternatively, parents can also send the attached order form by email/fax.

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

[Click here for Healthy Lunchbox Ideas](#)

Entertainment Book

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1306/entertainment_mothers_day_t_c.pdf

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The School App

[Installing_SZAPP.pdf](#)

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

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 2018, 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

The New Child Care Package
Starts 2 July 2018

Uniform Shop Open Hours

The uniform shop will be open from next week:

1. Thursday morning between 8:30am to 10:00am.
2. Tuesday afternoon is still closed until further notice.
3. Social distancing is required.
4. Parents are encouraged to use online facility (Logon ID: wpps Password: exceluniforms www.exceluniforms.com.au)