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12 November 2021

## Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Return to School

It is so lovely having everyone back on site again. All students have settled in exceptionally well, although many of them were looking a little weary by the end of their second week.

Monday of Week 4 was a very special day, as we welcomed the final group, the Year 3-6 students back onsite after 17 weeks away from school. The excitement of the children was fantastic to see as was that on the faces of the parents. We have had a great few weeks back and it is beginning to feel as though we have never been away.

### Roadmap

To keep us all safe on school grounds, a combination of layered COVID-safe plans and measures will allow us to prioritise student and staff safety and keep our school open. To do this, the following guidelines are in place:

- Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.
- All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.
- Masks are required indoors for all staff and adult visitors and strongly recommended for primary students. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.
- All staff and visitors must check in at the office when attending a school site or gathering.
- Adults should maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.
- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practical.

- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees - following square metre guidelines.
- Students should avoid mingling with other cohort groups when moving around the school.
- Students and staff will maintain good hand hygiene and schools will continue with enhanced cleaning, including high touch points.

From 8 November our school has operated on updated Level 3 settings. This is expected to remain in place for the rest of Term 4 2021, with the following activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner:

- Assemblies and presentations are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school.
- Community use is allowed outside of school hours (including P&C meetings) with COVID-safe plans in place – in line with public health requirements.
- Dancing, bands, ensembles and music classes will be allowed within cohorts, however, everyone must wear masks while playing instruments indoors. Instruments that rely on breath or require a mask to be removed to be played, as well as singing and chanting, are not permitted in Term 4.
- Excursions are allowed outdoors (and indoors where sole use of the premises is available).
- Incursions are allowed indoors and outdoors where cohorts are kept separate.
- Graduations and formals are allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.
- School sports are allowed, including inter-school sports and access to indoor and outdoor pools (from 1 November).
- Transitions and orientations are allowed in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between students.

Parents and carers on site to support school operations:

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed onsite to support curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example reading support, canteen and uniform shop). Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

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## Remembrance Day

Yesterday morning, our school captains, Sophie C and Will A accompanied me to Roseville Memorial Club to commemorate Remembrance Day. The ceremony had large input from students in the Ku-Ring-Gai area and when it came to the wreath laying, our captains very respectfully took their turn representing our school. It is always a great pleasure, one that instils me with pride, to take our students out to such events. Thank you so very much Sophie and Will. Thank you also to their mums for driving them to and from the ceremony.

## School Fees

Thank you to all those who have paid their Term 4 school fees. To date approximately 42% of parents have paid. Your support enables us to provide each child with a richness and diversity of educational opportunities. Our school budget allocation from the Department to educate each child allows for \$252 per year per student. This would certainly provide for a “no frills” education. Therefore, both P&C and parent financial support is vital in ensuring the provision of a quality education for all students.

## Recognition Ceremony

We will be holding our final Recognition Ceremony for the year on Friday 3 December. The last day for Certificate of Merit awards to be submitted is Friday 19 November. No late cards can be accepted. These will be held over until Term 1 2022.

## Presentation Day

The 2021 Presentation Day Ceremony will be held at the end of the term on Tuesday 7 December. Further information about this event will be provided closer to the date.

## Check-In Assessments

Classes have begun completing the department’s Check-In Assessments and this will continue over the next few days. The results of these tests will enable teachers to target areas for improvement and provide follow up instruction during the remainder of the year and into next year.

## Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Surveys

These surveys are now open. Your opinions are very much valued and help us to improve our school. Please take a few minutes to complete the parent survey. Students in Years 4-6 will be completing their surveys over the next couple of weeks as will staff. The data gained from TTFM supports the School Improvement Plan targets in Strategic Direction 3, “Wellbeing”.

## Opportunity Class Testing

OC testing is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 17 November. The test will be computer-based, 60 minutes in total and completed in one session. The new test will consist of thinking skills, mathematical reasoning and reading comprehension. It will be held at our school to maintain community safety and administered by Mr Simpson. Parents should have received 'Test authority' advice by email on Wednesday 3 November 2021 and an information bulletin, which provides further detail about the test, including how students can familiarise themselves with a computer-based sample test. Please continue to check the NSW Department of Education website for current advice for families. Parents and carers had up until 21 June 2021 to lodge a late application request. It is no longer possible to accept late application requests.

## Assets Update

The toilet upgrade and the installation of solar is expected to be completed between the beginning of the holidays and the first day of school 2022. It will be wonderful to again have full use of our facilities and the opportunity to substantially reduce our carbon footprint.

## Is Your Child Returning in 2022?

We are currently trying to gauge numbers for next year so if your children are moving on next year or other siblings will be enrolling, please notify us as soon as possible. All school funding and entitlements, including the number of classroom teachers, rely solely on student enrolment. This information is critical to our 2022 planning process.

Have a safe and happy fortnight,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

## PBEL

### PBEL: Returning To School

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

## RETURNING TO SCHOOL

- ✓ Prepare for a day at school (pack your bag, make a healthy lunch, get dressed, arrive before the bell)
  - ✓ Get plenty of sleep
  - ✓ Follow instructions
  - ✓ Be a good friend
  - ✓ Personal space
  - ✓ Talk to a teacher about how you are feeling
  - ✓ Wear a mask (optional)
- Buzz says to be **RESPONSIBLE**, **RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE** at WPPS.

## Deputy Principal

### Interrelate Family Night

A big thank you to the families who participated in the Family Interrelate sessions on Wednesday evening. We had 62 families attend which is by far the most we've ever had. I hope everyone found the night as informative as I did and made it easier to talk to your children about puberty and other related topics that can be challenging for parents to navigate.

### Parent Home Learning Survey

At the time of writing we have had 87% of families complete the Home Learning Survey, which is a fantastic achievement. This information will be visible on the Semester 2 Individual Student Reports. I would like to share some key data from the survey.

- My child engaged with Home Learning - Consistently 73.8%
- My child connected with their learning via Seesaw (K-2) or Google Classroom (3-6) - Consistently 79.9%
- My child connected with learning at home via Zoom - Consistently 70.3%
- My child gave their best effort with home learning - Consistently 52.7%

Thank you to every parent that has taken the time to complete the survey.

Mr Simpson

Deputy Principal (Acting)

## School News

### Merit

#### West Pymble Merit List

1 November 2021

Term 4, Week 5

**MERIT AWARD:** Theo T KG, Joshua K KG, Isabella S KG, Lily C KG, Ada H KG, Oliver M KSB, Rohaan K KG, Evie F KSB, Hugo S 1E, Zachary O 2F, Gunes O 4J, Sol C 4J,

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:** Stella L 1K, Thomas M 2F, Zachary O 2F, Maya P 3N, Sol C 4J x2, Stephanie E 4J, Ezzy D R 4OH, Gunes O 4J x2, Maxine M 5/6B x2

#### West Pymble Merit List

12 November 2021

Term 4, Week 6

KG	Joshua K	Ruby G
KSB	Kayla M	Turlong M
1E	Caleb K	Violette C
1K	Daud I	Nesara K
2F	Eli H	Mertyll G
2W	Emer M	Macklyn O
3B	Dylan K	Sophie C
3N	Charlie H	Emma L
4J	Hayley L	Matthew M
4OH	Arron T	Leon O
5/6B	Howie Z	Micah W
5/6C	Aaron L	Ethan K
5/6G	Boris W	Veda R

**HOUSE OF THE WEEK:** Wyuna

**MERIT AWARD:** Claudia H KSB, Birat G KSB, Turlong M KSB, Matthew D KG, Oliver J 1E, Noah K 1K, Ryan N 2W, Emer M 2W, Heidi H 3B x2, Arlie S 5/6B,

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:** Lily L KSB, Emer M 2W, Felix C 3B, Isabelle T 3B, Heidi H 3B, Lucinda T 3N, Oscar B 4J, James H 4J, Hayley L 4J, Harrison T 4J, Hannah L 4OH, Nicholas H 4OH, Arabella W 4OH, Lachlan B 5/6C,

### Opportunity Class Placement

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held at our school on the morning of Wednesday 17 November 2021.

Students must arrive at school by 9:10 am. Parents should have received by email a 'Test Authority' letter which students are required to bring as a printed copy on the day of the test.

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> to find the 'Test information for parents and students' bulletin which contains very important information about the test, including how to access the familiarisation test. This bulletin should be read carefully.

Tim Simpson

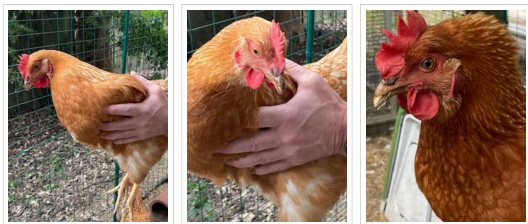
Deputy Principal (Acting)

## Chicken Naming Competition

Please meet our gorgeous new chickens,

Princess Layer, Ginger, Meryl Cheep, Ruth and Henrietta. Thank you for all our wonderful entries.

The winners will receive a little something over the next couple of weeks.



## Library

### PLEASE RETURN ALL BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY

As part of the return to school process, our library will, unfortunately, need to be closed to prevent any chance of cross infection between student cohorts. Please return all library books as soon as possible.

With changes to public health orders, Public Libraries will be opening up again. Please make use of these opportunities to access books for your children.

Take care,

Maria Greenwood (Teacher librarian)

## From the Office

# ENROL NOW FOR 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our School photos are being held on Thursday 25 November. Please see the attached flyer for information on how to order.

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2663/school\\_photographs\\_12112021.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2663/school_photographs_12112021.pdf)

We have started planning for next year, if you are **NOT** returning to WPPS in 2022 please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible.

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2638/leavers\\_2022.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2638/leavers_2022.pdf)

The next Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, 3 December, please return all your merits to the office by Friday

19 November. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any merits received after this date.

Stay safe and healthy,

Michelle, Dawn, Emma and Amanda

## P&C

### P&C

Now that we've all settled back into the school routine and resumed after school activities, life is again chaotic once more. With the silly season fast approaching, please remember to take care of yourselves.

### Save the Date

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be Monday 6 December, from 7:30pm. The meeting will be via Zoom at this stage and all are very welcome! If you are interested in attending, please email Sandeep at [secretary@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:secretary@wppspnc.com.au) and he will provide you with all the details.

### Volunteer requested

We are still seeking a parent volunteer who might like to take over from Jen Stokes and look after the canteen accounts for next year. Training for the role will be provided, and the role would take up no more than 1-2 hrs per week. Please see flyer attached for more info. If this sounds of interest to you, please contact Lonii at [president@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:president@wppspnc.com.au).

### Second-hand uniforms

For more info visit Uniform Stall.

### Contact us

If you have any questions, comments or ideas to share with the P&C, we'd love to hear from you! Here's how you get in touch:

Lonii Broers: [president@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:president@wppspnc.com.au)

Paula Stokoe: [vicepresident@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:vicepresident@wppspnc.com.au)

Sharlene Atkinson: [vicepresident2@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:vicepresident2@wppspnc.com.au)

Sandeep D'Sa: [secretary@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:secretary@wppspnc.com.au)

Tricia Wright: [treasurer@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:treasurer@wppspnc.com.au)

Nicky Wynne: [communications@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:communications@wppspnc.com.au)

Gladys Wilkins (Class Parent Coordinator):  
[gladys.pineda@bigpond.com](mailto:gladys.pineda@bigpond.com)

## Canteen

The canteen continues to open on Thursdays and Fridays for online lunch orders only. Frozen treats can also be ordered online – if you have ordered a frozen treat for your child, please remind them to come to the canteen to collect it.

Over the counter sales are currently not permitted due to risk of congregating children across grades.

Click [here](#) to order lunch online.

If you wish to volunteer for a shift this term, please contact Paulina at [canteencoordinator@wppspnc.com.au](mailto:canteencoordinator@wppspnc.com.au)

Jen Stokes is also ready to hand over the Canteen Accounts role for 2022. See attached flyer for more info if you may be interested in joining our team.

## Band

### Band Information

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## After School Care

**Term 4 & 2022**

Permanent places are filling up fast at **West Pymble Out of School Care**, visit our website and download an Application Form

<http://www.wpoosc.com.au/>

Casual places also available morning and afternoon

## Community News

### Ku-Ring-Gai Native Bee Hives

The bee hive lottery closes on 21st November, and applicants must be Ku-Ring-Gai residents.

<https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Things-to-do/Whats-on/Native-Bee-Program-2021>

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## St Leonards TAFE English Courses

The free courses which are government funded are for beginners to advanced learners to improve English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. They have also been a very good way for people to engage on line during the pandemic. We would like to continue to help our community in this way and they are free.

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## Mobile Literacy support service

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## Cameron's Tennis




**West Pymble Tennis Programs**  
**Term 4, 2021 (Enrol now online)**

We are delighted to be offering tennis again in Term 4.

Our program this term will be slightly different in that groups will be smaller and classes will be conducted at Kendall St courts due to the school court being off limits due to Covid restrictions.

We assume that lessons will be back at school again next year

**Location:** Kendall St Courts

**Commence:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November (7 week term)

Before and after school groups available (Please register via our website)

Numbers are strictly limited so please book in early to avoid disappointment.

**For all programs please enrol via our Website:** [www.cameronstennis.com.au](http://www.cameronstennis.com.au)

If groups are full or you would like a private lesson please email [chris@cameronstennis.com.au](mailto:chris@cameronstennis.com.au)

## SRE Online

### Catholic Lessons

Learning from home lessons have been developed for the children should you choose to access these materials.

### Catholic Learning from Home Lessons

Learning from Home SRE Lessons – CRESS – Catholic Conference of Religious Educators in State Schools in NSW-ACT

Best wishes from Mel & the Catholic SRE Teachers.

### Christian lessons

Dear parents/caregivers and students.

There are now Scripture lessons available online.

Simply go here [Connect-Learning-at-Home](#) to find lesson plans, songs, video links and activity pages.

New lessons will be added weekly. We hope you enjoy them and know how awesome God is. Any questions feel free to contact Fiona van Horen at [vanhorencf@bigpond.com](mailto:vanhorencf@bigpond.com)

### Primary Ethics in Lockdown

Primary Ethics is proud to offer an alternative while ethics classes cannot be run in schools. For Term 4, we have prepared a brand-new series of *Bites!*

*Bites!* are our bite-sized lessons specially designed for students to practise their skills in close listening and ethical reasoning, based on material from our Department-approved curriculum. Each *Bite* will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Each week we post a new ethical dilemma to our *Bites!* web page. Here is the link: <http://primaryethics.com.au/education>

### Volunteer to teach Ethics



Catholic Special Religious Education

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Healthy Lunch Box

Check out the New Healthy Lunch Box Website from the Cancer Council.

The website has lots of fun recipes and informative blogs.

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