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14 May 2021

Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Student Orientation

We are excited about the launch of our Orientation program this year, with Fantasy Day fast approaching. The theme this year is Fairies and Pirates, so I hope you have been busy dusting off your gossamer wings or “buckling your shwashes” ready for next week. The performance is provided by children’s entertainers, Pistachio, who we have had here before and proved to be very popular. All students in K-2 are invited to the performance, while the students in Kindergarten and the pre-schoolers will be treated to morning tea provided by our P&C.

If you are yet to enrol (or know of someone who is also yet to enrol) the online enrolment application is now available and is an easy and efficient method. The sooner you enrol, the sooner we can ensure that we have optimum planning in place to give you and your child the best and smoothest transition experience. Individual school tours are also available upon request. Please telephone the school office on 9144 7584 if you would like to arrange a tour. You might also like to look at the virtual tour which is on our new website.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN commenced this week for students in Years 3 and 5 and will continue until Friday 21 May. All assessments with the exception of Year 3 Writing are online and for the most part have been running smoothly. There was an issue on Thursday this week where a number of schools reported some students experiencing an error ‘unexpected error has occurred’ when launching the locked down browser. ACARA investigated the issue and all seems to be running smoothly now. This issue

affected two of our students and Mr Simpson (School NAPLAN Coordinator) has emailed ACARA with information relating to our students who were disadvantaged by the issue.

NAPLAN is one of a broad range of assessment tools that we use to collect and analyse student growth and attainment and should be viewed as “just another day at school”.

Mothers’ Day

I hope all our mums, grandmas and special ladies were totally spoilt last Sunday. A huge thank you to everyone who attended our special Mothers’ Day afternoon tea in the Library last Thursday. I don’t think I have seen as many in attendance at previous Mothers’ Day functions. Special thanks must also go to the P&C for operating the Mothers’ Day stall for our students to purchase that special something.

Practicum Students

I would like to welcome our two practicum students to West Pymble Public School, Erica Gilchrist (UNE) on 3B and Natasha Nery (Mac Uni) on 1E. Erica will be with us for four weeks and Natasha for ten days.

We are also very sad to farewell Mrs Amanda Vince who has just completed her 100 hours of SLSO practicum. Our other practicum student Rachel Cartledge will be with us for a while yet and I’m sure is learning a lot working with your children and Mrs Feldman.

Confidentiality

I wish to remind all parents that we cannot discuss any child with you other than your own. Sometimes, your child might come home from school saying “this happened” or “that happened” at school today. As long as your child was not involved there is no need for you to know any details about the event, any repercussions or any consequences. If your child was involved, you will receive notification from the school. Please don’t ask as our refusal to discuss a matter and/or

a child often offends. The same applies to any information that you might come across in the course of assisting with activities in the classroom. This is confidential information and we request that you do not share it with anyone else.

Full Winter Uniform

All students should now be in full Winter uniform if at all possible. I know there have been a few supply issues in the Uniform Shop so for those students, Summer uniform is acceptable in the short term until full availability is restored.

COVID restrictions

A quick reminder of the recent COVID restrictions.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2317/covid_updates_10_may_2021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2318/further_covi1.pdf

Have a safe and happy fortnight.

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

Message from the Deputy Principal

Check in Assessments

Our Year 4 and 6 students recently participated in a new assessment program called the *Check In Assessments* which has become available to schools in the last 12 months in the absence of NAPLAN in 2020. These assessments supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Results are available to schools within days which provides teachers with excellent data to plan future teaching and allows them to focus on facilitating student growth. Our results have been pleasing with an average of correct responses from Year 4 of over 72%. Year 6 students performed strongly with an average of correct responses of 82% across both reading and numeracy.

Behaviour

WPPS provides our students with safe and orderly classroom and playground environments where they can learn and play without disruption or interference from other students. This is achieved through a consistent, school-wide approach using the Positive Behaviour Engaged Learners (PBEL) program. The aim is to promote acceptable behaviours and to respond to unacceptable behaviours if they occur. We are extremely lucky to have high rates of positive student behaviour, however from time to time, we do experience negative incidents either in the classroom or on the playground. If a student fails to follow the

school core values of safety, respect or responsibility they will spend a session in the Reflection Room. This is a chance for the student to reflect on the negative behaviour with either Mr Simpson or another member of the executive team and develop a plan to ensure the behaviour isn't repeated in the future.

Please see a copy of the reflection process below.

Tim Simpson

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2306/reflection_sheet_2021.pdf

Student Work

Please read a few writing samples from 3B written (a little while ago now) during Harmony Week on the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The stimulus was 'Bullying is never okay'.

Bullying is Never Okay

Bullying is not okay because if you are bullying people you are not being a nice person. If you ever happen to be bullied by someone the best thing to do is say a quick comeback and walk away. Bullying is never okay and if you get bullied tell someone straight away. You could tell an adult, a good friend, a teacher, your parents or a trusted adult.

Cyber bullying is something you sometimes have to worry about too. Cyber bullying is when someone tries to send bad or unkind messages and emails. If any of this happens to you then you should unfriend them, stop commenting on their messages, don't write back and last of all definitely don't send bad messages back to them.

If you see bullying you could choose to be a bystander or an upstander. Bystanders are people who just watch and listen but upstanders are people who get up and help the people or person who is being bullied. Today is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This is everything you should know about bullying. Thanks for reading!

Isaak L 3B

Bullying is Never Okay

Bullying is never okay because it's hurting other people's feelings and actually might be physically hurting them.

Bullying is never okay because it's bad for others and yourself. It's bad for the bully because the bully is picking up bad habits and it's bad for the person who's getting bullied because it's getting them down (and that might have been the best day of their life).

Bullying is never okay because if you're the bully then the person you're bullying might turn around and start bullying you or you could get into big trouble.

That's why you should tell a teacher, ignore them, walk away or do all sorts of things that can stop bullying or being bullied.

Isabelle T

3B

PBEL: Toilet Expectations

TOILETS

✓ Use and leave

✓ Flush after use

✓ Personal space

✓ Wash hands

✓ Move with care

Buzz says to be RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL and SAFE at WPPS.

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

Up Coming Events

Thursday 20 May - Fantasy Day

Monday 24 May - Athletics Carnival

School News

MERITS

West Pymble Merit List
14 May 2021
Term 2, Week 4

KG	Anaika B	Tayla M	Thomas M
KSB	Alexa B	Amit I	Lillian L
1E	Cielle C	Connor T	Hugo S
1K	Amy C	Anika J	Noah K
2F	Chloe H	Maverick S	Thomas M
2W	Oliver V	Ruby B	William B
3B	Georgia S	Jeffery L	Krystal C
3N	Logan L	Lucinda T	Sofia K
4OH	Arabella W	Henry B	Olivia T
4J	Ishika B	Kate D	Ryan W
5/6B	Hugo D	Rani S	Tanishka S
5/6F	Aaron L	Kyan P	Sophie C
5/6G	Aashi C	Alistair R	Dylan T

HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Wyuna

MERIT AWARD: Eve F KSB, Lillian L KSB, Ocean P KSB, Ameera K KSB, Harrison L 1K, Samuel B KSB, Emily M 2F, Ethan G 3N, Sophie C 3B, Barney T 3N, Ryan V 4J, Stephanie E 4J, Isra H 4OH, Mila H 4J, Eliya W 5/6B,

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Harrison L 1K, Saskia H 1E, Aiden A 1E, Angelina S 2W, Teo B 3B, Dylan K 3B, Lotan S 3B, Aadyanth R 3N, Barney T 3N, Charlie H 3N, Sofia K 3N, Oscar P 3N, Jackson W 3N, Mila H 4J, Yushaa K 4OH, Annabelle S 4OH, Noah O 4J, Ryan V 4J, Sarah P 5/6G, Lillyanna H 5/6B, Alexander L 5/6F, Oscar G 5/6B,

TURRAMURRA

HIGH SCHOOL

104 Maxwell Street, South Turrumurra



OPEN MORNINGS

Guided Tours

Friday 21 May 2021

Wednesday 9 June 2021

Register for a guided tour via our website
turrumurra-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Please join us for morning tea.

WPPS Chess Team

This year we have two chess teams competing in the NSW Junior Chess League Primary Schools Competition. Friday afternoons we welcome teams to our library or visit other schools in the local area to play games of chess. After enjoying some afternoon tea together, it's time to play.

Congratulations to Nicholas H, Oscar G, Edward J and Oscar P who compete in the Intermediate Grade and Antonia G, Liam S, Charlie Rotem B and Mohammad P who compete in the Rookies Competition. They're developing their problem-solving skills while increasing their creativity and improving their concentration.

Congratulations and good luck to these nine students who are representing our school with great distinction.



Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition (Year 3-6)

Congratulations to all students in Years 3-6 for their outstanding multicultural speeches. I know all teachers will agree with me when I say that all students were well prepared and spoke brilliantly. Last week we held the Stage 2 and 3 finals where we saw the below students compete for a spot in the local finals.

3B: Isaak L and Charlie H

3N: Willow A and Maya P

4J: Lily R and Ryan W

4OH: Dylan Y and Yushaa K

5/6B: Eliya W and Miles E

5/6F: Hamish M and Alejandra S

5/6G: Ewan S and Wolf V

Congratulations to all students. It is with pleasure that I announce the 4 students who will be representing West Pymble Public School at the local finals June 7 at Beaumont Road Public School.

Stage 2 Representatives: Dylan Y & Yushaa K

Stage 3 Representatives: Ewan S & Eliya W

Lauren Feltscheer

Public Speaking Coordinator

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2294/nccd_14052021.pdf

Sports

PSSA

Listed below are the venues for the first two weeks of the Winter PSSA season. Please check the next newsletter for the following two weeks.

21 May 2021	Grounds	
West Pymble	Norman Griffiths	
28 May 2021	Grounds	
West Pymble	Comenarra	
Girls Soccer	Every Friday	Koola Park
Netball	Every Friday	Canoon Rd

NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge 2021

This year our school has registered to participate in the **NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge**. The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) encourages all students and staff in public schools to be more active, more often by increasing their participation in sport and physical activity.

The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport and physical activity to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Over a ten week period our school will be monitoring physical activity levels during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport lessons. Physical activity outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award. The aim is to work towards an average at least 60 minutes of activity a day for ten weeks.

Each student in Years 3-6 will be using an online tracker to record their daily physical activity. Whilst K-2 students will work towards a Gold class award level.

We would like to invite families to support us in encouraging students' healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together.

Cheers

Andrew Noble

Green Team

Green Team



After a Covid enforced hiatus the Green Team are back and looking to care for the environment.

We are starting our 10c bottle collection again and the first drop off date is Friday 4 June between 8:30-9:10. Our goal is to help recycle 100,000 bottles over the next few years, raising \$10,000 to invest in further Green Team projects. We have currently recycled 17,000 bottles and need your help to reach the 100,000 mark.

Members of the Green Team at school are currently designing a way to ensure all of the recyclable bottles and poppers from lunches are also added to our tally and don't end up in landfill.

From the Office

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our next Recognition Ceremony will be held Friday 18 June. Please ensure all merits are handed in to the office by Friday 4 June to allow engraving of medallions.

Today our lovely Years 5 & 6 students have sorted through the incredibly large amount of lost property. Any items with names on them were returned to the students' classes. All those un-named have been donated to the secondhand uniform shop. Please ensure you label **everything** with your child's name to ensure the items come back to you and speak to your child/ren about being responsible for their belongings.

Kind regards,

WPPS Office

P&C

Newsletter Friday 14 May

Disco Thank You!

The Beach Party themed disco on Friday 30 April was so much fun! Everyone looked the part in their favourite beachwear and the hall was transformed into an amazing underwater dancing

world! A HUGE thank you goes to Anjali Weerakoon and Lisa Bilbe who were the fabulous event organisers, as well as the wonderful team of volunteers who helped out on the night. You did an amazing job!



Spell-a-thon

This year we are once again running a spell-a-thon to raise money for our school. The money raised from the spell-a-thon will go towards three great initiatives:

- The Honour Project - purchasing blazers for our school captains to wear when representing the school, as well as updating the honour and national anthem boards in the school hall
- Supporting the band program so it continues to deliver an outstanding music program
- Completion of Maddie's Garden - a memorial to former student Maddie Gladen and a quiet outdoor space for students to enjoy

The spell-a-thon is a spelling challenge where students are given 10 words specific to their grade. Students will have 2 weeks to learn the words and collect sponsors. On Thursday 27 May (week 6, Term 2) the whole school (K-6) will conduct the Spell-a-thon Quiz. Quiz sheets will be marked by the P&C and returned to students so they can collect their well-earned funds from their sponsors. We look forward to the spell-a-thon being a fun and educational fundraiser for everyone to participate in.

Save the Date

P&C General Meeting: The next P&C General Meeting will be on Monday 7 June, from 7.30pm. This will be our first meeting together in person in quite some time! It will be held in the school library and will also be streamed via zoom. All are very welcome! If you are interested in attending, please email Sandeep at secretary@wppspnc.com.au and he will provide you with all the details.

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

Paula Stokoe: vicepresident@wppspnc.com.au

Sharlene Atkinson: grants@wppspnc.com.au

Sandeep D'Sa: secretary@wppspnc.com.au

Tricia Wright: treasurer@wppspnc.com.au

Amanda Tyler: communications@wppspnc.com.au

Canteen

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

The Canteen will remain open on Thursdays and Fridays this term AND we are open again for Breakfast!

Wednesday freshly 'home cooked' lunches

We are continuing our trial of freshly 'home cooked' lunches on a Wednesday. On Wednesday 19 May we will be cooking Pasta Carbonara & Macaroni Cheese with a juice (or water). If you would like to order, please click on 'Events' on the School24 website. The normal Canteen Menu items will not be available on Wednesdays but you can buy snacks and ice blocks over the counter at Lunchtime. The Canteen will not be open at Recess.

Fantasy Day Popcorn

On Fantasy Day (Thursday 20 May) the Canteen will be serving up fresh popcorn for \$1 per bag. Popcorn will be available to purchase via cash only by visitors and all students (including years 3 to 6). All proceeds will go to the School Band Program.

Athletics Carnival Meal Deal

The years 3 to 6 Athletics Carnival will be on Monday 24 May at Bannockburn Oval. The following sausage sizzle meal deals will be available to pre-order for students attending the Athletics Carnival.

1 Sausage Sandwich and a Juice: \$5.00

2 Sausage Sandwiches and a Juice: \$7.50

Please place orders at <https://www.school24.net.au>
Snacks and drinks will also be available to purchase at the oval.
Please see attached Athletics Carnival Canteen Menu.



Canteen menus and ordering instructions

Please find below the Canteen menu for term 2

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1990/canteen_menu_term_1_2021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1991/frozen_treats_menu_2021.pdf

Click below for instructions on how to order school lunches.

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

We are very much looking forward to preparing your healthy lunches!

The Canteen Team,

Wendela, Nada & Paulina

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. The girls' skirts and short sleeve blouses have now arrived.

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)

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2051/uniform_price_list_19022021.pdf

WPPS Band News

Band Camp – 28-30 May

The volunteer roster will be finalised & emailed shortly. While we may not need all those who volunteered, please arrange your WWCC details to be finalised & verified by the office ASAP to ensure you are available if rostered on.

Annual fees (which include band camp costs) need to be finalised before band camp. Please contact the committee if you have any difficulties with making this payment.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2227/2021_wpps_band_camp_information_form.pdf

Lunchtime Concert – Tuesday 25 May

The Combined Band (CB & PB) will be performing a lunchtime concert (for WPPS student audience) on Tues 25 May. There are no special uniform requirements and students will already have their instruments at school. Please remind your child to practice in preparation for this.

Other Performances for your Diary

Baby Proms (24 Aug) – A smaller group from the Combined Band will perform at school and the local pre-schools (Matt will advise the students selected)

NSSWE Spring Music Festival (Thurs 9 - Sun 12 Sept) – The Combined Band will perform at the Concourse Chatswood. We'll be allocated a day & timeslot closer to the festival date.

Spring Showcase (2 Sept) – ALL bands will perform at school

Kind regards,

The Parent Band Committee, wppsband@gmail.com

After School Care



WPOOSC

We have permanent morning places available everyday in Term 2, and some afternoon too.

If you would like to know more send us an email to coordinator@wpoosc.com.au or give us a ring on 94181918

Community News

Squadsports



3 DAY Multi-Sport Camp for Kids
JUNE 2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
28th-30th June (Mon-Wed)

SQUAD SPORTS

JOIN THE SQUAD

3 DAYS of sport + fun with qualified teachers
9am-3pm (Extended hours available)
Venue: WEST PYMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL
All school children in years K-6 welcome
Limited spots and huge discounts for siblings at our upcoming camp in the June School Holidays

Registrations NOW OPEN
www.squadsports.net.au

\$155 for 3 DAYS!

Kool Kidzz

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2319/kool_kidzz_st_ives_winter_2021_flyer_copy.pdf

Lifeline Book Clearance

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2285/media_release_hornsby_2_clearance_2021_14052021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2286/2021_hornsby_clearance_flyer_final_14052021.pdf



Volunteer to teach Ethics

Primary ETHICS Become a volunteer ethics teacher

Do something life-changing this year

Teach ethics at West Pymble Public School



For around an hour a week, you can teach an ethics class at your local school and help children develop skills for life.

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

In ethics classes, children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group and include topics such as Laziness, Voting, How can we work out what's true? and Imagining how others feel.

Volunteers are needed now to teach ethics classes at West Pymble PS. Training and support is provided.

Please contact Julie Brown-Gordon: julie.brown@primaryethics.com.au

Only about an hour a week Find out more at PrimaryEthics.com.au

Catholic Special Religious Education

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2002/catholic_sre_brochure_5022021.pdf

Healthy Lunch Box

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

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2288/simple_swaps_nutrition_snippet_t2w1_14052021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2222/sunsmart_snippets_morning_checklist_30042021.pdf

Snippets

Nutrition Snippet

WHAT IS THE HEALTHY LUNCH BOX?



A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

Here's what you'll find on the website:

- [Interactive lunch box builder](#) that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy [recipes](#) and [snack ideas](#).
- Informative [blogs](#) about healthy eating for the family.
- [Sign up](#) to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.


healthylunchbox.com.au



Entertainment Book

FUNDRAISERS, IT'S HERE!

The new Entertainment App update is now available



Enjoy these new features

- 😊 A location setting feature that connects you to nearby offers and enables search by city and suburb
- 😊 A list view that helps you seamlessly browse and scroll through all the offers available in your Membership
- 😊 Simplified search that assists you in finding your favourite offers
- 😊 Smarter sorting and easier filtering of your offers

Head to Google Play Store or App Store to update your App to the latest version. If an update isn't available, all you need to do is delete your current App and re-download the Entertainment ANZ App.

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SINGLE CITY
MEMBERSHIP

\$69.99

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UPGRADED TO
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\$50

For a limited time only, buy a Single City Membership for only \$69.99 and we'll automatically upgrade you to a Multi City Membership. That's a **\$50 saving** and over 10,000 offers to enjoy across Australia and New Zealand.

* This is a limited time offer and it ends Monday 31 May at 11:59pm AEST so be quick!

Entertainment Memberships can start anytime (you have 3 months to activate your new membership) and are packed with thousands of incredible savings on dining, travel, shopping and fun family activities. The digital membership is easy to download and start using instantly. New offers are added weekly for ongoing value all year round.

Support us and buy today. Click below to purchase your Digital Entertainment Membership NOW!

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The School App

[Installing_SZAPP.pdf](#)

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Chess

We have Beginner, Basic and Intermediate classes starting.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2153/fly_for_west_pymble_ps_term_2_2021_a.pdf

Art

Art Classes

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2168/hive_flyer_t1w4_2021.pdf

Camerons Tennis School

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2165/tennis_wp_t2_2021_01042021.pdf

Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803

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.

KDance Company

New to West Pymble this year.