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15 October 2021

## Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome back

We are now in the final run to the end of the year and what a roller coaster ride it has been! We can't thank you enough for the active role you have taken in your child's education since the start of lockdown. There have been many positives that have emerged, increased partnerships and a greater understanding of the role of teachers in your child's education, students discovering more about their preferred styles of learning with many becoming increasingly self-directed in their work habits.

We are very excited to see them all come streaming through the school gates again starting on Monday for Kindergarten and Year 1 and then the following Monday for all other year groups.

It is understandable that many will be feeling a little disconnected and anxious but please reassure them that this is normal. If your child is feeling a little nervous, please encourage them to let their teachers know as they are best placed to ease those worries, knowing your children as they do.

You can help by re-establishing routines and acknowledging their feelings, actively listening to them and helping them to find solutions. If you can encourage them to discover the solutions to their worries, they will have more ownership and feel more invested in putting those strategies in place when they return to school. We will be doing the same when they return. All of our students will be engaging in a unit of work called "We Belong" developed by Mr Benedet and which has had input from all staff. This will be in place for the rest of Term 4 to help children re-connect with each other and their teachers and help them explore positive emotions, such as joy, gratitude, kindness, amongst others. There will be a different focus each week through until the end of the term.

It has been amazing to see the increased collegiality between staff over this period and I would like to give a big shout out to all our teachers and support staff who have worked as one over this entire lockdown period to ensure the best for our children and to look after each other. We have always been a very collegial staff but the bar has been raised to a level that I have never experienced before. With Australian Teachers' Day coming up on 29 October, every one of our staff deserves to be acknowledged.

### Maggie Dent Presentation

For those of you who may have missed the Maggie Dent presentation, here are the links to both the recording and the resources. It will only be available for a few more weeks so I hope you take advantage of the opportunity and have a look. There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to this event not only by parents in our school but by parents across the state.

Webinar recording

<https://youtu.be/DI9S14pf80I>

Maggie Dent resources

<https://www.maggiedent.com/covidresources/>

### Return to School

Earlier this week, I sent out a very comprehensive information communication to parents that I hope answers all your questions. If there is something of which you are unsure, please let me know.

I have included it here again in case you missed it. Please take time to go through the procedures with your child, so they are certain of what will be happening, particularly on those first days when arriving at school and leaving in the afternoon.

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2580/covid\\_return\\_to\\_school\\_t4\\_2021.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2580/covid_return_to_school_t4_2021.pdf)

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2581/covid\\_safe\\_school\\_operations\\_1\\_.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2581/covid_safe_school_operations_1_.pdf)

Enjoy your last days of home schooling. We are very much looking forward to seeing the children back at school again with the light and laughter that they bring.

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 will be running their annual West Pymble PS family evening on Wednesday 10 November 2021 for any families that have students in Year 3-6. It will be run as an online event this year due to COVID. The night will be split into 2 sessions:


Session 1 - 6:00pm - Where Did I Come From (Year 3 and 4 students and their parents)

Session 2 - 7:15pm - Preparing for Puberty (Year 5 and 6 students and their parents)

The cost of the evening is \$35. This covers either one session or both if you have students in both age groups. Payment can be made directly to Interrelate, however, they don't open bookings until 3 weeks prior to the event. A permission note and SZapp announcement will be sent once the booking link has been made available to the school.

Please note, Stage 3 students will be attending a separate Interrelate program once they return to school, which covers different content to the family night. This has been a very informative and successful event over the past decade and I encourage all families to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Simpson via the school office.



**Family Evening Program**

**Permission Flyer**

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**Session 1: Where Did I Come From?** **Time: 6:00pm**

**Audience:** Year 3 and 4 students and their parents/carers  
**Sessions:** 1 x 60-minute session  
**Program focus:**

- Discuss the male and female reproductive systems, foetal development and the birth process
- Sexual intercourse & conception including assisted
- Personal safety and protective behaviours

*Note: Older students are encouraged to attend if they have not previously seen this program.*

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**Session 2: Preparing For Puberty** **Time: 7:15pm**

**Audience:** Year 5 and 6 students and their parents/carers  
**Sessions:** 1 x 60-minute session  
**Program focus:**

- Discuss the physical changes of puberty, emphasising that it can be different for everyone
- Develop students' understanding of periods and sperm production, as well as the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys and girls
- Enhance awareness of children's personal safety and protective behaviours

*Note: Younger students are welcome to attend at the discretion of their parents/carers.*

**Cost per Family: \$35 (incl. GST) to attend one or both sessions**

**Where:** West Pymble Public School  
**When:** 10-Nov-2021

## School News

### School Merits

**West Pymble Merit List**  
**08 October 2021**  
**Term 4, Week 1**

KG	Colette F	Elliott L	Isabella S
KSB	Amit I	Ivy S	Jasper P
1E	Connor T	Emily V	Trinity C
1K	Anika J	Chloe O	Jude J
2F	Chloe H	Maverick S	Vihaan S
2W	Angelina S	Isla B	Lucas M
3B	Eva L	Isaak L	Oliver L
3N	Jackson W	Lucinda T	Willow A
4J	Chloe W	Noah O	Shreyansh G
4OH	Ezzy D	Hannah L	Ryan O
5/6B	Evan B	Tia W	William A
5/6C	Holly A	Lachlan B	Olivia C
5/6G	Benjamin C	Jayden J	Kiahna M

**West Pymble Merit List**  
**15 October 2021**  
**Term 4, Week 2**

KG	Adalyn A	Eden F	Ruby G
KSB	Abbie H	Lachlan W	Lily L
1E	Dustin M	Jua M	Mason C
1K	Harrison L	Matthew J	Olivia M
2F	Ari C	Thomas M	Zachary Z
2W	Emma M	Oliver V	Ryan V
3B	Isabelle T	Krystal C	Teo B
3N	James T	Jessica B	Mia P
4J	Euan G	Kate D	Ryan V
4OH	Ethan C	Harrison B	Kingsley P
5/6B	Jasper L	Miles E	Rani S
5/6C	Atila T	Callan R	Sophie C
5/6G	Chloe M	William W	Wolf V

### Placement in Selective High Schools for year 7 entry in 2023

## Library

### Library to close - please return all books

Please return all library books on the day you return to school.

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.

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)

### [Online Trivia & Bingo Night](#)

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is now just over a week away – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 7:30pm. If you still need to purchase tickets, please visit [Trivia Night 2021](#). This is an opportunity to get some friends together (all Covid-safe of course) and enjoy a well-deserved night of fun and laughs, whilst also raising money for our wonderful school and supporting local businesses. A huge thanks to everyone who has contributed to putting this night together, including parents who have kindly donated towards the prize hampers. Don't forget to order some nibbles for the night with your raffle tickets from our online shop at [Raffle tickets & cheese platters](#). This is an event not to be missed!

### [Second-hand uniforms](#)

Our uniform stall has gratefully been re-opened this week with thanks to Sharlene Atkinson. If you still need to purchase uniforms in time for returning to school, drop by 60 Wallalong Crescent this Sunday 17 October 9:30am-noon. For more info visit [Uniform Stall](#).

## From the Office

# ENROL NOW FOR 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so excited and can't wait to see all our beautiful Kindy and Year 1 students next Monday and all our other years the following week - we've missed you!!

Our Recognition Ceremony will be held late in the Term 4, would you please start collating all your merits and bring them to the office.

Stay safe and healthy,

Michelle, Amanda, Dawn and Emma

### [Save the Date](#)

The next P&C General Meeting will be this Monday 18 October, from 7.30pm. The meeting will be via Zoom, 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.

### [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)

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

## P&C

### Newsletter Friday 15 October

### [P&C](#)

After 12 weeks of remote learning, it's almost time to send the kids back to school and for us to regain some sense of normality in our homes. Regarding face masks that have been ordered, we are hoping to have them personally delivered and dropped into your mailbox prior to school returning – as long as there are no unexpected DHL delivery delays. Alternatively, you can arrange a contactless pick up from a P&C team member.

## Canteen

The canteen will reopen the week of 25 October once all kids are back at school, every Thursday and Friday (closed Wednesdays) until the end of term. Unfortunately, no volunteers are currently permitted onsite so Nada & Wendela will be working alone, therefore the canteen menu will be

simplified so all remaining stock can be used up before the end of the year. Time-consuming meals to prepare such as salads, chicken wraps and sandwiches other than ham and/or cheese or vegemite will temporarily be unavailable and winter menu items including beef burgers, sausage rolls and pies, will remain on offer until sold out. [Click here to order online.](#)

Until further notice it will be lunch orders only and no over the counter service.

Wendela, Nada & Paulina

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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

## Stealers

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## Band

### Band Information Session for Year 2 Parents

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## Community News

### West Pymble Cricket Club

We have different programs open to players of all skills. The Junior Blasters (Ages 5-7) program is 60 minutes long each week and kids learn the skills to play cricket through fun game based activities. The Master Blasters (Ages 7-10) program is 90 minutes long and plays modified games of cricket in a fun and social setting. We also have Junior Club Cricket (Ages 9-18) of 20 and 30 overs that play the full game and run over a morning or afternoon on weekends. All levels of cricket are a great way for kids to make new friends.

Parents can also register their

child [HERE](#) although there is a QR code and other contact details in the attached flyer. The season is commencing at the end of this month. We are also active on facebook, instagram and twitter, as well as our website, which can be accessed from clicking the icons below.

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2570/junior\\_and\\_master\\_blasters\\_and\\_club\\_2021\\_22\\_151021.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2570/junior_and_master_blasters_and_club_2021_22_151021.pdf)

## 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 – CCRESS – 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

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2002/catholic\\_sre\\_brochure\\_5022021.pdf](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.

The website has lots of fun recipes and informative blogs.

[https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2576/hlb\\_recipe\\_cards\\_snippet\\_15102021.pdf](https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2576/hlb_recipe_cards_snippet_15102021.pdf)

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## 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
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- 😊 Smarter sorting and easier filtering of your offers

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