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19 March 2021

Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harmony Day

On Wednesday this week West Pymble students and staff celebrated Harmony Day by wearing a touch of orange and engaging the students in a range of activities designed to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity. Students were also asked to bring in something that exemplified their cultural heritage, maybe a traditional costume, a recipe, a song, a dance, etc. to share with their class mates.

Parent Teacher Interviews.

These were held in Week 7. Thank you to all the parents who came in to meet with their teacher/s. While early in the year, these interviews are a good way to start to build relationships, for staff to get to know more about your child and for you to find out how your child is settling into their new class. As always, you are most welcome to request an interview at any time throughout the year should you have any issues you would like to discuss as will your class teacher should the need arise.

Kindergarten Afternoon Collection

Our Kindergarten cohort have settled into school exceedingly well and are showing a great deal of independence and responsibility. It is now time for them to leave class at the same time as all the other children, at 3:10pm, as they are now very familiar with their afternoon routines. You may collect them from the Kindergarten verandah or at the preferred gate to ensure continued growth of independence and resilience.

Playground

Construction of the new section of the playground is more than half way through and weather permitting, should be finished in a couple of weeks. It is garnering great interest from the students who are eager to use the finished product. The original concept was developed in 2014 and phase by phase we have been working our way through the developments of our "Creative Outdoor Learning Area", an area that encourages the use of imagination and innovation through play.

Solar

Our solar project has just been approved by the Department of Education under their joint funding program. We have been working with "Solar My School" and parent Glen Leo to get this project off the ground and it is finally happening! We are meeting next week to determine next steps and start the process. Thank you so much Glen for all your work on this project.

Toilets

.....and while we are on the topic, we have also been successful in our application for the Metro Renewal Program, a government COVID stimulus program, to upgrade the senior toilets. I know this will make a lot of our senior students feel more at ease about using them. Our Assets Officer visited the school yesterday to look at the scope of works. The Department is now ready to go to tender, so watch this space!!

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Today, Friday 19 March is National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence or NDA. This is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to bullying and violence.

Bullying is targeted, repeated and usually involves an imbalance of power.

As do all schools, WPPS has a zero tolerance to any forms of bullying or violence. Sometimes it is very difficult to detect, which is why we ask that all members of our school community, parents and students alike, remain vigilant and if you suspect acts of bullying or violence, to report them to your teacher or to me. All reports will be dealt with seriously and in confidence.

I have included a fact sheet from the "Bullying. No Way!" site, which has a wealth of resources available and a number of important links that you may find useful. These resources were developed in collaboration with the eSafety Commissioner.

As part of our PDHPE curriculum, we will be continuing to focus on the different types of bullying and how students can keep themselves safe. This NDA, we are encouraging student voice to be at the forefront of bullying prevention with "Bullying is Never OK!" student engagement activities in every class and at Assembly.



Tips for primary school students who experience bullying

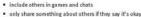
Bullying is when a person, or a group of people, tries to upset or hurt you. Bullying can make you feel very sad, scared or upset. Bullying can happen anywhere — in person or online. When it happens online it is often called cyberbullying.

Bullving in person or online might look or feel like someone is:

- repeatedly saying mean words to your face, teasing you, hurting your body or damaging your things hurting your feelings through mean online posts, comments or messages
- spreading lies about you
- leaving you out or ignoring you
 sharing something online that will make you feel bad, like a photo or video that you don't want anyone to see · threatening to do any of the things on this list.

No one deserves to be bullied or hurt. You can choose to:

• treat others how you would like to be treated - with kindness and respect







• If t	ev are doing it to your face, tell them to stop and then walk away.
	somewhere safe and get help from a friend or trusted adult.
Do	't respond if they are doing it to you online.
Pro	ect yourself online by unfriending them or using privacy settings to block them.
	kay to ask for help if you are being bullied or see it happening to someone else can speak to:
at	ested adult — this could be a parent or carer, an adult friend, or an aunty or uncle who will listen and help you
y yo	r teacher or principal — you can talk to your teacher about the bullying and how to stop it
yo	r friends — they can listen to you and help you get support
• Kio	Helpline — they have counsellors available at any time who will listen and help you work out what to do

- danger, call the p
- · the eSafety team you can report serious cyberbullying (see the steps below)





Have a safe and happy fortnight,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

Message from the Deputy Principal

Attendance at West Pymble Public School

Students are required to attend school each day the school is open. We have noticed a trend where the number of students arriving late to school is increasing. The playground is supervised by teachers from 8:40am each day.

Arriving at school and class on time:

- · Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for this absence may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment

- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school, parents need to provide a written or verbal explanation within 7 days. From Monday 22 March, we will be implementing new procedures where you will receive a letter asking for an explanation if we have not received one within 7 days of the absence. This will include any occurrence where the student has arrived at school after 9:10am.

Good school attendance is a strong predictor of student performance and successful students generally have minimal time away from school. We have been set an aspirational attendance target by the Department of Education of 98% by 2024. Our attendance rate is currently 92.7%. Let's work together to meet our target!

Tim Simpson

Up Coming Events

Tuesday 23 March - Grip Leadership

Wednesday 24 March - Kindy Welcome Party

Thursday 25 March - National Young Leaders Day

Tuesday 30 March - Cross Country

PBEL

PBEL At Classroom Expectation

Be Responsible	 We put in lots of effort to improve Challenges and mistakes are part of learning. We reflect on them to help us learn.
Be Respectful	 We listen to one another. We show empathy and kindness towards others.
Be Safe	 ✓ Walk safely around the classroom. ✓ Tell a trusted adult if someone is hurting your or others.

Thank you for supporting the students and teachers in implementing our PBEL fortnightly focus. This is an example of one class' expectations. Each class will have their own unique expectations. These will change throughout the year.

West Pymble Merit List 19 March 2021 Term 1, Week 8 1E Jua M Mackenzie L Riyansh S 1K Daisy N Harrison L Reef P 2F Evie S Georgii B Zachary O William B 2W Cillian C Thomas W James W 3B Charlyse M Sophie C 3N Antonia G Emma L Jackson W 40H Avhan T Charlotte N Harrison B Euan G Rachel L Sean M 4.1 5/6B Micah W Miles E Tia W 5/6F Elijah C Maanya I Matthew J 5/6G Ewan S Paige S Sarah P

HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Wyuna

MERIT AWARD: Chloe H 2F, Indiana S 3N, Cooper L 3B, Ashton O 2F, Noah K 1K, Lucinda T 3N, Evie S 2F, Hamish M 5/6F, Lily R 4J, Ryan O 4OH, Angelina S 2W, Daisy N 1K, Satoshi K 2F, Sophie C 5/6F, Abigail M 2W, Alexandra E 1E, Tyler W 1K, Jack H 2W, Amy C 1K,

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Isabelle T 1/2B, Holly A 5/6F, Penelope B 1E, Grace C 2F, Chloe W 4J, Willow A 3N, Harvey A 2W, Liam S 3N, Hugo S 1E, Eliya W 5/6B

Easter Hat Parade

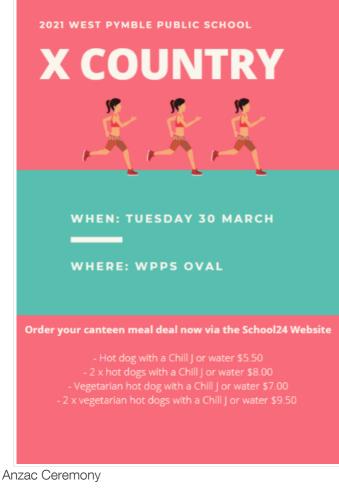
We would like all students in Years K-6 to create their own Easter hat to wear during the Easter Hat Parade.

On Thursday 1 April at 1:30pm we would like to invite parents and caregivers to come to our Easter Hat Parade to see how creative the students of West Pymble are.

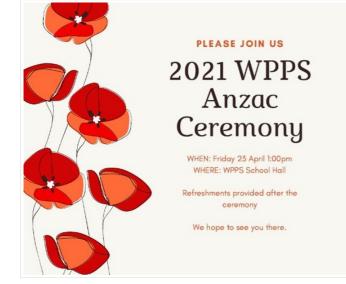
Students can bring their hat to school on the day and leave it in their classroom.

Please refer to the SZapp sent out for further details.

School News







Languagenut

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school is very lucky to have a subscription to the language learning platform, Languagenut. It is a fantastic resource that we use during French lessons from Year 1 - Year 6. It is also a resource that can be downloaded at home for extra French practice. Each student has their own log-in which records their individual progress. Throughout the term, I monitor student progress and as a reward at the end of term, I print out certificates of achievement!

Practising French at home in this way is, of course, an optional activity. Languagenut is fun to use and it is aimed at encouraging student interest in French and to increase exposure to new vocabulary. Activities cover all skills - listening, speaking, reading and writing, and topics are varied ranging from greetings, numbers, colours, to sports, shopping, animals, weather and many more. Students can practise vocabulary related to class topics at their own pace or they may wish to explore new language. It is up to them!

Thank you for supporting your child's interest in languages. I hope they enjoy learning with this great resource!

Merci beaucoup!

Madame Leddet

Enrolments Online

FAQs about the Online Enrolment process.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1944/ faqs_enrolments_online.pdf

Sports

Swimming Carnival 2021 2.0

We finally managed to have our swimming Carnival 2.0 on Thursday 25 February despite the unfavourable weather. It was an eventful day and we managed to complete all the events.

I would like to thank all involved for their patience and support throughout the day.

Mr Andrew Noble

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
100m Freestyle - Boys - Final	Daniel M	Ryan W	Oscar G
100m Freestyle - Girls - Final	Kayla S	Kate D	Chaya B

50m Freestyle - Boys - 8yrs - Final	Ari C	Thomas M	Liam B
50m Freestyle - Girls - 8yrs - Final	Georgia S	Heidi H	Anika L
50m Freestyle - Boys - 9yrs - Final	Gerard B-G	Edward J	Teo B
50m Freestyle - Girls - 9yrs - Final	Sienna S	Mila H	Indiana S

50m Freestyle - Boys - 10yrs - Final	Ryan W	Matthew M	Noah O
50m Freestyle - Girls - 10yrs - Final	Zoya G	Stephanie E	Kate D
50m Freestyle - Boys - 11yrs - Final	Hamish M	Ewan S	Howie Z
50m Freestyle - Girls - 11yrs - Final	Kayla S	Ruby B-G	Sienna B
50m Freestyle - Boys - 12/13yrs - Final	Daniel M	Miles E	Samuel N
50m Freestyle - Girls - 12/13yrs - Final	Sophie C	Chaya B	Caitlin K

50m Breaststroke - Boys - Jnr	Oscar G	Ryan W	Noah O
50m Breaststroke - Girls - Jnr	Olivia C	Kate D	Olivia T
50m Breaststroke - Boys - 11yrs	Dimitry H	Ewan S	
50m Breaststroke - Girls - 11yrs	Ruby B-G	Frances S	Kayla S
50m Breaststroke - Boys - 12/ 13yrs	Daniel M	Miles E	Hamish M
50m Backstroke - Boys - Jnr	Ryan W	Oscar G	Miles S
50m Backstroke - Girls - Jnr	Hannah L	Kate D	Niamh M
50m Backstroke - Boys - 11yrs	Ewan S	Hamish M	
50m Backstroke - Girls - 11yrs	Kayla S	Ruby B-G	Frances S
50m Backstroke - Boys - 12/ 13yrs	Daniel M	George C	Samuel N
50m Backstroke - Girls - 12/ 13yrs	Sophie C	Paige S-B	Chaya B
50m Butterfly - Boys - Jnr	Oscar G	Ryan W	Matthew M
50m Butterfly - Girls - Jnr	Kate D	Aashi C	Niamh M
50m Butterfly - Girls - 11yrs	Kayla S	Frances S	

50m Butterfly - Boys - 12/13yrs	Daniel M	George	
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Zone Swimming

Friday 5 March, Mr Simpson and I had the pleasure of taking our representative students to the Ku-ring-gai Zone Swimming Carnival at Homebush Aquatic Centre. All students represented West Pymble with pride and swam their best.

Many students placed well in their heats and broke their PBs. We also had students qualify for the finals including Oscar G (50m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly) and Daniel M (50m Breaststroke & Backstroke).

Once again congratulations to all the students representing the school and a big thanks to Kerry and David Mellink for all their hard work on the day organising the team.

Mr Tim Simpson and Mr Andrew Noble

From the Office

Dear Parents and Carers,

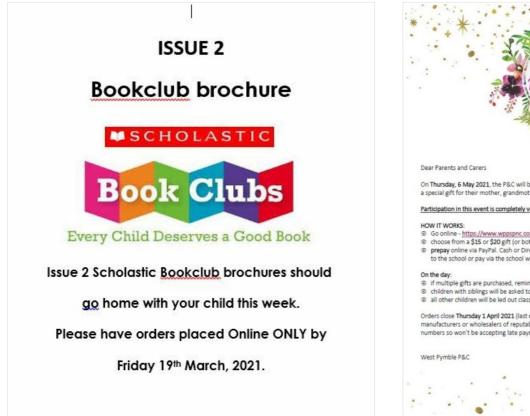
A reminder NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Students will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Kind regards,

WPPS Office

Library



P&C

Professional Networking Group Launch

Keep an eye out in your child's clipfolder for information on the launch of the professional networking group. We think this will be a great opportunity to support and promote local businesses within the school community, as well as identify opportunities where skills and knowledge can be shared with students.

If you would like to join the professional networking group, please return the information requested by Friday 26 March. We'd love for you to be part of it!

Save the Date

Kindy Welcome Party: There will be a special little celebration for our Kindy students on Wednesday 24 March. They have done such a great job of settling into school with the help of their wonderful buddies. We are going to celebrate with some yummy party food and a mini disco.

Second hand uniform stall: *** Date change*** The next second hand uniform stall will now be held on Sunday 28 March, at 71 Kendall Street West Pymble. This stall will focus on Winter and sports uniforms.

Mothers' Day stall: The last day to order gifts for the Mothers' Day stall is Thursday 1 April. To order, go to https://www.wppspnc.com.au/mothers-day-stall-2021. The stall, where the children can choose a special gift for their mother, grandmother and/or a significant loved one, will be on Thursday 6 May.



School Disco: We said that this year was about 'bringing the fun in 21', and there is no better way to do that than a disco! All students are invited to the Beach Party themed disco to be held on Friday 30 April. Please save the date now and keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

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

Cross country meal deal

The school cross country will be held on Tuesday 30 March. We have the following meal deals available:

- 1 Hotdog and a Chill J Sparkling Fruit Juice Drink (or Water) \$5.50
- 1 Vegetarian Hotdog and a Chill J Sparkling Fruit Juice Drink (or Water) \$7.00
- 2 Hotdogs and a Chill J Sparkling Fruit Juice Drink (or Water) \$8.00
- 2 Vegetarian Hotdogs and a Chill J Sparkling Fruit Juice Drink (or Water) \$9.50

Please place orders by Monday 29 March at https://www.school24.net.au

End of term sausage sizzle

The end of term sausage sizzle will be on Thursday 1 April.

- 1 Sausage Sandwich and a Juice: \$5.00
- 2 Sausage Sandwiches and a Juice: \$7.50

Please place orders by Tuesday 30 March at https://www.school24.net.au

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' skorts 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)

UNIFORM SHOP WEST PYMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Uniform Shop Hours

Regular Opening Time

2:00 pm -3:30 pm Tuesdays & 8:30 am - 10:00am Thursdays

Opening Hours Term 1 2021

28 Jan 21	Thursday	8:30 am - 10:00 am
29 Jan 21	Friday	8:30 am - 10:00 am
01 Feb 21	Monday	8:30 am - 10:00 am
02 Feb 21	Tuesday	2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

2:00pm -3:30pm Tuesdays & 8:30am - 10:00am Thursdays

Any enquires can be made direct to Excel Uniforms

Phone 0405 506 383/Email wpps@exceluniforms.com.au

www.exceluniforms.com.au

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

Canteen

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

The Canteen will be open on Thursday and Friday.

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Click below for how to order school lunches.

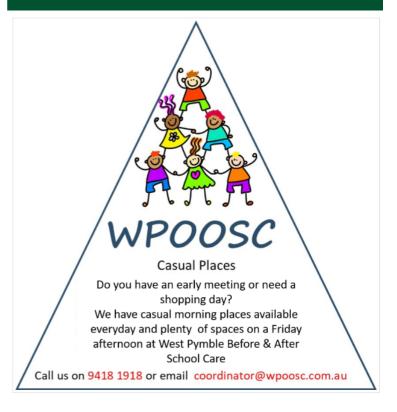
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We are very much looking forward to preparing your healthy lunches!

The Canteen Team,

Wendela, Nada & Paulina

After School Care



WPPS Band

Band program

The band program has had a very successful start to the year with Concert Band and Performance Band starting rehearsals last week. Training Band are settling into their new instruments with the excitement of the first lesson this week. We hope you all enjoy getting started!

For any band questions please contact wppsband@gmail.com.

Please note that rehearsals times:

Performance Band – 7.50am Tuesday and 3.15pm Thursday,

Concert Band - 7.50 am Thursday,

Training Band – 7.50am Monday,

Kind Regards

Festival of Democracy



Celebrate democracy in Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children and their families from 4 to 12 years.

This is a COVID-safe event.

	FREE ENTRY (timed)
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and and	LOCATION
10	Parliament of New So
E A	6 Macquarie Street
2.17	Opposite Martin Place
W.J	The public cafe will b



Squad Sports

3 DAY Multi-Sport Camp for Kids APRIL 2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 6th, 7th & 8th (Tues-Thurs)



Kool Kidzz St lves

West Pymble Football Club

We have places available in our Junior Girls Soccer teams at WPFC - from Girls Under 8yrs to Girls Under 12yrs.

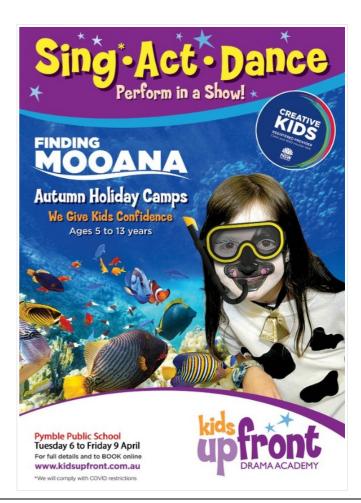






Kids up Front

MONGO FOOTBALL



Northlight Anglican Church

You may be aware of our annual winter school holiday program, Sandwich, which happens at our church each year. Sandwich is a great community event for West Pymble and we have had many kids from the school come along in the past. In 2020 we weren't able to run Sandwich but we are excited to relaunch it again this year.



Volunteer to teach 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.

Only about an hour a week

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/2148/ autumn_fruit_and_veg_nutrition_snippet_t1_w6_19032021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2149/ easter_treats_nutrition_snippets_t1_w6_19032021.pdf

Entertainment Book



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!

Click here to order your Entertainment Book

The School App

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After School Activities At West Pymble Public School - Copy

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.

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/1529/ hive_flyer_0306.pdf

Camerons Tennis School

Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803