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## **Principal**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe that we are already at the end of Term 1? The time has flown. We have achieved much, the Swimming Carnival, Cross Country Carnival, Easter Hat Parade, Student Leadership Conferences, Kindergarten and some Year1 assessments in speech, vision, hearing and O.T., an audit, the Kindy party along with all the "business as usual" elements of school and we have developed and written our School Improvement Plan for the next four years, had it signed off by our Director (with her comment "The best I've seen.") and submitted it to the department. The "outward facing" part of the document will be published onto the website today. All this and more, in between juggling COVID's changing restrictions. We now are looking forward to a restful holiday break.

## Playground Upgrade

The latest phase of the playground upgrade is just about to come to a close. They should be finished today and the equipment and fencing is scheduled to go next week. It is looking amazing and I am sure the children are eager to get into it and play! Many of you know my philosophy on the importance of play particularly in the development of  $21^{st}$  Century skills, preparing our children for their future (communication, collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and curiosity) along with many other skills and abilities. Our Creative Outdoor Learning Space will provide just such a space that is conducive to this development. It is bringing the classroom outside and utilising our beautiful environment to the benefit of students and teachers alike and for all sorts of learning. As Plato said, "Play is the work of the child" and aren't we all children at heart!

## Baby News

We wish Mrs Emma Bonouvrie much love and the very best of wishes as she leaves us today to go onto Maternity Leave. We are looking forward to the news of the safe arrival of her happy and healthy little bundle of joy sometime over the next few weeks. This last semester, Ms Emma Smales and Mrs Bonouvrie have been job sharing on Kindergarten while both have been on part-time Mat Leave and now that Mrs B is taking full-time Mat leave, Ms Smales will be coming back full-time.

#### Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Every three years, the Australian Government conducts a census to collect data on early childhood development that measures the progress of children as they start their first year of schooling. The information collected helps shape the future and wellbeing of our children by providing evidence to support education, health, policy and community planning at the national, state, community and local level.

The census involves teachers of our Kindergarten children completing the Australian version of the Early Development Instrument in a secure online data collection system. The questions in the instrument relate to five key areas of childhood development and are based on observations during Term 1. Children do not need to be present while the teacher completes the instrument and will not miss any class time. All data entered by the teacher is secure and is de-identified before reports are made public.

A Parent Information letter will be sent out at the start of next term.

The website www.aedc.gov.au will provide further information.

#### Year 5 Opportunity Class (OC) Placement Assessments 2022

All Year 4 students have received an Information letter for Parents regarding the OC tests. If you are interested in having your child sit for these tests, please advise us via the tear off slip on the bottom of the letter. All applications are online.

Late applications will not be considered. Should you not have received your Parent Information letter please contact us.

Important dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 20 April 2021: Online applications open
- Friday 7 May 2021: application site closes
- Wednesday 21 July 2021: Opportunity Class
   Placement Test. You must apply online at the
   address below if you are interested.
   https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/
   selective -high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/
   year-5

## Cross Country Carnival

A great day was had by all! Thank you Miss Feltscheer for organising such a wonderful event and how lovely to see many parents back on site enjoying the day also. Champions will be recognised along with the swimming champions in the Term 2 Recognition Assembly.

Best wishes for a very restful and relaxing Easter break and we will see all students back and ready for Term 2 on Tuesday 20 April 2021. Students may start wearing their Winter uniforms with the full changeover to Winter uniform by Week 3 (3 May).

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

## Message from the Deputy Principal

## Rebel Sport

Did you know?

We are proudly partnering with Rebel in their Rebel Community Givebacks program which entitles our school to receive 5% of all our members' purchases at Rebel back as credit to spend in store on sports equipment or team wear! To support our school all you need to do is join the Rebel active loyalty program and link your member account to our school next time you visit your local Rebel store. A friendly team member can help you do this in store and you'll also receive some great benefits like exclusive member offers and access to VIP experiences, rewards and competitions for being a Rebel active member. Just remember to swipe your Rebel active loyalty card in store or log into your account online when making a purchase at Rebel and our school will receive 5% back as credit to spend on sports gear!

West Pymble Public School has been participating in the Rebel Community Givebacks program for a number of years now which has enabled the school to replace outdated sports equipment for both the school sport program and various PSSA teams.

Thanks for your support.

## Tim Simpson

# Up Coming Events

Monday 19 April - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 20 April - Students Return to School

Thursday 23 April - ANZAC Assembly

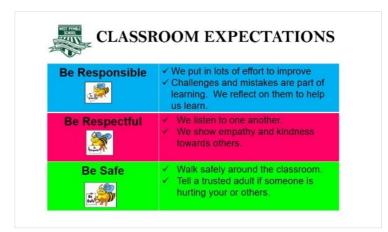
Friday 30 April - Ride to School Day

Friday 30 April - School Disco

Monday 3 May - Sydney Writers Festival

## **PBEL**

## PBEL At Classroom Expectation



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.

## School News

## Happy Easter









GRIP Leadership Conference Tuesday 23 March 2021

Last Tuesday the West Pymble School Leadership Team, accompanied by Mr Simpson, attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Sydney Olympic Tennis Centre. It was an amazing experience to learn how to become a better leader. There were more than 750 students and 100 schools participating in the annual event. One of the most important things we learned is knowing when it's your time to lead by your traits and skills.

We found out that GRIP stands for different qualities that are all related to leadership. The G stands for Generosity – being generous is very important for leaders, you need to listen to other people's ideas as well as sharing your own because your ideas might not always be the best. The R stands for Responsibility – a responsible person is trustworthy, dependable and treats others fairly by doing the right thing. The I stands for Integrity – which is living your life honestly, taking pride in things and helping others in need. The P stands for People – which is about everyone.

We had the chance to work with and bounce ideas of leaders from many other schools. We were a bit nervous at first but we really enjoyed it by the end. Talking to and working with people you don't know is an important leadership skill. We all gained so much from the conference and feel very privileged to attend on behalf of the school.



The school leadership team.

## National Leaders Day

On the 25th of March 2021, the school captains and vice captains went to the national leaders day at Sydney Convention Centre. Here is your review:

The captains were so fortunate to be able to attend this spectacular conference. We learnt so much from Lachie Smart, Anastasia Woolmer, Jimmy Rees and David Campbell about practicing resilience and learning from our mistakes. Thank you to Mrs Wilson, Mr Bedford and everyone else who helped organise this on the behalf of all of us.





## Cross Country

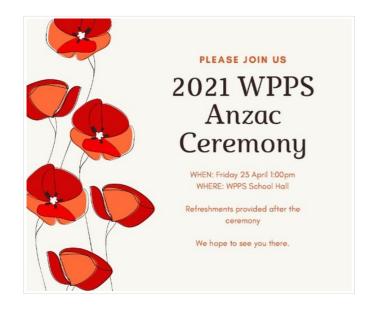
We had a great Cross Country on Tuesday 30 March.







Anzac Ceremony



## **AEDC**

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https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2207/2021\_aedc\_school\_newsletter\_article\_1\_.pdf

Historic opportunity for students to influence school and education policies in NSW

Students in public schools now have a unique opportunity to help shape and influence inclusive and positive change in NSW by becoming a member of the Education Minister's Student Council.

The first council of 24 students from throughout the state is now being formed, and applications are open for students from Year 6 to Year 11 until Wednesday, 4 April 2021.

Members will have direct input and influence on education and school policy through discussion and consultation with the Minister and key NSW Education stakeholders.

A diverse range of student voices and experiences is being sought to contribute to the council's directions and operations.

The council, known as DOVES (Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools), will meet virtually twice each term, with the Minister invited to attend.

Students decide the exact setup of council meetings, the issues to be discussed and what the NSW Government can do to make our state the best education system in Australia.

To apply for council membership, students are asked to submit a one to two-minute video, saying who they are, what they are passionate about in schooling and education, and why they want to be part of DOVES.

More information about DOVES and the application process is available at https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/student-voice/minister-s-student-council/apply-to-be-involved#Video1

Please remember, applications close Wednesday, 4 April 2021.

#### **Enrolments Online**

FAQs about the Online Enrolment process.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/1944/faqs\_enrolments\_online.pdf

## **Sports**

## **PSSA**

Last Friday, PSSA Cricket and T-Ball finished their last round before a break over the winter period. Both Junior and Senior Cricket teams had wins against Lindfield Public School and the Senior team have been undefeated so far in the competition. The Junior and Senior T-Ball teams played against St. Ives last Friday. The Seniors won and the Juniors had a narrow loss in a very close game. Looking forward to the beginning of Soccer and Netball in the Winter PSSA season which starts in Week 3 of Term 2!

Mr Bedford and Mr Noble

## From the Office

Dear Parents and Carers,

Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing holiday.

HAPPY EASTER - hope the Easter Bunny visits you all.

Kind regards,

WPPS Office

# **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

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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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https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/1991/frozen\_treats\_menu\_2021.pdf

Click below for 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

## P&C

## Happy holidays!

It is the end of term one already! How time flies! We wish everyone in our wonderful school community a happy, safe and restful break and we look forward to seeing everyone again for a fun filled term two!

## Professional Networking Group Launch

Thank you to everyone who has returned the questionnaire for the professional networking group. We are excited about this initiative and think it 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. Stay tuned for next steps early in term two.

#### Save the Date

School Disco: All students are invited to the Beach Party themed disco to be held on Friday 30 April in the school hall. The junior disco (K to year 2) will be from 4.30 to 6pm and the senior disco (year 3 to 6) will be from 6 to 7.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for further information and keep an eye out for ticket sales early in term two.

#### P&C General Meeting

The next P&C General Meeting will be on Monday 26 April, 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 and he will provide you with all the details.

## Mothers' Day stall

Thank you to everyone who ordered gifts for the Mothers' Day stall. 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.

## 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

## Hot food Wednesdays!

We are excited to announce that from week two of term two we will be trialling a hot food menu on Wednesdays. This will be a limited menu with a meat and a vegetarian option for lunch only, with all over the counter items available at lunchtime as well. Recess will need to be brought from home as the canteen will shut after lunch. Orders can be made using the school24 website.

## Canteen menus and ordering instructions

Please find below the Canteen menu for term 1 and the Frozen Treats menu.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2195/canteen\_menu\_term\_1\_05032021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2193/frozen\_treats\_menu\_2021.pdf

Click below for instructions on how to order school lunches.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2194/school24.pdf

## 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



Squad Sports





# Community News

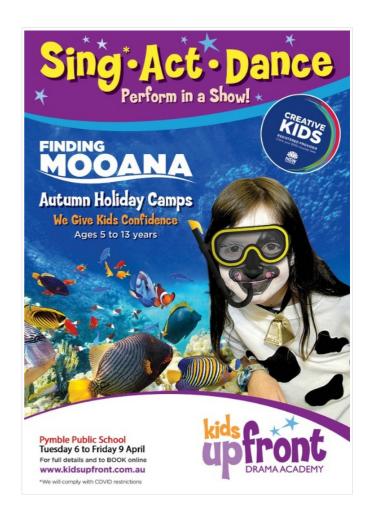
Festival of Democracy



## Just Football Academy



## Kids up Front

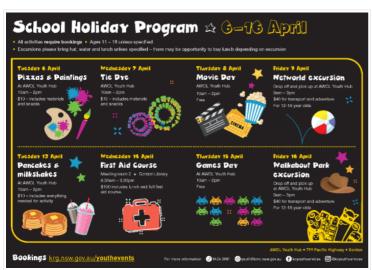


#### Northlight Anglican Church

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.



## Ku-ring-gai





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

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The School App

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# 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.

#### 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

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Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803