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Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reset Wednesday

In our last issue of the New Weekly, Mr Simpson introduced the concept of Reset Wednesday. We have now had two of these very successful days that have been overwhelmingly welcomed by the children and their parents. I have received some not quite so positive questions. Teachers spend Reset Wednesday engaging in collective, collaborative planning of programs and units of work. They also devote part of this day to quality professional learning. Our teachers are working harder than ever before and I applaud our team at WPPS on the care, effort, dedication and professionalism that each one brings for our children.

The children are expected to switch off from screens during this time to recharge their batteries and engage in other valuable learning opportunities. The value of play and engaging with nature cannot be underestimated.

Our programs are all research based, whether they be face to face, at home or blended learning. One of the most influential sources of research is John Hattie's Effect Sizes and Visible Learning. I have included a little bit of information below about Effect Sizes if you are unfamiliar with his work.

Hattie Ranking: 252 Influences And Effect Sizes Related To Student Achievement

John Hattie developed a way of synthesizing various influences in different meta-analyses according to their effect size (Cohen's d). In his ground-breaking study "Visible Learning" he ranked 138 influences that are related to learning outcomes from very positive effects to very negative effects. Hattie found that the average effect size of all the interventions he studied was 0.40. Therefore he decided to judge the success of

influences relative to this 'hinge point', in order to find an answer to the question "What works best in education?"

Originally, Hattie studied six areas that contribute to learning: the student, the home, the school, the curricula, the teacher, and teaching and learning approaches. (The updated list also includes the classroom.) But Hattie did not only provide a list of the relative effects of different influences on student achievement. He also tells the story underlying the data. He found that the key to making a difference was making teaching and learning visible. He further explained this story in his book "Visible learning for teachers".

John Hattie updated his list of 138 effects to 150 effects in [Visible Learning for Teachers \(2011\)](#), and more recently to a list of 195 effects in [The Applicability of Visible Learning to Higher Education \(2015\)](#). His research is now based on nearly 1200 meta-analyses – up from the 800 when [Visible Learning](#) came out in 2009. According to [Hattie the story underlying the data has hardly changed over time even though some effect sizes were updated with some new entries at the top, at the middle, and at the end of the list.](#)

Following you can find some of the effect sizes related to remote learning and to student achievement.

Ranking highly within the curricula effects are outdoor/adventure programs (0.52) and play programs (0.5), while among the home effects are the home environment (0.57) and parental involvement (0.51). Teacher student relationships ranks at (0.72) and teacher professional learning (0.6) both rank highly but the overall highest ranking positive effect on student learning is collective teacher efficacy which is ranked at a massive 1.57. If you would like to read more about Hattie's work or see the full list of Effect Sizes, you can Google Hattie, Effect Sizes or Visible Learning.

Funky Friday

Friday next week will be "Wear It Purple". Children attending school can wear purple mufti for this day. Don't forget to send in your photos.

COVID Update

I have included a copy of my SZapp from earlier in the week in case you missed it. We remain on Level 4 restrictions.

With the recent announcement by the NSW Government, I would like to thank you for helping to keep us all safe and keeping your children at home whenever possible.

The department's advice remains consistent:

"Parents and carers must keep children – across primary and secondary school – at home unless they need to be at school. Schools and outside of school hours care (OOSHC) services are open for any child that needs it."

As part of Greater Sydney and not in an identified LGA, our restrictions have changed very little but with the increasing ease of transmissibility, especially amongst children, we are ever mindful of how vulnerable we all are. Our advice is to stay home unless absolutely necessary to venture out. Remember that increased mobility equates to increased transmission.

Updated restrictions as distributed to schools on Sunday are as follows:

Changes to stay-at-home rules

Changes to stay-at-home rules for all NSW residents come into place over the next week:

- From 10:01am Monday 16 August, shopping, exercise and outdoor recreation to be done in a person's LGA or, if outside their LGA, within 5kms of home.
- From 12:01am Saturday 21 August, any person who wishes to travel to regional NSW for allowed reasons must have a permit from Service NSW.

The novelty of not having to come to school has well and truly worn off now for everyone, especially our most vulnerable, our students. We are trying to make the Home Learning experience as smooth as possible for both your child and you. We hope you enjoyed Reset Wednesday. The children and staff at school certainly appreciated the experience. Once again, don't forget your photos as this is how your teachers will be able to mark the roll, showing that your child has engaged with the day. We are hoping to either publish photos in the newsletter or post them in a gallery on the website or both, so please let us know when you send your photos whether they are for publication or not. Either way, we still need photos for roll marking evidence.

If your child is struggling, there are different adjustments you can make depending on where they are having difficulty, for example, it might be Zoom, in this case, let your teacher know in the first instance and then you might remove or lessen the required participation times after discussion with the classroom teacher. There are other ways to indicate engagement with the work. Our main emphasis is on mental health and wellbeing. Have a chat with your teacher about different adjustments you can make at home if you require assistance. Remember also that there are lots of mental health games and supports on the Department's website.

Stay safe, stay positive and support each other.

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

Have a safe and happy fortnight,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

PBEL

PBEL: Learning From Home

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

LEARNING FROM HOME	
Be Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ We schedule regular break times✓ We set up a quiet and organised learning space✓ We keep devices charged
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ We communicate appropriately with teachers and peers✓ We complete our personal best work online✓ We think before we hit 'send'
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ We keep our passwords secure✓ We follow teacher instructions✓ We only access relevant files and websites

Deputy Principal

Reset Wednesday

A big thank you to the school community for embracing Reset Wednesday over the past fortnight.

In these difficult times, it's essential that we all take the time to look after our wellbeing and mental health. As a school we are on a continual journey of school improvement, consistently refining our practices to ensure we are catering for the whole community.

The majority of feedback we've received has been positive, however we do understand that some families have found Reset Wednesday challenging. I encourage you to sit down with your child/ren at the start of the day and select the activities and times for them to be completed. This should provide the students with the structure required to set them up for a successful day. Don't forget to upload a picture of one of the completed activities on Thursday morning so teachers can mark the roll and confirm that they've engaged in the work.

If you have any specific feedback, please send an email with - Attention Tim Simpson in the subject line to:

westpymble-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Assemblies

There will be an assembly each Friday from next week until the end of Term 3. It will be pre-recorded and posted as a link by class teachers. The assemblies will include merit awards, messages from Ms Wilson and tips from the school leaders. In addition, we will be showcasing each stage team's work (one per week) during home learning and Reset Wednesday.

Tim Simpson

School News

Kindergarten 2022 Virtual Information Session

We would like to invite Kindergarten 2022 families to a virtual information session on **Thursday 2 September at 10:00am**. We hope that this event will provide answers to the many questions regarding transition to school in 2022.

Here are the details to join us on Zoom:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/65008258639?pwd=Mk9DOEZNa0xtNUVnTXhSWkk1Rm5XZz09>

Meeting ID: 650 0825 8639

Passcode: 952787

Kind Regards

Emma Smales

Assistant Principal (Early Stage 1)

Library

Borrowing From The Library

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2420/library_access_t3.pdf

From the Office

ENROL NOW FOR 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We miss you all and we love seeing your photos.

We are thinking of all our WPPS families and can't wait until we are all back together.

Stay safe and healthy,

Michelle, Amanda, Dawn and Emma

P&C

We are now 6 weeks into this extended period of home learning, and we hope everyone has been able to take somewhat of a break during our Reset Wednesdays. This is a time of great adversity through which we need to continue to support one another within the entire school community.

Movie & Pizza night

In order to bring us all together whilst staying apart, we thought it might be fun to all enjoy a Movie & PJs night with a generous pizza deal with thanks from Pizza Hut in Gordon.



Art in Lockdown

Check out these amazing artworks from our local students and vote for your favourite via the link provided. Your support could help win a donation of up to \$1000 for the school!

<https://turramurracommunitybank.us15.list-manage.com/track/>

click?u=03664abb85f6b4e85fa058804&id=d5199966b1&e=ba28f45fb2

Second-hand uniforms

Can now be purchased via contactless collection. Click below for details.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2466/second_hand_uniforms_20082021.pdf

Save the Date

We are hoping to organise a Virtual Disco for our students very soon – stay tuned for details!!

P&C General Meeting

The next P&C General Meeting will be on Monday 6th September, 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.

Canteen

The Canteen is currently closed as most students are learning from home. We look forward to re-opening once students return to face-to-face learning and restrictions allow it.

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

Nicky Wynne: communications@wppspnc.com.au

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

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Wendela, Nada & Paulina

After School Care



Beginning Aug. 6
Start early

Download an Application form on our website and send it in by email.
Don't forget, - even existing families need to re-enrol

IT'S TIME TO ENROLL

Our website
www.wpoosc.com.au

For West Pymble Out of School Care in 2022

Home

Community News

Ku-ring-gai Council

Ku-ring-gai Council is committed to people's health and wellbeing at this time and have developed some live streamed online Yoga classes for all ages and abilities and would appreciate if you would share with your school community

Get fit and flexible from the comfort of your own home with Ku-ring-gai Lockdown Live Yoga streamed live from scenic locations around Ku-ring-gai with 3 sessions coming up Thursday 19, 26 August and 2 September from 1-2pm.

These one hour yoga classes will cater for all ages and abilities, so step away from the desk or take a break from your daily routine and make your health and wellbeing a priority.

These sessions will be lived streamed live from the Ku-ring-gai Council Facebook page at the above times and dates.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/753348988691586/?ref=newsfeed>

For more information <https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Things-to-do/Whats-on/Ku-ring-gai-Lockdown-Live-Yoga>

These classes can be for anyone so please share with your family and friends.



Sydney Street Kitchen

West Pymble Football Club have been very busy during lockdown. On July 24 the U9 Leopards took the time to prepare and cook hundreds of meals for the Sydney Street Kitchen to feed the homeless. Well done to Teo and all the team that took part of this great initiative, what a great opportunity to give back by supporting this worthy cause.

Small efforts make big rewards for neonatal babies and endangered animals


In Term 2, a small group of enthusiastic Year 3 students including Heidi H, Sophie C, Lucinda T, Maddie E, Willow A, Angus C and Charlie H enthusiastically gathered momentum among a wider group to brainstorm, plan and start fundraising for neonatal babies at the Westmead Hospital Foundation and for the Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species (FAME).

While the school immediately supported the students to incorporate their plan on Fiesta Day, Heidi H also decided to see what money she could raise outside of school in her local neighbourhood at the end of Term 2. The expectations were set low, given the concerns of COVID-19 with face-to-face contact at people's homes and the offer of home cooked brownies in hope to 'sweeten' Heidi's efforts to raise money.

After an initial disaster in the kitchen when the first batch of brownies were dropped on the floor by her mum, Heidi and her two younger sisters set off with a task each (and parent in tow). One had the Westmead Hospital Foundation's authority to fundraise letter, one distributed the brownies and one collected the money.

Expectations of raising more than \$20 was reached after the first house, to achieve a total of \$184 on completion for door knocking half her street.

This was an amazing result and demonstrates that small efforts can make big rewards, not only monetary but in exceeding the goals you set out to achieve. It also gives a wonderful sense of self pride in helping others.



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7.00 - 8.30 pm

Family Fun Night

Cameron's Tennis

Hi Parents,
We hope everyone is doing well during this current lock down.
As we can't offer our usual squad lessons in line with Tennis Australia's guidelines, Cameron's Tennis School will be offering private tennis lessons (max 2 players) at local council courts.

PRICES

Duration	1 Player	2 player
30 MINS	_((\$45)	(\$25 each)
45 MINS	_((\$67.50)	(\$38 each)
60 MINS	_((\$90)	(\$50 each)

If you are interested in a lesson, please contact Zac via phone or email.

0492025957

Zacmatthewssfc@gmail.com

Many thanks

Chris Williams

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.

We are so thinking and praying for you all at this difficult time. We would like to send your children a card in the post to let them we know we care about them. If you would like us to send a card to your child, please can you email me, Fiona van Horen at vanhorencf@bigpond.com and give me your home address, so I can send a letter to your child. Your details will be in complete confidence and only go to me and I will not keep a record of it whatsoever and will only send this card and no further correspondence. We just want to reach out to you and your precious children.

With love Fiona and all the SRE teachers and St Matts church West Pymble

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

Primary Ethics in Lockdown

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2445/primary_ethics_in_lockdown_1_.docx.pdf

Our Ethics teachers have been really missing their classes and their students. We don't know when we will be able to teach the children again, so Primary Ethics has provided some at-home learning materials. Primary Ethics will be posting weekly Ethics Bites on their website, primaryethics.com.au/education. Bites is a series of ethical dilemmas designed for children to chew over at home, based on the Primary Ethics curriculum. Each week there is a new ethical dilemma with a video and some accompanying information. There is one Bite for years K-2 and another for 3-6.

These are completely optional but are great for beginning rich family discussions that can include children of different ages. We also welcome the children who are not enrolled in Primary Ethics to give these Bites a go.

<https://primaryethics.com.au/education>

Volunteer to teach Ethics



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.

The website has lots of fun recipes and informative blogs.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2463/ditch_the_ham_nutrition_snippet_t3w6_20082021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2464/how_does_sunscreen_work_sunsmart_snippet_t3w6_20082021.pdf

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Also, anyone who purchases a Membership from now till 11.59pm, Wednesday September 15 AEST will receive an extra month free. That's a 13-month Membership!

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