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Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Latest COVID Update

As you are aware, the COVID situation continues to form the guidelines for schools and corporate staff. Following the recent announcement by the Premier regarding increased measures to address the spread of COVID, schools have been asked to stress to the community the importance of keeping children at home wherever possible and to minimise mobility to stop the spread of the virus.

Changes to restrictions and requirements are reflected in our daily Situational Report and on the Department's website. The latest advice is around students who must attend school:

"Parents and carers in Greater Sydney 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.

All non-core curriculum related activities are to cease on school sites.

Schools will provide a program of learning for students who attend school, and students who are learning from home. This learning will be the same whether online or in school.

Schools should revert to their remote learning mode, using existing resources and programs. For additional support, including a readiness checklist for principals, refer to [Learning from home](#)."

No child should be onsite unless it is absolutely essential. None of us would wish to be responsible for or affected by a super spreader event.

In line with DoE requirements, we will be further reducing the number of staff onsite next week with all Stage planning being

carried out remotely. Only a skeleton staff will be available for supervision and admin.

The Department of Education provides this information to us on a daily basis and it is in line with current health advice.

Behaviour Strategies for Home

This morning I joined a Zoom check-in with our DoE Secretary, Georgina Harrison, Dep Sec, Leanne Nixon and Minister, Sarah Mitchell. These are regular short, sharp sessions for Principals and Deputy Principals near the end of each week. They provide us with clarity around the latest advice and the current Public Health Orders. They also provide us with important resources. One of the topics for discussion this morning was regarding children's behaviour at home with parents requesting support in this area. Understandably, everyone is starting to feel a little frazzled and frustrated or anxious and it is during those times when students' behaviour tends to decline.

Another great resource for parents is the Department's Facebook page. Have a look at the page for help with supporting students in online learning, [NSW Department of Education | Facebook](#). A post from 18 July by Dr Paul Wood, Acting Deputy Director Literacy and Numeracy is one to bookmark. This is the first in what looks like being an ongoing source of information for parents and educators. While this post is a recording, all future events will be live on Facebook or on the #LearnFromHome hub and you can post questions for the team to address. Dr Paul and his team will be providing support for parents with on online learning, supporting students at home and learning from home more generally. He is working with the Behaviour Strategy Team to get materials and advice together and out to families.

If you need additional support, please give us a call or send a message to us. We are here to help both you and your child.

Home Learning Packs

I would like to once again thank everyone for their ongoing support. The distribution of Home Learning Packs went

extremely smoothly. We still have a few families yet to collect their packs. If this applies to you, please call the office if you haven't already done so. As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

I hope you are continuing to stay safe and well and reducing your mobility as much as possible.

Kind Regards,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

Deputy Principal

Online Learning

On behalf of all school staff, I thank you enormously for the support you have shown over the last fortnight and congratulations on settling into remote learning so successfully. We recognise the challenges that this style of learning presents to families but please be assured that we will continue to support you all during this time. Many of our staff are parents too and are experiencing the same issues when trying to juggle school commitments and teaching their own children! We are in this together and the resilience and strength of our community will get us through this difficult period, ensuring that your children continue to be involved in a quality learning program whatever the circumstances.

I sincerely thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback we received from families when collecting your learning packages on Monday morning. The vast majority indicated they were very happy with the various learning programs that have been developed by each stage. We do realise that this is not a perfect time for anyone and our teachers are doing their very best to support you. I ask if you experience any problems you remain patient and reach out to your classroom teacher or to the school and we will work to resolve any issue you may be experiencing.

Online Learning Platforms

K-2 students are using Seesaw

3-6 students are using Google Classroom

The reasoning behind using different learning platforms across the school is due to the different stages of learning and levels of independence between infants and primary students.

Class Zoom Meetings

All classes have now conducted at least one Zoom meeting. These are an important way of students connecting with their peers and maintaining positive wellbeing in these difficult times. Teachers have tried to schedule these sessions at different times in recognition of the fact that many families will have multiple students attempting to access them.

Teacher Feedback

Staff have been spending many hours delivering feedback to students on the work they have posted to Seesaw or Google Classroom. Teachers are trying to give this feedback while planning for the coming weeks and in many instances home schooling their own children. In addition, each staff member is rostered onsite a day a week to assist with the supervision of children of essential workers. Please note that on this day, only minimal feedback will be given.

Please see the attached information guides for Seesaw, Google Classroom and Zoom.

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We hope to have all students back onsite in the near future. In the meantime, take care and stay safe.




Tim Simpson

Deputy Principal (Acting)

PBEL

PBEL: Learning From Home

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

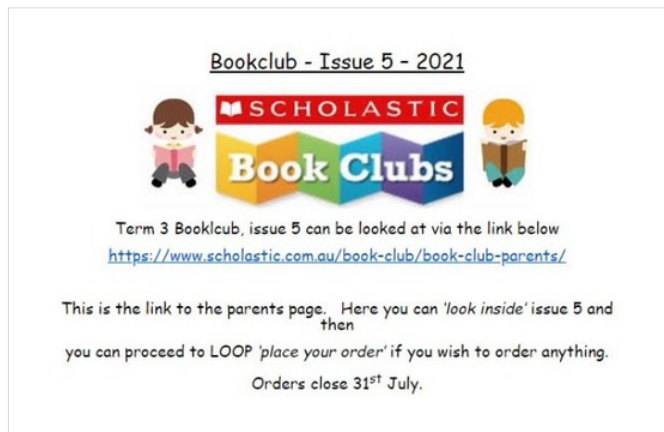
LEARNING FROM HOME	
Be Responsible 	✓We schedule regular break times ✓We set up a quiet and organised learning space ✓We keep devices charged
Be Respectful 	✓We communicate appropriately with teachers and peers ✓We complete our personal best work online ✓We think before we hit 'send'
Be Safe 	✓ We keep our passwords secure ✓ We follow teacher instructions ✓ We only access relevant files and websites

Library

Borrowing From The Library

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

BookClub



From the Office

ENROL NOW FOR 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the current lockdown, the school photos scheduled for next week have been postponed to Term 4. Further details will be given closer to the time. If you have already ordered your photos these will be carried forward.

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

Learning from home

Well it certainly hasn't been the start to the term that we would have hoped for. It is a difficult time for everyone and the juggle of children learning from home and other commitments is just that - a real juggle! We would like to send a big shout out to all the dedicated and exceptional teachers we have at West Pymble Public School - you are doing a wonderful job guiding us all through online learning and we appreciate the effort that you and the wonderful office staff put in!

P&C General Meeting on Monday via Zoom - all are very welcome!

The next P&C General Meeting will be on Monday 26 July, from 7.30pm. The meeting will be via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please email Sandeep at secretary@wppspnc.com.au and he will provide you with all the details.

Second hand uniform - contactless purchase and collection available

If you are in need of school uniform items, you can purchase second hand uniforms and pick them up via contactless collection. Summer, winter and sports uniforms are available. We have a special on white long and short sleeve shirts - 4 for \$10.

Sharlene has kindly taken over the second hand uniform stall and will be running it via contactless collection over the coming weeks. The process is as follows:

- (1) Message Sharlene on 0468 971 532 and let her know what items you are interested in and the size.
- (2) Sharlene will put together a bag of items that fit your description and will message you to advise that the items are in a bag near her garage door (60 Wallalong Crescent, West Pymble).
- (3) You go and check the bag and take the items you would like. You don't have to take everything in the bag - there may be a few of the same items included so that you have some choice. There will be a list in the bag with the price for each item.
- (4) Please message Sharlene and advise what items you have taken and the total of your payment.
- (5) Please make payment via bank transfer to the P&C account. The details are below.

Account name: West Pymble Public School Parents & Citizens Association
BSB: 032281
Account: 960695
Reference: Uniform <Surname>

If you have any second hand uniform items that are clean and in good condition that you would like to donate, please leave them in the labelled basket outside Sharlene's garage.

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

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

Wendela, Nada & Paulina

Community News

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

Zacmatthewsfc@gmail.com

Many thanks

Chris Williams



Catholic Special Religious Education

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Healthy Lunch Box

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

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2377/healthy_holidays_guide_nutrition_snippet_t2w9_25062021.pdf

SRE Online

Christian lessons

Dear WPPS students and parents,

We want to send you extra love at this challenging time. Please know that your Scripture teachers are missing you and praying for you. 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

Volunteer to teach Ethics

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2329/potato_bake_recipe_snippet_t2w6_28052021.pdf

* Purchase a Membership before Wednesday, August 4th 11:59pm AEST and automatically go into the draw to WIN:

- A Village Roadshow Queensland Holiday for four! Includes 5 nights at Sea World Resort, Three Day Theme Park Pass and Australian Outback Spectacular Passes.
- 5 Day maui or Britz campervan. Fully equipped. Unlimited kilometres.

A \$200 dining voucher to a favourite Entertainment venue of your choice will be given away each day.

PLUS, get instant access to a bonus offer from THE ICONIC when you join.

PLUS, the FREE upgrade from Single City Membership to Multi City has been extended until Wednesday, August 4th!

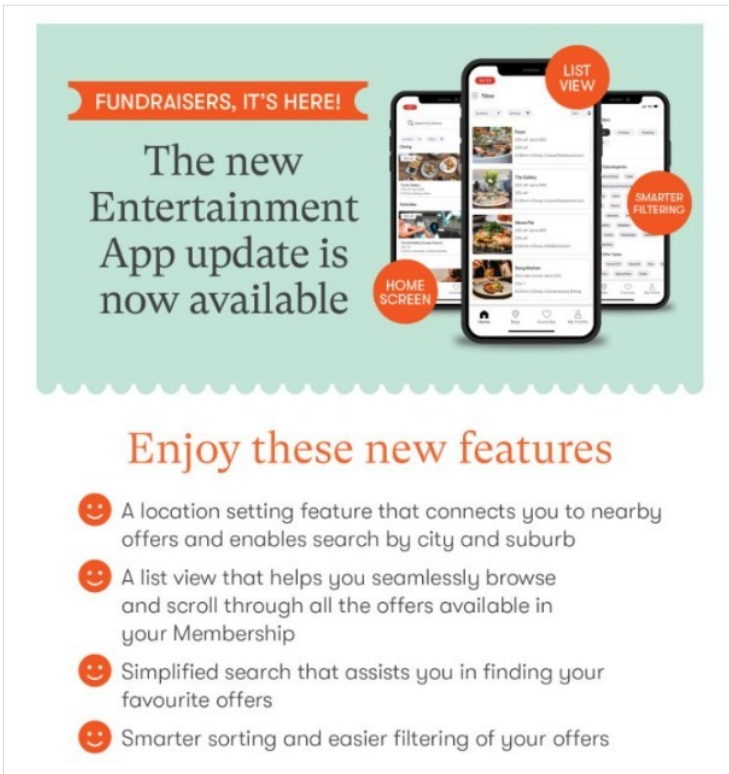
Entertainment Memberships can start anytime (you have 3 months to activate your new membership) and are packed with thousands of incredible savings on dining, travel, shopping and fun family activities. The digital membership is easy to download and start using instantly. New offers are added weekly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

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The School App

[Installing_SZAPP.pdf](#)



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

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