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25 June 2021

## **Principal**

Dear Parents and Carers,

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This just in from a resident of Killara who was walking her dog near Koola Park where are girls are playing PSSA Soccer. She wanted to let me know that our girls are the most polite, well-behaved and delightful students and whatever we are doing here at West Pymble we are doing a great job so keep it up. Congratulations to those girls, we are very proud of you, as usual.

## Return to West Pymble in 2022

It is that time of year again, when we are starting to prepare for the coming year. Much of our planning revolves around our enrolment – entitlements which include numbers of teachers, office staff, library time, RFF time, part-time teacher allocation and other areas of our annual budget. If your child/ren will not be returning to West Pymble PS in 2022, please complete the form in this issue of the newsletter and return it to us as soon as possible. Your prompt attention is very much appreciated.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2386/wpps\_leavers.pdf

### **New Student Orientation**

Our next Orientation event, the Parent Information Evening, will be held on Thursday 5 August in the Kindergarten rooms, COVID permitting. Hope to see you there.

If you have not yet done so, we encourage you to enrol now via the online enrolment process which should be much easier than ever before.

The Department will very soon upgrade the online system to cater for out of area applicants to be able to enrol online. Previously, all out of area applications were required to be paper based. This upgrade should make the process even easier.

https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=4283

### Echidna Sightings

Our lovely little echidna has been spotted again this week on the school grounds causing much excitement amongst the children ....and the staff too. I think she rather likes it here! That is three sightings in about as many weeks. Enjoy viewing our Echidna Gallery.







## Reports

Semester 1 Academic Reports have been issued to the students this week to take home. These provide a comprehensive analysis of your child's progress to date. Our school reports are prepared by using both formative and summative assessments conducted throughout the semester, informing teachers' professional judgments. The format of our reports has undergone a slight change from pre-COVID times in that achievement is now viewed as a continuum from Working Towards through Working At to Working Beyond. It depends exactly where on that continuum your child sits as to the final A-E scale they are given. For example, a child may be deemed consistently Working Beyond in a given area, but can be

awarded a final A or B according to where on the continuum they sit. Efforts and Attitudes to Learning do not contribute to overall achievement grades.

It is important to note that students working at the Sound or 'C' level of achievement are working at the level expected of them for the current point in time, within their relative grade.

Please enjoy sharing the Semester 1 Report with your child, celebrate their growth and success together, look at their Learning Goals for where to next. As always, should you have any questions regarding your child's academic progress, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

## Recognition Ceremony

Our Term 2 Recognition Ceremony was very well attended with 14 students awarded their Gold Medallion, Swimming Champions, Cross Country Champions and two teachers were recognised for their achievements. Mrs Elliott received a Certificate for 30 years of outstanding service to the children of NSW public schools and Mrs Greenwood received her certificate acknowledging her Accreditation with the NSW Institute of Teachers. Congratulations to all. Our Combined Band was able to showcase their newly acquired skills with a rendition of "Havana" and "Big Foot Stomp". This was their first performance in about 18 months so it was a treat seeing them all back on stage again. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for supplying refreshments and thank you to all who attended, students, parents, visitors and staff, to make this ceremony, our first in about 18 months, a very special one indeed.

## **COVID Restrictions**

Unfortunately most of our end of Term 2 activities involving parents and carers have had to be cancelled. Fortunately the Sausage Sizzle was able to go ahead. It always seems to happen when we are just about to embark on holidays. I know many of you will have to curtail your plans as have many of our staff.

Please have a restful and relaxing holiday and we will see you all back, hopefully with restrictions eased, on Tuesday 13 July. Staff return on Monday 12 July for a Staff Development Day.

The phone numbers for any issues involving safety and security are School Security 1300 880 021 and Hornsby Police on (02) 9476 9799 if you have any concerns.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, continued patience and efforts during this time.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

# **Up Coming Events**

Monday 12 July - Staff Development Day - No students

Tuesday 13 July - Students return to School

Friday 16 July - PSSA

Monday 26 July - P&C General Meeting

Tuesday 27 July - School Photos

## **PBEL**

## **PBEL: Office Expectations**

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



# Deputy Principal

### PSSA Representative Pathway

Did you know that the representative pathway in the Primary School Sports Association is the largest gifted and talented program within the Department of Education? West Pymble PS is a member of the Ku-ring-gai Zone, one of 12 that belongs to the Sydney North School Sports Association. This region is the largest in New South Wales, comprising 80,000 students from the northern Central Coast to the Harbour Bridge and all the way to the Northern Beaches.

I have had the opportunity to convene and coach the Sydney North Girls Football Program since 2013. Last week the NSWPSSA Championships were held at the home of the Western Sydney Wanderers in Rooty Hill. 14 Regions from around New South Wales competed in this tournament including teams from both the Catholic and Independent School sectors. Sydney North won all six pool games ranging in scores from 3-0 to 15-0 and as a result, qualified in first place from the group. Sydney East were the semi-final opposition and after a gruelling game, Sydney North came out winners after extra time. Combined Independent Schools (CIS) were the grand final opponents in what proved to be a very close contest. Sydney North scored a goal early in the first half to settle the nerves. They held on in a nail biting second half to win the game 1-0 and be crowned NSWPPSA Champions for 2021. At the conclusion of the presentation, a NSW Merit Team was selected with three Sydney North players included in recognition of their outstanding play throughout the tournament.

I'm looking forward to the 2022 NSWPSSA Championships which is due to be held in either Mudgee or Dubbo.

Term 3 looks to be jam packed yet again with numerous exciting programs and events for our community. I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

Tim Simpson

Deputy Principal (Acting)

## **School News**

Recognition Ceremony Friday 18 June

# Gold Medallion 2021

William A	5/6B	
Leila B	5/6G	
Sophie C	5/6F	
Alexander L	5/6F	
Hamish M	5/6F	
Ryan O	40H	
Kingsley P	40H	
Sarah P	5/6G	
Kayla S	5/6G	
Annabelle S	40H	
Ryan V	41	
Jackson W	3N	
Yushaa K	40H	
Ella C	41	

## **Swimming Awards**

Junior Girls	Kate D	41
Junior Boys	Ryan W	41
11 Girls	Kayla S	5/6G
11 Boys	Boys Ewan S	
Senior Girls	Sophie C	5/6F
Senior Boys	Daniel M	5/6B

# **Cross Country**

8/9 Boys	Georgii B	2F
8/9 Girls	Sophie C	3B
10 Boys	Zachary A	41
10 Girls	Zoya G	5/6F
11 Boys	Hamish M	5/6F
11 girls	Sienna B	5/6G
12/13 Boys	William C	5/6G
12/13 Girls	Sophie C	5/6F

Merits

### West Pymble Merit List 25 June 2021 Term 2, Week 10

KG	Adalyn A	Leo C	Lily C
KSB	Evie F	Ocean P	Turlough M
1E	Jua M	Leroy H	Oliver J
1K	Matthew J	Reef P	Stella L
2F	Eli H	Solomon R	Vihaan S
2W	Lincoln W	Macklyn O	Nicholas E
3B	Angus C	Annabelle C	Jake T
40H	Arron T	Abigail G	Ethan C
4J	Chloe W	Ishika B	Lachlan V
5/6B	Eliya W	George C	William A
5/6F	Chaya B	Eytam S	Luke A
5/6G	Frances S	Kayla S	William C

### HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Wyuna

MERIT AWARD: Eden F KG, Benjamin V KSB, Riyansh S 1K, Chloe O 1K, Matthew J 1K, Ankia L 2F, Dusty M 1E, Samuel T 1K, James T 3N, Jackson W 3N, Matthew M 4J, Hannah L 4OH, Niamh M 4OH x2, Hayley L 4J, Noah O 4J, Daniel M 5/6B,

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Tyler M 1K, Chloe Ong 1K, Lennex L 2F, Macklyn O 2W, Liam B 2W, James T 3N, Jessica B 3N, Niamh M 4OH, Holly A 5/6F, Sienna B 5/6G, Daniel M 5/6B. Matthew J 5/6F, Katarina J 5/6B

### K-2 Athletics Carnival

Last Thursday, the sun behaved itself and the students in K-2 enjoyed their Athletics Carnival! We were thrilled to see so many families cheering from the sidelines and staying for a picnic on the oval. Even at the end of a long and busy term, many thanks to our wonderful K-2 team (and Mr Stewart) for a superhuman effort to put it all together.

Please enjoy some of the students' information recounts about the day.

Mrs Favell

Yesterday was the K-2 athletics carnival. First we did war cries then the running race and the last running race was the marathon race.

Then it was the picnic lunch. It was on the school oval. I came fourth in the running race. I am in Wyuna.

Next we had the novelty events. First we did rob the nest, next we did tug-o-war, vortex, over, under, egg and spoon race, the last novelty event was the sack race.

My favourite novelty event was over, under. We cheered on Wyuna.

## By Meeka N

Yesterday it was the K-2 athletics carnival. First was the war cries, second we had running races.

I came fourth, next it was lunch. After lunch we did novelty events. We did tug-o-war, rob the nest, vortex, sack race, egg and spoon and under over.

My favourite was tug-o-war.

### By Elliott H

Yesterday it was the K-2 athletics carnival on the oval.

First we had the war cries for my house. My house is Bangal. Next we had a running race and after it was lunch. We ate food with our parents and after lunch it was the novelty events.

We had tug-o-war, vortex, sack race, over, under and egg and spoon race.

### By Riyansh S

Yesterday all K-2 students enjoyed a fun day at the Athletics Carnival.

First we had class races and they called out classes to come and race. During the marathon, K-1 ran one lap around the oval and Year 2 ran two laps. After this, the pre-schoolers had a race.

After the races we had a picnic lunch. My mum and dad came and they gave me some juice and some chips. I also had a cheese and bacon roll and after this I got a juice cup from the canteen.

In the afternoon we played games. Tug-o-war is where you try to get a blue knot past a yellow cone. The sack race is where you get in a sack and jump as fast as you can to a cone and back. Vortex is when you throw a vortex as far as you can and the egg and spoon race is where you get a spoon and put an egg on it then race to a cone and back again. Rob the nest is where you have a hoop nest and there is a nest in the middle with lots of bean bags. One at a time you race to the middle to collect bean bags and when they are gone you can start robbing from other teams. At the end we count how many bean bags.

I liked the fact that Ash got first in the class race and the marathon race!

## By Daniel W

Yesterday we had the K-2 Athletics Carnival. We did lots of fun games and hard races.

During the activities we did the egg and spoon race and my team was very fast! We won three times in a row. We also did vortex throwing, but unfortunately I didn't get it over the line. Sadly Mrs Favell got hit!

When we did the marathon, Lucy came first, I came second and Kara came third. It was very hard! We also did 70 metre races where Kara came first, I came second and Emer came third.

Some parents came to watch the races and had a picnic with their kids. My dad came but I couldn't find him so I just sat with Kara, Grace and Nina.

My mum was really proud of me for going in all the races.

### By Anika L

Yesterday was the K-2 Athletics Carnival and there were so many things to do, it was amazing!

First we had some races. There were the class races which weren't very long. Then we had the marathon which was two laps of the oval, I was exhausted! The last race was for the pre-schoolers which was very cute to watch!

After we did all of the races we had a picnic lunch. Isla's mum said I could sit with Isla and her sister to eat lunch.

After lunch we did six different activities altogether as a class. There was a very good game of tug-o-war with lots of falling. There was also good games of rob the nest, sack races, over and under, vortex and egg and spoon races. My favourite was the sack races because I kept falling over!

After the whole day was over we were exhausted and Mrs Favell got some cushions and put a movie on for us so we could just chill.

We all had so much fun and I loved it!

By Evie S







## **Band Camp**

Three weeks ago we went to Band Camp and it was the best! The weather was chilly but the rain stayed away. The cabins were warm and comfortable and we got to spend time with our friends.

We all played our instruments til our mouths and fingers were sore. We learnt to play more confidently and figure out new notes. It's great to see what you and your instruments can do.

A favourite part was being able to play new music for the first time. It was fun getting the notes right and finding the right tune and in the end we made a song.

We also did fun activities. Our group did a challenge course that was all about teamwork - showing us that when we work together we can reach our goal but also make new friends and have more fun along the way. This is exactly like playing music. As a band we need to listen to each other's parts and work together to make great music.

Thank you to Matt and the tutors, Mrs Wilson and all the parents involved for making band camp so much fun!

By the Band Captains - Micah W & Alistair R

### SCHOOL PHOTO

Please see below instructions for how to order your school photos.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2368/newsletter\_west\_pymble\_public\_school.pdf

## Canteen

The Canteen will remain open on Thursdays and Fridays in Term 3 AND we are open for Breakfast on these days!

## Canteen menus and ordering instructions

Please find below the Canteen menu for Term 3

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2395/canteen\_menu\_term\_3\_2021.pdf

Click below for instructions on how to order school lunches.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2396/school24.pdf

Happy ordering!

Wendela, Nada & Paulina

## Green Team



### Some Interesting Facts

- On average, Australians produce more than 2kg of waste per person every day - this is the second highest amount in the world behind the US!
- In Ku-ring-gai we collect about 20,000 tonnes of waste each year and 30,000 tonnes of recycling, but we can do better - about 1,600 tonnes of recyclables such as paper and steel cans still wind up in landfill.
- Australia leads the world as the number one recycler of old newspapers, recycling over 70 per cent.
- By recycling one aluminium can you're saving enough energy to run your TV for three hours.
- Each cardboard milk carton can be recycled into five sheets of office paper.
- It takes about one million years for a glass bottle to break down in landfill.
- Producing new plastic from recycled materials only uses two-thirds of the energy required to make plastic from raw materials.
- The most common form of hazardous waste generated by Aussies is in the form of batteries.

## From the Office

# ENROL NOW FOR 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's now time to enrol your child/ren for Kindergarten next year. If you know someone considering enrolling please direct them to the website.

Students return for Term 3 on Tuesday 13 July.

Please ensure your children's clothing is labelled and encourage them to look after their belongings.

Have a wonderful, safe and well-needed break.

Kind regards,

WPPS Office

## P&C

### Spellathon

We are thrilled to let you know that the spellathon raised over \$8000! A huge thank you to everyone involved - the students for their participation, the sponsors for their generosity, the parents and carers for their support and the teachers who made it all happen!

The money raised will go towards:

- The Honour Project purchasing blazers for our school captains to wear when representing the school, as well as updating the honour and national anthem boards in the school hall
- Supporting the band program so it continues to deliver an outstanding music program
- Completion of Maddie's Garden a memorial to former student Maddie Gladen and a quiet outdoor space for students to enjoy

Our awesome pizza party winners were 2W and 4J for most correct words and KSB and 3N for most money raised. We hope you enjoyed your parties!

Well done to all the classes who did an amazing job at learning their words and raising money for our school!

### Happy holidays!

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 three!

#### Save the Date

Professional Networking Group: The networking group will be getting together on Thursday 22 July, from 7:00pm at the West Pymble Bowlo. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Lonii at president@wppspnc.com.au.

P&C General Meeting: The next P&C General Meeting will be on Monday 26 July, 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.

Bottle recycling collection day: Please drop off your bottles in the morning on Friday 30 July, at the Apollo gates.

PJ Movie Night: A fun filled night for the kids in the school hall on Friday 30 July, from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Dress in PJ's and enjoy a movie on the big screen! Save the date and all the details will be communicated at the start of Term 3.

Trivia Night Extravaganza!!!: Saturday 23 October is the night! Lock it in the diaries and book the babysitter as you won't want to miss this! More details 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

# **Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop has a new manager, Gladys Wilkins. Parents are able to come in and pick up uniforms directly, order online or send in order forms and cash to the office via your child's class.

### Regular opening times:

2:30pm - 3:30pm Tuesday

8:30am - 9:30am Thursday

All enquires can be made direct to Excel Uniforms by phoning 0405 506 383 or emailing wpps@exceluniforms.com.au

## How to order:

Go online to https://exceluniforms.com.au/west-pymble-ps and create an account to order items (preferred)

Print and complete an order form and send cash to school with your child

your child

Email an order form to wpps@exceluniforms.com.au

Online: www.exceluniforms.com.au

(Logon: wpps Password: exceluniforms)

Please note: all orders will be fulfilled the next shop opening day, i.e. if you place or send in an order on a Friday, your order will be delivered to your child's class the following Tuesday. If your order is urgent, please contact our Uniform Manager, Gladys on 0403740290.

### Current stock updates:

Girls Long Sleeve Blouses in sizes 4,6 and 8 are currently out of stock with an expected 3-4 week wait.

Girls Pants are now available - come and see us in store.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2051/uniform\_price\_list\_19022021.pdf

## WPPS Band News

### **Band Camp Recordings**

The committee will have recordings from band camp performances available soon.

### **Band Uniform**

Please ensure you have read the email regarding band uniform for CB/PB (Combined Band) which will be needed in July. Don't forget to organise black trousers & socks.

If you missed the polo shirt sale, or have any concerns with sizes, please email us. Note that we will be placing an order for larger sizes soon.

Training Band do not need a band uniform.

## For Your Diary

NSWEE Winter Concert at the Forest High School (Tues 20 July, evening) - for Combined Band. Wear band uniform.

Band Photos (Tues 10 Aug) - wear: TB - school uniform, Combined Band - band uniform.

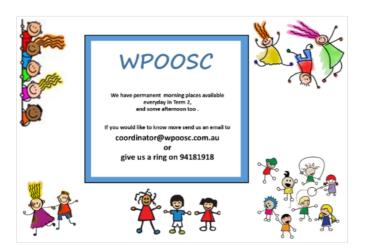
Baby Proms (Tues 24 Aug) - a smaller group from Combined Band will perform at school and local pre-schools (Matt will advise students selected)

NSSWE Spring Music Festival (Thurs 9 - Sun 12 Sept) – The Combined Band will perform at the Concourse Chatswood. We'll be allocated a day & timeslot closer to the festival date.

Spring Showcase (Thurs 2 Sept) - ALL bands will perform at school

Kind regards, The Parent Band Committee (wppsband@gmail.com)

## After School Care



# Community News

**GERRIC** 

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Squadsports



Sing - Act - Dance

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Just Art



Kool Kidzz

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Elite Cricket Coaching



July is usually reserved for winter sports, but if you are serious about your cricket or want to see a massive improvement in your game next season, this is the time you need to be practising! Elite Cricket's awesome team of coaches will provide a fantastic experience in a fun environment for you to go to the next level.

Our July School Holiday Camps will be held at the following dates and locations:

- St Ignatius College June 28th-30th
- Mowbray Public School July 5th-7th
- T20 Camp @ St Ignatius July 1st-2nd
- T20 Camp @ Mowbray PS July 8th-9th

\*\*Active Kids Vouchers can be redeemed against this program. Please get in touch with us before booking if you would like to use one\*\*



Volunteer to teach Ethics



Catholic Special Religious Education

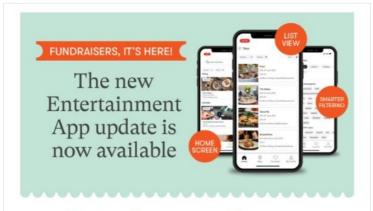
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Healthy Lunch Box

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

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# 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

Head to Google Play Store or App Store to update your App to the latest version. If an update isn't available, all you need to do is delete your current App and re-download the Entertainment ANZ App.



\* This is a limited time offer and now EXTENDED to Wednesday 30 June at 11:59 AEST so be quick!

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 purchase your Entertainment Membership

## 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.

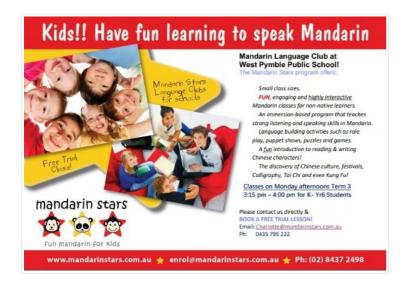
The Sports voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

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.

## Mandarin Stars

New To West Pymble Public School



## **KDance Company**

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### Chess

We have Beginner, Basic and Intermediate classes starting.

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## Art

### Art Classes

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## Camerons Tennis School

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Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803