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26 November 2021

# Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Kindergarten Orientation

We have now successfully held two of our three "Taste of Kindergarten" sessions and a further Zoom meeting for parents. Next week will be the final "Taste of Kindergarten" session for the students. I will also be conducting a mini school tour for all who are interested. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, we will not be able to enter any rooms. Uniform orders may also be collected at this session.

I have enjoyed getting to know our new Kinder cohort. Most are very settled and more than ready for their first year of big school. You will soon be receiving your final information package from us for the year, so keep an eye out for that. It contains important information about booking your Best Start appointments and the start of school 2022. I am looking forward to another very successful and strong foundational year with our new Kinder students.

#### Upgrades

The toilets are well on their way to completion close to the end of term. Once they are done and the contractors move out, the Solar Panel project can commence. These will be installed over the Christmas break with the project due for completion before school returns in 2022. I am meeting with the Department's Asset Management Unit on Friday morning to discuss the installation of new LED lighting throughout the school. We are hopeful that this work will be completed over the holidays as well.

#### What is Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners (PBEL)?

PBEL establishes the link between research-validated behavioural practices, and the environments in which teaching and learning occurs.

PBEL improves outcomes for all learners by putting in place sustainable school-wide, classroom and individual systems of support.

PBEL provides a proactive school-wide system of support for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviours.

The result of PBEL is a positive school environment in which learning and student engagement is enhanced through increased teaching time and consistent expectations of behaviour.

Our school expectations or the 3Bs, are responsibility, respect and safety. As a staff, we deliberated long and hard over which values or expectations, were the most important to our school. The first is responsibility. This is so important. It relates to personal behaviour, caring for others, being a good citizen, commitment to work, belongings, environment, even the collection of Merit cards to mention just a few. It is an area that we uphold as crucial to a child's development in order to prepare them for being positive role models and effective future leaders and inspirational global citizens. It all starts with the little things and as the song goes, from little things, big things grow.

One area that has concerned me for a long time is lack of responsibility for personal belongings. It is your child's responsibility to make sure their hat is in their bag and that they go home with all the items they brought to school, such as lunch boxes, drink bottles and jumpers. This responsibility also extends to Merit Awards. Once again it is your child's responsibility to look after their cards and present them to the school office, where the cards are placed immediately into a locked box before being processed. There have been numerous instances of late where students or their parents have requested replacement cards due to some being lost along the way. I have published our Merit Award System Procedures for your information. You will note that the procedures clearly state that no cards will be replaced.

If students value their cards and see each one as a precious step forward towards the Gold medallion, which they obviously do, it is up to each one of them (not their parents) to display the level of responsibility that we expect from a Gold Medallion recipient.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2669/ merit\_award\_procedure.pdf

Have a safe and happy fortnight,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

# PBEL

#### PBEL: Returning To School

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

## RETURNING TO SCHOOL

✓ Prepare for a day at school (pack your bag, make a healthy lunch, get dressed, arrive before the bell)

- $\checkmark$  Get plenty of sleep
- ✓Follow instructions

 $\checkmark {\rm Be}~{\rm a}~{\rm good}~{\rm friend}$ 

✓Personal space

 $\checkmark {\sf Talk}$  to a teacher about how you are feeling

√Wear a mask (optional)

Buzz says to be RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL and SAFE at WPPS.

# **Deputy Principal**

#### Presentation Day

Unfortunately, COVID restrictions prevent parents from attending our annual Presentation Day ceremony again in 2021. As was the case last year, the ceremony is being livestreamed on Tuesday 7 December via Zoom. The Year 3-6 component will begin at 9.30am. There will be a short intermission before the K-2 component begins at 11.30am. A Zoom webinar invitation will be sent via SZapp next week. In addition, families of students who are being presented with an award on the day will receive sshh letters to ensure the special occasion can be celebrated.

#### Smart Phone/Watch Issues

Since the resumption of face-to-face learning, the staff have noticed an alarming number of students accessing smart

phones and watches throughout the school day. Not only does this impact on student learning, it can also affect the privacy of staff and students. We are currently in the process of rewriting the school procedures to reflect the emergence of smart watches. In the interim, the following procedures will apply:

 $\cdot$  Mobile phones are switched off and handed to the class teacher in the morning to be locked in the storeroom

• Mobile phones handed back at the end of the day and not to be turned on until leaving the school grounds

• Smart watches that have call/message/video/gaming functions need to be switched to school mode

 $\cdot$  Smart watches without a school mode should not be brought to school

Should you need to contact your child during the school day due to a change of routine please call the office on 9144 7584 or email on westpymble-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Please contact Mr Simpson if you would like any further clarification around these decisions.

Mr Simpson

Deputy Principal (Acting)

# School News

#### Bonjour families of West Pymble,

Coming to school and teaching your children all about French language and culture is something that I love doing! Over the past three years we have had so much fun together, speaking, singing, and playing. I have seen students progress so much and am always delighted to hear them using their language both in and out of the classroom!

However, it is now time for me to move on. My family and I are moving down to the Southern Highlands at the end of the year. So it is with sadness, but lots of fond memories, that I say *au revoir* to you all and *merci beaucoup* to all students for your wonderful enthusiasm. I hope that you will remember your French in years to come and that one day you may have the chance to experience a French-speaking country, visit those French monuments and taste all those wonderfully delicious foods that we so often talked about!

Au revoir!!

Madame Leddet

Merit

#### West Pymble Merit List 19 November 2021 Term 4, Week 7

MERIT AWARD: Abbie H KSB, Grace P KSB, Sybella C KSB, Jasper P KSB, Samuel B KSB, Ava T KSB, Mason C 1E, Trinity C E1, Jua M 1E, Alexandra E 1E, Nina G 2F, Lincoln W 2W, Dylan T 4OH,

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Evie F KSB, Oliver M KSB, Matthew J 1K, Nesara K 1K, Emer M 2W, Edward J 3B, Teo B 3B, Charlie H 3B, Charlyse M 3B, Krystal C 3B, Ethan C 40Hx2, Arron T 40H, Shreyansh G 4J, Ethan K 5/6C, Miriam D 5/6C, Dylan T 5/6Gx2,

		st Pymble Merit List 26 November 2021	
	Term 4, Week 8		
KG	Elliott L	Thomas M	
KSB	Ameera K	Oliver M	
1E	Mackenzie L	Saskia H	
1K	Daisy N	Samuel T	
2F	Lucy M	Satoshi K	
2W	Jyotsna I	Ruby B	
3B	Jasmine V	Marcus L	
3N	Ethan G	Maddison E	
4J	Ella C	Zachary A	
4OH	Charlotte N	Oliver V	
5/6B	Fergus B	Lillyanna H	
5/6C	Eitam S	Kyan P	
5/6G	Derin G	Rosy W	

#### HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Wyuna

#### MERIT AWARD: Emma M 2W, Knox M 3N, Hannah P 1k,

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Turlough M KSB, Samuel T 1K, Oliver J 1E, Angus C 3B, Sophie C 3B, Olivia C 5/6C, Frances S 5/6G,

#### TALENT FEST 2021!

Talent Fest will look a little different this year due to current restrictions still in place, but the show must go on!

Talent Fest will still be held on the last day of school, Thursday 16 December.

We are asking acts to be recorded by Thursday Week 10. They will be made into a video for classes to watch from the comfort of their own classrooms. Acts are to be no longer than 90 seconds.

You can submit your act in one of two ways:

By USB to Mrs Kelly by Thursday Week 10, 9 December

#### OR

Share with Miss Cooling via Google Drive: tara.cooling@det.nsw.edu.au

We look forward to seeing the amazing talents of our wonderful West Pymble students!

Mrs Elliott and Mrs Kelly

# PLEASE RETURN ALL BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY

As part of the return to school process, our library will, unfortunately, need to be closed to prevent any chance of cross infection between student cohorts. Please return all library books as soon as possible.

With changes to public health orders, Public Libraries will be opening up again. Please make use of these opportunities to access books for your children.

Take care,

Maria Greenwood (Teacher librarian)

# From the Office

# ENROL NOW FOR 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have started planning for next year, if you are **NOT** returning to WPPS in 2022 please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2638/ leavers\_2022.pdf

Stay safe and healthy,

Michelle, Dawn, Emma and Amanda

# Canteen

The canteen continues to open on Thursdays and Fridays for online lunch orders only. Frozen treats can also be ordered online – if you have ordered a frozen treat for your child, please remind them to come to the canteen to collect it.

Over the counter sales are currently not permitted due to risk of congregating children across grades.

Click here to order lunch online.

If you wish to volunteer for a shift this term, please contact Paulina at canteencoordinator@wppspnc.com.au

Hi All,

Term 4 is fast drawing to a close and we will be holding our End of Term Sausage Sizzle on Friday the 10th of December.

The usual Summer Lunch Menu (including Frozen Treats) will not be available.

NB: Once logged in, please click on Events to order your Sausage Sizzle instead of putting in the date of order. Please order your Sausage Sizzle BEFORE Wednesday the 8th of December. The Canteen will be closed on Thursday the 16th of December.

We will be starting to use up some of our Summer Menu items and not restocking them. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Wishing you all a safe and endless summer!

Wendela, Nada & Paulina

# P&C

#### P&C

For our final fundraising effort for 2021, the P&C shall be holding a sausage sizzle & the School Band shall run a cake stall here at school outside the hall during Election Day on Saturday 4 December. We are requesting volunteers to assist with set up, cooking & sales on the day – a doodle poll has been sent out via class parents, so please come down for an hour to help if you can. Here it is again if you missed it Election Day BBQ doodle poll

Tea & Tissues will be held Thursday morning 3 February in Sequoia Park for the new Kindy 2022 parents. We request that food and drinks be provided by this year's Kindy parents, and all to be confirmed prior to the end of this term.

#### Save the Date

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be Monday 6 December, from 7:30pm. The meeting will be via Zoom at this stage, 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.

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There will also be a special lunch meal deal available to order online for the Swimming Carnival to be held early Term 1 on Friday 4 February (8yrs and over only). Chicken burger and juice or Sushi and juice, both for \$5. Keep an eye out on the School 24 app for when it becomes available.

#### Second-hand uniforms

Sharlene will be opening the uniform stall again this Tuesday 9-10:30am during the final Taste of Kindy morning. If you are

wishing to have a clear out before the holidays, please place any items you wish to donate in the basket outside her garage. For more info visit Second-hand Uniform stall

#### 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: vicepresident2@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

## Band

#### **Band Information**

#### Instrument and Folder Return

ALL STUDENTS – Folder return and hired instrument return will be on Wed 8 Dec from 8.30am at the hall. All folders and hired instruments must be returned at this time. Personal music (not handed out at rehearsals) should be removed from folders. Please check that flute cleaning rods, sax straps and all instrument pieces are in cases. Reeds/valve oil that belongs to you should be removed.

#### Instrument Survey

If you haven't completed the survey (emailed out), please do so ASAP to assist us with planning for 2022.

#### Cake Stall - Please Help!

Help raise money for the band program by donating baked goods and helping run our cake stall on election day (4 Dec). Refer to emails sent out for details and volunteer here: https://doodle.com/poll/

swmazxwad2vb94yd?utm\_source=poll&utm\_medium=link

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# After School Care



# **Community News**

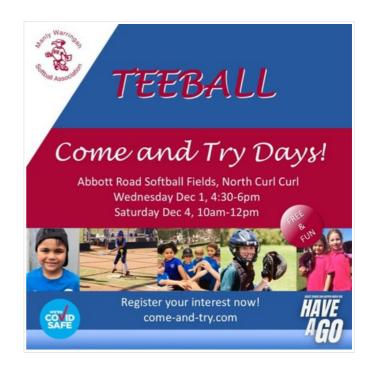
#### Lifeline

Lifeline will be holding a Book Fair at Barker College, Hornsby on 11-13 December from 8am to 5pm each day.

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Teeball Come & Try Days



#### St Leonards TAFE English Courses

The free courses which are government funded are for beginners to advanced learners to improve English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. They have also been a very good way for people to engage on line during the pandemic. We would like to continue to help our community in this way and they are free.

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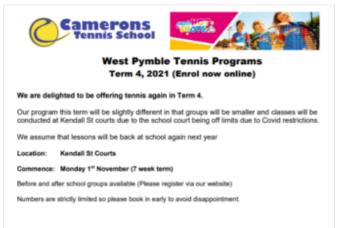
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#### Sing Act Dance

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## Cameron's Tennis



#### For all programs please enrol via our Website: www.cameronstennis.com.au

If groups are full or you would like a private lesson please email chris@cameronstennis.com.au

Volunteer to teach Ethics



#### 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/2665/ vegetable\_gratin\_recipe\_snippet\_t4w6\_26112021.pdf

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