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29 October 2021

Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new students, Ollie R (4J), Ed R (2F) and Henry R (KG) and Mertyll G (2F). The boys joined us at the start of the Term 3 and have been a part of the essential workers' group, so have had an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school and form some friendships. Mertyll started with us just this week and is adapting to her new school and its routines beautifully.

Welcome Back!

In Week 3, our Kindergarten and Year 1 students returned and settled back in delightfully. Their smiles were enormous as they eagerly came through the school gates. This week, all remaining year groups had their turn and they were equally impressive. We are so happy to see everyone back on site, back with their teachers and their friends, where they should be.

COVID Roadmap

The roadmap back to school is subject to change depending on current DoE and NSW Health advice. You can stay up to date by checking the Advice for Families page at [Advice for families \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/advice-for-families)

A reminder that anyone who has the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms must get tested immediately and self-isolate until they get a negative result even if they are vaccinated.

From 18 October all staff onsite are required to be fully vaccinated. You can have confidence that we are handling the evidence requirements with the department and anyone interacting directly with students is fully vaccinated. Students

are being kept with their Stage cohorts with dedicated teachers assigned to each cohort. Stages have their allocated areas of the playground to avoid mingling. While specialist teachers will be unable to deliver their lessons face to face, they will still be able to deliver virtual lessons to each of the other Stages.

Parents are not permitted onsite. If you need to contact the office, please call on 9144 7584. If you are dropping off or collecting during the school day, please come to the Tristania gates and ring the office either from the key pad or from your mobile and a staff member will come out to greet you.

It has been pleasing to see the large numbers of students wearing masks. While these are not mandatory for primary school students, they are strongly recommended. All staff wear masks inside. Outside is no longer a requirement.

The ventilation audit of all public NSW schools is complete and our school report indicates that our natural ventilation is sufficient to accommodate each of our classes in the rooms. The department's ventilation recommendations have been informed by NSW Health advice, expert advice from the Doherty Institute and the World Health Organisation. Should air quality decline, the DoE has remediation steps in place. The weather has been very conducive to outdoor learning since our students have returned and it is wonderful to see our students and their teachers taking full advantage for their lessons.

WPPS has recently moved from Level 4 to Level 3 plus restrictions. The current advice will remain in place until we move to Level 3 restrictions.

Kindergarten Enrolment

Our face to face "Taste of Kindergarten" sessions have been put on hold due to the restrictions, so we are busy planning virtual sessions for you. The first of these is planned for Week 7. We have pushed the dates back as far as possible in the hope that we might be able to hold face to face sessions should the situation change. Watch this space for further details.

If you are yet to enrol, please submit your enrolment application as soon as possible. Likewise, if you will not be returning

to WPPS in 2022, please let us know. Our planning is well underway for next year and is entirely dependent upon student enrolment.

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.



Deputy Principal

Semester 2 Reports - Parent Reflection

A big congratulations on surviving the home learning period. It was a difficult time for all involved, and the staff are extremely appreciative of the level of assistance our school community gave to support the teaching and learning of the students.

In line with advice from the NSW Department of Education, our school reports for Semester 2, 2021 have been adjusted to cater for students learning from home. The report will focus on English and mathematics achievement and provide information about student attendance, commitment to the home learning period and identify learning goals.

As the students have spent the vast majority of Semester 2 in remote learning, we have a unique opportunity to include both student and parent reflections in this report. Teachers will gather the required information from students at school.

We are asking all parents to fill in a short survey to gauge your assessment of how your child/ren performed in remote learning. This short survey should take no longer than 2 or 3 minutes to complete. A separate survey will need to be completed for each of your children. Parent input will form a valuable component of the revised report format for this

semester. We sincerely hope everyone will take the time to complete the survey.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support in 2021.

The Parent Home Learning Reflection Survey can be accessed via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2rqXHjV8PDgnainwTgxWCwVoYC-G2SzL6VBUyqIX7CXkcFA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Check-in Assessments Years 3-6

Students at West Pymble PS in Years 3-6 will be completing a Check-in assessment in both Reading and Numeracy across the next 3 weeks. These assessments are intended to supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Please note, parents will not receive feedback on student performance at the completion of the check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment includes two online assessments for Years 3-6 students:

- reading assessment
- numeracy assessment

Each assessment is designed to be quick and easy to administer, consisting of approximately 40 multiple choice questions.

The assessments will be conducted in the school computer room between 1 November and 15 November.

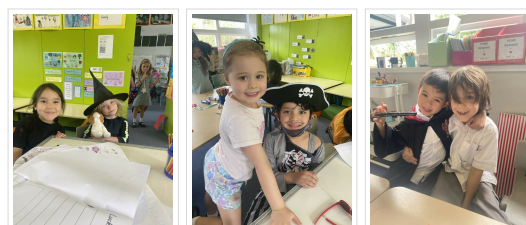
It would greatly benefit the students if they brought in a set of headphones from home. They will need to be plugged into either a jack or USB port. We are unable to support Bluetooth headphones at this time. These headphones can be kept in a safe place in the classroom. Once the assessments have been completed, the students can take them home.

Please contact Mr Simpson via the school office if you require any further information.

School News

Kindergarten Celebrating World Teachers' Day

Well done to Trinnity C 1E and Yerin N 3N
Congratulations on winning the Teachers' Day colouring in competition, you have won a free lunch for Mrs Elliott and Mr Nobel.

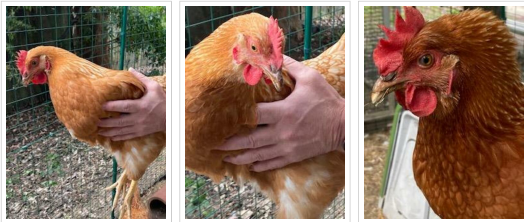




Chicken Naming Competition

Please meet our new chickens. We are running a naming competition for our 5 new lovely girls. Please email your chicken names to the office by Friday 5 November. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

Good luck everyone.



Placement in Selective High Schools for year 7 entry in 2023

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2585/selective_high_schools_15102021.pdf

Library

Library to close - please return all books

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.

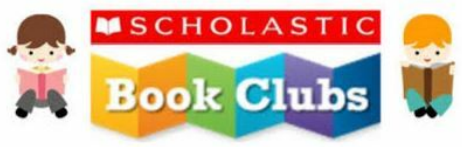
With changes to public health orders, Public Libraries will be opening up again. Please make use of these opportunities to access books for your children.

Take care,

Maria Greenwood (Teacher librarian)

Scholastic BookClub

Issue 7
LAST BROCHURE FOR 2021
Order for Christmas



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Please have orders placed online **ONLY** by
 Sunday 7th November, 2021

From the Office

ENROL NOW FOR 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy World Teachers' Day to all our wonderful teachers at WPPS. Thank you for everything you do every single day - you're awesome. "WPPS Teachers Rule"



https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2631/who_would_be_a_teacher_wtd_2021_special_edition_29102021.pdf

This week you should have received your Term 4 Activity Statement of Account via email. If you haven't received it, please call the office.

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

The next Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, 3 December, would you please return all your merits to the office by **Friday 19 November**. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any merits received after this date.

Stay safe and healthy,

Michelle, Dawn, Emma and Amanda

P&C

Newsletter Friday 29 October

Well hasn't this week been bliss with all the children back at school!

Firstly, we wish to acknowledge all our dedicated teachers and wish them a very happy World Teachers' Day today. We hope you all enjoyed your delicious cupcakes kindly organised by the P&C to show appreciation on behalf of all the parents.

Everybody should have received their facemasks by now. We apologise for the initial delay but were pleased they arrived in time for the majority of kids returning to school this week.

Online Trivia & Bingo Night

We are extremely proud that our first virtual trivia night was so successful, with our goal of at least \$10,000 absolutely smashed! We raised over \$16,000 which is a phenomenal effort by all involved. This money will go towards additional learning and development resources for the school.

A big thankyou to all our sponsors and supporters and those who joined us for such an amazing night. Congratulations to all the raffle and auction winners - hopefully everyone has been able to collect their prizes by now.

Second-hand uniforms

Sharlene will again be opening the stall this Sunday 31st October 8:30-10:30am at 60 Wallalong Crescent if you need to pick up anything. If anyone has a clothing rack in good condition with wheels, as well as a few small coat hangers (some with clips for skirts/pants) for Sharlene to use for the stall, please let us know.

For more info visit [Uniform Stall](#).

Save the Date

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be Monday 22nd November, 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.

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:

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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

Canteen

The canteen has reopened on Thursdays and Fridays for online lunch orders only. Frozen treats can also be ordered online and can be picked up in stages once students have finished eating their lunch.

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

[Click here](#) to order lunch online.

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

Jen Stokes is also ready to hand over the Canteen Accounts role for 2022. See attached flyer for more info if you may be interested in joining our team.

After School Care

Term 4 & 2022

Permanent places are filling up fast at **West Pymble Out of School Care**, visit our website and download an **Application Form**

<http://www.wpoosc.com.au/>

Casual places also available morning and afternoon

The flyer features illustrations of children playing and a circular logo with the letters 'WPOOSC' and a group of children's faces.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT EXPERTS!

PEOPLE'S CHOICE by What's On 4 Kids 2019 AWARDS

AWARD-WINNING Business with over 18 YEARS of EXPERIENCE!

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- > DISCO & KARAOKE
- > SLIME & SCIENCE
- > SPORT & PARK
- > PLASTER & CRAFT
- + PHOTOBOTHOS

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www.boptillyouddrop.com.au
info@boptillyouddrop.com.au

The advertisement features a group of smiling children in party hats and a girl in a red shirt holding a microphone. It includes social media icons for Instagram and Facebook.

Band

Band Information

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2633/band_enrolment_flyer_for_2022_29102021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2636/band_enrolment_poster_for_2022_29102021.pdf

Community News

Safety Around Schools

Ku-Ring-Gai Native Bee Hives

The bee hive lottery closes on 21st November, and applicants must be Ku-Ring-Gai residents.

<https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Things-to-do/Whats-on/Native-Bee-Program-2021>

Kidz Jigz Newsletter

Personalised Puzzles!

CREATIVE KIDS
PERSONALISED PUZZLES
www.kidzjigz.com.au

2 x S/M Puzzles or
1 x LARGE Puzzle

KIDZ JIGZ

*Creative Kids Vouchers Accepted

The advertisement features two smiling girls with their hands raised, surrounded by puzzle pieces. It includes the Creative Kids logo and a photo of children playing outdoors.

Mobile Literacy support service

With a multi-degree qualified and highly experienced teacher. Programs are customised based on your child's needs.

All sessions are 1:1.

Email SoundswriteKate@mail.com or phone 0401 22 00 87.

Cameron's Tennis



West Pymble Tennis Programs
Term 4, 2021 (Enrol now online)

We are delighted to be offering tennis again in Term 4.

Our program this term will be slightly different in that groups will be smaller and classes will be conducted at Kendall St courts due to the school court being off limits due to Covid restrictions.

We assume that lessons will be back at school again next year

Location: Kendall St Courts

Commence: Monday 1st November (7 week term)

Before and after school groups available (Please register via our website)

Numbers are strictly limited so please book in early to avoid disappointment.

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

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 – CCRESS – 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.

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

Primary Ethics is proud to offer an alternative while ethics classes cannot be run in schools. For Term 4, we have prepared a brand-new series of *Bites!*

Bites! are our bite-sized lessons specially designed for students to practise their skills in close listening and ethical reasoning, based on material from our Department-approved curriculum. Each *Bite* will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Each week we post a new ethical dilemma to our *Bites!* web page. Here is the link: <http://primaryethics.com.au/education>

Volunteer to teach Ethics

Primary ETHICS

“Mum, why is it ok to kill cows and sheep but not to kill whales?”

Contact ethics.wpps@gmail.com to volunteer at WPPS

Volunteer to teach ethics classes to kids in your local public school.

Primary Ethics teaches kids how to think not what to think.
primaryethics.com.au

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/2597/sunsmart_snippets_dont_forget_your_eyes_t4w1_29102021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2577/halloween_snacks_snippet_t4_w1_2021_15102021.pdf

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The School App

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- 😊 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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