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Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all our students, parents and carers and staff. I am sure everyone appreciated the chance to enjoy some down time with family and friends and to catch up on some self-care. Welcome back also, to Mrs Baker, who is returning to us since before COVID. Mrs Baker will be providing targeted maths support to identified students.

OC Placement Tests

Online applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2022 opened on 20 April 2021 and will remain open until 5:00pm on 7 May 2021. If you are yet to submit an application and wish to do so, I would suggest that you complete the required documentation promptly. The Unit is very strict on deadlines and no late applications will be considered. Please also return your blue slip from the original note to assist us with cross referencing your child's application.

ANZAC Day

Our WPPS ANZAC Day Ceremony was a very moving and respectful occasion, beautifully organised by Mrs Feltscheer and supported by our Year 6 students who conducted the Ceremony. A huge thank you must go to Miriam Methven who has once again made the wreath for us. Colonel Vince delivered the ANZAC message and The Last Post was played by THS and former student, Sierra Russell. Thank you to our special guests, Alister Henskens (local State MP), David Arblaster (Turramurra High Principal) and Lonii Broers (WPPS P&C President), who joined with us to share in our commemoration.



Playground Opening

Following the Ceremony, WPPS students assembled on the grass area for the official opening of the new Kindergarten/Year 1 playground. This part of our total Creative Outdoor Learning Space refurbishment received generous State funding through

the Community Partnerships Grant and together with school funding, this section of the upgrade was able to proceed. As our State member, it was most appropriate for Mr Henskens to officially cut the ribbon and declare the space open.



New Student Orientation

It is that time of year again when we start activities for next year's incoming students. Our first event is Fantasy Day, to be held on Thursday 20 May (Week 5) from 9:30am – 11:00am. We will have a special performance from children's entertainers, Pistachio and the theme will be fairies and pirates. All pre-schoolers are invited to dress up in their favourite fantasy costumes and join West Pymble K-2 students and teachers (who will also be in fancy dress) on this exciting day. Fantasy Day is the first of a comprehensive series of events that will run throughout the year to provide the smoothest possible transition to school for both parents and their children.

All parents who have already submitted their enrolment application and therefore are now on our data base, will receive their invitation to this event via email. For those who are yet to enrol, please do so as early as possible to enable thorough planning and preparations to be in place for next year.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2267/ online_enrolment_for_parents.pdf

Individual tours are now available for parents wishing to view the school. Please telephone the office on 9144 7584 for an appointment. Our new website also has a virtual tour that you can access. Our website address is https://westpymble-p.schools.nsw.gov.au More information on our new website which is being launched this week can be found in the School News section of this issue of the New Weekly. Thank you to Miss Cooling, our STEM/Technology specialist teacher, who has spent countless hours on the mammoth task of preparing the website to go live.

Ride to School Day.

It was lovely to see so many children this morning and so many parents as well, riding their bikes and scooters to school. At the time of writing this email, all bikes and scooters are parked awaiting their owners who will engage in class-based road safety activities at some stage throughout the day.

Strawberries and Cream on the Green

Mothers' Day is fast approaching and will be celebrated next Sunday 9 May. As part of WPPS's recognition of this celebration, our P&C have organised a Mothers' Day stall. Information was sent out from the P&C last term and the stall will be held on Thursday 6 May. We would like to invite all our mums, grandmas and special ladies to join us at afternoon tea time from 2:00pm, for Strawberries and Cream on the Green. For catering purposes, please send an RSVP email to the office to confirm your attendance westpymble-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Fees

Thank you to all who have already paid their Term 2 fees. Remember that the annual Statement of Account can be paid in instalments, but activity fees must be paid in full by the due date, prior to the activity. Students who have not paid for an activity, will be supervised in a different class for the duration of the activity and given separate work that will meet the same or similar outcomes. As always, anyone who is experiencing financial difficulties should make contact with the office to speak with either the office manager, Michelle Eyre or myself. All enquiries will remain confidential and be discreetly managed.

Kiss and Drop

The new Kiss and Drop signage is up in the Apollo Avenue cul-de-sac. Thank you so much to the P&C for organising this.

I have also received an email from a very disgruntled neighbour in Apollo, who has complaints about the traffic flow, parking across driveways and as a result has requested Ranger assistance. The Ranger has been in attendance for at least two days this week. The fines for breaking the road rules are very hefty, with stopping in the No Stopping zones currently sitting at over \$360.

For more information on Kiss and Drop rules, please see the P&C section of this newsletter.

Don't forget Winter Uniforms from Monday 3 May.

Have a safe and happy fortnight and have a happy Mothers' Day on Sunday week.

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

Up Coming Events

Monday 3 May - Sydney Writers' Festival Thursday 6 May - Mothers' Day Stall Friday 7 May - PSSA Round 1 Start Thursday 20 May - Fantasy Day Monday 24 May - Athletics Carnival

Message from the Deputy Principal

Check-in Assessment for Year 4 and Year 6 2021

Students in Year 4 and Year 6 will soon complete a reading and numeracy Check-in Assessment.

The Check-in Assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor students' learning following last year's period of learning from home.

The Check-in Assessments can 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.

All Year 4 and 6 students completed a reading assessment this week and will undertake a numeracy assessment in Week 3.

NAPLAN Testing for Year 3 and Year 5 2021

All students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake NAPLAN testing from 11-21 May 2021. West Pymble PS has been selected to complete all assessments online with the exception of Year 3 Writing, which will be completed as a pencil and paper test. Each student had the opportunity to complete a practice test in Week 9 of Term 1. This allowed the school to check we had the capability to successfully use the system and enabled the students to familiarise themselves with the program.

The following tests will be completed by all students:

Writing

Reading

Conventions of Language

Numeracy

The schedule is being finalised this week, however if your child is absent for one or more of the tests, make up sessions will be completed wherever possible.

For more information including how to access the public demonstration site, please see the flyer below.

Please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office if you have any questions.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2242/ naplan_online_information_brochure_for_parents_and_carers_ 30042021.pdf

Tim Simpson

PBEL

PBEL: Playground Expectations

PLAYGROUND

~	Rubbish in bins
~	Make good choices
~	Be a good friend
~	Look at and listen to teachers
~	Wear your hat
✓	Walk on hard surfaces
1	Stay in bounds

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

School News

Merit List

		West Pymble Merit Lis	SL.
		30 April 2021	
		Term 2, Week 2	
KG	Eden F	Isabella S	Matthew D
KSB	Claudia H	Oliver M	Samuel B
1E	Aiden A	Oliver J	Saskia H
1K	Hannah P	Lachlan S	Samuel T
2F	Ari C	Daniel W	Kara M
2W	Angelina S	Neil V	Ryan N
3B	Angus C	Charlie H	Teo B
3N	Charlie H	Mia P	Oscar P
40H	Annabelle S	Dylan Y	Yushaa K
4J	Harrison T	Hayley L	Ryan V
5/6B	Airlie S	Dimitry H	Howie Z
5/6F	Ethan K	Ruby B	Zoya G
5/6G	Jayden J	Owen R	Sienna B

HOUSE OF THE WEEK: Wyuna

MERIT AWARD: Harrison L 1K, Dylan Y 4OH, Maanya I 5/6F, Jackson W 3N, Thomas M 2F, Oliver M KSB, Oscar P 3N, James H 4J, Lachlan W KSB, Lily L KSB, Ethan C 4OH, Elodie N 3N, Aadyanth R 3N, Stella L 1K,

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Elliott H 1E, Jua M 1E, Daisy N 1K, Mason C 1K, Olivia M 1K, Noah K 1K, Oliver V 2W, Jack H 2W, Nina G 2F, Lily R 4J, James H 4J, Ryan O 4OH, Nicholas H 4OH, Hamish M 5/6F, Tia W 5/6B,

Launch of New School Website

We are very excited and proud to announce the launch of our new school website here at WPPS. Our main aim is to improve accessibility, offer key information and news for parents and carers, providing options such as submitting any student absences through an online form. We feel the new website offers a much improved experience for users and we hope you find it useful and enjoy browsing it. We welcome everyone's feedback via our online enquiries form, found on the homepage, so you can offer your thoughts, suggestions and comments. Enjoy viewing our virtual school tour also found on the homepage.

https://westpymble-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

Stage One Excursion: The Magic Beach at the Riverside Theatre Parramatta

In Week 1, Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) students were very lucky to take part in an excursion to watch a live performance of The Magic Beach based on the book by Alison Lester. Students have been exploring connections to places in geography, going on a virtual trip around Australia to learn about our country and the special connections people have to it.

The students represented WPPS with pride, enjoying a bus ride, picnic in the park and a wonderful (and hilarious) opportunity to see live theatre. Many thanks to the Stage 1 teachers including Mr Simpson and Mrs Whittaker for their help on the day.

Please enjoy some of the recounts the students completed after our special day.

Kind regards,

Rachel Favell

Stage 1 AP (Acting)



Last Thursday Stage One went on an excursion. We got there by a big bus. I felt really cold. The play we saw was called Magic Beach. My favourite bit was when Sally called Toby, Fish Head. I sat next to Hannah. It was an amazing day. Then we had a practice of the grand opening for the playground.

By Amy C - 1K

Yesterday we went on our excursion. All of stage one went. We went to the show. The theatre was called Riverside. The show was the Magic Beach. Before the show started we all went to the bathroom. When the performance started it went all dark. The show was really fun. The characters were called Lucy, Daniel and Sally. There were some funny parts. Then we had our recess. After that we took the bus to get back to school.

Caleb K - 1E

Yesterday we went to see the Magic Beach. We went on the bus to get there. It was a 40 minute drive. When we got off the bus we had lunch. After lunch 2W got ready to go into the theatre. When we were ready we sat in our seats. We had to wait for a little bit before the show started. Everyone was very excited. When the lights went out the show started. My favourite part of the show was when the little sister did karate, she got a bucket stuck on her head and when they introduced Fish Head. On the way back I sat next to Jyotsna. Some people fell asleep on the way back.

By Ruby B - 2W

On Thursday we went on an excursion to the Parramatta Riverside Theatre. First thing in the morning we did a maths test and then we needed to pick a buddy to stay with so we did not get lost. Then at 10:25 we went to the bus and I sat at the back with my friends. It was a long drive so we played 'Spotto'. When we arrived we went to a park and had lunch there. I had a ham sandwich. After lunch we went into the theatre early and had to wait for a while but I think it was worth it because the play was amazing! There were some really funny parts. After the play we had recess and got on the bus to go back to school.

Ari C - 2F

Enrolment Orientation Dates



Outstanding achievements Continuing success

You are invited to:

Fantasy Morning: Thursday 20 May 2021 -9:30am-11:00am Parent Information Evening: Thursday 5 August 2021-7:00pm Baby Proms: Tuesday 24 August 2021-9:30am-11:00am Spring Showcase: Thursday 2 September 2021 - All Day

A Taste of Kindergarten:

Tuesday 4 November 2021-9:30am-11:00am Tuesday 11 November 2021-9:30am-11:00am Tuesday 18 November 2021-9:30am-11:00am

School Tours: Tours can be made by appointment only. Please call the school office on 9144 7584.

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Mothers' Day Strawberries and Cream on The Green on Thursday 6, please email the office Westpymble-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you will be attending. This will help with catering for the event.

Sports

PSSA

Looking forward to the beginning of Soccer and Netball in the Winter PSSA season which starts in Week 3 of Term 2!

NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge 2021

This year our school has registered to participate in the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) encourages all students and staff in public schools to be more active, more often by increasing their participation in sport and physical activity.

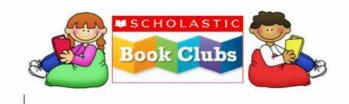
The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport and physical activity to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Over a ten week period our school will be monitoring physical activity levels during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport lessons. Physical activity outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award. The aim is to work towards an average at least 60 minutes of activity a day for ten weeks.

Each student in Years 3-6 will be using an online tracker to record their daily physical activity. Whilst K-2 students will work towards a Gold class award level.

We would like to invite families to support us in encouraging students' healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together.

Library



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Brochures out now (order via online only) <u>Orders close</u> Sunday 9th May

From the Office

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our next Recognition Ceremony will be held Friday 18 June. Please ensure all merits are handed in to the office by Friday 4 June to allow engraving of medallions.

Kind regards,

WPPS Office

Canteen

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

The Canteen will be open on Thursday and Friday.

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Click below for how to order school lunches.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1763/ school24.pdf

We are very much looking forward to preparing your healthy lunches!

The Canteen Team,

Wendela, Nada & Paulina

P&C

Cheers

Andrew Noble

Welcome back!

It is great to see everyone back at school and we look forward to a fun filled term two!

Disco tonight!

We are very excited that the Beach Party themed disco has finally arrived and it is on tonight (Friday 30 April) in the school hall. The junior disco (K to year 2) will be from 4.30 to 6pm and the senior disco (year 3 to 6) will be from 6 to 7.30pm. Entry and exit is via the Apollo Avenue gate only (Tristania and Diana gates will be closed). We request that you do not park on Apollo Avenue to drop off or collect your children from the disco. For safety reasons we are trying to limit motor vehicle traffic due to the number of children and adults entering and exiting the Apollo Avenue gate. If you are concerned you will not make it to the gate in time for pick up, please rest assured that your children will be supervised until they are collected. We look forward to seeing everyone in their favourite beach wear and ready for lots of fun!

New Safety Signage for Apollo Avenue Kiss and Drop

Last year members of the school community raised concerns about the Apollo Avenue turning circle and the potential for an accident as children move to and from waiting cars in the Kiss and Drop zone. The Council was contacted for advice and after observing the Kiss and Drop zone in operation, they recommended new signage, line markings and an instructional banner.

At the end of last year, the council installed signage at the entrance to the turning circle advising drivers to give way to another vehicle, and line markings to indicate the appropriate distance to do this.



They also installed signage at the exit of the turning circle to indicate the designated zone for dropping off and picking up children.



Recently the P&C organised for an instructional banner to be put up on the Apollo Avenue gate which finalised the implementation of all of the Council's recommendations. The banner is large and clear - reminding drivers of the key procedures when using Kiss and Drop. These include:

- Please wait for the car in front to move before entering the turning circle

- Watch for pedestrians when turning
- Move forward to the furthest available pickup point
- Park legally and don't block driveways

The purpose of the Kiss and Drop zone is to enable parents and carers to pick up children safely and quickly. To achieve this, everyone needs to follow the Kiss and Drop procedures when using this zone. Please familiarise yourself with the full list of Kiss and Drop procedures and thank you to everyone who is already following the Kiss and Drop rules.



A big thank you goes to Brodie Maxwell who assisted with the design of the banner and to Tamara Leo for leading this project on behalf of the P&C.

Coffee with Bronwyn and Tim

What better way to catch up than over a coffee! On Friday 7 May our School Principal Bronwyn Wilson and Deputy Principal Tim Simpson will be at Brick Lane (Kendall St Shops) at 10am. If you are free and would like to join us for an informal chat, please email vicepresident@wppspnc.com.au by Wednesday 5 May so that we can book a table.

Save the Date

Second hand uniform stall: The next second hand uniform stall is scheduled for Sunday 2 May from 8.30am to 11.30am, at 71 Kendall Street West Pymble. If you have any pre-loved uniforms to donate to the stall you can leave them in a bag on Brenda's porch (71 Kendall Street, West Pymble). If you have any coathangers in good condition please bring them along as we would love to take them off your hands.

P&C General Meeting: The next P&C General Meeting will be on Monday 3 May, 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.

Mothers' Day stall

Thank you to everyone who ordered gifts for the Mothers' Day stall. The stall, where the children can choose a special gift for their mother, grandmother and/or a significant loved one, will be on Thursday 6 May.

Call for Volunteers - Mothers' Day Stall 2022

We are currently seeking two volunteers to run the Mothers' Day Stall in 2022.

If you love shopping and have a keen eye for all things nice, pretty, fun and functional - then this is for you!

For the last two events, the stall has been a labour of love for Anita and Gladys but the time has come to pass the torch, so if you'd like to take over and can be available on Thursday 6 May to see how the event is run, please get in touch with Anita or Gladys.

Anita - anita.naudet@gmail.com

Gladys - gladys.pineda@bigpond.com

Contact Us

If you have any questions, comments or ideas to share with the P&C, we'd love to ear 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

Amanda Tyler: communications@wppspnc.com.au

<u>Canteen</u>

Welcome to term 2! We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for our DELICIOUS Winter Menu!

The Canteen will remain open on Thursdays and Fridays this term AND we are open again for Breakfast!

We have some very exciting news: we will be trialling *freshly* 'home cooked' lunches on a Wednesday.

- Wednesday 5 May: Fish and Chips or just Chips with a juice (or water)
- Wednesday 12 May: Beef Nachos & Vegetarian Nachos with a juice (or water)
- Wednesday 19 May: Pasta Carbonara & Macaroni Cheese with a juice (or water)

If you would like to order these meals please click on '<u>Events</u>' on the School24 website. The normal Canteen Menu items will not be available on Wednesdays but you can buy snacks and ice blocks over the counter at Lunchtime. The Canteen will not be open at Recess.

Happy ordering!

Wendela, Nada & Paulina

Canteen menus and ordering instructions

Please find below the Canteen menu for term 2.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2230/ canteen_menu_term_2_2021.pdf

Click below for instructions on how to order school lunches.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2194/ school24.pdf

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is back to normal opening times and will still operate under online only orders until restrictions are eased. If you need to exchange any items please send them in with your child/ren so it can be exchanged during these times. The girls' skorts and short sleeve blouses have now arrived.

2:30pm - 3:30pm Tuesday

8:30am - 9:30am Thursday

All enquires can be made direct to Excel Uniforms Phone 0405 506 383 or

Email : wpps@exceluniforms.com.au

Online: www.exceluniforms.com.au

(Logon: wpps Password: exceluniforms)

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2051/ uniform_price_list_19022021.pdf

WPPS Band

Band News

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you're feeling refreshed and ready for a musical term. With band camp fast approaching (May 28-30), keep your eyes peeled for updates from the committee. Band camp is a really exciting weekend for the children - they learn a lot musically and have a huge amount of fun participating in the camp activities.

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Band Camp

- Forms and fees are now overdue please contact the committee ASAP if you have difficulties or concerns.
- We request all volunteers to have a WWCC. Details must be verified by the office – please visit the office if you have requested a volunteer spot. Although the volunteer roster is yet to be finalised, we'd appreciate it if you can arrange this in advance. Do not leave it to the last minute!

Concert Band & Performance Band

Concert Band and Performance Band have adapted well to the "Combined Band" with their joint rehearsals 7.50am Tuesdays. Thanks to all parents for accommodating this change. Performance Band also has their separate rehearsal on Thursday afternoons.

Training Band

Training Band held their first rehearsal as a group on Monday - well done! Please can children attend promptly at 7.50am to help with set up.

Please contact the band committee for any queries, at wppsband@gmail.com.

Kind Regards

After School Care



Community News

Ryde Waterpolo

Volunteer to teach Ethics

Primary ETHICS

Become a volunteer ethics teacher

Do something life-changing this year

Teach ethics at West Pymble Public School

For around an hour a week, you can teach an ethics class at your local school and help children develop skills for life.

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

In ethics classes, children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group and include topics such as Laziness, Voting, How can we work out what's true? and Imagining how others feel.

Volunteers are needed now to teach ethics classes at West Pymble PS. Training and support is provided.

Please contact Julie Brown-Gordon: julie.brown@primaryethics.com.au

Only about an hour a week

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.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2219/ build_a_lunch_box_nutrition_snippet_t2w1_30042021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2221/ autumn_fruit_and_veg_nutrition_snippet_t2w1_30042021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2222/ sunsmart_snippets_morning_checklist_30042021.pdf

Snippets



Entertainment Book



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 order your Entertainment Book

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.

KDance Company

New to West Pymble this year.

Chess

We have Beginner, Basic and Intermediate classes starting.

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Art

Art Classes

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Camerons Tennis School

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2165/ tennis_wp_t2_2021_01042021.pdf

Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803