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5 February 2021

PBEL

PBEL At Classroom Expectation

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Be Responsible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We put in lots of effort to improve ✓ Challenges and mistakes are part of learning. We reflect on them to help us learn.
Be Respectful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We listen to one another. ✓ We show empathy and kindness towards others.
Be Safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Walk safely around the classroom. ✓ Tell a trusted adult if someone is hurting your or others.

Thank you for supporting the students and teachers in implementing our PBEL fortnightly focus. This is an example of one class' expectations. Each class will have their own unique expectations. These will change throughout the year.

Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome

I hope everyone has had a chance to relax and refocus over the Summer holidays and now feel ready for a fresh start to the new year. We are looking forward to an exciting and more settled year than the one just passed. While many restrictions remain in place, they are now becoming a part of our normal routines. Welcome back to all our familiar faces and a very warm welcome to all our new families who are joining us this

year, we know that you will settle easily into West Pymble PS and quickly become part of the community.

We have quite a few new families to the school along with a number of staff changes. Some staff have changed roles within the school and we also warmly welcome new staff members, Mrs Melissa Janoyan and Miss Samantha Macourt. Melissa is an experienced teacher who has taught both here and overseas and comes highly recommended. Samantha, our new music teacher is a recent university graduate. Samantha completed her first practicum here at West Pymble PS and was so accomplished even in her first year of University, I knew she would be a very valued teacher.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2009/class_list_and_teachers_2021.pdf

It has been a very settled start to the new year, although we are always ready to implement the changes that might come through due to COVID. Fortunately, this year, we do not have the added trauma of bushfire or flood. Should you find yourself in need of additional information or support, please refer to the NSW School Update app, the school website or by making contact with the school.

Coronavirus information is constantly being updated by the Department of Health. As we receive the information, it will be disseminated to the community via SZapp. Thank you to our community for heeding all advice and supporting all requirements.

Class Structures

Some of our classes this year are Stage based multi age classes. These classes all work from the same Stage based syllabus and are studying the same concepts and content. There are many advantages to organising classes in this manner (see the article on Multi-age Classes).

Our classes were formed on Wednesday Week 2 and there is no room for movement with this. We have spent considerable time and energy, involving consultation across all teachers to determine the best placement for students for the past term

and right up to the first week this year to ensure that each student is best placed. Every child in our school is known, valued and cared for and based on the criteria in the Procedures for Class Formation (refer to the school website) and the professional judgement of teachers, we know that our students will thrive in their new classes.

Multi-Age Classes

Multi age (or composite) classes have been a feature of our schools for over a century. Some current and emerging pedagogical teaching and learning strategies recently “discovered” by universities, such as peer tutoring, independent learning, student directed learning and assessment, mentoring, explicit teaching, etcetera, have been around for just as long. Of course, these elements can also be found embedded in the Quality Teaching Framework, which all of our teachers use to guide their teaching practice.

The Department of Education Strategic Plan challenges schools to provide quality education for all students. Multi age grouping is one strategy that supports teachers in providing quality education for students.

Multi age groups provide opportunities for children to:

- Work together and learn from each other
- Work at their own rate, experience success and acknowledge the success of others
- Accept, value and care for others as individuals
- Foster a “sense of community” as they share the responsibility for learning

Where possible, staying with the same class teacher over a number of years enables teachers to develop a realistic and detailed understanding of each child, their ability and their potential.

In a multi age class, children have the opportunity to work at their own level, with teachers teaching to groups according to need, as happens in “straight” classes

Given the range of abilities and learning styles in any class group of students, all classes should be considered to be multi-age or “composite”.

Please take the time to read the Sydney Morning Herald article “A class of their own” which relates to multi age or composite classes.

Meet your Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher nights will be held in week 5:

Kindergarten - Monday 22 February

Stage 1 - Tuesday 23 February

Stage 2 - Wednesday 24 February

Stage 3 - Thursday 25 February

Class Parents

At West Pymble PS, we are very fortunate to benefit from a Class Parent system. Each class has one or two parent volunteers to assist the class teacher in various ways according to your teacher’s needs. You may be asked to cover books or organise a roster of volunteers to assist with literacy activities or you might need to disseminate P&C information, particularly in relation to volunteers required for various activities. Class Parents often organise social activities for all parents within the class. I have included a copy of the current Class Parent Roles and Responsibilities for your information. It is not an onerous position and previous Class Parents have always enjoyed the role. I would encourage you to consider taking on this role for your class teacher this year as it can be what you make it and a very rewarding experience. Teachers will be talking more about the role at the Meet the Teacher Evening during Week 5 (more information to follow). If you are interested, please chat with your teacher at your earliest convenience.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2034/class_parent_roles_and_responsibilities_2020.pdf

Safety Alert - Kiss and Drop

In most issues of the New Weekly, you will find a safety reminder. At West Pymble PS. We adhere to the adage “Safety over convenience every time!”

The Kiss and Drop Zone in Apollo Avenue operates every morning and every afternoon. In the Kiss and Drop, there is no stopping on the inward run and **never**, at any time, is stopping allowed in the turning circle. Vehicles are only able to stop for three minutes maximum in the designated zone on the outward run. Drivers must stay within 2 metres of their vehicles. If your child is not waiting for you, you are required to leave and come in again at the end of Apollo Avenue. Please remind all carers of these rules, grandparents, au pairs, babysitters, etc. Children should also alight the vehicle on the rear passenger’s side in the designated zone. All parents using this Zone are requested to use the large yellow sign displaying the family name in their vehicle to alert the teacher on Gate duty.

Staff Car Park

For obvious safety reasons the staff carpark is a prohibited area for both students and parents/carers. Authorised vehicles are entering and exiting at all times of the day. If you enter the school from Tristania Ave, you are required to enter the playground via the steps near the Admin building, Block A. The safety and wellbeing of our students is our main priority and we need you to support us in this and teach our children correct safety practices.

Have a safe and happy fortnight,

Bronwyn Wilson

Principal

Up Coming Events

- Monday 8 February - Sportspro Commences for K-2
- Friday 12 February - Last day of early finish for Kindergarten
- Friday 19 February - Parent WELCOME NIGHT
- Friday 19 February - PSSA Starts

School News

West Pymble Merit List 5 February 2021 Term 1, Week 2

1/E	Caleb K	Dustin M	Trinity C
1K	Otto W	Stella L	Tyler W
2F	Ashton O	Lucy M	Solomon R
2W	Abigail M	Christian F	Oliver K
3B	Annabelle C	Jasmine V	Matan I
3N	Aadyanth R	Rotem B	Yerin N
4OH	Hannah L	Isra H	Nicholas H
4J	Oscar B	Stephanie E	Zachary A
5/6B	Fergus B	Josh H	Maxine M
5/6F	Alexander P	Atila T	Miriam D
5/6G	Jazim S	Kayla S	Leila B

MERIT AWARD: Reef P 1K,

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT : Eitam S 5/6F, Hamish M 5/6F, Olivia S 2W, Maddison E 3N, Remy L 2F,

The Canteen will be open on Thursdays and Fridays and we will be offering the same menu as in term 4 last year.

Please make sure you update your child(ren)'s classroom(s) on the School24 website (www.school24.com.au).

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

The canteen will also be selling fruity ice blocks every day from 2.30pm to 3.00pm while the kindy group has an earlier finishing time. Perfect for tired little ones who need an after school treat! Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we can't linger so ice blocks will need to be eaten off the school grounds. Ice blocks will be between 50c and \$2.

The Canteen Team,

Wendela, Nada & Paulina

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1990/canteen_menu_term_1_2021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1991/frozen_treats_menu_2021.pdf

Click below for how to order school lunches.

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

P&C

Welcome!

Happy New Year everyone and a warm welcome to all our new families. We have a warm and nurturing community here in the school and we hope you feel very much a part of it straight away.

We have a number of exciting events planned throughout the year and with Covid restrictions easing we are positive that most, if not all, events will take place in 2021.

Welcome Night is our first social event for the year for parents and it will be held on Friday 19 February. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and staff, put faces to names, learn how everything fits together and discover opportunities to get involved in the school. For those who have been before, you know it is great fun and a wonderful chance to catch up after the holidays.

Our motto for the year is: 'bringing the fun in 21!' We will get event dates for the year published as soon as confirmed so you can start planning around your work days and babysitters.

If you have any questions or comments to share with the P&C in the meantime (or any time).

Please contact:

Lonii Broers: president@wppspnc.com.au

Paula Stokoe: vicepresident@wppspnc.com.au

P&C General Meeting

Enrolments Online

FAQs about the Online Enrolment process.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1944/faqs_enrolments_online.pdf

Library News

Library News

https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5817/bc_guide_parent_2021_au.pdf

Canteen

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to another year at WPPS! And a very warm welcome to all kindy families and new families! We hope you all had a wonderful and safe break!

There will be a P&C General Meeting on Monday 8 February at 7.30pm. This will be a virtual meeting held on zoom. If you would like to attend, please confirm by sending an email to communications@wppspnc.com.au and a meeting invite will be sent to you.

WPPS Band

Band program

We are excited that the 2021 WPPS band program will kick off shortly with rehearsals and lessons. Congratulations to our new band captains for the year, Micah W and Alistair R. We are sure you will continue to make a great contribution to the program.

We are currently finalising our player lists and current members will receive more information shortly. However in the meantime please note that rehearsals will continue at the same times as last year:

Performance Band – 7.50am Tuesday and 3.15pm Thursday, commencement date: 9 February

Concert Band – 7.50 am Thursday, commencement date: 11 February

Training Band – 7.50am Monday, commencement date: TBC

If you have not signed up yet, but your child is in Years 3-6 and keen to be involved in music at WPPS, please get in touch with us at wppsband@gmail.com. We are always happy to welcome new players. Ensemble playing is not only a way to develop musical skills but also supports teamwork, creativity, organisational skills and much more!

We are also looking for some new volunteers to help out with various aspects of the program, through all of the three bands. Please get in touch if you are able to assist. We really do need volunteers to help keep the program running and most jobs only require a relatively small investment of time.

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.

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)

UNIFORM SHOP WEST PYMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Uniform Shop Hours

Regular Opening Time

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Tuesdays & 8:30 am - 10:00am Thursdays

Opening Hours Term 1 2021

28 Jan 21	Thursday	8:30 am – 10:00 am
29 Jan 21	Friday	8:30 am – 10:00 am
01 Feb 21	Monday	8:30 am – 10:00 am
02 Feb 21	Tuesday	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Then Opens		
2:00pm -3:30pm Tuesdays & 8:30am – 10:00am Thursdays		

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www.exceluniforms.com.au

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1659/new_uniform_shop_price_list_august_2019.pdf

Community News

Basketball

We are looking for new players for the new season starting early in Term 1 of 2021

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2031/kkbc_girls_recruitment2021.pdf

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2032/kkbc_recruit_poster_2021.pdf

Football



Macquarie Dragons FOOTBALL CLUB

Online Registrations Open Jan 4

**Boys Girls
Men's &
Ladies Teams
Minis Youth
& Adults
Football**





For more information please visit our website:
www.macquariedragons.com.au
FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOOTBALL

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https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1992/west_pymble_netball_club_school_flyer_2021_05022021.pdf

Volunteer to teach Ethics



Ethics classes at West Pymble Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Are you passionate about teaching? Are you looking for something meaningful to do next year?

Could you be an ethics teacher 2020 for WPPS?

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two days workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and would need to be available on Wednesday each week during the term time.

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au and/or contact Lilliam Sheridan, ethics.wpps@gmail.com ph.0420204466


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.

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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.

Art

Art Classes

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1529/hive_flyer_0306.pdf

Camerons Tennis School

Contact Chris Williams on 0418 688 803