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6 August 2021

Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and safe.

Wellbeing

It is a timely message to everyone as we enter Week 6 of lockdown, that social emotional learning and wellbeing are all-important.

Culture and wellbeing are critical programs in our school and have been embedded in all that we do at WPPS for a very long time. Putting relationships first is at the heart of our school's culture and are foundational to the success of every other aspect of West Pymble PS life. Our staff prioritise and share this vision. We promote professional learning in this area. We belong to associations that promote positive psychology and wellbeing. We share a common language. We believe in holistic education that is evidence based, preventative and authentic.

The teaching of explicit skills in social emotional learning or essential skills is the responsibility of every teacher and support staff member. Wellbeing is the first agenda item every week in our staff communication meeting, where every staff member is invited to have input. Our Learning Support Team meets weekly to discuss not only targeted learning support but also social emotional support for individual students. In our current four year School Improvement Plan, one of our Strategic Direction teams is devoted to Wellbeing, for students, staff and community. We constantly collect data and analyse it to highlight areas of strength and areas of need. We use student voice to hear directly from the children about their needs and feelings, allowing us to intervene early if needed.

So as you can see, we take wellbeing very seriously! Having said that, a big part of wellbeing is switching off, having fun, laughing and playing, one of the reasons for our new wellbeing initiative "Reset Wednesday" (see Mr Simpson's message).

One of the associations that we belong to is "Happy School". This week's article, "Overcoming the Challenges of Working From Home" is all about just that. I have printed it for you below, It is a reminder for us all, teachers, students and parents and carers.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2441/overcoming_the_challenges_of_working_from_home_06082021.pdf

COVID-19 Update to parents and carers Wednesday 4 August

In case you missed Wednesday's SZapp, here it is again for you.

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2442/covid_updtae_wednesday_4_august_2021.pdf

Funky Friday

Loving the Olympic spirit and the great photos! Keep them coming for Silly Sock Funky Friday.

Be kind to yourselves, have fun, try to look on the bright side, remembering that this too shall pass.





Have a safe and happy fortnight,

Bronwyn Wilson
Principal

PBEL

PBEL: Learning From Home

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

 LEARNING FROM HOME	
Be Responsible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓We schedule regular break times ✓We set up a quiet and organised learning space ✓We keep devices charged
Be Respectful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓We communicate appropriately with teachers and peers ✓We complete our personal best work online ✓We think before we hit 'send'
Be Safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We keep our passwords secure ✓ We follow teacher instructions ✓ We only access relevant files and websites

will be good for their wellbeing in the middle of each week. This should also give you a welcome reprieve from the constant monitoring of your child's learning.

Teachers won't be actively monitoring the program on a Wednesday as they will be using the day to plan in stage teams and complete professional learning. This will be a great way for them to recharge their batteries, ready for the next block of teaching. Teachers will be back online on a Thursday morning to continue supporting the learning program.

We sincerely hope that this alteration to the home learning program will be of benefit to the entire community.

Tim Simpson
Deputy Principal (Acting)

Deputy Principal

Changes to the Home Learning Program

As we head into Week 5 of Remote Learning, the novelty has well and truly worn off for many of our students and no doubt parents who continue juggling work demands and keeping children engaged in their learning program. You will more than likely be seeing attitudes and behaviours that reflect the current situation. Students have moved into the next phase of coping with the day to day circumstance of feeling isolated and having to work alone and independently. In recognition of this we are making the following adjustment to our home learning program as a way of reducing the intensity of the day to day focus of home learning.

Reset Wednesday

Throughout the remainder of the home learning period, we will be making each Wednesday a reset day. On this day, students will have a break from the regular home learning program including Zoom sessions and instead, teachers will provide them with a grid of activities designed to promote physical activity, creativity and connection to the local community. There will be flexibility and choice in how to undertake these activities.

A separate grid has been designed for K-2 and 3-6. These grids have more than enough activities to keep students engaged until the end of the scheduled home learning period. Should this be extended until the end of term, the same grid can be utilised each Wednesday. The grids will be made available on Monday 9 August through Seesaw (K-2), Google Classroom (3-6) and on the school website under the Learning Hub tab.

Reset Wednesday remains a school day and students will be expected to engage with the grid. A main focus of this day is limiting the amount of time children are on screens. They will not be required to post any tasks on the Wednesday. Instead, as a way of marking student attendance, they will be asked to post a picture of their favourite activity from the previous day on a Thursday morning so their teacher can confirm they've engaged in an activity. The students will enjoy this day and it

School News

Lovely Letter from our community

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2450/a_lovely_letter_from_a_member_of_our_community_0608.pdf

Message from the Staff

Library

Borrowing From The Library

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2420/library_access_t3.pdf

From the Office

ENROL NOW FOR 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We miss you all and we love seeing your photos.

We are thinking of all our WPPS families and can't wait until we are all back together.

Stay safe and healthy,

Michelle, Amanda, Dawn and Emma

P&C

[Newsletter Friday 6 August](#)

Lockdown continues...

We are now at the end of our fourth week of learning from home. Congratulations to everyone for getting this far! Everyone is doing their best and for that we all deserve a pat on the back. We would again like to send a huge THANK YOU to all the AMAZING teachers and staff we have at West Pymble Public School - your dedication to the children and your efforts during this lockdown are very much appreciated by the whole community.

Second hand uniform - contactless purchase and collection available

If you are in need of school uniform items, you can purchase second hand uniforms and pick them up via contactless collection. Summer, winter and sports uniforms are available. We have a special on white long and short sleeve shirts - 4 for \$10.

Sharlene has kindly taken over the second hand uniform stall and will be running it via contactless collection over the coming weeks. The process is as follows:

- (1) Message Sharlene on 0468 971 532 and let her know what items you are interested in and the size.
- (2) Sharlene will put together a bag of items that fit your description and will message you to advise that the items are in a bag near her garage door (60 Wallalong Crescent, West Pymble).
- (3) You go and check the bag and take the items you would like. You don't have to take everything in the bag - there may be a few of the same items included so that you have some choice. There will be a list in the bag with the price for each item.
- (4) Please message Sharlene and advise what items you have taken and the total of your payment.
- (5) Please make payment via bank transfer to the P&C account. The details are below.

Account name: West Pymble Public School Parents & Citizens Association
BSB: 032281
Account: 960695
Reference: Uniform <Surname>

If you have any second hand uniform items that are clean and in good condition that you would like to donate, please leave them in the labelled basket outside Sharlene's garage.

Save the Date

P&C General Meeting: The next P&C General Meeting will be on Monday 6 September, 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:

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
Nicky Wynne: communications@wppspnc.com.au
Gladys Wilkins (Class Parent Coordinator): gladys.pineda@bigpond.com

Canteen

The Canteen is currently closed as the majority of students are learning from home. We look forward to re-opening once students return to face to face learning and restrictions allow it.

Wendela, Nada & Paulina

After School Care

Beginning Aug. 6
Start early

Download an Application form on our website and send it in by email.
Don't forget, - even existing families need to re-enrol

IT'S TIME TO ENROLL

Our website
www.wpoosc.com.au

For West Pymble Out of School Care in 2022

Home

Community News

Cameron's Tennis

Hi Parents,
 We hope everyone is doing well during this current lock down.
 As we can't offer our usual squad lessons in line with Tennis Australia's guidelines, Cameron's Tennis School will be offering private tennis lessons (max 2 players) at local council courts.

PRICES

Duration	1 Player	2 player
30 MINS	__\$45	(\$25 each)
45 MINS	__\$67.50	(\$38 each)
60 MINS	__\$90	(\$50 each)

If you are interested in a lesson, please contact Zac via phone or email.
 0492025957
Zacmatthewsfc@gmail.com
 Many thanks
 Chris Williams

another for 3-6.

These are completely optional but are great for beginning rich family discussions that can include children of different ages. We also welcome the children who are not enrolled in Primary Ethics to give these Bites a go.

<https://primaryethics.com.au/education>

Volunteer to teach Ethics

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 WPPS students and parents,

We want to send you extra love at this challenging time. Please know that your Scripture teachers are missing you and praying for you. 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

https://westpymbleps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2445/primary_ethics_in_lockdown_1_.docx.pdf

Our Ethics teachers have been really missing their classes and their students. We don't know when we will be able to teach the children again, so Primary Ethics has provided some at-home learning materials. Primary Ethics will be posting weekly Ethics Bites on their website, primaryethics.com.au/education. Bites is a series of ethical dilemmas designed for children to chew over at home, based on the Primary Ethics curriculum. Each week there is a new ethical dilemma with a video and some accompanying information. There is one Bite for years K-2 and



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.

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Also, anyone who purchases a Membership from now till 11.59pm, Wednesday September 15 AEST will receive an extra month free. That's a 13-month Membership!

To help boost your fundraising we're holding a giveaway of incredible prizes for anyone who purchases a Membership. They will automatically go into the draw to WIN:

- A Royal Caribbean cruise for two! 3 nights onboard Quantum of the seas.
- A TFE Hotels 3-night voucher valid at Adina Apartment Hotels, Vibe Hotels, Travelodge Hotels and Rendezvous Hotels.

Plus, the chance to win \$200 dining vouchers to their favourite Entertainment venue will be drawn daily. See website for full T&Cs.

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The School App

[Installing_SZAPP.pdf](#)

FUNDRAISERS, IT'S HERE!

The new Entertainment App update is now available



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

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