

# Numbat News

STRIVE TO EXCEL



Pingelly PS

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## Dates to Remember

- ◇ **Monday October 28**  
Superstarters 9.30 - 11.00
- ◇ **Tuesday October 29**  
School photos
- ◇ **Thursday October 31**  
T20 cricket - Brookton
- ◇ **Friday November 1**  
Bandana Day

## Lunch Orders

**Monday - Friday** - Arola's Café Bakery

## Uniform Shop

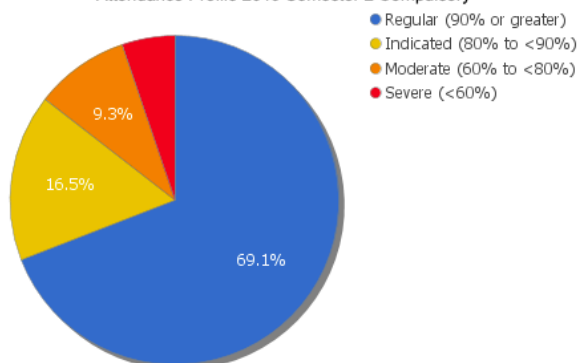
**Every Monday** from 2.15pm

Dear PPS Families

Welcome back for term 4. It's hard to believe that we are down to the final 9 weeks for 2019. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break and took the opportunity to rest and recharge. Term 4 will be another big term with our year 5/6s midway through their Kalgoorlie camp, T20 Cricket and end of year concert, just some of the events on the calendar. Super Starters has also commenced this week with our 2020 kindy students beginning their 4 week kindy orientation program. It's always encouraging to get to know the incoming group of kindy children and see their excitement as they begin to explore their new school environment.

## Attendance Update

Attendance Profile 2019 Semester 2 Compulsory



Our regular (blue) attendance improved across the duration of term 3. After the first week of term 4, the number of students attending 90% or greater is 69.1%. As we ended semester 1 with a regular attendance at 62%, we are making good progress. Due to this improvement, all other categories (indicated to severe) have decreased.

Our year 2 students lead the way with an attendance rate of 93.7%. Not far behind are our year 3 students at 92.2%. Our overall attendance rate is currently sitting at 89.3% which is still below the WA public school average of around 93%. With some good attendance positives to start the term, I look forward to continuing this improvement trend across the remainder of term 4.

## World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is being celebrated this Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in recognition of the commitment of all teachers in Australia. Please use this as an opportunity to remember and acknowledge the role of teachers in society and the efforts of our teaching staff at Pingelly PS.

## Vi Barham Award for Excellence

It was very pleasing to recently receive news that Marni Watts was selected as a top 10 finalist for this year's Vi Barham Award for Excellence. Late in term 3, Marni participated in a gruelling 40 minute assessment and out of around 40 students across the Narrogin Wheatbelt region, Marni placed in the top 10. This is an excellent achievement for Marni and demonstrates her academic talent and ability to compete with other high performing students across the region. Marni will next attend an interview providing her the opportunity to speak to a panel of judges. This process will determine the overall winner of the 2019 Vi Barham Award for Excellence.

## Vegetable Garden

Mr Cowcher's vegetable garden experienced its first real harvest last week with radishes, broccoli, snow peas and silverbeet all picked ready to eat. The vegetables seemed to enjoy the holiday break as much as we all did as they really flourished over this time. A number of students enjoyed picking and eating peas across the week and taking their harvest home. Mr Cowcher has begun planning the next lot of vegies to plant hoping for a final harvest before the end of term.

## Teddy Bear's Picnic

I have heard wonderful reports from those attending the Pingelly Early Years Network Teddy Bears' Picnic this morning with our PP class and many other Pingelly children. Thank you to the PEYN for inviting our students and for hosting this enjoyable event.

Take care and have a great final term for 2019,

Rob McArdle

Principal



# Walker Learning

Developmentally and culturally appropriate  
practice early childhood to year 8

*In 2020 Pingelly Primary School will commence our journey of Walker Learning. Walker Learning is an approach to teaching of the whole child and is committed to developing children who can think for themselves, can create and imagine, who are strong in their literacy and numeracy, and who have a strong sense of self and resilience.*

*We believe Walker Learning is the right whole school approach for our children and future generations. Walker Learning is a strong focus in our Strategic Plan 2019-2021, where we aim to develop a school wide pedagogical approach by implementing Walker Learning in K-2 and 3-6 (Learning Environment, 2.1) We are committed to implementing evidence based instructional strategies (Teaching Quality, 4.4) which Walker Learning fits perfectly.*

*For more information on the method please visit: <https://www.earlylife.com.au/walker-learning> As Walker Learning has a strong focus on investigating and intentional play, we are asking our community for any items that can be donated to help us prepare for this exciting transition. We would be very grateful for any donation. A list of things that we would love to use in our K-2 area for next year are:*

- Nuts, bolts, screws
- Tree nuts, seeds, pods
- Smooth stones, pebbles, gemstones
- Wooden bowls/containers/trays
- Costumes/old dresses
- Cane baskets (small)
- Hardhats
- Hi-vis vests
- Shells
- Pine cones
- Milk caps/lids
- Wooden beads
- Hessian anything!



Thank you,  
Mr Harris





*Congratulations to the following students for being awarded  
**CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION**  
at the assembly held on August 23*

**Kindy** - Amelia T, Gregory A, Kylah B, Logan C, Schkerat K

**PP** - Tristan T, Tristan L, Abel P, Belle H

**Yr 1** - Xavier J, Jace H,

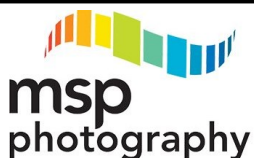
**Yr 2/3** - Laurence P, Jemma D, Cooper C, Noah L

**Yr 3/4** - Brock K-M, Xavier T

**Yr 5/6** - Taylym F, Kendell C



MSP Photography will be in  
the school next  
**TUESDAY October 29**  
to take class photos,  
(and family photos if you have requested them.)



Family photos will be taken in the library from  
approximately 8.30am.

Please make sure that, where possible, students are  
dressed in school uniform  
(blue school shirt, and shorts or skirts.)

***Our Awards Night  
is fast approaching.***

If you would like to donate towards  
one of our book prizes, it would be  
gratefully received.

All donors of book awards will be  
publicly acknowledged on the night.

For further information please  
contact the office on 9887 2000



#### **Snake awareness alert**

As we are coming into the warmer months it  
is important to be aware of the hazard snakes  
pose.



#### **Caution Areas**

Whilst you should be cautious in all areas, you  
should be especially mindful of the possibility of a snake encounter  
around garden and bush areas, or any place that provides a dark  
warm refuge for a snake.

#### **If you see a snake,**

Make sure to keep your distance and under no circumstances try to  
kill, capture or otherwise provoke it.

Please make your children aware of the possible dangers of  
snakes and what to do if they should see one.

**National Bandana Day** is the major fundraising and awareness  
campaign for CanTeen Australia. This powerful campaign has  
generated over millions of dollars to support young people  
affected by cancer. This year Pingelly PS will be supporting  
Bandana Day on **Friday November 1**. The student Council will be  
selling Bandanas for \$5 throughout the day.







First pictures from the Year 5/6 camp being held in Kalgoorlie this week. The students are accompanied by Ms Dodd, Mr Cowcher, Mrs Nagel and Mr Lee.



On the evening they arrived in Kalgoorlie, the students' task was to build poppet head towers out of rolled newspaper.

Yesterday they had a great time riding on the Golden Mile railway loop, touring the Super Pit and visiting the Paddy Hannan statue as well as enjoying the sights of Kalgoorlie. *Have fun Year 5/6!*



STRIVE Certificates		
Year 1	Hannah W	Evie P
Year 2/3	Noah L	Pearl H
Year 3/4	Miranda P	Samuel P



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Monday	October 28	Super Starters 9.30 - 11.00
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Monday	November 4	Super Starters 9.30 - 11.00
Wednesday	December 11	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Monday	December 16	End of Year Concert
Thursday	December 19	Last day of term 4