

# Numbat News

STRIVE TO EXCEL



Pingelly PS



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## Dates to Remember

- \* **Friday March 13**  
Year 5/6 Assembly
- \* **Friday March 20**  
Interschool Swimming Pingelly
- \* **Thursday April 9**  
Year 3/4 Assembly
- \* **Thursday April 9**  
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Uniform Shop is open every **Tuesday** 2.15pm - 3.00pm.

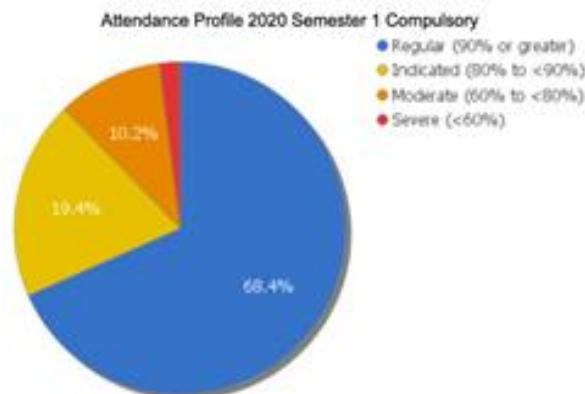
The shop is located on the upper veranda, near Room 14

Dear PPS Families,

We have already passed the halfway point of term 1! I've seen wonderful learning happening in classrooms with students eager to engage with the various themes and topics. I've also quizzed students at our weekly assemblies on what STRIVE values they have been focusing on and how it has been linked across their classrooms. The students' responses have been very encouraging highlighting the impact STRIVE is having across our school.

## Attendance

Student attendance has decreased slightly since last reported in week 4. The drop in regular attendance has seen an increase in students in the indicated and moderate categories. At the end of week 5, 68.4% of students have attended school regularly (90% of the time or greater). Our overall attendance rate for all year levels is 90.6% with kindergarten students our strongest attending students, with an overall attendance percentage of 94.7%. Please ensure that the school is informed of any absences either by SMS, or a note to your classroom teacher.



## COVID-19 – (Coronavirus)

WA Public Schools receive regular COVID-19 updates from the Department of Education on advice from the Department of Health. The main message is that Western Australians should remain alert, but not be alarmed, and that as a school community, we apply a common sense, factual and practical approach. At this point in time, our best response is to ensure that information and messages are factual and consistent, and that we ensure that excellent hygiene practices are communicated, practiced and expected. To assist with this, our Health Nurse Kaylene Sewell will conduct hand washing workshops with students and staff and support the wider hygiene messages used across our school. We will also commence the display of hand washing related posters as an ongoing reminder to staff and students. The Department of Health regularly updates their COVID-19 information with a **"current snapshot"** <https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general%20documents/Infectious%20diseases/PDF/Coronavirus/COVID19-daily-snapshot.pdf> (9<sup>th</sup> March 2020) and **"up to date list of countries"** <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-covid-19-countries.htm> considered to pose a risk of transmission, these are accessible by clicking on the links.

## Assembly

Our first classroom assembly will be this Friday at 2pm hosted by our year 5/6 class. Having had a brief insight to their item, I'm looking forward to seeing what our senior class presents. Parents and families are encouraged to stay behind after the assembly for tea or coffee.

## Swimming Carnival

A big thanks to all of our parents and volunteers who assisted at last Friday's faction swimming carnival. We had a great day, with lovely weather and our students swam their best for their factions. Well done to all of our students for their huge efforts, teamwork and encouragement of one another. Well done to Falcons for their overall victory and Eagles and Hawks for providing strong competition. Congratulations to all champions and runners up for their tremendous efforts and achievements on the day. Our focus now turns to the interschool swimming carnival next Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March with Pingelly PS the host school. Information relating to this carnival will begin to go home over the next few days.

Have a great week,

Rob McArdle  
Principal



## YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER REPORT

by Abbey L and Daniel M

### School Gardeners

Hi! Our names are Abbey L and Daniel M, Pingelly Primary School Head Girl and Head Boy. A few weeks ago we interviewed our lovely school gardeners Kellee-Anne Kenward and Mandy Audsley. These are the questions we asked them.

#### What do you do as the gardeners of our school?

Mowing lawns, maintaining gardens, spraying insecticides and cleaning out drains. We also do pruning, fertilizing and watering.

#### What's the best part of your job?

Being outdoors with nature surrounding you. Sounds much more fun than being in a cramped office!

#### What's the most annoying thing about your job?

The bark and leaves that are always lying on the ground and seem never ending. Wet mornings and thunder storms are also tricky.

#### How long do you work for?

The gardeners work for 5 days a week for 4 hours each day starting at 5:30 in the morning. That's a very early start!

#### Are there things that students do that annoy you?

It especially annoys the gardeners when students kick sand out of the sand pit.



#### Is there anything that students can do to help you out?

Students could try a bit harder not to kick the sand out of the sand pit.

#### Finally, would you be interested in helping the Year 5/6 and Year 1 classes in their effort to clean up the vegie patch?

We would need new soil, but yes we would be happy to help!

**Thank you to the wonderful gardeners who keep our school looking beautiful!**

# CARNIVAL RESULTS

## YEAR 4/under – BOYS

Champion	Kobi B	13
Runner up	Flynn M	8

## YEAR 4/under – GIRLS

Champion	Jemma D	15
Runner Up	Jenaveve P	9

## YEAR 5 – BOYS

Champion	Kyreece W	13
Runner Up	Samuel P	11

## YEAR 5 – GIRLS

Champion	Annalyce P	20
Runner Up	Miranda P	11

## YEAR 6 - BOYS

Champion	Cameron J	20
Runner Up	Taylym F	9

## YEAR 6 - GIRLS

Joint Champions	Abbey L Anika D	13
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## 100 m Open – BOYS

Cameron J	Champion
Kobi B	Runner Up

## 100 m Open – GIRLS

Annalyce P	Champion
Jemma D	Runner Up

# PINGELLY PRIMARY SCHOOL FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020

PLACING	FACTION	POINTS
3 <sup>RD</sup>	Hawks	90
2 <sup>ND</sup>	Eagles	135
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Falcons	159

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all students, staff, parents and helpers for their fantastic contribution to a very successful Faction Swimming Carnival on Friday March 6. The running of the carnival is dependant on lots of volunteer help from the school community so a huge thank you to all of those involved.

The overall faction winner was **FALCONS!**

It was a fun day, for all of those involved. The staff/parent/teacher relay (with lots of friendly rivalry) was a very impressive finale to a great day!

The P&C are very grateful to everyone who generously donated food for the morning teas.

Thank you to Jake, the swimming pool manager, who presented the pool in an immaculate condition, and to the Shire of Pingelly for donating the use of, and free entry into, the pool to the school for the day. Finally thank you to all of the parents and families who attended.

Pingelly Primary School is hosting the Interschool Swimming Carnival on Friday March 21st, with teams from Brookton, Beverley, York and Pingelly competing.

We are in need of volunteers to help assist on the day and would appreciate it if you could spare a few hours for the running of this event. Please call the front office on 9887 2000 and put your name down if you can help. Thanks in anticipation.



## Protect yourself



**COVER COUGHS**  
and sneezes with  
a tissue or use your  
inner elbow



**WASH HANDS**  
often with soap or  
hand sanitiser



**STAY HOME**  
from work or school  
if you are sick

**Coronavirus Health  
Information Line  
1800 020 080**



# STRIVE Certificates

Year 2/3	Skye M	Evie P
Year 3/4	Shontika B	
Year 5/6	Samuel P	Isabella W

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**THIS**  
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**FRIDAY**

**COME TO THE**  
**YEAR 5/6 ASSEMBLY**  
**\* SPACE RAP \***  
**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 2PM**  
**UNDERCOVER AREA**  
**ALL WELCOME!**  
**STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER THE ASSEMBLY**

## VOLUNTEERS!

for the **Interschool Swimming Carnival**

Please contact Mrs Mills or call the Front Office on 9887 2000 and offer your assistance.

**WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL**

**March 20 at the Pingelly Pool.**

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

## SCHOOL FEES

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DAY	DATE	EVENT CALENDAR
Friday	March 13	Assembly - Year 5/6 @ 2pm
Friday	March 20	Interschool Swimming Carnival - Pingelly
Wednesday - Friday	April 1 - April 3	Parent/teacher Interviews
Thursday	April 9	Assembly - Year 3/4
Thursday	April 9	Last day of term 1