

# Numbat News



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Pingelly PS 17 June 2020

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Please use your surname and initials as reference when making a payment.

## Dates to Remember

- \* **Tuesday June 30**  
Semester 1 reports
- \* **Friday July 3**  
Last day of Term 2

**UNIFORM SHOP:** The Uniform Shop is currently closed. If you require uniforms or want to place an order, please call the front office on 9887 2000.

**LUNCH ORDERS:** To place lunch orders please contact Arola's Café on 9860 6808. The school is not currently handling orders or money for orders.

Dear PPS Families,

On Monday, schools across Australia celebrated *School Cleaners Day* in recognition of the hard work and efforts put in by our School Cleaners. This recognition was even more relevant due to the heavy cleaning demand that has come through COVID-19. On Monday afternoon we took the opportunity to celebrate our cleaning staff with the school gathering to share cards, posters, chocolates and appreciation. Thank you so much to Lynda Whillier, Sheina Diamond, Janette Millar, and Sue Connors for your enormous effort especially this term, but also in general. Also thank you to our Head Cleaner Leanne Watkins who whilst recovering from recent surgery this term, deserves recognition for her long-term contribution and effort. With increased cleaning time this term, our school has never looked so good, with our wonderful cleaning staff to thank for this.



## COVID-19 Update

It has been great having parents / caregivers back on grounds over the past two weeks. Whilst this is a step in the right direction, we are still not back to 'complete normal' with restrictions on adults in classrooms and other rooms, still in place. The ease of restrictions on parents / caregivers on school grounds only extends as far as open spaces. With this in mind, we ask that parents / caregivers refrain from walking around the school grounds during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

Further developments to come from easing of COVID-19 restrictions is the rescheduling of faction and interschool carnivals. Last week the interschool sports committee met to review the recommencing of carnivals alongside current restrictions. This meeting led to the following schedule:

### Term 3

Week 2 Fri 31<sup>st</sup> July – interschool cross country @ Brookton

Week 6 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Aug – faction athletics

Week 8 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – interschool athletics (primary only) @ Beverley

### Term 4

Week 6 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – interschool swimming (could be primary only) @ Pingelly

Based on current restrictions and health advice, the committee's restart plan includes the following:

No lunch orders

No spectators

Parent helpers are allowed/encouraged to assist with running of day

Hygiene stations set up – handwashing, sanitiser etc.

Plans are subject to change based on COVID-19 advice closer to event dates

Although it's disappointing that this plan excludes spectators, we can only plan for a restart of events using current health advice and compliance with social distancing and mass gathering restrictions. Based on the way 2020 has gone so far, plans could change rapidly between now and the commencement of these events. Otherwise, it is encouraging to be able to re-add events to the school calendar and plan for the running of these.

### Staff Update

With his 6-month Principal stint coming to an end, we are very much looking forward to Mr Cowcher's return to Pingelly in term 3. He's had a wonderful time at Wandering PS this semester but has missed Pingelly and is excited to be back next term.

Mr Overington's final school practicum comes to an end this Friday. Mr Hill and the year 3/4 class have enjoyed Mr O being a part of their class this term and all the fun he has brought to the class. Thanks Mr O for all the hard work you have put in these past 5 weeks, and all the best with your future teaching endeavours.

### Lunch Orders Update

Just a reminder that all lunch orders are to be ordered and paid for directly with Arola's Café. Until otherwise communicated, the office is not handling lunch order forms and money. Also, please ensure that you follow the lunch menu when ordering for your child. In line with our healthy food policy, certain menu items can only be ordered on Fridays.

To view our healthy food and drink policy please go to the [Pingellyps.wa.edu.au](http://Pingellyps.wa.edu.au) website under the Our School / Policies and Guidelines tab.

### Student Health

With cold / flu germs beginning to surface, and the repetitive nature of this reminder, it is important to keep in mind that any child reporting cold or flu like symptoms needs to stay at home. If a student informs their teacher of similar symptoms, parents / caregivers will be notified and required to collect their child. This also applies to staff and other adults. If sick, please remain off school grounds.

Take care,

Rob McArdle  
Principal



### School Chaplaincy

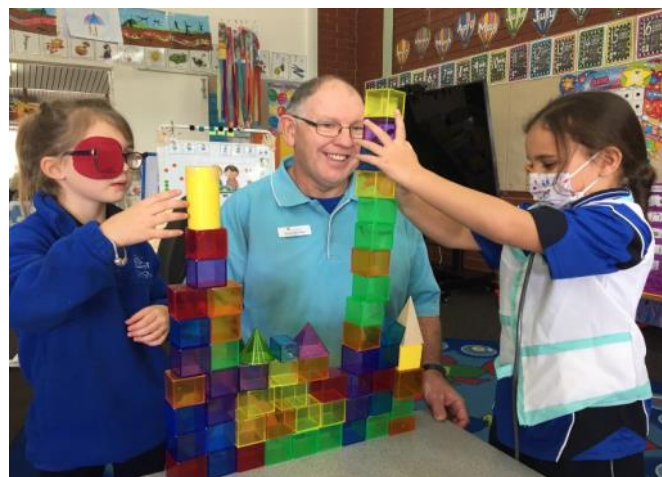
Thanks must go to everyone for the warm welcome I have received since I have been at Pingelly Primary School.

I have been fortunate enough to meet most of the students at school and have also visited some classes. I am very impressed with the community spirit and well mannered young people I have encountered. One of the things I am looking forward to at Pingelly Primary School is working with anyone experiencing issues. As a School Chaplain I am not able to fix problems, but I can help with strategies to work through issues, and be a non-judgemental listener.

I am available on Tuesday and Friday each week, any time through school hours.

Parents are welcome to call me or visit me personally. Please call the front office on 9887 2000 to make an appointment. I look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes Doug.

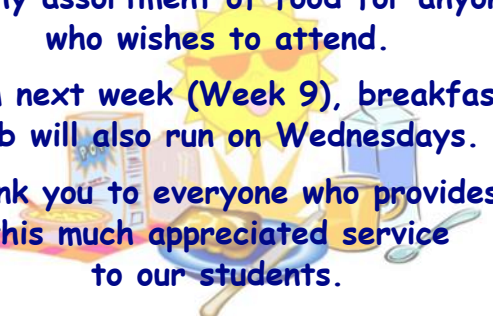


### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is currently running on Tuesdays and Fridays, providing a healthy assortment of food for anyone who wishes to attend.

From next week (Week 9), breakfast club will also run on Wednesdays.

Thank you to everyone who provides this much appreciated service to our students.



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are very excited to announce that there will be a Scholastic Book Fair in week 9 of Term 3 - (September 15 - September 18).

Things may be a little different this year...however the opportunity will be available once again to browse and purchase some fabulous new books and merchandise.

Maybe keep it in mind for a little bit of Christmas shopping?





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## National Cleaners Day

On Monday, the 15th of June, all of Australia celebrated National Cleaners Day.

Normally, *National Cleaners Day* isn't until October, but because of COVID 19 we decided to bring it closer, as our cleaners have had to do SO much more for us!

The year 5/6s made posters that are currently placed in the undercover area, and the year 3/4s made cards for all of our cleaners. Mr McArdle and Abbey L also presented chocolates to each of our wonderful ladies.

It was a great reminder of what our cleaners do for us everyday.

By Abbey L and Aiden N



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## LUNCH ORDERS - AROLA'S CAFÉ 9860 6808

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**Farewell  
and  
Good Luck**

**To Mr Overington**  
from the staff and students of  
Pingelly PS.



**Best wishes in your future teaching career!**

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Monday	July 20	<b>First day of Term 3</b>