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Pingelly PS



Pingelly P&C



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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.

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.

Dates to Remember

* **FRIDAY - September 25**

Yr 5/6 excursion

Last day of term 3

* **MONDAY - October 12**

School Staff Development

* **TUESDAY - October 13**

First day of term 4

Dear PPS Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another school term. In what has been a difficult and challenging year, time for many of us has moved extremely fast. The end of this term also marks the final day for the McArdle family at Pingelly PS. Whilst we are sad that we will be saying goodbye to the staff, students and families, we are excited about our next adventure. We are very thankful for the time we've spent at Pingelly PS and the relationships we've formed. We've got to know amazing students, work with wonderful staff and partner with families all committed to their school and their town. We've made lifelong friends and experienced a part of the Wheatbelt that we never thought we would. We'll miss Pingelly PS – its people and its wonderful school.

I am really pleased that Mr Cowcher will take on the Principal role in term 4 and lead the school through to the end of year. Mr Cowcher will be supported by Mr Steel as Deputy Principal for term 4. Arrangements to fill Mr Steel's teaching load are currently underway. The Wheatbelt Regional Office is making preparations to draft an advertisement to fill the Principal position across term 1 – 3 in 2021. Leading up to 2021, Mr Cowcher will work with staff and community on preparations for a new school year.

In saying goodbye, thank you Pingelly for an amazing time and many great memories. Have a wonderful two-week break and all the best for term 4.

Book Fair

A huge thank you to Mrs Narducci who out did herself with this year's book fair events. Across the duration of book fair, students went on an Arctic trip, dressed up ready for snow adventures and exploration, purchased lots of books and enjoyed milo and cupcakes provided by the P&C. Thank you so much Mrs Narducci for your creativity and desire to provide these types of opportunities for students. Thanks to staff and parents for your support with this year's book fair theme, and for everyone who made a purchase from the book fair.

After the busy, busy book fair week, total purchases equalled \$3595 resulting in 60 books and resources going back to the library.

Super Starters

The 4-week Super Starters program is scheduled to commence Monday, 19th October 2020 (week 2, term 4) for all 2021 Kindergarten enrolments. Mrs Lee has put together a wonderful program for our incoming kindy parents and students. Please take note of the following Super Starters dates.

Monday, 19th October Monday, 26th October
Monday, 2nd November Monday, 9th November

Interschool Athletics

Congratulations to all Pingelly PS students for their efforts at week 8's Interschool Athletics carnival in Beverley. Our students put in a valiant effort, encouraged one another superbly and never gave up against strong competition from the other schools. Thanks to our staff and parent helpers for their support across the day.

Vi Barham Award

Last Monday, Abbey Lee and Daniel McArdle participated in the annual Vi Barham Award at Narrogin Regional Office. These two students were selected based on academic performance and sat through a rigorous testing process. Abbey and Daniel competed against 40 other students from across the Narrogin district for a top 10 placing. Results of their achievement will be provided some time next term. Well done Abbey and Daniel on your selection and your overall academic achievements.

PEAC testing

PEAC testing will be carried out early next term with all year 4 students invited to participate. Mr Cowcher will inform parents of the PEAC testing process early next term.

Electronic whiteboards

The electronic whiteboards for year 2/3, 3/4 and 5/6 have been ordered and will hopefully be delivered and installed early next term. Thanks again to our P&C for their generous \$10,000 donation to assist with this purchase.

Science Lab

The building aspect of the primary school science lab upgrade has now been signed off. With new benches, cupboards, sink and a fresh coat of paint, the room is almost ready for use. Mr Cowcher will oversee the purchase of new furniture for the room, ready for student use next term.

School Vandalism

Sadly, a number of garden beds were vandalised over the weekend resulting in vegetable crops and fruit trees being pulled up and damaged. This is extremely disappointing considering the year 1 and 5/6 students had only completed planting last week. Additionally, cluster play equipment and furniture was impacted as a result of the incident. This matter has been reported to police for their follow up.

Take care Pingelly PS, thank you again for a wonderful almost 3 years and all the best for the remainder of 2020.

Rob McArdle
Principal



Farewell and Good Luck McArdles

On behalf of the Pingelly Primary School Community and on a personal note I would like to wish Mr McArdle and family all the best on their venture down onto the coastal plains of Eaton. Mr McArdle has been an enthusiastic driver of our school STRIVE values in pursuit of the school being a happy and productive place for everyone. All three McArdle children have been a great inclusion into the school in their classes over the past three years at Pingelly and Mrs McArdle has played the anchor role in support of the whole family and assisted in a teacher relief capacity in their time at Pingelly.

Good luck to you all in the new challenges you take on. Friends and parents have been invited to share a cuppa with Mr McArdle on Thursday after the assembly.

Mr Cowcher



CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION				
KINDY	Elliot C	Jhai T	Josh S	Lacey C
	Leo O	Matilda D	Skye P	
PRE-PRIM	Myla S	Nate A	Grace H	
Year 1	Violet G	Summer M	Sienna O	Connor B
Year 2/3	Nicola M	Noah T	Logan M	Suevanna R
Year 3/4	Pearl H	Phoebe K-M		
Year 5/6	Cameron J	Daniel M	Taj D-S	Amelia C

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 11th September was the Interschool Carnival at Beverley. The children who attended did their best and were great representatives of our school. It was fantastic to see the respect and encouragement that they showed to each other throughout the day.

A big thank you goes to those parents who were able to assist at the jump pits and helped the day run smoothly. Thank you to Mr Hill and Mr Cowcher for helping out on the day.

Well done to all the children on a great day!

Mrs Mills

NEW RECORDS - Pingelly Primary School

Boys 100m	Year 6	Cameron J	13.69 secs
Boys 200m	Year 6	Cameron J	29.25 secs
Boys flag relay	Year 2 & under	Pingelly	1.41.91 secs
Girls flag relay	Year 2 & under	Pingelly	1.42.47 secs
Boys 4 x 50m shuttle relay	Year 2 & under	Pingelly	39.07 secs

INDIVIDUAL MEDALS

Year 3 girls	Silver	Jenaveve P	11 pts
Year 4 girls	Silver	Jemma D	10 pts
Year 5 girls	Silver	Annalyce P	18 pts
Year 6 boys	Gold	Cameron J	27 pts

SCHOOL POINTS

PRIMARY CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD		PRIMARY HANDICAP SHIELD	
Brookton	285	Brookton	3.39
Beverley	235	Beverley	2.61
Pingelly	220	Pingelly	2.21
York Gold	209	York Gold	1.78
York Blue	197	York Blue	1.68

OVERALL WINNER : Brookton

Well done and congratulations to everyone involved in the carnival!

Giving Ageism the Boot

Pingelly Primary School are excited to be involved with some up and coming "Giving Ageism the Boot" campaign activities. An invitation has been extended to all available participants to take part in boot decorating at a workshop on Thursday 8th October in Pingelly. We have been asked to collect interesting boots that can be decorated or utilised as garden planters and used during the final week of the campaign. Students may have the opportunity to complete their boots when we return to school in term 4, as well as giving students not able to attend the workshop on the holidays, to take part at school.

A link to the workshop can be found here - [Boot decorating workshop](#)

A group of our senior students will also be involved with a University of Western Australia forum/workshop on Pingelly Future Years on October 22. We are also hoping that some of our students will get the opportunity to sing with the WA Symphony Orchestra at the finale Picnic in the Park. There is also an opportunity for our students to be involved in collecting some oral histories in a collaboration with some of our senior residents in the district.





The year 5/6 class have been working on a new design for our playground. The task was to make a playground that had both 2D and 3D aspects.

Imogen, Annalyce and Abbey completed their playground this week. We measured the area and perimeter of the part of the playground we wanted to use, then we designed our playground on paper.

After that, came the trickiest part ; building the playground. We made 3D trees out of paper and stuck them on. We then built the treehouses.

We decided to add every member of our class onto the playground. Some class members are in the tree houses and some are playing on the ground.

It was a great project ...one where we could use our imagination.

Abbey L

ARCTIC ADVENTURE BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who visited and supported our Arctic Adventure book fair last week! An amazing total of nearly \$3600 was taken over the 3 days. This resulted in books to the value of \$1078 being added to our library shelves for the benefit of our students.

Book Fair to the kids is more than an opportunity to just purchase books. It gives them a chance to consider quality, value for money and wants vs needs. It also opens up a variety of authors and genres that they may not have encountered before.

The theme of Book Fair also provides learning opportunities. This year's theme prompted lots of discussion about the climate, habitat, culture and geographical location of the polar lands. Students were able to make a virtual journey to the Arctic, as well as make items appropriate for an Arctic adventure.

Our dress-up parade was a gala of snow princesses, ice fishermen, Olafs, polar explorers, narwhals, snow foxes, snow bunnies, igloos, Santa's elves, photographers, wildlife watchers, kayakers, reindeer, Inuits, a snow unicorn, a sled driver (complete with a husky), penguins, the north pole, an aurora of the cutest polar bears and much, much more!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the fair. Special mention to Amber Moulton who was our Captain Frostbite on the Santa Express airlight to the North Pole. Captain Frostbite provided an hilarious announcement for the passengers and flight crew as we departed Pingelly PS airport. Our flight attendants, Harry, Aiden, Miranda and Kaliyah made sure that all passengers were strapped in, safe and refreshed on their journey. Well done!

Photos of the book fair parade can be found on the Pingelly PS Facebook page.

Thank you too, to the P&C who sold delicious muffins and Milo to students after the parade.

The P&C have been wonderful supporters of the book fair for many years.



Happy & safe holidays to everyone! Are you going to Perth through the school holidays?

Check out these great sites with some FREE things to do while you're there!

[Get Out With Kids site](https://getoutwithkids.com.au/school-holiday-activities-perth/) <https://getoutwithkids.com.au/school-holiday-activities-perth/>

[Kids around Perth](https://www.kids-around-perth.com/perth-water-playgrounds-and-attractions.html) Water Playgrounds - <https://www.kids-around-perth.com/perth-water-playgrounds-and-attractions.html>

[Kids Around Perth super parks](https://www.kids-around-perth.com/perths-super-parks.html) - <https://www.kids-around-perth.com/perths-super-parks.html>

DAY	DATE	EVENT CALENDAR
Friday	September 25	Yr 5/6 excursion
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Tuesday	October 13	First day of school for term 4

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	12 OCTOBER SSD	13 Term 4 Commences	14	15	16
Week 2	19 Superstarters	20 School photo day	21 Newsletter	22 Blast Cup T20 cricket - Pingelly	23
Week 3	26 Superstarters	27 School Council 6pm	28	29	30
Week 4	2 NOVEMBER Superstarters	3	4 Newsletter	5 Kindy/ PP/ Yr 1 Transition Day	6
Week 5	9 Superstarters	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13 Assembly
Week 6	16 NAIDOC week	17	18 Newsletter	19	20 Interschool Swim Carnival Pingelly – primary only? (TBC)
Week 7	23	24	25	26	27
Week 8	30	1	2 Newsletter	3	4
Week 9	7	8	9 Yr. 6 Grad Dinner	10	11
Week 10	14 End of Year Concert 6.30pm	15 Semester 2 Reports	16	17 Last Day Term 4	18 SSD