

# Numbat News

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The Front Office will reopen on Wednesday, January 27

## Dates to Remember

- ◆ **THURSDAY December 17**  
Last day of Term 4
- ◆ **MONDAY February 1, 2021**  
First day of school



Dear Parents

We've made it! The 2020 school year is done. While it's time to sit back, rest up and enjoy a well-earned break, it's also a powerful opportunity for us to take some time to reflect on the year it was and begin to consider the year ahead. This year has certainly been recognised for being unique but still, there is much to celebrate.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, Pingelly PS we has continued to participate in sports carnivals, book fairs, community flash mobs and forums, choir rehearsals and performances, ballet lessons and excursions, tree climbing adventures, swimming lessons and art exhibitions. The students have been engaged in a continuous learning programme and nurtured in an environment conducive to well-being and belonging.

Congratulations to every student recognised in our annual awards and also to those who have continued to toil away on their journey to achieving success and personal milestones. To our graduating class and those moving on I wish you all the best and may you take with you fond memories of Pingelly Primary School and may our STRIVE values always hold you in good stead to meet challenges ahead. There is an old saying that as one door closes another opens and for our Year 6s, as the door to Pingelly Primary School draws to a close, another world of opportunity awaits. Many thanks to organisers and helpers on the recent efforts for the graduation ceremony and especially to all the staff and community members that have contributed in any fashion in the last eight years to see these students graduate Pingelly Primary School in 2020.

Mr McArdle, Mr Hill, Mr Steel and Mrs Nagel are among those who will be moving on from Pingelly Primary School this year. Thank you Mr McArdle for your time and leadership and your family's involvement here at Pingelly Primary School. Mr Hill, thank you for your connection with your students, your music, art, cricket stories and facial hair contributions. Mrs Nagel and family are moving south for the coastal lifestyle after 12 years that has seen three children start and finish Primary School here at Pingelly. Mr Steel will be taking leave and pondering his retirement after 35 years here at Pingelly District High/Pingelly Primary School. He has taught many of our current parent group and some of the staff. Mr Steel and his motor bike tales, twisted bible quotes, technology wizardry, naughty anecdotes and incredible general knowledge will be missed. Best wishes to you all and may your memories of Pingelly Primary School be fond ones.

To other students, friends, family and staff that we bid farewell to this year, safe travels on your journeys and all the very best in your future endeavours. To our families returning, and those joining us in 2021, next year will continue to be another exciting one full of learning opportunities as we continue our focus on our STRIVE values, empowering staff to support all students as learners with a continued focus on : engaged learners and innovative teaching methods and assessment, social and emotional wellbeing and building cultural and community partnerships.

We will continue to provide a differentiated approach to meet the ends of our diverse range of students, commit to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for all students, staff, parents and visitors with a focus on positive student behaviour, serve the local community and as such, build and value relationships across the local and extended area, review student intervention for Literacy and Numeracy.

Finally a sincere thank you to the P&C, School Council, our dedicated staff members and the broader community and supportive parents and carers, for another successful year. Enjoy a safe and happy break. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.

Class Structure 2021

Planning for next year is around the following class groupings:

Kindy/Pre-primary (Kindy-Tuesday, Thursday, every second Friday)

Year 1/2

Year 2/3

Year 3/4

Year 5/6

Class teachers, specialist programmes and student allocation is still being finalised.

Noel Cowcher

Principal



*Congratulations*

*to our new student leaders  
for 2021*

**HEAD COUNCILLORS 2021**

Miranda P

Samuel P



**STUDENT COUNCILLORS 2021**

Tanika B

Myla H

Taj D-S

Analyce P

Ava H

Imogen W



**Follow the Dream Scholarship**

Congratulations to **Taylym Farmer** on being awarded the *Best Year 6 Indigenous Student* at Pingelly Primary School.

The award takes into consideration academic achievement, school attendance and behaviour.

The \$100 scholarship is provided to assist with Narrogin SHS charges and contributions in 2021.

Taylym has also been offered the opportunity to apply for the

*Follow the Dream : Partnerships for Success Program.*

*Well done!*

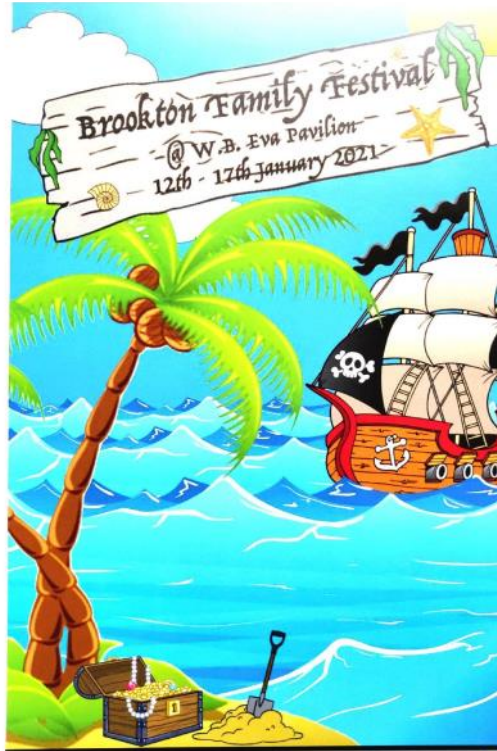
# BOOK AWARDS 2020

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AWARD</b>	<b>DONOR</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>
<b>KINDY</b>	Book	Hughes Family	Whole Class
<b>PRE PRIMARY</b>	Book	Darren West MP	Whole class
<b>YEAR 1</b>	Book	Stay on Your Feet Group	Whole Class
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Endeavour	Mulroney Family	Logan M
	Academic	Ms Kenward & Ms Audsley	Penelope W
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Endeavour	Chris & Rheannon Turton	Fletcher P
	Academic	Eddy & Sheree Blechynden	Jenaveve P
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Endeavour	Bill & Zoe Moulton	Xavier T
	Academic	Rick Wilson MP	Marcus L
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Endeavour	Simon & Charrisa Parsons	Rosie H
	Academic	Mark & Helen Sewell	Imogen W
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Endeavour	Laurie Graham MLA	Kendell C
	Academic	Bendigo Bank	Anthony A
<b>Science Award</b>		Woodside	Abbey L
		Woodside	Anthony A
<b>Sports Star of the Year</b>		Pingelly Shire Council	Anika D
		Pingelly Shire Council	Cameron J
<b>Citizenship</b>		Pumphreys CWA	Miranda P
<b>STRIVE</b>		Aldersyde CWA	Aiden N

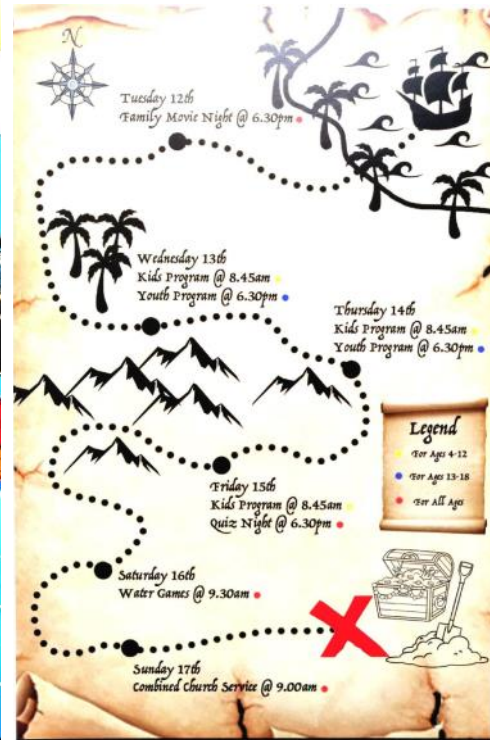
# FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

◆ This is a free school holiday program being held in Brookton from January 12 - 17. There will be a free bus service for anyone wanting to attend, but can't get there. Call Janice Marsh on 0420 997 907 for further information.

◆ All team members have a Working with Children check card. Brookton Family Festival has been running holiday programs in Brookton every year since 2011. The team comes under the banner of Scripture Union which is a worldwide interdenominational Christian organisation dedicated to serving families, children and young people.



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This year we are farewelling two of our staff and saying see you later to another. Mrs Nagle and Mr Hill will be leaving us to broaden their horizons and experiences in Esperance and Cunderdin. Mr Steel will be taking leave and having a well earned rest after 35 years of service at Pingelly Primary School. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours and thank them all for their wonderful contributions to our school.



## Year 6 Graduation 2020

The Year 6 class, all beautifully dressed for the occasion, celebrated their Graduation at school last Wednesday afternoon. They stopped for a final photo as they made their way to the undercover area, which had been beautifully decorated in their honour.

They were greeted by parents, caregivers and grandparents as well as Ms Dodd, Mr Cowcher and helpers.

Mr Cowcher and Ms Dodd presented the Year 6s a



memento of their time at Pingelly PS , including a graduation photo and a signature bear. They were then invited to partake of a delicious afternoon tea, served by their fellow classmates - the Year 5s.

After school, the class then adjourned to the swimming pool where they enjoyed a slippery slide and a barbecue to finish off their celebrations.

**Congratulations** on graduating from primary school, Year 6.

We wish you all good luck for the future.



DAY

DATE

EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday

December 17

Last day of term 4

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



School holidays start on **FRIDAY December 18** and end on **January 31, 2021**

**SCHOOL RECOMMENCES ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2021**