# Numbat News







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School fees may be paid via EFT Payment

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

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

- WEDNESDAY December 9 Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- **THURSDAY December 10** Art Exhibition - 3pm
- FRIDAY December 11 Year 6 - NSHS Transition Day
- **MONDAY December 14** End of Year Concert - 6pm
- **THURSDAY December 16** Last day of Term 4

#### **Dear Parents**

At the present time there is a serious problem that is occurring outside of school time, which in turn impacts students' health and mental wellbeing at school. This is in relation to online use of popular apps, whilst innocent on the surface can lead your children to inappropriate behaviour and internet sites.

Do you have access to your child's electronic device?

Do you open accounts for their personal use?

Do you monitor your child's online use?

If you do, you are part way to protecting your child from harm.

Some popular apps have recommended age limits to being able to open and use accounts:

Snapchat – 13 years

Facebook – 13 years

Roblox - 13 years

Fortnite – 15 is the recommended age limit in Australia.

These are only a few of the apps children access guite freely.

NORTON security have the following advice about the dangers lurking on the internet.

#### **Inappropriate Content**

The Internet is chock-full of "inappropriate content." Your children may try searching for such content, or they may stumble upon it accidentally. Regardless, it's very easy to find websites containing the content if they are not blocked.

#### Chat Room "Friends"

Some predators enter chat rooms or use social media to find young children. They befriend them by pretending to be their age, and usually try to meet up at some point. Setting up fake profiles is quite simple, making it important for parents to emphasize this danger to your children. Go over the warning signs, and stress that they can always come to you if concerned. Encourage your kids to interact online only with those they know, such as friends and relatives. Also let them know that meeting anyone they met online presents very real, very scary dangers.

#### Cyberbullying

Just as predators no longer have to leave their homes to interact with children, bullies no longer have to be face to face with their victims. Cyberbullying through social media sites is unfortunately prevalent in today's world, and causes just as much damage as any other form of bullying. This is arguably one of the most challenging threats to deal with, though a solution is to prevent your children from creating social media profiles in the first place.

Remember, you're the parent, and you control how much your kids use the Internet. They don't have to have smartphones - flip phones for emergencies and calling their friends is more than enough. They don't have to have social media profiles either - there are plenty of Internet-based activities that can wait until they're older.

Now's the time for children to play outside and behave...as kids!

Should your child be receiving inappropriate messages or photos from others, teach them how to take screen shots of the offending material and discuss this with the parent/s of the offending child or take the evidence to the police.

Regards

Ian Steel (Acting Deputy)



The school community has been deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Mr Cowcher's older brother. We wish Mr Cowcher, and his family, strength and peace during this difficult time.



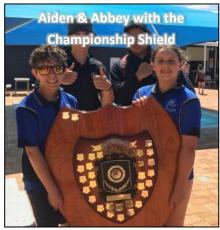


#### INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020

Congratulations to Pingelly Primary School, outright winners of the 2020 I/S swimming carnival.

Pingelly team showed great enthusiasm and spirit to win the carnival by just ONE point.

Thank you to the Pingelly Shire for making the pool available, Steve the pool manager for the sparkling water and surrounds and to all of the helpers on the day, both locally and from other schools, for your assistance. The students were all well behaved and showed great sportsmanship. Well done!



POINTS
162
161
159
155
122

AGE GROUP	AWARD	NAME	SCHOOL	POINTS
Year 4 boys	Gold	Burke M	Bev	21
	Silver	Kobi B	Ping	18
Year 4 girls	Gold	Amelia P	YG	15
	Silver	Lacey B	YG	11
Year 5 boys	Gold	Ethan C	YG	24
	Silver	Taj H-E	YB	10
Year 5 girls	Gold	Annalyce P	Ping	19
	Silver	Makayla B	Bkt	9
Year 6 boys	Gold	Tom F-R	YG	16
	Silver	Cameron J Charlie E	Ping Bkt	13
Year 6 girls	Gold	Ruby M	Bev	24
	Silver	Nathalia G	Bkt	7

#### The Nutcracker Excursion

On Tuesday, the 1st of December, the years 4, 5 and 6 boarded a bus to Perth and went to His Majesty's Theatre. We went to watch The Nutcracker.

The Bus left at 8:45 in the morning and we got into the theatre at 11:30. The show started at 12:00 o'clock and everyone was in awe of the amazing twirls and leaps. The set was incredible and the orchestra did an amazing job. There was a 20 minute intermission at 1:00 o'clock, then the show went until 2:00.



We got back to school at 20 past 4 and everyone was so tired! We all agreed that that was one of the best excursions ever!

Abbey Lee, Year 6

# **ART EXHIBITION 2021**

Following on from the success of last year's inaugural art exhibition, Mr Hill has once again been working hard with students from Years 1 - 6, in producing some beautiful art pieces for another exhibition.

The students have learned about, and produced, portraits, still lifes and perspectives in various media including paint, graphite and scratch art for the exhibition.

The exhibition will be opened on

December 10
at 3pm
in the art room.
Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy

the afternoon.



Our grateful **THANKS** to our **P&C Association** who through hard work and lots of fundraising, have kindly donated a substantial amount of money towards two projects within the school recently.

Room 12, room 14 and room 15 have each been revamped with some fabulous new BenQ smartboards. This now means that each class within the school has smartboard technology, providing students and teachers with an interactive and collaborative learning environment.

The library was also very fortunate to receive funding for 3 new browser boxes for the picture book section.

The boxes enable the books to be more spread out and simpler for the lower primary to browse and manoeuvre around. They are also finding it easier to learn about how books are arranged.









WEST AUSTRALIAN

Pingelly PS was very fortunate to have members from the West Australian Ballet here as Artists in Residence last week.

Students from Year 4 to 6 were given ballet instruction for an hour each day, which culminated in a small production on Friday in front of the whole school and visiting parents.

Yesterday students were invited to attend His Majesty's Theatre in Perth to watch the ballet "The Nutcracker".

What a wonderful opportunity for our students!



Mick Sherry, Painters and Decorators recently freshened up the exterior of the cluster area (K - P).

The team was here for a few days last week refurbishing the gutters, external-walls and timber work as Part 2 of the School Maintenance Blitz.





to Ms Janette Millar and Mr Cameron Hill who each received a 2020 Celebratory Certificate, at a presentation at Narrogin Senior High School last Thursday. They were recognised for their great contributions to Pingelly Primary School.

School nominees and representatives from within the Narrogin District Education Network attended the presentation.



#### **Honour Board Upgrade**

The Pingelly Primary School honour board has recently had an upgrade to include all Principals, Head Students, and School Councillors up to and including this year - 2020.

Pingelly Primary School began in 2006, after the closure of Pingelly District High School in 2005.

For the first 9 years PPS was a K - 7 school. In 2015 Year 7 made the transition to high school, and Pingelly Primary School became K - 6.

The Honour Board is on display in the library, together with Honour Boards from 1954 through to 2005, incorporating Pingelly Junior High School then later Pingelly District High School.

STF	RIVE	Certifi	icates -	weeks k	8 7
P/P	Donald F	Alannah M	Year 5/6	Aiden N	Anthony A
Year 1	Nashayla D	Rocco P		Isabella H	Annalyce P
	Eli H	Lexis D-S		Kaliah S	
Year 2/3	Blair D	Sofia O			

DAY	DATE	EVENT CALENDAR		
Wednesday	December 9	Year 6 Graduation		
Thursday	December 10	Annual art exhibition - 3pm - art room		
Friday	December 11	Year 6 Narrogin SHS Transition Day		
Monday	December 14	End of year concert - 6.30pm		
Tuesday	December 15	Semester 2 reports		
Thursday	December 17	Last day of term 4		
SCHOOL RECOMMENCES ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2021				