

Numbat News

STRIVE TO EXCEL

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Dates to Remember

- * **Friday AUGUST 13**
K/PP Assembly - 2pm
- * **Thursday AUGUST 19**
Earbus visit
- * **Wednesday AUGUST 25**
Yr 3/4 excursion
- * **Friday AUGUST 27**
Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

Lunch Orders

MON - FRI - Arola's Café Bakery
9860 6808

P&C Uniform Shop

Wednesday 2pm - 3pm
Top veranda near Rm 14

Welcome to a rain soaked Week 4. I hope everyone is keeping their head above water.

It is pleasing to report that term 3 has started with a flurry of activity in the school, which has been useful to generate some warmth to ward off the cold and wet that has set upon us here at Pingelly. Classes have been productive hives of activity with students eagerly engrossing themselves in lessons and creative pursuits that the teachers are challenging them with.

It has been fabulous to see so many parents on-site over the last two weeks meeting with teachers to discuss their child's progress. It is so important for our children's self efficacy that we celebrate not only their achievement but their progress as well.

As much as the classrooms have been busy, the oval has been a silent, squelchy quagmire and has held us back from tuning up our athletes for the upcoming faction and interschool carnivals. The screams of enthusiasm and rattle of flag tins will intensify in the next few weeks as we prepare and look forward to **Wednesday 1st September** to march out in our Faction Athletics. We're hoping that parents have dusted off their joggers and are in training for the Teachers & Parents vs Year 6 100m sprint... we're going to need all the training we can get!

The school is very excited to welcome Mr Doug Cook, in his Director of Education Wheatbelt role, back to Pingelly for an official visit next week. Mr Cook was our very enthusiastic and respected inaugural Principal here at Pingelly Primary School in 2006/2007, and we look forward to his leadership and visits to our district.

Excitement is very much in the air this week as our fantastic K/P students hit the stage on Friday for their assembly. A debut performance at the big school assembly for many of our little rookies. We are also looking forward to some educational entertainment with the Spare Parts Puppet Theatre and Constable Care due for visits in the near future.

As we move to leaving the Makuru season behind us we all look forward in anticipation to the sun and activity that Djilba might offer us.

Take Care, Work Hard, Play Hard and be Kind.

Mr Cowcher and Ms Goodlad



Our congratulations are extended to our chaplain Doug, as he celebrates some well earned Long Service Leave. Thank you for your wonderful contributions. Doug will be on leave from August 23 and will return to school for Term 4. Have a safe and revitalising break Doug.



Kindy/P-P Assembly

2 pm

Friday August 13

Undercover area

**EVERYONE
IS WELCOME**



CHAPLAIN'S CHATTER

Recently around the school I have noticed how kind our students are, and how much they enjoy helping others.

Although the school promotes the value of being kind, I know that it is reinforced and supported on the home front by parents and carers. It is a lovely quality for a young person to have. Random acts of kindness for another can have benefits for all individuals involved, whether giving or receiving. Benefits include increasing our happiness and overall wellbeing, improving our friendships, and decreasing our stress levels.



All which help to make our school a great place to be.

Doug



PINGELLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

IS EXCITED TO BE INTRODUCING

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

RECOGNISING AND CELEBRATING ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP
AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION IN OUR SCHOOLS.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH IS DELIVERED BY THE SAME NETWORK THAT PRESENTS THE
AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS.

The program encourages and recognises personal endeavour, achievement and contribution to the community and reflects some of the values we share, such as fair go, mateship, respect and inclusion.

Every major assembly, an Aussie of the Month award will be presented to two children (junior and senior) who have demonstrated outstanding citizenship qualities in the school environment.

<https://www.aussieofthemonth.org.au/>



3 August 2021

Pingelly community come together for a healthy World No Tobacco Day and Reconciliation Week

To raise awareness of the importance of a smoke free life and to commemorate National Reconciliation Week, the team behind the WA Country Health Service's (WACHS) Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) program brought the Pingelly community together for a World No Tobacco Day and Reconciliation walk.

160 Pingelly Primary School students and community members united on 3 June to walk from the primary school to the Pingelly Recreational and Cultural Centre. The journey was decorated with ngamari (smoke) free and reconciliation banners handcrafted by local students.

WACHS Regional Director Wheatbelt, Rachele Ferrari, said that Aboriginal people's spiritual connection to country is a significant factor in how, where and when an Aboriginal person may seek – or decline to seek – medical care or prevention programs.

"As the lead health agency in regional Western Australia WACHS is striving to make Aboriginal health everyone's business and we continue to deliver culturally appropriate programs in the Wheatbelt, like the TIS program, to improve the health and wellbeing of our Aboriginal communities," Ms Ferrari said.

"Gatherings like the World No Tobacco Day and Reconciliation walk, which included a smoking ceremony and welcome by local Elder Janice Kickett, a dance workshop by the Bigrada dance group and a moving school choir performance of "I am Australian" sung in Noongar language, gives our community the opportunity to feel connected to country and culture."

WACHS Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health Service (WAHS) Health Promotion Officer and local Noongar man Malcolm Jetta shared a poem he wrote about the history of the High Court Mabo decision, reconciliation movement and the impacts that racism has on cultural identity.

Students were given the opportunity to participate in leadership and resilience activities and learn ways to be ngamari free.

"Our TIS team also delivered kaartidjin ngamari (tobacco education) sessions around the harms of smoking and second-hand smoke based on the popular ["Drop That Smoke"](#) music video they developed with Indigenous Hip Hop Project. Students also created a range of posters and slogans for future TIS campaigns," Ms Ferrari added.

"Coming together to celebrate culture, educate the community and develop a greater awareness of culturally secure health programs is vital to move towards closing the life expectancy gap between non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal people in WA."

"By providing our Wheatbelt Aboriginal people with opportunities to engage with evidence-based prevention and early intervention initiatives and the knowledge and skills to choose healthy lifestyles to support good health and wellbeing we hope our Aboriginal people can keep their futures happy, healthy and ngamari free."

WACHS's WAHS garnered the support of local community organisations Shooting Stars, Moorditj Youth Foundation Aboriginal Corporation, Pingelly Primary School, Pingelly Community Resource Centre, Shire of Pingelly and Stephen Michael Foundation.



**WA Country
Health Service
Wheatbelt
Aboriginal Health
Service team**

A NOTE FROM THE DENTAL VAN

We'd like to say **thank you** to everyone who has made us feel very welcome at Pingelly Primary School. It's been a very wet but pleasant stay :)

A special thanks to Principal Sam for all of her hard work and Ros, in Admin, for happily taking all of our enquiries.

An enormous thanks to Leanne and Lynda for keeping the dental van floor sparkling, we honestly don't know that it's ever looked so good! We appreciate that it adds to your already large cleaning schedule so thank you very much!

We are heading to Wickepin Primary School for our next stop, but as normal, (even when we are not at Pingelly Primary School), if you have any enquiries or problems please feel free to give us a call on **0437 202 882**. We can help you that way.

We are likely to be back at Pingelly PS in 18-24 months.

Please don't stop brushing twice a day just because the dental van has gone! Remember to keep the sweet treats as a **sometimes** food (special occasions). Recess is a good time to avoid sweet treats but instead have something savoury and crunchy. Cheese and crackers, vegie sticks or a crunchy piece of fruit are just a few ideas.

We look forward to seeing you all again when the van is back next time!

Mohamed and Rachel

Corrigin Dental Van.



					
Pre-primary	Year 1/2	Year 2/3	Year 3/4	Year 5/6	Choir
Suzannah D	Abel P	Rhjay M	Skye M	Xavier T	Marcus L
	Zaphier M	Summer M	Lennix P	Rosie H	
	Gregory A	Lexis D-S	Kaylee H	Isabella W	
	Kylah B	Tristan L	Logan M	Myla H	
	Belle H			Patrick P	
	Connor B			Marcus L	
				Jemma D	

DAY	DATE	EVENT CALENDAR
FRIDAY	August 13	K/PP Assembly 2pm
THURSDAY	August 19	Earbus visit
WEDNESDAY	August 25	Year 3/4 excursion - WA Museum
THURSDAY	August 26	Dental van leaves
FRIDAY	August 27	Spare Parts Puppet Theatre
WEDNESDAY	September 1	Faction Athletics Carnival - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
THURSDAY	September 2	MSP School photo day
FRIDAY	September 3	Year 1/2 Assembly
FRIDAY	September 3	P&C Fathers' Day morning tea