

Numbat News

STRIVE TO EXCEL

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The Front Office will reopen on Thursday, January 27.

Dates to Remember

- **Thurs Dec 16 2021**
Last day of Term 4.
- **Monday January 31 2022**
First day of school.
- **Wednesday February 2**
Swimming lessons start

Dear Parents & Carers

Schools are dynamic organisations, always learning, growing and changing. This year has seen many changes in the way we do business at Pingelly PS and I want to thank you, the Pingelly community, for embracing these changes and trusting me to lead the school into the next phase of its evolution. I am a firm believer that one's postcode should not define opportunities or success in life, and I am committed to ensuring that our country kids receive the highest quality primary school education, providing them with a strong foundation from which to pave a successful life-long pathway. I want to begin by thanking and acknowledging the amazing team of professionals who I have had the privilege of leading and working alongside this year. Thank you for being open to new ideas and ways of working. Thank you for always going 'above and beyond' to ensure that each and every student at Pingelly PS has the opportunity to achieve their personal best. Thank you for committing to whole school programs and for delivering them with integrity, because you know in your heart that a 'whole school approach' is essential to maximise the learning opportunities for our kids. Thank you for giving the 'gift of your time' to our morning meetings, *Working in Teams* Meetings and our *Learning Togethers*. Thank you for your willingness to collaborate and work together to build a high performing team of professionals that puts kids at the heart of every decision that is made. And finally, thank you for your friendship and for making me feel part of the Pingelly family.

With regards to staffing next year, I am pleased to announce that both Miss Renae Donnison and Miss Erin Richardson were successful in winning permanent positions at Pingelly PS. Whilst we welcome our new ladies, it is with sadness that we farewell two of our current teaching staff, Mrs Holly Bassett and Miss Crystal Gale. Mrs Bassett is advancing her career and pursuing leadership opportunities and has accepted a permanent position at Beverley DHS, whilst Miss Gale has been whisked off her feet by a marriage proposal from Mr Overington, and the two of them (and their dog Finley) are packing up camp and setting off on a holiday of a lifetime around Australia. We wish Mrs Bassett and Miss Gale every success and happiness with the next chapter in their lives.

We at Pingelly PS are on a journey to become a high performing school. There has been much research into the characteristics of high performing schools and one of the essential factors is high levels of family and community engagement with the school. We are blessed at Pingelly PS to have strong partnerships between the school and the P&C and the School Council. I wish to extend a sincere thank you to Mrs Rheannon Turton, Chairperson of our School Council and our School Council members- Mrs Alyssa Lee, Ms Tracey Dodd, Mr Garry Page, Mr Adam Watts, Mrs Lisa Pitman, Ms Kacey Camilleri and Mr Malcom Jetta. I am mindful that we are all 'time poor' so very much appreciate you sharing your precious time on the School Council to provide advice and support with regards to operationalising our school's strategic plan. I also wish to acknowledge previous School Council members- Jane Mills, Kylie Turton and Lisa Burton for the contribution they have made to our school over many years.

We are very fortunate to also have the support of one of the most proactive P&C Committees that I have ever had the privilege of working alongside. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Sharon Oliveri (former P&C President) and Mrs Sheree Blechynden, (current P&C President), and the P&C Committee members - Mrs Helen Sewell, Mrs Ellen Cook, Mrs Charissa Parsons, Mrs Kate Macnamara and Mrs Emma Hardie. Thank you ladies for your efforts with fundraising, event co-ordination, catering, school uniform organisation and all of the little extras that you do for our school. I also wish to acknowledge those community members who volunteer their time to assist us to make Pingelly PS a place where every child feels a sense of belonging and feels supported to learn and grow. Whether it be volunteering to assist kids with their reading, being part of the Pingelly Cheer Squad at sporting events, holding a timer, marking the oval for athletics, or even putting up with sleepless nights on the year 5/6 camp. Your support does not go unnoticed and we are very grateful for your contributions.

This year we have seen significant student growth across the board in many learning areas, in particular English and Mathematics. Through a rigorous case management approach, we have been able to differentiate the curriculum and support our students to achieve their individual learning goals. Our ten week teaching and assessment cycle has proven highly successful, with students, parents and teachers being able to track student progress using the traffic light system. Our students have also had the opportunity to engage in extra-curricular activities that have broadened their knowledge and skill set. Pingelly PS were successful in winning the Handicap Shield at the Interschool Athletics Carnival this year and were victorious in winning both the boys and girls divisions of the T20 Cricket Carnival at Beverley earlier on in the term. Our School Choir, led by Mrs Whoopie Goldberg Moulton and supported by Mrs Leigh Jennings, has experienced an amazing level of success this year. The choir have travelled far and wide sharing their beautiful melodies with the wider community. Mr Cowcher filmed the choir singing *We Are Australian* at Wave Rock earlier this term and it went viral-getting over 15,000 hits on Facebook-putting our little town on the social media map. I have heard on the grapevine that due to the success of our choir and our performing arts program, that Pingelly PS may be hosting its first whole school musical in 2022!

As we venture into 2022, I'm aware that, like every other year, we as a school community have many challenges ahead of us... but also many great opportunities and, with your help, together we will meet them and make this next year the best year in our history!

Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season!

Sam Goodlad
Principal



Today we farewell our Year 6 class. As we say goodbye we are happy that we have had the pleasure of their company for so many years and we wish them wonderful years ahead.

Congratulations

To our new student leaders
for 2022

HEAD COUNCILLORS 2022

Kobi Blechynden
Marcus Lee

STUDENT COUNCILLORS 2022

Jemma Dann
Brock Kenward-Mulroney

Jack Nyssen
Patrick Pitman



Lukah Scott
Xavier Turton



INFLATABLES FUN



MONDAY November 29 was Sportsfun Inflatables Day at school. Each class was given a timeslot in the day when they could visit the inflatables for a whole lot of bouncing, throwing, climbing fun. It was an end-of-term reward for all students who had successfully concluded another year of school. Everyone had a **FANTASTIC** time!

BOOK AWARDS 2021

YEAR	AWARD	DONOR	STUDENT
KINDY	Book	Steve Martin MLC Mia Davies MLA	Whole Class
PRE PRIMARY	Book	Rick Wilson MP	Whole Class
YEAR 1	Book	Laurie Graham MLA	Whole Class
YEAR 2	Endeavour	Mulroney Family	Rocco Parsons
	Academic	Stay on Your Feet	Abel Pitman
YEAR 3	Endeavour	W & T White	Sofia Overington
	Academic	W & Z Moulton	Penelope Watts
YEAR 4	Endeavour	Turton Rural	Phoebe Kenward- Mulroney
	Academic	Darren West MP	Flynn Macnamara
YEAR 5	Endeavour	Bill Mulroney Shire President	Lukah Scott
	Academic	B & A Cunningham	Kobi Blechynden
YEAR 6	Endeavour	E & S Blechynden	Nicola Warrell
	Academic	Bendigo Bank	Annalyce Page
SCIENCE AWARD		Woodside	Samuel Parsons
		Woodside	Myla Hardie
SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR		Pingelly Shire Council	Taj Deane-Spread
		Pingelly Shire Council	Annalyce Page
CITIZENSHIP		Pumphreys CWA	Isabella White
STRIVE		Aldersyde CWA	Marcus Lee

Thank You to the many donors who generously contributed for our Awards Night.

Your support of Pingelly Primary School is very much appreciated.

Tuesday 1 February 2022 Put this date in your diary!

Come along and become a part of your great

P&C Association

PLEASE JOIN THE P&C FOR A

*Welcome Back
Morning Tea*

Drop the kids off to the classroom,
and then come relax with a
cuppa & cake.

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Undercover Area - 9am for
Morning Tea followed by the
AGM at 9.30am.

This will be a great opportunity
for new and old families to meet
the Principal and current P&C.

Congratulations to Annalyce Page winner of the Vi Barham Award for Excellence



Vi Barham was known as the **“Mother of Education”** for the Upper Great Southern Region. From 1963, Mrs Barham worked tirelessly and diligently as a School Regional Office Secretary, giving 23 years of service for the children of the region.

A most loyal and dedicated worker Mrs Barham always worked exceptionally hard with a positive disposition, continually delivering excellence, as well as being a warm and fine lady.

Pingelly Primary School was extremely proud of our Year 6 student *Annalyce Page*, who was the recipient of the very prestigious *Vi Barham Award for Excellence* at the Vi Barham Award Night in Narrogin recently.

The Vi Barham Award has been presented each year since 1987, and it is the first time that it has been presented to a student from Pingelly PS. Nominees for the award have to be achieving a high level of excellence in academics and demonstrate participation in co-curricular activities such as sport, art, music, drama or community and cultural events. The student has to be in Year 6 and currently enrolled at a participating school. Twenty nine schools participate from within the Upper Great Southern Region.

Pingelly Primary School identified two very worthy nominees, Imogen Watts and Annalyce Page.

Each of the nominees from across the Upper Great Southern schools then sat the ACER Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST), with the top eleven finalists participating in an interview with the Vi Barham Board of Trustees. The successful recipient of the award was then announced and Mr Joseph Leong, Chair of the Vi Barham Board of Trustees, presented the award and a silver platter to Annalyce.

Annalyce also received \$2,500 to contribute towards her education.



Annalyce with Ms Goodlad,
Principal PPS



Annalyce with her very proud family.



Annalyce with Mr Cook,

MERRY

Christmas

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all of our families and friends

FROM EVERYONE AT PINGELLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

START OF SCHOOL 2022

For your convenience, when doing final preparation for the start of school, please remember that the Pingelly Primary School website has all of the relevant information regarding enrolments, uniforms, contributions and charges, school buses services and all class book lists for 2022.

Simply log in to <https://www.pingellyps.wa.edu.au> and click on the Parents and Community tab.



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CERTIFICATES

Week 9, Term 4

Year 1/2	Gregory A	Lucy P				
Year 2/3	Jace H	Max M	Tiffany D-S	Asha C		
Year 3/4	Kaylee H	Laurie P	Myla A	Keith B	Logan M	Jenaveve P
Year 5/6	Brock K-M	Amelia C				
Principal's Award	Brax D-S Pre-primary	Logan C Year 1/2	Eli H Year 2/3	Myla A Year 3/4	Marcus L Year 5/6	

DAY	DATE	EVENT CALENDAR
THURSDAY	December 16	Last day of school for students



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ON MONDAY JANUARY 31, 2022

WED - FRID	Feb 2 - Feb 4	Swimming classes
MON - FRID	Feb 7 - Feb 11	Swimming classes