Numbat News

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<u>IMPORTANT DATES</u>

2023

14th December
Last day of School!

2024

Monday 29th January
Staff Return

<u>Tuesday 30th January</u> Uniform Shop Open 9-9.30am

Students Return
Swimming Lesson Start

Friday 9th February
Swimming Lessons Finish

Friday 23rd February
Faction Swimming Carnival

As the whirlwind of a year is coming to a close, I want to express my thanks to all of our amazing families and your commitment to our school and your children.

Congratulations to all of our staff and students for a great success at our end of year concert and to all our award recipients. What a fantastic night!

A special congratulations to our amazing Choir who have been nominated finalists for Pingelly's Youth of the Year & also to our very talented Ms Amber Moulton for being a nominated finalist for the Community Service Award.

Like many, I often find myself in December reflecting on just how fast another year has gone by. So often we get caught up in a cycle of events during a calendar year and are left wondering where did the time go? I am conscious that I need to take time to 'smell the roses' (not the literal ones on the school grounds!), and to be present and engage in the experiences that are presented to me, not just to meander through them. So, I encourage you to slow down and enjoy the moments this Christmas season.

I wish you all the joys and blessings that Christmas brings. It is a special time as family and friends get together. For our families, I hope that the Christmas and New Year period allows you time to experience the love, joy and peace of this special season. Life is relatively short, so I encourage you to spend time with your beautiful families and make memories that will last a lifetime for you all.

Thank you for your support to PPS over this year. I am looking forward to sharing 2024 with you all as we strive to go onwards and upwards.

Best wishes, Merry Christmas and may you all have a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

Mrs Jo Newhouse PPS - Principal

Working With Children Checks



PARENT VOLUNTEERS AT SCHOOL

Parents volunteering day to day at their child's school are exempt from applying for a WWC Check in most situations, including volunteering in the canteen or uniform shop.

There may be situations where a parent volunteering at the school requires a WWC Check. For example, a parent conducting one on one reading with the same student over a period of time would be considered to be a mentor or coach, and therefore would be required to apply for a WWC Check under 'category 4 - a coaching or private tuition service of any kind'.

Parent volunteers must complete the Parent and Child Volunteer Declaration Form to commencing volunteer work.

GRANDPARENT AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Grandparents or other family members who meet the definition of a parent as defined in the Act are considered to be parent volunteers.

Grandparents or other family members who do not meet the definition of a parent are required to apply for and hold a valid WWC Check in order to volunteer in any capacity at a school.

Volunteers under 18 years of age are exempt from applying for a WWC Check. Once they turn 18 years of age, volunteers are no longer exempt and are required to apply for a WWC Check to continue in child-related work.

Thanks to the generosity of CBH who have provided our school with IO laptop computers for our students to use. These laptops will be used across the school & particularly in our extension and enrichment programs that will be running next year.

These laptops will provide alternative learning settings for our students, thanks CBH!





PPS NEWS



CHRISTMAS IS A CRACKER AT PPS!

Christmas has come to Pingelly Primary School and the front office is decked out with decorations galore. But not to be outdone, the school bus service has gone above and beyond to celerbate this season.

Reporters Lucy, Allanah and Logan met up with Mrs Ward to find out what makes her enthusiastic about Christmas time.

Mrs Ward likes putting up decorations because it brings a lot of joy to the students and give her a good feeling. I think we can agree that it brings us all joy.

WOW! For the last 15 years, Mrs Ward has been putting up Christmas decorations to share the joy.

Christmas is a time to give and receive and the sharing of decorations is part of Mrs Wards way of giving. Not surprisingly, Mrs Ward was gifted some of the decoration by her own mother and hence the decorations hold a special place in her heart. The family tradition has been passed down to the great granddaughters too!

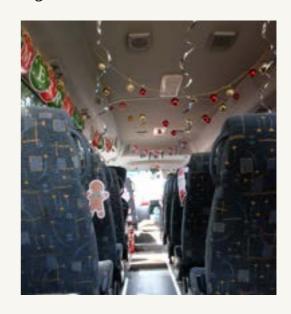


Photos above were taken by reporting students using an SLR camera during the Desert Light Photography Extension Session.

REPORTED BY: ALLANAH, DESHAUN, LOGAN, LUCY, PENELOPE AND RILEY.



Not to be outdone but to continue the enthusiasm for the Christmas spirit, one of our amazing bus drivers, Jodie decorated the inside of the school bus. As you can see from the photo, there were decorations ceiling to floor. As a special treat, Jodie got all the kids a hanging Christmas initial of their first names to go on their chairs. brought a lot of excitement to the students travelling this route. Our very own reported, Penelope is one of the lucky students who got a surprise upon entering the bus. "I was shocked and then I felt sad because I didn't get to do it with Jodie". Penelope ensured us that afterward she felt happy though, because their bus was the only bus with decorations. I wonder what next year will bring?





Congratulations to our our students who participated in the end of year concert & to everyone who helped to make the night the success it was! A special congratulations to the students who received awards

















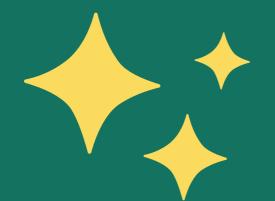




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YR	AWARD	DONOR	STUDENT	
Kindy	Book	Moorditj Youth Foundation	Whole Class	
PP	Book	Mia Davies	Whole Class	
Year 1	Book	Stay Active	Whole Class	
Year 2	Endeavour	Darren West	Zayne M	
	Academic	B & A Cunningham	Aleah R	
V 0	Endeavour	C & R Turton	Grace H	
Year 3	Academic	Rockdale Enterprise	Logan C	
Year 4	Endeavour	M & J Hughes	Belle H	
Tear 4	Academic	Mulroney Family	Lucy P	
	Academic	Stay Active	Abel P	
Year 5	Endeavour	S & C Parsons	Keith B	
	Academic	Pingelly Transport	Penelope W	
	Endeavour	Alf & Kaye Watts	Pearl H	
Year 6	Academic	Bendigo Bank	Flynn M	
	Sports Star of the	Pingelly Shire Council	Phoebe K-M	
Yr 6	Year Primary	Pingelly Shire Council	Flynn M	
PP – Yr 2	Citizenship	Jackie McBurney Shire President	Toby C	
Yr 3- Yr 6	Citizenship	Pumphreys CWA	Fletcher P	
PP – Yr 6	STRIVE	Aldersyde CWA	Lucy P	
PP – Yr 6	Creative Arts	Parker Family	Phoebe K-M	
	Choir	Tutti Music	Flynn M	

2024 STUDENT COUNCILLORS



Head Councillor	Penelope W		
Head Councillor	Logan M		
Student Councillor	Keith B		
Student Councillor	Xavler J		
Student Councillor	Deshaun S		
Student Councillor	Riley W		
Student Councillors	Janoah N-J		



Pingelly Primary School Term I Planner 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	29 January soo	30 S00 Uniform Shop Open 9-930	31 Students Return Swimming Lessons	I February K PSC AGM & Welcome Morning Tea - 9am Swimming Lessons	2 Swimming Lessons	3	4
2	5 Healthy Lunchbox Week Swimming lessons	6 K Swimming Lessons	7 K Swimming Lessons	8 K Swimming Lessons	G Swimming Lessons	10	
3	12	13 K	н	15 K	16	17	18
4	Iq	20 Ki Uniform Shop Open 9-930	21 K School Review	22 K	23 Faction Swimming Carnival	24	25
5	26	27 K Leaders Conference (Yr.5/6) @ Williams	28 N	29 K	l March	2	3
6	H Labour Day Public Holiday	5 к	6 к	7 к	8 Interschool Swimming Carnival (Pingelly)	q	Ю
7	Ear Bus		13 NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	16	17
8	NAPLAN	IQ K NAPLAN	20 K NAPLAN	21 K Harmony Day NAPLAN School Council 6pm	22 NAPLAN	23	24
q	25 NAPLAN	26 K	27 N Yr. V2 Assembly	28 K	29 Good Friday Public Holiday	30	31 Easter