

# Numbat News

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Dear Families

Kaya noonakoort - Welcome everyone.

Our school recently went through the Public-School Review process. We had amazingly positive feedback from the reviewers, and they agreed with our plans of actions for the future direction of the school. Thank you to our community members who participated in this process, your input was invaluable to our school.

One of the areas our school is endeavouring to focus on is seeking ways to embed learning experiences in Noongar language, culture and stories in the classrooms across all areas of the curriculum and across the school setting. Over the next few weeks, we are building a team to help develop our culturally aware practices in the school that are respectful and meaningful of the cultures of our families. If you would like to be involved, please send me or the school an email and we would love to connect with you.

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually and it is an event where students listen to a story at the same time across Australia. The book this year is the Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker. Here at Pingelly Primary School we love connecting with the community and have invited our very own Jennie Narducci who used to be the librarian at the school to come and read to our students. Thank you, Jennie for continuing your connection with our school.

Talking about connections, what a fabulous morning we had with Spare Parts Theatre company, who came and performed Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox. We had a great turnout of 12 senior members of our community who participated in a memory workshop prior to the performance, with 5 of them were directly involved in the show with acting roles. Hats off to an amazing performance from all our actors. This was followed by a beautiful morning tea where memories continued to be shared. Please check out some of the photos on the next page.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 22nd May

National Simultaneous Storytime

Friday 24th May

Interschool X-Country

Friday 31st May

School Development Day

**NO STUDENTS**

Monday 3rd June

WA Day - Public Holiday

**NO STUDENTS**

Tuesday 11th - Wednesday 12th June

Book Fair 8.30 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 12th June

Dress up Parade

Space Theme





A constant message to our students is one of the importance of participation and perseverance. Recently we held our Faction Cross-Country event. Well-done to all our participants, you all ran an amazing race, finishing off strongly and putting in the effort for your factions. We received positive feedback about the event and the location and look forward to next year's being held in the same manner.

Congratulations to all our winners who are off to the Interschool next Friday. We are proud to send you off to participate and share how amazing Pingelly Primary School is at being a great sports person.

Our kids shine brightly across many areas, including photography. Both these students are involved in our Photography Extension Program which we run in conjunction with Desert Light Foundation. This competition showcased the amazing abilities of the children and young people around WA. Both Riley's and Alannah's submission demonstrated remarkable creativity and expression. Riley won third place and Alannah won the People's Choice.

We received a message from the office of the Commissioner "The entire office was absolutely smitten with both photos, the Commissioner doubly so. She commented to me that she was so touched that the young people submitting believed their friends were so prevalent in the theme of the competition. It was beautiful to see, and we didn't realise they were from the same area!"

Riley submitted a photo of his friend DeShaun and Alannah took one of Logan.

What an awesome school we have!  
Mrs Jo Newhouse  
PPS - Principal





## School Development Days

Early this term, the school held a Staff Development Day where we participated in the next Modules of Berry Street Educational Model. BSEM provides educators with a toolkit of practical strategies for immediate use in the classroom and across your school. These help us meet the needs of students by:

- understanding the benefits of trauma-informed teaching on child development and ability to learn
- creating a supportive and trauma-informed positive education classroom
- bolstering student-teacher relationships
- applying positive relational classroom behaviour management strategies
- instilling strengths-based practices across the school.

We are learning strategies to keep students engaged and how to support them to have an improved capacity for school achievement.

On the 31st May we have invited local schools to attend our school and participate in a Writing Moderation and Planning day. Teachers will use this moderation to invite collaborative discussion on design of the writing program. Moderation allows teachers to collectively discuss results and come to shared understandings of student achievement.

Thank you to our P & C who have offered to cater for around 40 educators coming together.



## *Farewell from Mrs Mills*



Dear Parents, students & school community,  
I would like to take the opportunity to let you know that after 12 years of teaching at PPS, I will be leaving to take up a new position in Perth. I have had 12 years of wonderful teaching experiences at Pingelly Primary, teaching across the years from the youngest students in Kindy to our last year 7 class group. The knowledge I have gained here has been amazing and will go with me throughout my career.

Thank you to all the parents for their support over the years and the community of PPS for always being available to support me with school activities. To the students, I have taught, thank you! I have got wonderful memories of my classes over the years. Finally thank you to the staff at PPS whom I have shared my time with! Without the laughs advice and friendship I have made, I don't think I would have spent as many hours here as I have. I will miss everyone a lot!



L-R - Ms Fergy, Mrs Mills & Mrs Ward.  
The staff that have been with Mrs Mills since her first day here at PPS.



# Certificates of Commendation

**PP**

Milly S, Malcolm J, Hailee R

**Yr 1/2**

Noah M, Archie S, Eva C  
Alahni A

**Yr 3/4**

Grace H, Oliver B

**Yr 5/6**

Riley W, Penelope W, Keiran L,  
Lucy P, Tristan T, Lexis D-S

**Well done to all these hard-working students!**





# Happy School



Our school is a proud member of the Happy School program

## How It Works

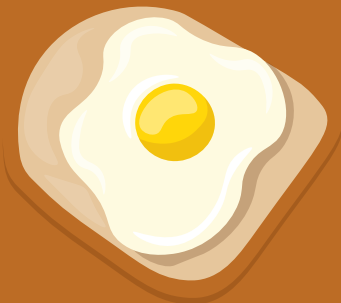
We value our staff and believe that the work we do is important. Staff morale and well-being have a HUGE impact on student achievement, relationships within our school and the successful implementation of change. High stress levels have a negative impact and increase staff absence. A happier staff leads to better results!

As members of the Happy School program each week we receive a ready-to-use one page article to share with staff. The articles provide professional development and practical strategies to improve staff well-being, reduce stress, cope better with change, work effectively with others and engage our students. The articles are written by experts, especially for staff in schools.

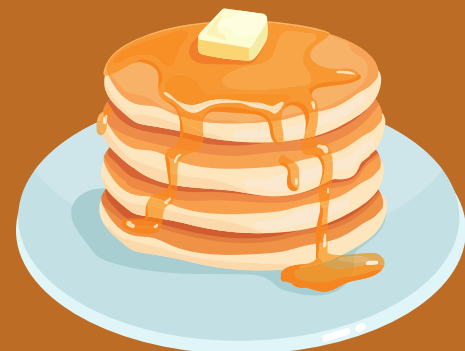
The articles provide staff with...

strategies to improve well-being and reduce stress  
skills to better use their time  
develop a more positive attitude  
work better with others; and  
improve their work-life balance.

Over 600 schools across Australia, New Zealand and internationally are members of the Happy School program.



# THANK YOU



Thank you to Kellee for supplying eggs, the Pingelly Baptist Church for supplying bread, and the Pingelly Shire for giving up their time on a Wednesday morning to help prepare & serve breakfast. We are thankful to have such a caring community around us.



## thank you



To the wonderful staff & (particularly Mrs Ward) and all the students who made me feel super special on my birthday.

P.s ... Sorry to the cleaners who will be finding glitter for weeks ahead! 😊

