

NUMBAT NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES



Thursday 30th October

Day for Daniel – Wear **RED**
Gold coin donation



Friday 31st October

- Halloween Disco
- Desert Light Photography In



Tuesday 4th November

Red Ball Tennis Cup Yr 3 & 4's



Wednesday 5th November

Yr 5/6 Assembly 9am
Undercover Area



Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day



Walkathon – Every Monday up to 24th November



Kaya, Hello Pingelly families,

Welcome to Term 4

As we begin Term 4 at Pingelly Primary, I'm feeling incredibly grateful for the warm welcome and support I've received from our students, staff, and families during my first term. It's been wonderful settling into such a caring and community-minded school. This term promises to be a lively one, with highlights like the Halloween Disco and Colour Run bringing plenty of excitement and colour to our final weeks together. I'm looking forward to finishing the year on a positive note, celebrating all the hard work and achievements of our amazing students.

A huge thank you to our parents and community for your ongoing support and the valuable conversations we're having about how we can continue to cultivate lifelong learners at Pingelly PS. It was heartening to attend the final P&C meeting for 2025 and witness the dedication and shared commitment of our parents to our students' learning and wellbeing.

Thank you also to our incredible P&C for organising this Friday's spooky and exciting Halloween Disco. Your efforts are outstanding, and I know our students and staff are eagerly looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon.

I'd like to acknowledge the hard work and enthusiasm of our Pingelly staff — the engaging learning happening in classrooms, the creative teaching approaches, and the welcoming environment you create every day truly make our school shine.

Our Bush Tucker and Kitchen Gardens are also thriving! The Year 1/2 and 3/4 students have been busily measuring, planting, and watering these beautiful spaces. These gardens provide students with a hands-on, sensory-rich learning experience that connects them to culture, country, and healthy living.

It's been a busy start to the term, with the Cricket Blast Cup, Super Starters Kindy 2026 orientation, school photos, Grass Roots, and lunchtime clubs all underway. This week we also start the Walkathon, Day for Daniel, and of course, the much-anticipated Halloween Disco.

We warmly welcome Ms Tahlia Maxwell to the Year 5/6 class, and Mr Guy Golding as our new School Chaplain. We're also pleased to have Mr Noel Cowcher return three days per week as Deputy Principal.

Staff are currently working on class structures for 2026. Once these are finalised, we will share the information with families via Seesaw. We have a fantastic team and some exciting plans for next year.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and Seesaw for photos and updates from our many school events. I would like to sincerely thank our staff, P&C, and all our wonderful parent volunteers who make these activities possible. We're so fortunate to have such a supportive and engaged community that continually goes above and beyond to make our students' education meaningful and memorable.

As we reach the midpoint of Week 3, classrooms are buzzing, the weather is warming up, and a little Halloween magic is starting to creep in. Thank you to our staff and families for helping make Term 4 such a positive, engaging, and energetic start to the end of the year.

Warm regards,

Claire Adams Principal



PINGELLY PS KITCHEN GARDEN



Kitchen Garden Update with the year 3/4's

We are excited to share progress on our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, funded through our recent grant! We have also received a wonderful collection of gardening textbooks to help link our gardening activities to the curriculum.

Work has begun on the boundary fence and shade house, and in the process, we've uncovered the many layers of Pingelly soil and even glimpses into the history of classrooms past! A huge thank you to Dirk Christ, who volunteered alongside Miss Lowrie to install the first section of fencing poles.

We hope to have a labourer join us soon to complete the installation safely and efficiently. Once the poles are in place, we will be seeking volunteers to help attach the horse fencing — we'll need people with either staple guns or hammers. We will also begin planning the gable roof for the shade house.... We would LOVE your help! If you are interested in being involved with this space, please contact the school.

The final result will be an inspirational outdoor learning space, blending traditional Indigenous and Western foods for cooking experiences, Crunch and Sip, and hands-on garden learning. We can't wait to share it with our students and the wider school community!



Measuring the poles and checking stock numbers



Kitchen garden starting to take shape!



The peas are plentiful and delicious. We also have 4 flowers on our pumpkin vine.

Ms Lowrie working hard in the kitchen garden starting on the fence.

BUSH TUCKER GARDEN

Our Pingelly Primary Bushtucker Garden is bursting into life! Students have planted more than 160 native plants – from bush fruits that we'll soon be turning into delicious jams, to hardy species that will help shape and protect our growing garden spaces. Each week, our young gardeners can be found happily digging holes, planting seedlings, and carefully watering their work. They're learning how native plants connect to Country, provide food, and support our local ecosystem.

At the heart of the garden, we're planning something truly special – a Yarning Circle, a calm and welcoming space where students and community can gather to share stories, learn from one another, and reflect. To bring it to life, we're seeking help from anyone who can donate or assist with sourcing natural wooden logs for seating and structure.

This project isn't just about plants – it's about connection, care, and community. Every shovel of soil brings us one step closer to a living classroom that celebrates sustainability and the wisdom of Country.

Ms van Rooyen



Welcome To The Team

Over the past two terms, we've had the pleasure of welcoming several new staff members to our school community, each bringing unique talents, fresh perspectives, and a deep commitment to our school Vision - To develop lifelong learners who are resilient, respectful, and emotionally intelligent. Together, we strive to value and nurture every child in preparation for tomorrow's world.



Among our newest additions, we're delighted to welcome Sol, our new gardener, who commenced with us towards the second half of term 3. Sol's care and dedication to our outdoor spaces have already made a noticeable impact. Sol moved to Pingelly around two and a half years ago, and if he looks familiar, it's probably because you've seen him zipping around town on his morning mail runs. Yes, he's also our local postie! In the afternoons, he swaps letters for gardening tools, bringing his green thumb and enthusiasm to our school grounds. When Sol's not working, you will find him pottering in his own garden and orchard. Sol loves old cars & his pet dogs.



We're equally thrilled to introduce Ms Maxwell, our new Year 5/6 teacher. Her passion for education and her calming approach to learning have brought a renewed sense of enthusiasm and balance to the classroom. Ms Maxwell graduated from Edith Cowan University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Education (K-7) and brings over 16 years of teaching experience. Ms Maxwell is looking forward to an enjoyable and busy term ahead, as she works to build strong relationships with each child and family. Ms Maxwell and her family have recently moved to Pingelly after purchasing a home in September, and are thrilled to be part of this welcoming community. Ms Maxwell is looking forward to partnering with the wonderful Mainstream Education Assistants, Miss Hughes and Ms Ferguson, aka Ms Fergie.



Additionally, we're stoked to welcome Guy, our gentle giant aka our new chaplain. Towering in height and heart, Guy brings a warm, compassionate presence that's already making a difference in our school community. We're lucky to be sharing him with Quairading Primary School. Guy will be with us for two days one week, then one day the next, alternating fortnightly. And when he's not offering wisdom and support, Guy's got a rather explosive side.... literally! He works as an explosives technician in the mines, a role he's held for the past six years. Originally from Sydney, Guy moved to Perth about seven years ago and has racked up some serious travel miles. He's spent time in France, Japan, and Canada, worked on a zip line in Switzerland, and led tours in Tasmania. With stories as big as his smile, we're excited to have Guy on board!

If you see these new faces around, be sure to give them a warm welcome! We're excited about the many ways these new team members will enrich our school community and support our students and staff. We're excited that they have joined us!



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Week 3&4	Emotional Intelligence: • We will use known strategies to self-regulate our emotions during games or disagreements. • We will take responsibility for our actions.
Week 3&4	Berry Street - Self-regulation/ Control • Having discipline and regulating your feelings and actions.



ON THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2025, WEAR RED AND BRING A GOLD COIN TO SCHOOL TO SUPPORT DAY FOR DANIEL, RAISING AWARENESS FOR CHILD SAFETY.



Day for
Daniel
Keeping kids safe!

[DONATE TO DAY FOR DANIEL HERE](#)

WALKATHON



The P&C has partnered with Earl St Physiotherapy to raise funds for an important cause while promoting fitness through a Walkathon held every Monday morning from 8:30am to 8:50am for the next four weeks (the first one was today), parents and carers are welcome to join in. For more information, please contact the P&C or the school. To celebrate the conclusion of the Walkathon, students will take part in a Colour Fun Run on Friday, 28th November – more details to come!

THE PINGELLY P&C PRESENT THE



HALLOWEEN DISCO



Friday 31st October 2025
School Undercover Area 1pm – 3pm

Come to school dressed in your Halloween costume. Kindy kids welcome with a parent/guardian.

This is a free event, donations of party food would be greatly appreciated.



5/6 class Assembly



5th November
9am in the undercover
area.
All welcome



Pingelly Primary School

Term 4 Planner 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	13 SDD- Staff only, no students	14 ^K Students Return	15 Thank your cleaner day	16 ^K	17	18	19
2	20 Super Starters 9am (Kindy Orientation) Chaplain in	21 ^K Chaplain in	22 ^K P&C Meeting 6pm Strive- Burns awareness visitor	23 ^K	24 Cricket Blast Cup - Beverley Town Oval Yr 4-6	25	26
3	27 Super Starters 9am (Kindy Orientation)	28 ^K School Photos	29 ^N Walkathon 8.30-8.50 Chaplain	30 ^K Day for Daniel - Wear Red	31 Halloween Disco World Teachers Day Desert Light	1 NOVEMBER	2
4	3 Super Starters 9am (Kindy Orientation) Walkathon	4 ^K York -Red Ball Tennis Cup Yr 3-4	5 ^K Yr 5/6 Assembly 9am	6 ^K	7	8	9
5	10 Walkathon	11 ^K Remembrance Day	12 Yr 6 Info Session @ NSHS, 2-3pm	13 ^K Senior Week - Choir at luncheon	14 Desert Light Yr 1/2 Excursion	15	16
6	17 Walkathon Chaplain in	18 ^K Chaplain in	19 ^{K/N}	20 ^K	21	22	23
7	24 Walkathon	25 ^K	26 Chaplain in	27 ^K	28 Desert Light Excursion Colour Run	29	30
8	1 DECEMBER	2 ^K	3 ^K International day of people with disabilities	4 ^K	5 Thank a Volunteer Morning Tea 10.30am	6	7
9	8	9 ^K	10 ^N	11 ^K	12 Year 6 NSHS Transition Day	13	14
10	15 Yr 6 Graduation Chaplain in	16 ^K Chaplain in	17 ^K End of Year Concert	18 ^K Last day for Students	19	20	21