

Principal’s Notes

Welcome back to all students and families, both new and old, for 2015. I trust that everybody had a safe and relaxing holiday in spite of the long and hot month of January.

School system info

This year is a year of numerous changes within the Education Department and its schools. Even now there is still some ‘unknown’ in how much funding individual schools will receive under the new system. Hopefully it will become clearer in the next few weeks. The level of funding under the new formula will determine school staffing levels, and if there is a need to re-adjust classes etc. More information relating to this will be released as the school is made aware of it.

Another directive to all school staff by the Department in 2014 was for all accrued Long Service Leave to be expended by the end of 2015. This means Mr Steel, Mr Cowcher, Mrs English, Mrs Ward, Mrs Mills and Mrs R Narducci will be taking LSL at some point this year. This LSL may be in portions over the year or in a block at a certain time. Unfortunately, school staff have no option but to follow this directive and must clear their LSL by the end of this year. The school already has plans in place to cover these absences and minimise any disruption to the classes.

Staffing update

Welcome to Ms Trish Grealish who will be working in the K/PP class for first term. Ms Grealish is excited to be given the opportunity to be working at Pingelly and has settled in well with lots of support from the general school staff (Some may remember Ms Grealish from a couple of years ago when she did a Practicum here).

Welcome also to Mr Jeremy Darvall and Mrs Trish Leader who will each be working 2 days per week for the first semester, to cover some of the LSL being taken by staff. Both of these teachers have previously done relief teaching at the school and are happy to have the opportunity to continue to work here.

At the end of last year I was offered the opportunity to stay at Pingelly for another term in 2015 and I accepted this. Ms Sue Heath has now also secured a permanent position in Perth so the Principal’s position at Pingelly Primary School has finally been advertised by the Department of Education as a permanent vacancy from Friday the 30th January 2015. When the selection process has been finalised and the successful applicant appointed, it should hopefully give the school some future stability regarding the Administration team.

Attendance reward

Congratulations to Cade Turner-Reid who was the worthy winner of the attendance reward at the end of last year. Due to the success of this strategy, and the excitement it created amongst the students, we will continue to run this attendance reward program in 2015. Good luck to every-one, and remember, all students have the same chance to be successful just from attending school on a regular basis of 90% or more.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine

David Melling, Principal

DAY	DATE	EVENT Calendar
Friday	6 February	Bush Dance
Monday - Friday	16 Feb - 27 Feb	Swimming classes (tentative dates)
Friday	6 March	Faction Swimming Carnival
Friday	13 March	Formal Assembly - Year 5/6
Friday	20 March	Interschool Swimming Carnival - Brookton
Monday - Tuesday	23 March - 24 March	Student Leaders’ Camp Albany
Thursday	2 April	Formal Assembly - Year 3/4
Thursday	2 April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday	20 April	School resumes for Staff only
Tuesday	21 April	Students commence school



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Numbat News

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4 February, 2015



We have the Cowboy Hats and we have the sausages! Now all we need is *you and your family* at the Family Bush Dance!

- THIS Friday – 6th February
- 5.00 – 7.00 pm
- On the small oval
- \$2 per sausage sizzle. Drinks & ice-creams on sale.
- All proceeds to the P & C



You don’t have to dance. Just come, listen and have some fun, and get to know the staff in your school.

This is a Kid’s Matter Event to help make your school a great place to be!



Please note: All pickups are to be out of school hours.



School desks
\$20 each!





For all other items
- make an offer!



In-term swimming classes

Tentative dates have been set for weeks 3 and 4, for in - term swimming lessons this term. Unfortunately there has been a shortage of teachers this year, so final dates have still to be confirmed.



PLEASE NOTE:

Triple A lunch orders

are

NO LONGER

AVAILABLE

ON MONDAYS!

