



# Pingelly Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back for Semester Two. The following will provide you with information regarding what students will be learning for the remainder of the year.

We have the School Sports Carnival in week six and the Interschool Carnival in week eight and we have been practising since week one of this term. We're all getting very excited.

## **Mathematics**

We are continuing on with our Elementary Mental Maths (EMM) and Go Maths as per semester one.

## **English**

The students are in levelled spelling groups (Book C, D or E) depending on their spelling ability. For writing, we are concentrating on persuasive writing and narrative writing – in particular, action and suspense. During guided reading, students are again levelled (Groups A, B, C or D) depending on reading fluency and comprehension ability. We are reading Roald Dahl novels in three of our groups and Paul Jennings short stories in the fourth group.

## **Civics and Citizenship**

Civics and Citizenship is the study of democracy, federation and the Australian political system. This is our focus for semester two. We will be finishing off the semester with a mock election. Each student will be required to undertake a campaign for election. Further details will follow.

## **Science**

This semester's topic is Biological Sciences. We are looking at the different types of adaptations that both plants and animals need to make in order to survive in varying environments. The students have begun work on a group or individual presentation on a particular animal. Students are required to research the environments in which their particular animal lives and the adaptations that it makes/has made depending on its environment. We have started an activity where the students have been required to design their own experiment looking at how differing conditions affect the growth of their plants. Later in the term we will be growing mould on bread and looking at how different conditions affect the growth of mould.

## **Visual Arts**

This semester, the students will be finding out about the lives and art works of various artists (Banksy, Picasso, Van Gogh, Da Vinci, Matisse and Rembrandt) and looking at the types of art that they produced. They will then be imitating the different styles of art produced by each artist.

## **Physical Education**

Whole school sport no longer takes place on a Friday afternoon. Instead, Room 14 now has our sport on Wednesday afternoons. We are playing a variety of team games and activities to get the students moving and cooperating. Daily fitness is held each morning and is a whole school activity.

## **Scripture and Robotics/Noongar Language**

This occurs every second Wednesday (even weeks)

from two o'clock until three o'clock. Students are either participating in Scripture or Robotics and Noongar Language, depending on choices made during the 2016 school year.

## Library

Room 14's library time is on Wednesday from 1-1:30pm. Please make sure that your child is providing a library bag if they wish to borrow a book.

## Crunch 'n' Sip

Crunch and Sip is at 2pm every day. Students are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit or a vegetable to eat during this time.

## Homework

Homework has started going home again this semester. It is particularly important that the year sixes get used to having to do homework in preparation for high school. The homework booklet is divided into weeks and is made up of a set of mental maths questions per night and two language homework activities per week. If you wish your child to complete homework, please be aware that homework booklets were handed out at the beginning of week two and that homework is due on Friday mornings. I have yet to have any students hand in completed homework.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment with me, through the office and a time can be arranged to meet.

Kind regards,

Erin Holds

A copy of our class timetable for your information:

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>8.50-9.00</b>	Daily Fitness	Assembly	Daily Fitness	Daily Fitness	Daily Fitness
<b>9.00-9.40</b>	Spelling Mastery		Spelling Mastery	Spelling Mastery	Spelling Mastery
<b>9.40-10.30</b>	Guided Reading	Health	Guided Reading	Writing	Writing
<b>10.30-10.50</b>	<b>Recess</b>	<b>Recess</b>	<b>Recess</b>	<b>Recess</b>	<b>Recess</b>
<b>10.50-11.30</b>	Maths – Mental EMM	Spelling Mastery	Maths – Mental EMM	Maths – Mental EMM	Maths – Mental EMM
<b>11.30-12.30</b>	Maths Origo	Writing	Maths Origo	Maths Origo	Maths Origo
<b>12.30-1.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1.00-1.20</b>	DEAR	DEAR	Library	DEAR	DEAR
<b>1.20-2.00</b>	Civics and Citizenship	Science	Sport (Even Week) Finishing off Time (Odd Week)	D&T	Art
<b>2.00-2.10</b>	<b>Crunch'n'Sip</b>	<b>Crunch'n'Sip</b>	<b>Crunch'n'Sip</b>	<b>Crunch'n'Sip</b>	<b>Crunch'n'Sip</b>
<b>2.10-3.00</b>	Civics and Citizenship	Science	Sport (Odd Week) Scripture/Robotics (Even week)	Coding	Art