

# Welcome!



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to all families. I hope you have had an enjoyable and safe holiday. For those of you I have not met, my name is Hayley Ferguson. I have been teaching at Pingelly Primary School since the beginning of 2016.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Leeanne Corbett as our Education Assistant this year.

This letter will hopefully provide the information that will assist you and your child to transition into this new year with ease.

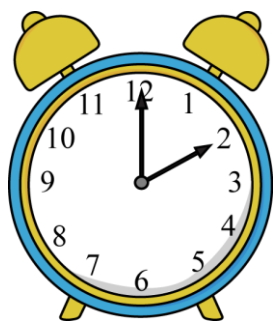
If you have any questions, information or concerns, please make an appointment for before or after school.

I look forward to our year working together!



## BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

In conjunction with 1,2,3 Magic we are currently undertaking the requirements to become a Play is the Way School. Our current Play is the Way focus is on the Virtue of: Good Manners.



## SCHOOL TIMES

8:30 AM – Doors open and school begins

10:30 AM → 10:50 AM – Recess

12:30 PM → 1:00 PM – Lunch

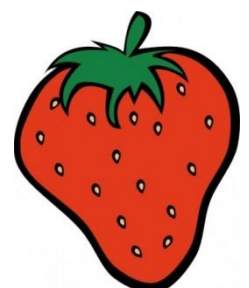
3:00PM – School ends.

## PICK UPS, EARLY RELEASES & ABSENSES

If you need to pick up your child from school before 3:00pm please sign your child out at the office first. Pre-primary students will only be released once an adult is present to collect them. Please let me now if somebody different will be collecting your child on a given day. If your child is absent for any reason a written or verbal explanation is required. If you are aware in advance that you will be away please let me know beforehand.

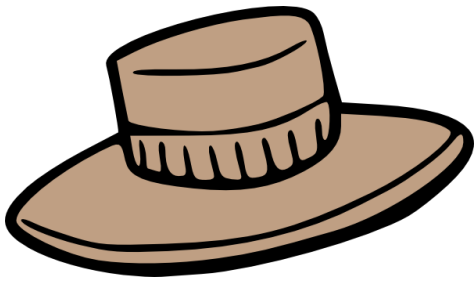
## CRUNCH AND SIP

Twice daily the students will be given a bowl of healthy food to share. This crunch and sip time gives students an opportunity to have a healthy snack during our day. Please ensure that you send in two pieces of fruit and/or



vegetables per day for your child to share with the class. Nuts such as peanuts are not recommended at school due to student allergies.

### SUNSMART SCHOOL



This year Pingelly Primary School continues to be a Sun Smart school. One of the requirements is that students and staff wear bucket hats or wide brim hats when outdoors. Caps are not acceptable for the playground and oval and students will be asked to remain in the undercover area in these cases. To avoid disappointment I recommend that students always keep a hat in their tray or bag.

### LIBRARY

Pre-primary will attend the school library each Wednesday to borrow books. On library day please ensure students have their previous library book and library bag to borrow.



### HOME READING, SOUNDS AND SIGHT WORDS

Home reading will commence during week 1 of each term and finish in the 2<sup>nd</sup> last week of the term to allow for books to be returned and checked.

Home reading is extremely important in the development of students' reading ability and we encourage students to complete their reading every night.

Please sign the reading log each night that students read. Reading books will be changed every Monday.

Students will also take home a sight words book which will contain lists of sight words for the student to read by sight. Please practice reading these with your child. Sight words are to be recognised instantly, much like the way your child recognises their own name. When your child confidently recognises all words on the list, we will send home a new list of sight words.

There is no other formal homework in pre-primary.



### ORAL LANGUAGE

Every afternoon the students will have the opportunity to tell some news to the class. This could be about an event or an item that they may have bought to school. If your child is

going to bring an item to school they are to leave it in their tray for the day to ensure that nothing gets lost or broken.

### WISH LIST

If you could donate any of the following items to our class they would be greatly received by Leeanne or myself. Please note that this is just a wish list and **not** a mandatory requirement of parents.



- Cloths/sponges (for washing up)
- Cleaning Products (e.g Spray and Wipe)
- Empty (rinsed) 2 litre milk cartons
- Dish washing liquid
- Cling wrap
- Aluminium foil
- Baking paper
- Food colouring
- Zip lock bags
- 1.25l and 2.5l plastic cool drink bottles
- Scraps of material and fabric for craft
- Old magazines (for cutting)
- Any general crafty items
- Any old and sparkly/bright clothing for dress-ups
- Dress up costumes for boys (men's shirts, superhero costumes, hats, sunglasses etc.)
- Old dolls clothes for the home corner
- Christmas/birthday cards (just the front is fine)
- Ice cream containers with lids
- Notepads for the writing table (free ones that businesses give out are perfect)
- Pieces of tissue paper or old (used is fine) wrapping paper
- Anything that can be cut/glued/shaped/crafted
- Cardboard tubes from glad wrap and paper towel
- Corks
- Egg cartons
- Cotton balls
- Cotton buds
- Play dough ingredients (cream of tartar, salt, plain flour, vegetable oil, food colouring)
- Jugs, watering can – anything that could be used in a water trolley.
- Small jars with lids (baby food jars are ideal)

Thank you for your help and support!