

NUMBAT NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 28th February (Week 4)
Faction Swimming Carnival Yr 3-6



Monday 3rd March (Week 5)
Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL



Tues-Thurs 4-6th March (Week 5)
Year 5/6 Camp



Wednesday 12th March (Week 6)
NAPLAN Starts



Friday 21st March (Week 7)
Wear Orange - Harmony Week



Thursday 27th March (Week 8)
Interschool Swimming Carnival @
Beverley



Kaya Pingelly families,

We have had a wonderful start to our 2025 school year and our students have settled back into school routine well. Thank you to our amazing families for helping our students have a great start to the year.

We are very excited to be welcoming many new families to our Pingelly PS community and it's wonderful to see our students being so supportive by showing our new students around and making sure they are settling in well.

Our students had a busy first 2 weeks with swimming and building belonging in the classrooms. It has been great to see our students in their full uniforms, wearing their hats and taking pride in being a PPS student. Now that swimming is over, please send children to school in appropriate footwear to keep them safe.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful teaching team for their efforts in preparing for the school year and readying their classrooms so beautifully for our students. We are very fortunate to have such a high calibre of committed educators, teaching the young Pingelly minds. I am sure you will join me in thanking and acknowledging our teachers for the amazing job they do.

Warm regards,
Jo Newhouse

2025 Faction Captains



FALCONS	EAGLES	HAWKS
Summer M	Connor B	Brodie C
Max M	Tristan T	Jayden N

CULTURAL TRAINING



During the staff development days at the beginning of the term, the staff participated in Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training, facilitated by one of our parents, Malcolm Jetta. The first part of the day was held in the School Library and included a historical overview, and an introduction to Noongar Language by Kristy Jetta. Thanks to Trish Jetta for keeping us well fed in the morning with a delicious morning tea and lunch. After lunch, we headed out to Pumprhreys Bridge for an on-country visit. We visited the corroboree grounds and an original settlement along the river. We then returned to the CWA hall where we had a viewing of a documentary followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea made by Mrs R Warburton in the CWA hall.



School Council Nominations Open!



Do you want to be part of a great community and make a difference? PPS is seeking parents for our School Council Board. The basic role is to help govern the school to ensure that Pingelly students get the best possible outcomes. Some other responsibilities include establishing goals, approving charges, and being involved in strategic planning. If this interests you, contact the school for a nomination form.



INTRODUCING.....

Hello, I am Josephine Griffiths and I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the newest member of the teaching staff. I am married, have two amazing children and a dog in Perth. I am an Early Childhood specialist, with a wealth of experience and a heart full of enthusiasm to help every student at Pingelly Primary School succeed. I am dedicated to creating a nurturing and vibrant classroom and school environment ensuring that every student feels valued and inspired to be part of the school community. I will be teaching 1 day in the Pre-primary/Year 1 class. Throughout the week I will be teaching sport, personal and community health, art, drama, Digital Technologies and Auslan. My goal is to form connections and foster a love of learning and sense of wonder within every student. I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with laughter, learning from others and forming memorable relationships with all the students, parents/carers and the Pingelly community. Thank you for welcoming me into your school family.



**ONLINE
WEBINAR**

TALKING TO YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Tuesday 25th March

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Role Of Parents in Supporting Road Safety & Drug Education | SDERA

Meeting Link for Microsoft teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

PHONES / SMART WATCHES

Here at Pingelly Primary School, students are banned from using mobile phones from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day. Mobile phones and electronic devices, such as iPads and iPods, will be switched off and handed in to the office for safe storage and will be available for collection at the end of the day.

This is in line with the Department's policy that students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.

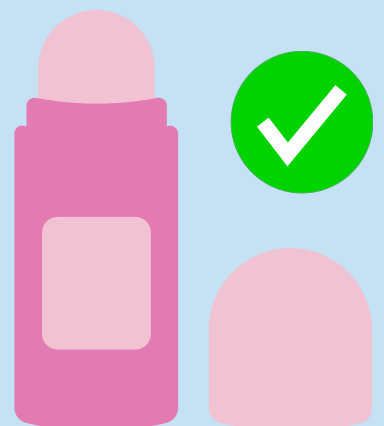
Similarly, we require students to put their smart watches in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day. Games and photos are not to be accessed during the school day using smart watches.

Teachers will reiterate this message to students. Parents and carers, please ensure that your child(ren) understand that the decision to ban the use of mobile phones in schools is intended to remove the potential learning distraction for students, protect the privacy of staff and students, improve social connections at school and improve the health and wellbeing of students.



AEROSOLS VS ROLL ONS

According to Asthma Australia, asthma symptoms can be triggered by spray deodorants and strong scents including aftershave and perfumes. As we have several students and staff members with asthma, to minimise the impact on their health please ensure your child only brings roll-on deodorants to school.



IT'S BACK!
AGE IS JUST A NUMBER



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"Age is Just a Number" returns for 2025!

We're thrilled to kick off this exciting program for seniors aged 60 and above!

Weekly during the term for uplifting sessions full of connection and fun.

Don't wait—get in touch now!
Contact the Shire Office - 08 9887 1066
or email amy.rankin@pingelly.wa.gov.au



Pingelly Primary School

Term I Planner 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	3rd FEBRUARY	4	5 Term I starts (PP-6) Swimming Lessons start	6 K6 First day of Kindy		8	9
2	10	11 K	12 K	13 K Year 5/6 Fundraising	14 Swimming Lessons finish	15	16
3	17	18 K Cricket Clinic	19 N	20 K2 Year 5/6 Fundraising	21	22	23
4	24	25 K	26 K	27 K	28 Faction Swimming Carnival	1 MARCH	2
5	3 Labour Day Public Holiday	4 K5 Yr 5/6 Camp (Point Walter)	5 Yr 5/6 Camp	6 K7 Yr 5/6 Camp	7	8	9
6	10	11 K	12 K/N NAPLAN Starts	13 K	14	15	16
7	17 Harmony Week	18 K	19	20 K2	21 Dress up in Orange & Fundraiser for charity	22	23
8	24 NAPLAN finish	25 K	26 K	27 K Interschool Swimming Carnival - Beverley	28	29	30
9	31	1 APRIL K	2 N3 Year 3/4 Assembly 9am	3 K4	4	5	6
10	7 Earbus	8 K9	9 K10	10 K	11 Good Standing Reward Day	12	13

School Holidays - Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April

K - Kindy Day
N - Newsletter