Dear Parents and Community Members

The weeks are flying by and they seem to go faster the older you get. The “Dads and Kids Camp Out” is nearly here. It will be on this weekend and hopefully it will be as successful as the one held last year. It is a wonderful opportunity for students and their dads to share bonding experiences in a semi-school environment.

Over the years I have taken many senior students to visit aged care facilities and interacted with residents, not one has ever stated they wished they had worked more but all regret not spending enough quality time with their children. The camp out gives busy dads the chance to do just this. It also serves to demonstrate some of the issues and rewards associated with educating and organising young children.

Sincere thanks to the organising body and especially Michael Carmody for all the work he has done in preparation for the event. I am sure it will be most rewarding for all those who choose to attend.

Last week we took 56 students to a WACA T-20 cricket carnival held at Tompkins Park. We rode our bikes to the ground, played 4 games of T-20 and then rode home. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and certainly got their daily dose of sunshine and exercise. Once again our students were well-behaved and supportive of one another. It was a non-competitive environment where students were encouraged to have a go and give it their best.

We managed to win the girls competition with one team going through the day undefeated. No one seemed to care who won, it was just a great day out! Thank you to Mrs Mc Carthy and Mr Poad for their assistance with managing teams.

Kind regards,
Terry Nangle
Deputy Principal
Room 10 World Record

Ashanti Green, the Super Speller from Year 4, has smashed the World Record for Spelling, a record set by Attadale Primary student David Lampe in 2004. The previous record was 2350 words. Ashanti is already on 2380 words and still going. Her world record trophy will be presented at the assembly on 17 November.

Well Done Ashanti

SIMS Testing

School of Instrumental Music (SIMS) Testing for 2017

Testing for the 2017 school year SIMS positions took place last Wednesday and expression of interest forms will be handed out this week to the students selected. Attadale Primary School offers free violin lessons starting in Year 3, cello lessons starting in Year 4 and brass, flute and clarinet lessons starting in Year 6.

If your child missed out last Wednesday and you would like them to have the opportunity to be tested, please contact Asiri Perera by the end of this week. asiri.perera@education.wa.edu.au

Values Awards Winners

Paige Lagana - Stand Up -for helping a friend on crutches.

Claudia D'Souza - Take Care - for always caring for others. Claudia helps other students to read.

Hunter Springer - Fair Go- for encouraging a classmate who was trying her hardest.

Attention Year 5 Parents: GATE Programs for Yr. 7, 2018 are now open

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs applications are now open. These academic, arts and languages programs provide challenging and highly motivating learning opportunities for children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent. Programs are available at 18 select secondary schools including a fully selective academic school, an arts college, an online option and a regional school. The new Fremantle College opening in 2018 will also offer a Gifted and Talented Academic Program for Year 7 students.

More information can be found at http://det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/giftedandtalented/detcms/portal/ Applications close on 11.59pm Monday 6 February 2017
News from our Year 6 Parliament

The parliamentarians have been busy coordinating Term 4 activities. It is my pleasure to present the following events...

**Attadale’s Got Talent**

Your Minister for Cultural Affairs, Mia Cunningham, organised ‘Attadale’s Got Talent’ resulting in another year of fun and excitement for both the parliamentarians and participants. Signups were held on Monday the 17th of October and auditions took place on the 20th and the 21st of October. The show kicked off at 2pm this afternoon and all in attendance were very impressed by the talent and variety on display from our Attadale kids.

Congratulations to everyone who displayed our school value of ‘Stand Up’ and gave it their all on stage.

The winning acts for ‘Attadale’s Got Talent 2016’ will be announced at the next assembly.

**Salvation Army Christmas Collection**

For the last two terms the parliamentarians and Mr Perera have brainstormed ways that we can help people currently experiencing difficulty in their lives. We have chosen the Salvation Army as our major charity to support during 2016. From these discussions we have determined the best way to approach this is to identify an item category for each year group, e.g. blankets, colouring books, toiletries, toys, tinned food, etc. A poster stating which category each year group has been allocated will be forwarded to all families next week.

**Lunchtime Chess Club 2016**

Congratulations to **Riley Levar-Uppil (Year 5)**, who is the winner of the inaugural lunchtime chess tournament. In second place was **Kye Brindle (Year 6)** and third was **Charlotte Parsons (Year 5)**.

A terrific group of interested students ranging from PP to Year 6 loved spending the last ten weeks engaged in friendly and supportive chess instruction and competition. Chess club will be back in late 2017. Thank you to Mr Perera and Chris Field for running this competition in their break times.

**Beanies for MND**

On Friday 14th of October, I held a ‘Beanies for MND Day’. Students were asked to wear their favourite beanie to school and bring a gold coin donation. There were some really great beanies and we were lucky it was a cold day. In total we raised $358. This money went directly to MND-WA as part of the $20,000 my Dad and his friends raised to go on the Daniher’s Drive.

On Beanies for MND Day my friend Damien Delaney, an ex-Attadale parent, who suffers from MND came in to help me collect the money from each of the classes. Damien answered many questions about MND and he has asked me to thank you all for your support in raising money and awareness for MND.

Thank you Molly McCarthy Year 6
Di Wilcox is a children’s social and emotional learning expert often featured in the media. Di visited Attadale Primary yesterday to speak to our students. She presented several very kid-friendly strategies to deal with friendship disputes and uncomfortable feelings.

Di is a very engaging speaker and will be back next Wednesday to run another session with our students as well as a staff module in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend the student session. Her visit to Attadale Primary School is linked to our plan as a Kids Matter School to develop a safe and supportive school community where students are explicitly taught the skills of positive social interaction and mental health.

Attadale Primary School is currently planning a parent presentation with Di Wilcox for early 2017.

For students, learning to read is one of the most difficult, but necessary skills that they will accomplish in their primary school years. Here, at Attadale Primary, we take a multi-focused approach to developing these skills within our students. This article serves to explain to you just one of the strategies that we employ... guided reading.

Guided reading is a process where the teacher works with a small group of students, all with a similar need, as they read a common text. It is sometimes called Directed Silent Reading as it involves students reading a passage silently in order to find an answer to a question that has been set.

Basically, the teacher guides the students to a particular part of the text. A question is then asked, predictions made by the students, who then read the text silently in order to find evidence of the answer. Reading aloud is reserved for substantiation of the answer. Students are then redirected to the next section of the text and the process continues. This small group activity is often followed up with a written activity that further develops the targeted skill.

Teachers use this small group approach to develop word attack skills in the students, as well as their vocabulary and general comprehension skills. Guided reading is also used to target specific comprehension skills, such as inferring about the character’s motives through their speech.

If you have any queries regarding this approach to the teaching of reading, please see your child’s class teacher.

Written by Ms Heather Jardine

Year 3 Teacher
Year 1’s have been memorising their home address. After practising during the holidays, they wrote their family a postcard and sent it home. Some postcards took more than three days to arrive!

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10 Online Privacy Tips for Parents and Carers #10

10. Emphasise help is always available

Make sure your children know that they can ask for help if they have a problem online, whether from you, from their school or from government services. Reassure your children that you’re there to support them, you’re there to listen to things that may have arisen, and that you’re not going to automatically disconnect them from their online world if a problem arises.

If your children experience cyberbullying, the Office of the Children’s Safety Commissioner (OESC) may be able to help. Most social media sites also have their own complaints systems. The OESC also has information on a range of popular games, apps and social networking sites including instructional advice on how to activate privacy settings.

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) can also help you if you have a complaint about how an entity covered by the Privacy Act 1988 has handled your children’s personal information.

If you are concerned that your children’s identity information may have been compromised, IDCare the national identity support service can provide advice and support.

Dad and Kids Camp out this weekend!

-hope everyone has a great time camping and with all the great activities planned.

-hope the mothers have a relaxing Saturday night without the kids.

Disco

-Great work to the volunteers who organised the disco, these events don’t happen without them. It was a great night and around $1800 was raised for the P &C, which uses all its funds to help improve our school.

Uniforms

-Please continue to hand in your pre-order forms for the new uniform, with deliveries to start at the end of this term!

If you want further info on any P and C matters please contact me.

Anna Stevens 0400 036 440 or attadalepandcpresident@hotmail.com

Eat Play Thrive

At Coolbellup Community Hub
90 Cordelia Avenue, Coolbellup

Mondays@ 12.00pm—2.30pm

Session 1: 21st Nov
Session 2: 28th Nov
Session 3: 5th Dec

A workshop for parents and caregivers of children 1-12 years.

Are meal times becoming a challenge?

Kids having too much screen time?

Want to stretch your food dollar further?

EatPlayThrive is an exciting and hands-on healthy lifestyle program for families.

FREE Crèche 0–5 years available
Book early, places are limited

To register, please contact:
Cockburn Early Years 94113855

In Partnership with:

City of Cockburn
Like’ NgalaParenting
Tuning in to Kids presented by Meerlinga Young Children’s Foundation.

Venue: Bull Creek Community Centre
Corner Hassell Crescent and Leichhardt Street
Bull Creek

Time: 9.30 am – 11.30 midday.

Dates: Wednesday – 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th November 2016

This is a four week evidence based parenting program that helps parents and carers to build a strong relationship with their children. The program teaches emotional coaching skills helping parents to recognise, understand and manage their own and their children’s emotions during difficult times.

The program helps parents to:
- Understand the relationship between their children’s emotions and behaviour.
- Support their children to understand strong emotions and deal with conflict in a healthy way.
- Use children’s emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching.
- Assist children to verbally label and manage their emotions.
- Develop skills to assist children in problem solving.
- Guide children’s behaviour with appropriate limits.

Who is eligible?
Parents and carers with children aged between 3 – 8 years.

This is a free of charge event. Limited crèche facilities available.

To book please ring Kim on 9331 2211

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