Dear Parents and Community Members

I trust this has been a terrific year so far for you and your children. The term is just flying by and students are doing very well. We still have a way to go with Graduation, Reports and our final Christmas assembly. In these final weeks, everyone is regularly reminded that the rules don’t change in the last term and it would be great if you could reinforce this. There are no problems, but the excitement of the final few weeks, can be unsettling and we do want everyone to have the chance to finish off a great year in style. It is important that from here, students get good sleep and some down time as the business of school and family commitments this time of year can be taxing.

Information about the benefits of learning languages at primary school has recently been released by the Department of Education and is attached to this newsletter for your information. As from 2017, we will have an Indonesian Languages teacher working at our school.

Don’t forget we are working as one school community to make donations, as we do each year, for the less fortunate and this year we are collecting for the Salvation Army. It is a way for our community to show compassion to those who may be experiencing financial hardship during the Christmas period. Further information about what NEW items are being collected is outlined later in the newsletter. Please read on . . .

Regards,

Debbie Reynolds
Acting Principal

Year 6 Graduation Events for your Diary

Thursday 1 December Year 5/6 Social Dance in the Hall 6.30-8.30PM
Thursday 8 December Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6.00- 8.30PM in the Hall
Tuesday 13 December Graduation Assembly 9AM in the Hall
Wednesday 14 Dec Year Rottnest Trip 9.30AM - 3PM
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

Values Awards Winners

Max Bennetts -Room 7-Stand Up-for keeping the school clean
Archie Lush - Room 14 - Stand Up- for displaying the confidence to attempt new challenges
Merissa Le - Room 9 -Take Care - for staying behind to help others pack away

Upcoming Excursions

It will be a very busy finish to the year with most classes doing something wonderful to celebrate the end of school. Please return you permission slips with payment to the office ASAP. Extra permission slips are available on the website or here. Unfortunately no refunds can be offered if your child ends up not attending.

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The Year 6 parliamentarians have chosen the Salvation Army as our major charity to support in 2016. What better time than Christmas for the Attadale Primary School community to show our compassion for those who may be experiencing financial hardship during Christmas.

Suggested items

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<td>Beverages-Tea, coffee, sugar, Milo, Quik, UHT milk, long life juice, cordials and soft drinks, etc</td>
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<td>Personal hygiene-deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, towels, shaving kits, socks, underwear, toiletries packs, toilet paper, pens, paper, crossword puzzles etc</td>
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Handy Hints

- Ring pull tins are preferred
- Long expiry dates, please
- Avoid ‘no-name’ brands
- All donations from any category gratefully accepted
- Messages of support/thinking of you cards/Christmas cards welcome

Our collection will start in Week 7 and run until the end of Week 9 (Friday 9 December).

The parliamentarians will set up a collection point outside of the school administration building.

Thank you for contributing to a caring society.
Edudance Concerts - Friday 9 December

**Concert 1** commencing at **1.30PM** and **Concert 2** commences at **2.15PM**

(approx. running time is 25 minutes each concert)

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**Year 5 CODING news....**

“The Year 5’s in Room 12 and Room 14 have been very busy developing their coding skills. The students have been participating in a range of ‘unplugged’ and ‘plugged’ activities that include running relays to debug problems in an algorithm, programming partners and block coding. This week, Miss Smith brought out some ‘Dash’ robots. The students had loads of fun discovering all the cool things the robots could do. They also got to work with their partners to complete some block coding activities on the computer and had a go at a range of apps on the iPads. Coding makes up a small part of the Digital Technologies Curriculum that has been designed to equip students with necessary Computational Thinking skills required in many workplaces, plus it is heaps of fun!”
Christmas is fast approaching, thanks to all the teachers, parents and support staff for making it a great year at Attadale Primary School.

Collection of Second Hand School Uniforms

We are now collecting second hand uniforms in the clothes store as of next Thursday, which will be sent off to the Philippines to be used by a school in need. So you can start dropping them off next week. If anyone would like to drop off there unused school supplies these can also be left there to be sent over.

Attadads

By all reports was a very successful event. Thanks Michael and all the Attadads for running this fantastic event.

P&C meeting

The next meeting will be held next Wednesday the 30th of November in the staff room. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

If you are interested in helping out with the P&C, please contact me.

Anna Stevens 0400 036 440 or attadalepandcpresident@hotmail.com
AttaDads the stars

by JERICHO FEATHERSTONE

A CAMPOUT at Attadale Primary School last weekend is part of a program aimed at improving relationships between fathers and their kids, as well as making the school a safer place to be.

More than 300 kids and dads pitched tents on the school oval and spent the weekend bonding over ice-creams, bouncy castles, a fire truck and a movie.

AttaDads was formed last year, a 15-member community of fathers who’ve so far organised two campouts, a day out on the river together, and a couple of secret men’s business get-togethers sans ankle-biters.

AttaDads leader Michael Carmody says apart from helping to make happier families, the program is also helping to make the school safer as the campouts help everyone bond so they’re more likely to look after each other.

“One hundred and ten per cent successful,” Mr Carmody said of last week’s event, which was attended by more than half of the families with kids at the school.

AttaDads is based around guidelines established by The Pathway Project, which was established by UWA cancer researcher Bruce Robinson 20 years ago.

Dr Robinson had witnessed hundreds of men on their deathbed, and there was almost a universal regret they didn’t spend more time with their kids.

Researching the impact of neglectful dads on their kids, he found it could lead to increased substance abuse, self-harm and suicide.

That prompted him to establish The Pathway Project in conjunction with UWA, which now runs seminars at workplaces, schools and community groups, and has been adopted in six countries.

Dr Robinson’s efforts led to him being awarded Western Australian of the Year in 2013.
Learning a new language is fun and exciting. It also has wonderful benefits for children at school and in life. According to research, the best time to start is early in life so, from 2018, it will be compulsory for all schools to teach a language to Year 3 students. By 2023, all students from Years 3 to 8 will learn a language.

**Enhances literacy skills**
Children develop a better understanding of English when they study a new language. They become more aware of grammar, conjugation and sentence structures. This helps them understand how English works, enhances their comprehension and accelerates their ability to read and write.

**Improves memory and brain function**
Learning a language strengthens the area of the brain which is responsible for memory, speech and sensory perception. Bilingual people are better at retaining lists, sequences, names and directions. They are also more creative, perceptive and can concentrate for longer.

**Helps develop critical thinking and problem solving skills**
Learning a language enables children to analyse information and solve problems better as they can select relevant information and ignore irrelevant or misleading information. They become more rational and objective decision makers.

**Fosters respect and understanding of other cultures**
Learning a new language nurtures curiosity and openness in children. They become aware of new cultures, and develop a greater understanding and appreciation of other people and customs that are different to their own. As they develop their language fluency, they increase their ability to communicate across cultures and interact positively with people from other countries.

**Improves overall performance at school**
Studies show that bilingual and multilingual children outperform other children who speak only one language. Academic results indicate this is especially true in reading, vocabulary and maths.

**Creates employment and career opportunities**
More and more companies are seeking staff who can speak more than one language. Bilingual staff are valued for their ability to communicate in the languages of their business partners and to cross important cultural barriers.

**Enhances travel experiences**
A person who is able to speak the language of the country they are visiting has more opportunities to enjoy the local culture. They are able to interact more with locals, interpret written information and travel with ease.

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**WHY START LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL?**
- Brain development is accelerated.
- Oral skills are developed easily.
- Sounds and rhythms of the new language are easier to pick up.
- Younger children won’t speak the new language with an English accent.
- Younger children have the confidence to practise the language with other people.
- Children have more time to become proficient in the new language.
Is English your second language?

...or maybe you have family or a friend who would like to improve their English skills.

ESL English-Flying Start

Our ESL classes are designed to help you with both spoken and written English for everyday situations or for future study. Classes are small and the teachers are experienced in helping students from a wide range of backgrounds.

If you would like to join us for 2017 please phone and speak to one of our student advisors who will be able to give you details about class times and other courses available.

$55= 3 classes per week for 6 months
$110= 6 classes per week for 6 months

A $45 Dept Of Education National Police History Check is required for anyone over 18 years. Discount available for year long payment.

Enrol Now!
9351 5600

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News from Helping Hands Network

HELPING HANDS NETWORK- ATTADALE

This fortnight at Helping Hands we have been focusing on:

- The beach and summer
- Perfecting our Hama Bead creations
- Outside team sports

What is coming up at Helping Hands?

- Summer vacation program to be released shortly
- Recycling and sustainability activities
- Cooking club

Vacancies available now!
P: 0415 256 110
E: attadale@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for making me feel welcome as the new coordinator at Helping Hands. It has been great getting to know all of the children and their families. The children have already made me feel proud of their individual achievements in the short time that I have been at the service.

This last fortnight, while I have been getting to know the children, I have been learning about their interests so I can tailor the program to what they would enjoy. So far we have really been working hard on making some great Hama bead creations and making some beach/summer related crafts to get our room ready for the summer holidays.

Polly Rushen
Service Coordinator