Welcome to our last edition of Nexus (our school newsletter) for the year.

Congratulations to our wonderful Year Six students who are going to have their graduation dinner this evening. Some have been here for months and some for their whole educational life. The graduation assembly for Year Six students is next Tuesday morning 13th December, where we will present certificates and celebrate the ‘good times’ and how fast the years have passed by. We wish you well!

Other students and their families will be leaving for a range of reasons and we thank you for contributing to the Attadale Primary School experience. What you bring, share, listen to and learn makes for a very rich educational and life experience. Thank you for your contributions and good luck in your future.

Our staff at Attadale Primary School are second to none. Many thanks to them for their dedication and commitment to their students, your children. These staff include the terrific front office staff, gardeners, cleaners, education assistants and our newest addition to the school family Chris, our school chaplain. These people truly have your children’s best interest at heart and go out of their way consistently to make the education experience here the best it can be. This year we say farewell to Mrs Donaldson who has been teaching Year 4. Mrs Donaldson is retiring after many years of outstanding and dedicated service to not just our school but the teaching profession itself. Many students have been very privileged to have been taught by Mrs Donaldson and we thank her and wish her well as she begins her retirement. Also leaving is Mrs Vance who has been working as an education assistant in various classrooms and this year with the Mrs Pearl in the Pre-Primary. Our thanks to her also for many years of support and wonderful service to our school community.

Other staff heading off to new horizons include Miss Jeffery who has been working with Mrs De San Miguel in Year 6. Miss Jeffery will be taking up a full time teaching role in her new school and we thank her also and wish her all the very best as she embarks on her teaching career. Mr Lawrie is also leaving us temporarily as he has multiple interests in other many exciting ventures overseas. Mr Lawrie has worked alongside Mrs McCreery and taught Languages this year. We would like to thank Mr Lawrie for his innovative approach to the teaching of Languages and aspects of the technology curriculum.

Finally and very importantly, sincere thanks to you and your children. We have very few problems here at Attadale Primary School and a significant reason for this is the way students are sent to school, supported by families who value education. I cannot stress enough how important your very positive support and dealings with the school have been in determining how well our students have developed academically, socially and emotionally.

Many thanks and have a wonderful Christmas everyone!

Regards,

Debbie Reynolds

Acting Principal
**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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**Uniform Shop Opening Times for 2017**

The uniform shop will be open for the last time this year on **Thursday 15 December**.

The new uniforms are expected to arrive on 10 January 2017 and we will be processing pre-orders during January. **Pre-orders will be available for pickup on Friday 27 January 2017 from 9am.** The shop will not be open for sales at this time. The uniform shop will be **open for sales on Monday 30 January 2017 from 9am**

If you need items before the start of the school year in 2017, please ensure you complete a pre-order form by the end of term. Forms available [here](#)

Thank you,

Fiona Jerenic

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**Year 4 Basketball Stars !!**

A very talented group of year 4 boys took out the under 10 boys basketball premiership last night by winning the grand final.

All boys are from Attadale PS and coached by Attadale parent Narelle Holt. The Attadale Allstars beat the Richmond Raiders 21 to 14. It was their first season of basketball they have played so this was a fantastic effort.

Well done to Ryder, Jed, Jack, Jackson, Zac, Liam, Luke and Finn.
A great night was had by the year 5 and 6 students at their annual Social Dance. The students displayed the impressive dance skills they have been learning all term early on in the night to the delight of their parents. The parents were then asked to depart so the real fun could begin. Thanks to the Year 5’s who decorated the hall so well with a tropical paradise theme. It’s the final dance for the Year 6’s but the Year 5’s will get to do it all again next year! Thanks to all the parent helpers who helped decorate and set up on night.
Story Lab is a not-for-profit Young Storytellers Centre based at Paper Bird, Children’s Books & Arts in Henry Street Fremantle WA. Story Lab helps young people, aged 6-16 years, to develop their creative voice through the sharing of stories and ideas. Story Lab is developing an outreach programme for schools and partnerships with youth mental health and disability services.

On Sunday, 22 January, we will be having an Open Day at Paper Bird with lots of activities, including Manga, Comics, Mural Painting, & Story Time Art. We will also be running 3 theatre workshops called "A Play in a Day" with Nichola Margaret, Creative Writing Workshops with Deb Fitzpatrick and Song Writing Workshops with Leon Ewing between the 16 and 25 Jan.

Make it a priority to keep your child’s mind sharp and active by encouraging them to read for at least 10 minutes every day during the break to avoid the ‘Summer Slide’. A proven way to keep kids reading over summer is participation in a summer reading program.

To register, go to;
A huge thank you to all the parents who have kindly donated to this worthwhile cause. You will be helping give some families a much-needed hand during the Christmas period. Last chance to donate is Monday.

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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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.

After School Play at the School

We would kindly request parents to not allow their children to return to the school grounds after arriving home on week days. Unfortunately we have received increasing complaints about poor attitude and inappropriate behaviour. Helping Hands pays a lease to the school to provide paid after school care on our grounds and unsupervised children often interfere with the students under their care.

Students unsupervised after school can also be exposed to negative influence from high school aged students who loiter here.

Thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

Please report any suspicious behaviour, dangerous activities or vandalism around the school to ED SECURITY 9264 4771 or Palmyra Police 9339 1151
Gifted and Talented Program

Gifted and Talented
Secondary Selective Entrance Program
Year 7 in 2018 (plus years 8-11 top up testing)

Applications Due: 6 February 2017
Testing Date: 11 March 2017

- The Gifted and Talented (G&T) Secondary Selective Academic Program is chosen through testing by the Education Department.
- Selected students study Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences and English together as one class from Years 7 to 10. This model has proven to be successful in cultivating a culture of genuine teamwork, peer support, high-level motivation and encouragement.
- Teachers of G&T students are specifically trained to understand characteristics of the gifted learner and know how to teach to enable such a student to manifest their talents.
- Years 11 and 12 remain supported as a group as they complete ATAR, with afterschool study and homework groups, specialist support guest speakers and extension activities.
- Melville SHS Dux of 2015 was G&T student with ATAR of 99.70 and three students were accepted into the UWA Medicine Direct Pathway.

Apply to the WA Education Department HERE.
or www.melville.wa.edu.au
9330 0300

VACSWIM SUMMER 2017

Give your child the opportunity to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. Enrolments are now open for summer school holiday swimming lessons. Simply select a program and enrol online.

Program 1
- 40 Minute Lessons
  - Every weekday from Tuesday 3 to Friday 13 January 2017
  - Enrolments close Monday 28 November 2016

Program 2
- 45 Minute Lessons
  - Every weekday from Monday 16 to Wednesday 25 January 2017
  - Enrolments close Monday 5 December 2016

Short Program
- 35 Minute Lessons
  - Every day from Monday 9 to Friday 13 January 2017
  - Enrolments close Monday 28 November 2016

Early Start Program
- (limited wheatbelt centres)
- 45 Minute Lessons
  - Every day from Saturday 17 to Friday 23 December 2016
  - Enrolments close Monday 14 November 2016

Enrol online at education.wa.edu.au/swimming or telephone 9402 6412.
Message from the Co-ordinator

It has been a busy couple of weeks at Helping Hands as we get ready for summer, Christmas and our vacation care program. Please see the vacation care program included in this email and return your booking forms as soon as possible. The program is jam-packed with excursions, incursions and lots of activities at the service.

Next week we will be focussing on making cards and Christmas ornaments for residents of local aged care facilities who may otherwise receive nothing at Christmas. They are looking forward to receiving our gifts! The staff at Helping Hands would like to wish everyone in the school community a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Polly Rushen, Service Co-ordinator
Girls Play FOOTY TOO!!

LOVED AUSKICK? Love playing football?
Come and be a part of AFL history and join our East Fremantle Junior Girls Footy!

The East Fremantle and Attadale Junior Football Clubs are looking for girls across all age groups to form all-girls football teams.
From Auskick to the new elite AFL Female League the participation pathway provides opportunities to players of all skill levels.

To register your interest or to stay informed email your:
Name, date of birth and contact details to Jodie@seavalor.com.au or call 0411 821 918

Online Security Tips for Parents

1. Start the privacy conversation

To help your children protect their personal information, and their privacy, it is essential that you talk to them about what privacy is and why it is important. Privacy is about protecting information about who they are, what they do, what they think and what they believe.

Make sure your children understand how privacy relates to their online behaviour.

You should explain to your children:
- the steps they need to take to protect it and encourage them to report anything suspicious, like unknown people contacting them or unexpected notices. The key message your children need to understand is that they can protect their privacy by protecting their personal information. Personal information can include your child’s name, address, telephone number, school and date of birth.