Welcome back to School
from all the Staff at
Attadale Primary School

Upcoming Events

**Week 2**
**Friday 12 Feb**
Parliament Elections 1.10-3PM

**Week 3**
**Monday 15 Feb**
- **In-term Swimming** begins PP- Year 5
- **CyberSafety Parent Event** 7PM in the Library
There is still time to register your interest in this extremely worthwhile FREE parent information session.
attadale.ps@education.wa.edu.au

**Tuesday 16 Feb**
Cyber Safety Incursion Yr 5&6

**Thursday 18 Feb**
- **Assembly - Performance troupe/music in the Hall** 8.50AM
- Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.00AM
- Canteen Open
- P&C AGM in the Staffroom 7PM - All welcome

**Monday 22 Feb**
School Board Meeting 7PM in the staffroom.

Don’t forget Early Close is 2.30PM Each Wednesday

Week Two Welcome
It has obviously been a hot week and therefore challenging for everyone in a school context. At this point, I can share how even though the conditions have been extremely trying for staff and students, the standard in everything we do and expect at Attadale has not slipped.

Children (and staff) will be very tired at the end of a week like this so I ask that you try and configure some quality ‘down time’ for your children so they do start the next week with a “full battery”. Many thanks.

Parent Meetings
Many thanks to the staff and parents who sat and shared expectations, class/school rules, programs, etc… during parent class meetings over the last week. It was great to see nearly a full turn out for each class meeting. These meetings are not the ‘norm’ in each school but our staff commit to them as they value communication and sharing as much as possible. If you do have a concern or seek clarification around an aspect of school life, please talk to your child’s teacher first. Lots of people will give you advice (even gossip) but your child’s teacher has the direct answers to how your child is going.

Many thanks to both parents and staff for the team work to start the year.

Works in Progress - Update
With regards to the quadrangle bitumen, the contractor is hoping to start from 15th Feb for the acrylic surfaces then a couple of weeks after for line marking.

With this hot weather the surface is not conducive for full foot traffic or skate boards etc. Until the weather gets a lot cooler the surface will be soft like putty to all single point loads and will cause a lot of depressions which will show thru the acrylic surface.

Further updates will be confirmed depending on the forecast weather.

Kind regards,
Scott Harris
Principal
Reading Eggs Subscriptions

Attadale Primary School offers reduced rate subscriptions for the popular Reading Eggs online subscriptions. If you already have a subscription through the school, it will roll over once you have paid your new subscription fee of $24. Please come into the school office and make your payment to receive/continue your subscription.

For more information on the Reading Eggs Program please go to: http://readingeggs.com.au
This year sees a change in the way you are able to pay your Voluntary School and P&C Contributions at Attadale Primary School (as you were informed in our Contributions & Charges letter sent to you last year). We are very excited to offer all these different options to make your life easier.

PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE BUILDING FUND OF $25 PER CHILD WILL HAVE TO BE PAID TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY CHEQUE (Attadale Primary School P&C) OR CASH ONLY.

This is because it is a tax deductible cost and should not be confused with contributions and charges. It is a very important contribution to our school and goes toward many important projects. As soon as more payment options become available with the P&C, we will send the details to you.

If these payments have been made via the School Book lists (Campion), that is all fine and your payments have been received by the school. The receipt that you received from Campion will be the tax deductible receipt you use for tax purposes.

Many Thanks,
Debbie Brunette (Registrar)

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**Faction Swimming Carnival - PARENT RACE Swimmers needed!**

Our annual faction swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 3 March at Fremantle Leisure Centre from 9-12PM. As usual there will be a parent race on the day. This is often a highlight of the event. What that means is THAT WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO SWIM in the race. It will be 50M and it will be swum in faction teams. We are looking for about 4 parents from each faction willing to swim! Please contact Colin Poad on colin.alana@westnet.com.au to be involved.

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**Uniform Shop - Help Needed**

Do you have a spare hour on Thursday mornings ????

The start of the school year is a very busy time for the uniform shop. The shop is run by the Attadale P & C volunteers who are now looking for people to help under a roster system.

Any help would be appreciated.

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**Yoghurt Pots Needed..........**

Ms Jardine in Room 9 is needing donations of the yogurt pots that she uses for pencil pots.

If this is the brand you may use, please save the pots and give to Room 9 or leave in the office.

Many thanks.

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The AttaDads would like to formally welcome all new families and existing families back to Attadale Primary School for 2016. It was very exciting and highly rewarding to launch the AttaDads initiative in conjunction with “The Fathering Project” in 2015. The initiative aims to help men to be better dads and to encourage dads to understand and appreciate how important they are in a child’s development. We are currently in the planning phase concerning activities we will conduct in 2016 and would love some input from those existing and new dads of the school.

We have a meeting at Legends Bar in Attadale on the 11th February 2016 at 7pm for anyone who is interested in assisting in 2016.

We will be planning an event in March for Dads and Kids (likely to be on a weekend around water) and will look to plan other events throughout the year as well. We will also be coordinating the annual dads and kids campout for November 2016 and would love a few ideas and helpers for this event as well.

If anyone would like some more information about “The Fathering Project” in particular we would like to encourage you all to visit http://thefatheringproject.org/ and to sign up for the weekly tip. This is a weekly email that provides some ideas and reminders about small things that can be done to help dads and kids develop healthy relationships and memories together.

Anyone who may be interested in more information or assisting with the AttaDads can contact Michael Carmody on 0418 959 675 or email on michaelc@byfieldswealth.com.au.

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**P & C News - Annual General Meeting 18 February**

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Thursday 18 February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. If you can only attend one meeting this year, this is the one to be at! Here you get to have your say on who you would like to represent you on the P&C.

If you are able to attend more than one meeting, or have an interest in the happenings of the P&C and the school? All positions are declared vacant and we desperately need people to fill them. A number of the current P&C members are looking to hand over their roles to some new folks as they’ve been organising, coordinating and making our school the fantastic place it is, for a while now. We really need your support to continue to grow and make Attadale Primary the best possible place for your children.

**Positions Vacant:** President, Secretary, Treasurer, School Hall Hire Coordinator, Building & Grounds Safety, Fundraising Coordinator, Class Rep Coordinator and Uniform Shop Assistants

If you are interested in any of these positions, please let me, or any member of the current P&C know so we can discuss further. These roles are not overly time consuming and your attendance at each meeting is not a requirement for the job. We look forward to hearing from you...

Estelle Fallon t.efallon@bigpond.com or 0400 338 026
The State Schoolboys 12 Years & Under AFL Team trials for this year's State Team which will take place during 1st term and the April School holidays. This is open to any Student born in 2004 or 2005 that might be interested in trialling for the state schoolboys AFL team. Please note that only players turning 11 and 12 years of age in 2015 are eligible to nominate. This year's team will be travelling to Maroochydore in Queensland from July 22nd - 31st. The trial dates can be found on the School Sport WA website (www.schoolsportwa.com.au).

In order to nominate for the trials please go to the School Sport WA website where you will need to locate the 'Interstate' menu button which is located at the top of the page. All relevant details can be found on this website. If you have any queries please don't hesitate in making contact with Alex McLennan on 9276 5832 (Camboon PS) or 0438 937 078 or the School Sport WA office.

Please also be aware that School Sport WA sends teams interstate for other sports as well. If you may be interested in trialling for these teams please check out the WA Sport Website. To nominate, students simply follow the same process as above. Below is a list of sports, their travel dates and their trial months.

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Please contact Alex McLennan with any queries. Alex.McLennan@education.wa.edu.au
Well Done Amalea Lawrence

Government of Western Australia
Department for Child Protection
and Family Support

27th January 2016

Dear Amalea and the children at Attadale Primary School

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the kind and generous donation of infant clothing for our babies in care at Fostering and Adoption Services. It was gratefully received by our Foster Carers and very much appreciated especially over the Christmas period! Thank you for your time and effort in purchasing the items for these children in need and a special thanks to Amalea for organising.

Kindest regards

Melissa Teo

Carer Support Team

Fostering and Adoption Services

Department for Child Protection and Family Support

Well done to Amalea for initiating this clothing drive for foster babies and their carers. You are bringing awareness to this very important issue and it is commendable that you took it upon yourself to want to make a difference. Thanks to all the parents and students who donated clothing for this cause.