Welcome to our Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Don’t forget Early Close is 2.30PM Each Wednesday

Week 4
Friday 26 Feb
- Last day of swimming lessons for PP-5
- P and C Sausage Sizzle

Week 5
Wednesday 2 March
- Eamon Sullivan
  Guest Speaker Yr3 -6
Thursday 3 March
- Uniform Shop 8.15-9.00AM
- Canteen Open
- Faction Swimming Carnival Year 4-6 only
  Fremantle Leisure 9-12PM
  Spectators
  Welcome

Friday March 4
- Canteen Open
- Yr 4 Pt Walter “Clean Up Australia” walk 9-12.30PM

Week 6
Monday 7 March
Labour Day Holiday

Welcome to our third Nexus for the year. Swimming is almost over for our younger students and I can see some very tired faces. In saying that, our students (your children) have been fantastic and continued to work hard when back at school. Well done.

I have noticed that many classes have held parent meetings to discuss expectations and share what will be happening in the immediate future in your child’s class. This initiative plus individual parent meetings with teachers is not something you will be offered in all schools. Our staff work extremely hard to start the year off with lots of communication and a team approach. Many thanks to those who took this opportunity to pass on great information, learn what is happening and start a positive relationship with your child’s class teacher.

New Chaplain

On Wednesday this week we said goodbye to our current School Chaplain. Nat has been a great support to many students and families in the short time she has been with us and we wish her well in her new promotional position. I have nearly completed the selection process for our new Chaplain and will pass on this information as soon as it is available. Thanks Nat!!

Evacuation Drill

In the upcoming weeks we will be reviewing our evacuation policy and running an evacuation drill.

Edible Garden

This is an amazing part of our school and I want to thank one member of the team who is taking a break from Edible Garden duties. Michelle Pearce, you have been simply sensational when giving up your time to tend and develop the edible garden. Many, many thanks from me and the whole school community for the work and commitment. We will need more folk to build on Michelle’s terrific work and join Colin and Penny when possible. If you are interested in helping out in the edible garden, please see a member of the P&C or drop in to the office. Thanks Michelle and thanks Penny and Colin!!

Kind regards, Scott Harris

Principal
Congratulations to our newly elected Parliamentarians and Faction Captains for 2016.

Olympian Eamon Sullivan - Guest Speaker

Olympic Silver Medallist and former World Swimming Record Holder, Eamon Sullivan, will visit Attadale Primary School next Wednesday at 1:30pm. Eamon will speak to our Year 3-6 students about a range of topics, including: his career, how he has handled disappointment and adversity, how to set and achieve your goals and the importance of being resilient.

This assembly is being presented by the newly elected Parliament and parents are welcome to attend. There will be an opportunity at the end for students to ask questions and get autographs.

This visit is largely due to the efforts of one of our Attadale parents, Jo Gilkison (Matthew, Year 5). We can't thank Jo enough for her persistence and willingness to give up her own time for the benefit of all of our students. Thank you, Jo!
Cyber safety Evening

Top 10 Tips for Kids
1. Turn off your GPS or location services when posting on social networking.
2. Understand and use the security settings of the networks and apps you are on. They will help to protect your information and increase your safety.
3. Get to know your device inside and out - how it works and what settings can be used to keep you safe.
4. Monitor and assess your online footprint regularly. Delete old posts and minimise your online information.
5. Do not provide personal information to strangers online.
6. Think before you post anything. What does that information tell others about you?
7. Make sure all of your social networking accounts are set to private. Public information can be seen by everyone and anyone.
8. If you are the victim of cyber-bullying, or know someone who is - tell someone. 73% of Perth teens who are the victims of cyber bullying will not tell anyone.
9. Never share your passwords and be aware of who is around you when you log into your accounts.
10. Remember! Nothing is ever private online. Always assume that what you send online will and can be seen by anyone and everyone, including your parents.

Last week saw a great turnout of parents attending our Cyber Safety Session with specialist Paul Litherland. Lots of great knowledge was imparted and parents came away a lot more clued in regarding Cyber Safety and the threats the online world poses to our children. See our attached TOP TEN Tips

Values Award Winners

Martin Cooke
Stand Up
For helping clean up other peoples rubbish in the undercover area

Bohen Kane-Slocombe
Fair Go
For helping a friend tie his shoes

Summer Fairhead
Take Care
For helping her friend with a sun cream explosion

Reading Eggs Subscriptions - $24 Last chance

Attadale Primary School offers reduced rate subscriptions for the popular Reading Eggs online subscriptions. The cost of a new subscription is $24. If you already have a subscription through the school, it will roll over on February 28 once you have paid your new subscription fee. Please come into the school office before this date and make your payment to receive/continue your subscription.

For more information on the Reading Eggs Program please go to: http://readingeggs.com.au
Contributions and Charges now due

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)

AttaDads welcome all new and existing DADS

A note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Niri Ramlukun and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me via your school office or at my Community Health Base on 9314 0100.

Regards
Niri Ramlukun/ Community Health Nurse /South Zone/ Child and Adolescent Community Health/Fremantle- Melville Region
Department of Health
**Staff Profile - Courtney Duffy Year 2 Room 6**

**Previous Work History:** Leytonstone, East London and Carlisle Primary

**What do you enjoy about your job?** I love being able to make a lasting and memorable impact on children's lives and teaching them the skills to become citizens in society

**What are your interests outside of school?** I enjoy gardening, cooking, camping, travelling, skiing and the beach

**Interesting facts** I am getting married in December this year!

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**Staff Profile - Joanna Smith Year 5 Room 12**

**Previous Work History:** I have been teaching at various metropolitan schools for the last couple of years.

**What do you enjoy about your job?** I enjoy challenging myself and my students. Watching my students set goals and achieve them. This is a very rewarding profession.

**What are your interests outside of school?** I love to dance and have been for 20 years

**Interesting facts** I teach hip hop to kids at a local dance studio. I like to sew, and spent a year at WAAPA studying costume construction before studying teaching.

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**Faction Swimming Carnival - PARENT RACE Swimmers still 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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**Art Room Help - Handyman required**

Calling out to all parents!!! Are you handy with the tools? If you are then we need your help in the Art Room. We are looking for someone to help us install large artworks/panel around the school to showcase our amazing artistic talent. Please contact Kathryn Power Kathryn.power@education.wa.edu.au if you can help.
Attadale P&C Pieces

Firstly a big thank you to those that attended the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18 February and those that have let us know that they are available and able to assist where needed. It is always heart-warming to meet parents, current and new, and to hear your enthusiasm for helping at our wonderful school.

Secondly, I would like to express our gratitude to Yvette Borgward, former President of the P&C, for your efforts over the years. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you as we endeavour to deliver projects that enhance our children’s enjoyment of Attadale Primary. I would also like to extend thank you’s to Arianne George, Rob Bonness, James Stenslunde, James Murray and Wendy Parker, all of whom were an integral part of the P&C in 2015.

And lastly, I encourage anyone who has an idea, a passion or an interest in our school to say ‘Hi’ to one of the P&C Committee members. We are always happy to have a chat, hear your ideas and table them for discussion.

Your P&C for 2016 is:

President: Estelle Fallon
Treasurer: Scott Balloch
Secretary: Teena Gardner/Amour Stanes
Class Rep Coord: Amour Stanes
Uniform Shop: Fiona Jerinic
*Hall Hire Rep: Sherrie Lauder
Fund Raising Coord: Hayley Clarke (TBC)
*School Grounds: Vacant

The roles of Hall Hire Representative and School Grounds Rep (including Edible Garden) are open or vacant. If you are interested, please contact me for a coffee and catch up!

Keep your eyes out on the Monday Reminders and the next Nexus for the schedule of dates for P&C Meetings as well as some new ideas and initiatives we are looking to explore and implement.

In the meantime, feel free to contact me on 0400 338 026 if you have any queries or questions.

Estelle
Parent-Child Connection – Wednesday 9 March x 4 weeks - 6.30-9pm
$50 per person/$75 per couple
Raising children should be one of life’s greatest experiences, but as any parent knows, it is not an easy task. People with children under ten are invited to this four-week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence. For further information please 6164 0200.

Successful Single Parenting - Wednesday 30 March – 6.30-9pm $25.
People become single parents through a range of life choices and circumstances. Parenting alone is different in many ways compared to a two parent household and can have its difficulties and challenges. Whatever the challenges it is important to live your life in ways that shows your children you are happy. This will help them accept and value their lifestyle. If you are a single parent and are through that initial break-up stage this course will provide strategies that will help you develop a close and special relationship with your child. For further information please 6164 0200

Understanding Stepfamily Relationships – a weekend course 1 2 3 April -
$75 per person/$120 per couple.
Stepfamilies and blended families operate in a different way to intact biological families. The dynamics of a stepfamily are more complex and there is a need for special understanding and management from both biological and stepparents working together for a healthy stepfamily growth to happen. For further information please 6164 0200.

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