Upcoming Events

Week 10

Friday 8 April
- Last Day of Term 1
- Kids Matter End of Term Picnic 12.30pm

Monday 25 April
- ANZAC DAY Holiday

Tuesday 26 April
- Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 27 April
- First day of Term 2

Thursday 28 April
- Canteen & Uniform Shop open
- Story of an ANZAC Show K-6
- Yr 3 visit to ASHS

Friday 29 April
- ANZAC Day service - run by the Parliament

Dear Parents and Community

Term one is all but over and how it has flown. New staff and students, new Board members, camp, swimming, beach swimming, carnivals and of course many, many great examples of excellence in the teaching and learning of the students here at Attadale Primary School. It has been a very busy term and one where your children, our students, have excelled in terms of their behaviour and efforts to be the best they can. Make sure you have a great break, where possible, with your children and we look forward to Term 2. Just a further reminder that the students do not start Term 2 until Wednesday the 27th April 2016. Stay safe.

School Board

Firstly I would like to share that our Board Chair, Mr Nigel Tinley, has decided to step down as the Attadale Primary School Board Chair. Nigel has been on the Board for nearly 4 years and has been a passionate supporter of public education and particularly everyone involved here at Attadale Primary School. The staff and I would like to personally thank Nigel for his care and leadership in this role and wish him and his family well for the future.

Long Service Leave

Just another quick note to share that because the Department of Education is ensuring all staff use long service leave as soon as possible, we will have a number of our staff taking leave across the remainder of the year. We are planning together to try and ensure as little disruption as possible. Thank you for your support of these staff taking leave and of course of the ones who will replace them.

Kind regards,
Scott Harris
Principal
It has been a few years since we were competitive in an A division carnival but due to minimal impact of students leaving and no year 7s we are now participating on a more even playing field. Having said that our swimmers gave it their everything on the day and deserved the victory. It was a real team effort, our school values of give it your best, stand up and fair go were clearly on display.

Outstanding performances in the relay events helped us over the line. The Year 4 girls actually won their relay by an amazing 22secs, a huge swimming margin. Thanks to the very vocal parents who turned up to cheer the students on, it gave us a real boost.

**Individual medal winners on the day were:**

- Kinley Paterson Year 4 gold.
- Louise Barton and Jess Potma Year 4 silver.
- Alex Poad Year 5 silver.
- Kane Bruce Year 5 bronze.
- Levi Hartley Year 6 silver.

Well done to everyone on such a huge achievement.

**Parents of swimmers are asked to launder the bathers and return them.**

Thank you, Terry Nangle (Deputy Principal)
Staff Profile - Tanaya Barnes, Year 6 Teacher

What do you enjoy most about your job?
Having the ability to help children achieve their best. Seeing their energy and inquisitiveness come to life and most of all it keeps me learning every day.

What are your interests outside of school?
Travel, sport (mainly netball and rugby) and hanging out with my husband and naughty dog.

Interesting Facts: I have visited 52 countries around the world, seeing six continents.

Values Award Winners

Ella Patching Rm 8 - Take Care
For picking up rubbish around the school.
Well done Ella

Hamish Patel Rm 13 - Stand Up
For encouraging his peers during sport practice.
Great Effort

Marley Green Rm 7 -Give It Your Best
For helping the Year 6’s pack up the large chess set. Good on you!

ANZAC DAY Commemorations

STORY OF ANZAC K-6 INCURSION-Thursday 28 April (Week 1 Term 2)
“Story of an Anzac” is the latest production by Sydney or the Bush and is 60 minutes of interactive entertainment. The 2016 tour will focus on The Anzac legend post Gallipoli, Our Anzacs in France, in the Middle East and on the home front as well. It includes important Anzac stories acted out with the assistance of live animals. The cost of this incursion is $5 per child. Please complete the payment slip that was sent home yesterday (extra copies are on our school website) and return to the school by Wednesday 27 April.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE P-6 FRIDAY 29 April (Week 1, Term 2)-SPECIAL INVITATION
The Attadale Primary School parliamentarians will host our annual service at 9am on Friday 29 April. Parents/family members are invited to attend and this year we would like to send a special invitation to all members of our school community who have served Australia or New Zealand in any military role (army, navy, air force, army reserve, etc). They will be our special guests at this service. After the conclusion of our service (approximately 9:30), a morning tea will be hosted by staff and our student leaders for all special guests and their families.

If you are able to attend as a special guest, please email asiri.perera@education.wa.edu.au with your full name and service history.
The Attadale Primary School Board is made up of up to 15 people (8 parent/community members, 7 staff). Due to people stepping down and others with their tenure complete, we had some vacancies for staff and parent / community representatives for the Attadale PS Board. We advertised recently and I am pleased to announce that the following people have nominated and accepted a position on our Board. (Because some people stepped aside and left the exact number of vacancies as nominations, we did not need to complete a selection process)

**Alison Parr**
I am delighted to be joining the board at Attadale Primary School and look forward to working with the school community going forward. My family and I moved to Australia from the UK in May 2014 and have lived in Attadale since then. I am married to Stuart and we have 3 children, including Adam in year 6 and 2 older girls who attend Santa Maria College. I work full time at St John of God Murdoch Hospital as Director of the Hospice and Deputy Director of Medical Services. I also hold an Adjunct Associate Professor position at the University of Notre Dame. I have a strong interest in education, probably borne of being the daughter of a teacher, and have had experience working on and with the executive boards of various healthcare organisations in the UK and Australia since 2002.

**Lara Richardson**
As a mother of 3 children and a parent at this wonderful school, I’m delighted to take a role on the School Board and assist in further fostering communication within the school community. I’m looking forward to working with you all and providing my support and experience in the best interests of the children and the primary school within the wider community.

**Colin Poad**
I grew up on a dairy farm, five hundred acres with a river flowing though it, and celebrate all the experiences that it gave me. Primary and high school was in Armadale when it was pretty much a country town - the experience was rich and rewarding. I took the chance of playing sport at every opportunity.

As a grown-up I have worked mostly as an editorial newspaper graphic designer with The West Australian where events around the world make every day a little bit different.

Alana and I knew when we walked onto the grounds of Attadale Primary School that this was the right place for our two children, there is a generosity of spirit which takes me back to my own childhood. If I can contribute to maintaining and fostering this feeling by joining the school board - job done.

I still relish the opportunity to climb a tree, do a bombie in the river and kick a footy.

Thank you for volunteering your time and we look forward to working with you. The next set of names are our current Board members who obviously will be joined by the above new members. Thank you all for your commitment to all students and staff here at Attadale.

- Scott Harris- Principal;
- Asiri Perera - Deputy;
- Debbie Reynolds - Deputy;
- Julia Pearl - Teacher;
- Jennifer O'Malley - Teacher;
- Courtney Duffy - Teacher;
- Michelle McCreery - Teacher;
- Melinda Eylward - Parent;
- Penny Caminiti - Parent;
- Yvette Borgward - Parent;
- Kirk D'Souza - Parent;
- Anna Stevens- Parent.
Introducing the Attadale Primary School Parliament

A few weeks ago more than half of the two Year 6 classes tried out for school parliament with only six positions available. The standard of the presentations by the students that nominated for a position were extremely high. Students from year 4-6 voted and, in what must have been a difficult choice, the following students were elected:

- Jackson Fitzgerald [Premier]
- Molly West [Minister for Communications]
- Jessica Leigh [Minister for Environment]
- Daniel Parker [Minister for Resources]
- Kye Brindle [Minister for Sport]
- Mia Cunningham [Minister for Cultural Affairs]

Well done to all students that participated in the election and congratulations to the elected Parliamentarians.

Everyone who nominated to be part of the Parliament wanted to guide Attadale Primary to success during their last year, provide a final and everlasting contribution to the students and school, embrace the leadership opportunity offered, and for some it was a personal achievement allowing them to improve their public speaking, confidence and leadership skills.

Easter Raffle

Before Easter your Minister for Resources, Daniel Parker and the parliamentarians organised an Easter raffle to go towards the Year 6 end of year gift. We sold tickets on Monday to Wednesday (21-23 March 2016). Tickets for the raffle were in high demand due to the fabulous prizes on offer. Thanks to the Year 6 donations. Well done to all those involved in preparing for the raffle and congratulations to all the winners! We raised just over $600 in total.

Eamon Sullivan Visits Attadale

Our school was very honoured to have swimming superstar, Eamon Sullivan, visit earlier this term. He came and spoke about his challenges and achievements throughout his swimming career and answered many interesting questions from the parliamentarians and students. His main message was: work hard and you can achieve great results. Many of the students were surprised to hear that he wasn’t even aware of his swimming ability until late into primary school. This was just the encouragement needed the day before our swimming carnival. I believe that the parliament was very excited to meet and interview Eamon.

Lunchtime Sport-Term 2

As the minister for Sport, I Kye Brindle, will be setting up sporting activities for everyone to participate in. This will begin next term and sign ups will be the on the first week. The participants will be broken into two groups: Years 1-3 and Years 4-6. I hope that you will enjoy the fun sports activities that I have lined up.

Mini-Minister

Hello, my name is Mia Cunningham, your Minister for Cultural Affairs. Next term, the other parliamentarians and I are running ‘Mini-Ministers’ (just like last year). If you are not familiar with ‘Mini-Ministers’, it allows the younger students (Years 1-5) to gain experience in our school leadership as they become a minister for a week. They will have a turn at attending a parliament meeting, assist with running an assembly and complete many more of the ministers’ tasks.

Students who are keen to become a ‘Mini-Minister’ will need to write a paragraph about what makes a great leader. More detail will be given to our students next term.

Written by Molly West, Kye Brindle and Mia Cunningham on behalf of Mr Perera and the Attadale Primary School Parliament
The Children’s Book Council of WA. Make Your Own Story Book Competition is held annually and is open to entries from young people statewide. It includes categories for picture books and story books. Winners are honoured at an event in August. Great activity for the holidays!

Go to their web page to print an entry form and read details: http://wa.cbca.org.au/wamyosb.htm#hints

Closing date for entries Friday June 10 2016.

Attadale Dental Clinic - School holiday information

For your information the Attadale Dental Therapy Centre will be closed for the school holidays.
For emergency treatment:
Week one contact Caralee DTC 93376818
Week two contact Beaconsfield DTC 9335875

Upfront Payments Now Accepted at the Office

Following the successful implementation of the new finance system, we are now ready to accept upfront payments for incursions/excursions. This means that parents are able to pay a lump sum to the school and the school will deduct any upcoming incursion or excursion from that balance automatically. At the end of every term, the parents who have chosen this method of payment will receive a statement showing the balance of their credit and can then choose to deposit more if need be.

It is important to note that this lump sum payment will only go towards school incursions and excursions. Any other payments for things such as PEAC, instrumental music etc will be additional. Contributions and Charges will be in addition to this payment as well. These lump sum payments can be made by direct deposit, cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Just fill in the usual payment slip with a notation of UP FRONT PAYMENT and the student’s name.

In line with the letters that we send out in November every year stipulating the School Contributions and Charges, we expect the Incursion/Excursions to be no more than $40 per term for Kindy and Pre-Primary and $50 per term for Years 1-6, so this will give you an idea as to how much you may like to pay upfront. When we get to the end of the year, parents will have 3 options with remaining balances:-

- Roll it over to the following year for the same student or a sibling;
- Obtain a refund in the way of a cheque;
- Donate it to the school if the child is leaving.

We are continually looking for ways to make your life easier with regards to payments etc, so hopefully this meets with most parents’ approval. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Debbie Brunette (Registrar)
Entertainment Books 2016/17

It is that time of year again! Time to renew your entertainment book subscription or get a new one. Make sure you nominate Attadale Primary when you order so we can receive a portion of the funds raised. Cut and paste the following link.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE COMING TO
ATTADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL!

$13 from each sale contributes to our fundraising!

Order yours today and help us with our fundraising...

The Entertainment™ Book gives you access to thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for Perth’s best restaurants, cafés, attractions and more. Plus it offers the best in market prices for thousands of hotels, resorts, car rentals, theme parks, groceries, petrol and shopping that you can use whenever you like until June 2017.

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Memberships will be available in May, however, pre-order today to receive up to $200 in Early Bird Offers that you can use straight away!

For Queries contact: Arianne George on arianne.george@iinet.net.au
No Jab No Pay

From 1 January 2016, there will be changes to the immunisation requirements for Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR).

What are the changes?

- CCB and CCR payments have been conditional on children up to the age of 7 meeting current immunisation requirements. From 1 January 2016, this requirement will be extended to apply to all children up to 20 years of age.
- Children will no longer be exempt from meeting the requirements for CCB and CCR payments if their parents have registered an objection to vaccination on the basis of personal or philosophical beliefs.
- A child must be fully immunised, on a catch-up immunisation schedule or have a valid exemption at the time a parent makes their very first claim for CCB.
- Previously, if parents met the other eligibility criteria, their CCB claims would be approved and they would have a 63 day ‘grace period’ for their child to meet the immunisation requirements. From 1 January 2016 the claim will not be approved if the immunisation requirements are not met.

What stays the same?

- Children with medical contraindications or natural immunity which are certified in writing by a General Practitioner will still be exempt from the immunisation requirements.
- Parents still have the right to choose not to vaccinate their child.
- Child care service providers can still set their own policies around whether or not they provide care to unimmunised children (in accordance with their state or territory requirements).
- If child care service providers or state/territory laws allow it, parents who are not eligible for child care payments can still use child care and pay the full fee.
- If a family is already eligible for CCB and the child misses a scheduled vaccination, the family receives a letter from Childcare Aware advising the vaccination is overdue. The family still has 63 days to catch up their vaccinations and become up-to-date again.

Opportunity through learning
Cockburn Basketball Association

Home of the Cougars

Cockburn Basketball Association

Cockburn Cougars – Cockburn Basketball Association
Wally Hagan Stadium
Starling Street, Hamilton Hill
(08) 9335 9101
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Cougar Cubs

For girls & boys aged 3 to 5
Develop:
- Hand/eye coordination
- Motor skills
- Basic basketball skills and knowledge
All in a fun environment!
Saturday mornings during the school term 9am–10am
Cost $8 per session

Aussie Hoops

For girls & boys aged 5 to 10
Develop basic basketball fundamental skills and knowledge.
Saturday mornings (10am–11am) and Monday afternoons (4pm–5pm) during school term.
Cost $85 per term for new participants ($65 for returning participants).

Modified Games

FREE sessions for girls & boys!
Transition into playing basketball games. Modified rules & structure.
Focus on development & fun.
- Mondays 5pm-6pm (girls & boys aged 5-12)
- Wednesdays 4pm-5pm (girls & boys aged 12-18)
- Saturdays 11am-12pm (girls & boys aged 5-12)

Want to play basketball?

Make new friends, learn new skills and have some fun?
Register now at Cockburn Basketball Association
www.cockburncougars.com

Junior Competition
- Monday afternoon – under 10 boys
- Tuesday afternoon – under 10, 12 & 14 girls
- Wednesday afternoon/evening – under 16 & 18 boys & girls
- Friday afternoon – under 12 & 14 boys

Senior Competition
- Monday night – men and women (various divisions)
- Tuesday night – vets and social ladies

Contact development@cockburncougars.com for more details
Find us on Facebook:
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FREE BASKETBALL CLINICS & GAMES

Coached by Andy Stewart
- Perth Lynx Head Coach
- WNBL Coach of the Year

1. Wednesday 11 May
2. Wednesday 18 May
3. Wednesday 25 May
4. Wednesday 1 June
   4pm-5pm
Wally Hagan Stadium
Starling Street, Hamilton Hill
No need to register, just turn up!
LJ & Patty say JUMP INTO IT!

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Cougars Aussie Hoops
Wally Hagan Stadium
Mondays 4pm-5pm
Saturdays 10am-11am