Welcome to our Newsletter

Welcome to week 3.
It has been a terrific week with many rewarding moments of celebration and enjoyment for all at Attadale Primary School. It is a pleasure to move around our classes and playgrounds and witness the positive hardworking attitude of our students and staff. We do have the occasional issue and a team approach always ensures we are solution focused and positively working together. Thank you to all who engage with the education of our students (your children) in this way. We are all looking for the same outcome.

It was terrific today, as on many days, to see our community engaging with the school to ensure we collectively provide the best opportunities for learning we can. To see Mr Borgward (grandfather of Ashton), working around our gardens along with lots of mums and dads in many classes reading and engaging in activities, was awesome. Thank you!

Long Service Leave
Staff have been directed by the Department of Education to clear their Long Service Leave by the end of this year, 2016. As you are possibly already noticing, this means many staff will be using their leave in a variety of ways to ensure they follow this directive.

We are working as a whole school to ensure that not everyone takes their leave at the same time and that quality replacement staff fill the vacancies. All government schools need to follow the same directive and many, like us, will need to manage a wide range of leave requests. Talk to your class teacher to gather any further clarification. The class teaching staff will also keep you informed as changes take place.

Kind regards,
Scott Harris
Principal
2017 Kindergarten Applications are now open.

2017 Kindy Enrolments opened on Monday 9 May. Please see Application for Enrolment Form below. Please attach Proof of Address (Telephone, Synergy bill), Immunisation records and Birth Certificate and bring it into the school office as soon as possible. **THE CLOSING DATE FOR KINDY 2017 ENROLMENTS IS FRIDAY 22 JULY 2016**

**2017 Kindy Application for Enrolment**

_PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ONLY ONE APPLICATION CAN BE MADE AT A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL SO YOU MUST BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE CORRECT SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD IN ORDER TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT._

Attadale Primary School is a local intake school with boundaries as per the attached map.

### Eagles Cup - Winter Sport (Years 5 and 6)

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If your child is participating in the winter sport program, please encourage them to be organised for their game. They must bring their allocated sports shirt, along with any special footwear, mouthguards, shin guards etc. Their school hat is mandatory as well as their drink bottle. Parents, you are welcome to come and support the teams and we encourage you to do so.

### News from The School Board

Our School Board met on Monday and welcomed our new members: Lara Richardson, Colin Poad, Alison Parr (absent for this meeting), Michelle McCreery, Courtney Duffy and Jen O’Malley.

One of the hot topics of discussion was the development and design of our new school uniform. This has been a deliberately painstaking process to enable your board to choose a uniform that truly represents who we are and what we stand for at Attadale Primary School. We compared designs and fabrics from different suppliers, as well as choosing and eliminating clothing options. A big “thanks” to Fiona Jerinic who has been instrumental in sourcing samples from different suppliers and who brought along her children, Hannah and James, to be our live models. Their presence was invaluable as it allowed the board to see the different samples in action.

Our new uniform and brand will be launched with an event to be held for the whole school community during the second half of this year. More detail will be provided as the board completes the branding/uniform process.
Ms Jardine's Year 3 class have been working hard with their older buddies from Applecross Senior High to participate in a very innovative Storybook Project. The children have been paired up with the students from Applecross to write and illustrate children's storybooks. The end results are amazing. Feel free to stop by Ms Jardine's class to have a look.

A GROUP of Applecross Senior High School students can lay claim to the title 'children's authors' after pairing with two Attadale Primary School classes for an innovative storybook project.

Under the guidance of English teacher Kathie Donovan, the Applecross students worked with Year 3 Attadale students to research, write and illustrate storybooks that would interest their young partners.

"The project aims to teach the importance of purpose and audience in writing," Ms Donovan said.

"The students work on both analytical and creative aspects of storybook composition.

"They learn about the storybook genre and its physical make-up, look at plot subgenres and their conventions and complexities, deconstruct the different characters types and, perhaps most importantly, learn to appreciate the sheer power of language, its nuances and variety, and how something as simple as word choice can affect both purpose and audience.

"They also create their own storybook according to the needs and interests of their audience."

Those needs and interests were diverse, with the finished works exploring themes from friendship to fear of the dark to sporting achievement.

"This is a demanding project for the Year 10 students on many different levels," Ms Donovan said. "For some, the one-on-one meetings with a young person they do not know can be quite daunting."

"They need to learn to 'read' their partner and to use appropriate communication strategies for that environment."

"Many students, not practising readers in this day and age, learn to enjoy stories again, and find themselves reading more extensively than they have for many years."

Copies of the finished storybooks are now on display in the library at Applecross SHS with students encouraged to vote for the one they feel is most effective for its targeted age group.
Upfront Payments now at the Office

You are now able to make a lump sum payment at the office which will be left as a credit on your child’s account. Payments for all incursions and excursions can then be automatically deducted from this amount (you will still need to return permission slips). A statement will be issued at the end of each term so you can see the balance of your child’s account. You can make this payment with cash, cheque, Eftpos or Direct Debit (Attadale Primary School BSB 066 163, ACC 00903316).

Entertainment Books 2016/17
Now available to purchase from the office or online

The new Entertainment books is now available.
Win a trip to Bali with Entertainment Books! Our stock of Entertainment Books have just arrived and are ready to use immediately - that's over 12 months of value in 1 book. To celebrate the inclusion of Bali in this year's book, every order placed before 1 June goes into the draw to win a trip to Bali. This is a fundraising activity for our school with every book contributing funds to our school P&C fundraising. Order forms have been sent home or there is a link at the end of this newsletter. Order your copy now! https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8310s2 or contact Arianne on arianne.george@iinet.net.au

News from Our Community School Nurse

“Tips for Preventing Head Lice”

Check your child’s hair regularly for head lice and eggs (nits). Use a metal fine tooth “nit” comb and plenty of hair conditioner applied to dry hair, to make the task easier and more effective. To help children sit still for this, offer distracting activities, e.g. play a favourite video, provide games, encourage reading, offer a head massage.

Tie long hair back. Braid long hair and/or put up if possible.

Consider applying hair gel or mousse. These do not prevent or repel lice but may keep stray hair strands from contact with other heads.

Avoid sharing combs or brushes.

Remind your child to avoid head-to-head contact with other children, e.g. when working at the computer with others, or when playing or hugging.

If your child has head lice, please notify their teacher.

For more information:
Visit www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/261/2head_lice_fact_sheet.pm
A new learning opportunity is coming to Attadale and it is exciting! Are you in Years 4-6 and do you want to learn how to make your own games, apps, websites and more? Then look no further as a coding club, called Coder Dojo is coming! It will operate here at school in the computer lab on Fridays from 12:30-1:10 and we will have our first session on Friday May 27th.

Dojos are fun, free and social coding clubs for young people, just like you. Dojos are not classes or workshops. There is no curriculum. Instead, a Dojo offers an unstructured open free learning environment where you can meet others with similar interests and advance your 21st century skills by working on creative digital projects of your own choice. For our Dojo we are very fortunate to have Palmer and Ari’s dad Kim, be our Champion to start our club up and get us going. Miss Smith, Mrs Reynolds, Mr Lawrie and Mrs Donaldson have also volunteered their lunchtimes to mentor and get everyone started. All you need to bring is your creative, cool self and your lunch (finger food might be easiest).

You can look on the CoderDojo Zen map to find the Dojos that have started in Western Australia.

There is a down side in that there are very few spaces in our Dojo available. As there will be lots of you wanting to join, you will need to sign up by completing the form below and handing it in to Mrs Reynolds or Miss Smith in Room 12 as soon as possible. It will be ‘first in best dressed’ at this stage along with your parent’s permission.

Read the CoderDojo WA Overview to find out more.

Please print, cut off and return to school if you are interested.

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**Year 4-6 CODER DOJO CLUB **

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:**

Name _______________________ Year ___ Room ___ would like to become a Coder DoJo Ninja.

**Student sign**

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**Parent Sign:**____________________________________________

**Received by:** _____________________________

**Date:** __________ Time: __________
Attadale P&C Pieces

“I don’t have time.” “I don’t have anyone to look after the kids.” “You guys do such a good job, you don’t need my help.” These are the three most common comments I hear when I try to talk to parents about helping the P&C.

We’re all busy. I get that. Single parent families, FIFO families, shift work families and all families in between. I completely understand that getting to meetings isn’t always possible and that’s ok. Meetings are only a small part of being involved with the P&C.

The current committee has a number of great initiatives they would like to implement, but we are but a small group and we can’t do it all on our own. We’re looking for other small groups to help us achieve our goals.

Listed below are some of the events that we have coming up, or want to start work on. What we need is your time. An hour here, two hours there. Skype, email, over coffee. Anyway we can. Help us, to help your Little Monsters or Darling Cherubs have the best possible time and environment at this great school.

Please let your Class Representative know how you are able to help with any of the following…

**ELECTION DAY**
**2 JULY 2016**
Attadale Primary School is a registered polling station and has traditionally hosted a sausage sizzle and cake stall for voters. We require volunteers to man the BBQ and manage the cake stall. The polling booths are open from 8am through to 6pm, so we will require help with setup and pickup before and after. My suggestion would be to get in early to choose your time slot!

**SCHOOL DISCO**
**28 OCTOBER 2016**
Pop this date in the diary and start thinking all things Halloween! An opportunity for the young and young at heart to dress up and have a spooky good time. Looking at helpers to decorate the hall, come up with some Halloween themed fun and make this THE disco to remember.

**FUNKY BIKE RACKS WANTED**
Let’s come out and say it, the bike area is a bit of a schmozzle and a nightmare to navigate! We’ve had a look at what you can buy on the market and it leaves us all completely underwhelmed. Looking for someone in the know or who knows a someone, or at least has an idea how we can best utilize the space.

Want to chat all things P&C, but can’t make a meeting, feel free to call Estelle on 0400 338 026, or email t-effalon@bigpond.com