Welcome to Attadale Kindergarten

We hope you and your child will have a happy and fulfilling year with us. If at any time during the year you have any queries or concerns regarding your child please contact your child's teacher. The most appropriate time for this is by appointment on a Wednesday between 10.00 & 11.00 am for Blue Group and 11.15 & 12.15pm for Red Group.

Kindergarten Philosophy

It is of the utmost importance for our staff to form a trusting, respectful and caring relationship with each child. A happy and stimulating learning environment will be provided for your child, taking into account individual needs and differences. The Kindergarten environment at Attadale Primary School enables each child to adjust and cope both socially and emotionally. Parent involvement is of great value to us and we invite parents to become partners in the education of their children.

Each child is observed and assessed through the Early Years Learning Framework Outcomes and the Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines. These outcomes and guidelines are aligned with the Australian Curriculum learning areas of: English, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Arts, Science, Technologies, Health and Physical Education.

Your child’s physical, social, emotional and cognitive development is taken into consideration. We try to provide the necessary knowledge, skills, attitudes and values, essential for your child now, and to build upon them throughout life within our primary school.

We welcome you to our school, and trust our journey together will provide a strong foundation for life and learning.
Contributions and Charges

There is a School Levy of $60 for the year and a contribution of $20 for the P&C Association. A total of $80 is due in February. For full information on our Contributions and charges outline, please visit our website at www.attadaelps.wa.edu.au

Session Times - Red Group

- Monday 8.40am – 2.55pm
- Tuesday 8.40am – 2.55pm
- Wednesday 8.40am – 11.10am

Session Times - Blue Group

- Wednesday 12.00pm – 2.30pm
- Thursday 8.40am – 2.55pm
- Friday 8.40am – 2.55pm
What to bring to Kindergarten?

- A bag (backpack) large enough to easily carry a lunch box, drink bottle, hat, a spare change of clothing and kindergarten work.

- A healthy snack for morning tea and lunch each day, eg., fruit, cheese and crackers, vegetables. Our food is not to be shared due to food allergies, specific diets and cross contamination. We do not encourage junk food, lollies, chocolates or unnecessary packaging. Please make sure your child brings his/her own water bottle each day. Juice is not necessary.

- A hat. Please make sure your child brings a hat to every session, as those without one will not be allowed to play in the sun. Please make sure that hats, bags and spare clothing are marked with your child’s name.

Please be punctual when dropping off and collecting your child. If you are held up for some reason please phone us so that your child may be reassured. Also please inform the Kindergarten if you have made arrangements for someone else to collect your child. A letter stating a regular arrangement for pickup is required, or you can sign the “Pick Up Book” on the day. If your child is to be absent for any length of time, particularly if due to infectious disease, please inform the school immediately. Please keep unwell children at home.

Toys suitable for your child’s development are provided at the Kindergarten, so please keep personal toys at home. The children will be given opportunities to bring a special toy to Kindergarten for news telling, however these will not be used for play and will need to go in your child’s bag after news.
Bare feet are healthy feet, able to move and grow unrestricted. Children are encouraged to take off their shoes when climbing because this allows them to have a better grip. Shoes can be slippery when climbing. It is quite appropriate for children to remain barefoot throughout sessions. Please see the teacher if you don’t want your child to take off his/her shoes.

Suitable clothing for Kindergarten will enable children to climb and move freely and will not move hinder art and craft activities for fear of getting dirty. Shorts, T-shirts, leggings or tracksuits are most appropriate. There is no compulsory uniform for our Kindergarten students, however we do have a limited supply of Kindy T-Shirts that you can purchase, along with our Attadale Primary hats which are available from the Uniform Shop. Most paint stains and glue marks can be removed by soaking overnight in cold water, followed by the use of stain removing laundry soap before washing.

Parent Involvement
All parents and carers are welcome at the Kindergarten. You have been your child’s first and most important educators and your involvement in your child’s education continues to be extremely important. When you attend sessions on roster, your child is able to share his/her experiences with you and you will be able to see him/her at work, at play and socialising with others. Roster duties include reading stories, helping with puzzles and art and craft activities, helping with cleaning and setting up activities and generally enjoying time with your child. Parents are encouraged to place their name on our Kindergarten roster twice per term.

The following recycled materials will be useful to our program, please save them for us:

- coloured wrapping paper
- old birthday and Christmas cards
- buttons, lace, ribbon
- small boxes, (cereal etc)
- knitting wool
- polystyrene boxes and packing
- meat trays
- plastic containers
- paper and card off cuts
- cardboard tubes (not toilet paper rolls)

We thank you for your co-operation and look forward to working with you and your child.
What will I learn at Kindy?

Firstly and most importantly:

- I learn to be away from you, my parents, and this may take some time.
- I learn to work with teachers and other adults.
- I learn to be with a large group of children.
- I learn to work alone.
- I learn to share and co-operate.
- I learn simple rules and routines.
- I learn to complete a task or activity.
- I learn to question and answer.
- I learn to be independent – but not afraid to ask for help.
- I learn to select and choose.
- I learn to share my family and experiences with others.

I need to learn all of this to help me grow into a happy, healthy person. I may have difficulty explaining or understanding my feelings but:

- I can act them out in play
- I can express them in my art
- I can find successful ways to let off steam.