



A Message from the Principal

Hello to our Attadale PS Families,

A very warm welcome back to all of our families to the 2023 school year. After a lot of preparation from staff, it was great to see our amazing students start the year in their new classrooms. We welcomed many new students and their families to our community this week and I hope your children all enjoyed their first day with us, have made some new friends and are looking forward to tomorrow. I know it is a big day for parents as well, so thanks to you all for your efforts in getting your kids ready for the day – I'm sure they will sleep well tonight!

In the days before school, staff spent time planning and learning and getting ready for the year ahead. As a whole staff we spent a day going through the most up to date research on how to teach kids to read so we can continue to refine and improve the way we do things at Attadale PS. There is some great information for parents as well that we will be presenting in a parent workshop later this term.

Supporting our Students and Staff- Our 'Foundations for Life' Culture at Attadale Primary School

The start of each school year brings a multitude of emotions. Very quickly however, our APS kids settle into the wonderful, 'whole child' learning programs and culture that has been built over many years at our school. Our staff create a safe, fun environment where every child belongs.

As you may already be aware, a current topic across the media is the status of the teaching profession and the difficulties that are forecast for the future (across both public and private education). In short:

- Many schools can't find staff to run their timetables
- There are less people wanting to become teachers (and school leaders)
- The quality teachers that we do have in schools are becoming burnt out

Nexus Issue 1

2 Feb 2023

**Canteen: Wednesday and
Friday from Week 2**

Wednesday 1 Feb

School starts for 2023

Upcoming events:

Wednesday 15 Feb

Classroom Information Sessions

Friday 17 February

Welcome Assembly and new parent morning tea.

Friday 24 Feb

P&C Welcome Picnic

Monday 27 Feb

Year 6 Beach swimming starts
(9 lesson program)

2 March

Year 4-6 Faction Swimming
Carnival at FLC

TERM PLANNERS

TERM DATES

WEBSITE

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation of Australia and pay our respects to the elders of the past, present and emerging.



Principal Message *continue*

We are not immune to these challenges at Attadale PS. The big question for us looking into the future is...

How do we look after our staff so the children of Attadale can get the best opportunities to learn and reach their individual potential?

Research indicates that communities can play a big role in positively influencing this area. We ask our community to:

Trust us – Education is our area of expertise and our teachers know their students well. As outlined in our 2021 school review, we have the processes and people to achieve success with all students.

Speak positively about our school to your children and to other parents – Parent perception of education and their school has an impact on a child's attitude and effort.

Value our time – If something is important, please make an appointment so we can spend the time to understand and support your child to the best of our ability. A teacher's day is busy from start to finish so please be patient awaiting responses from emails or requests. We want our teachers focussing their time on their students as much as possible.

Remember that like you, and like your children, our staff are all different and that's what makes a great team.

Say 'Thanks' - we are all busy but it is often those little appreciations that make a big difference.

Following our Process - The 'Dealing with An Issue' process is regularly detailed in newsletters and helps us to streamline communication and achieve a positive outcome.

We are so lucky to have such an engaged and positive parent community who often make staff feel valued. Not every school is like that and some are struggling to attract and retain staff. Let's keep working together to make sure that we aren't one of those schools. Thanks in advance for your ongoing support!

Dealing With an Issue- Reminder

At Attadale Primary School, as in every school or workplace, situations of conflict or concern occasionally occur. We regularly remind our parents of the appropriate lines of communication to follow if an issue comes up involving your child.

While we take all concerns seriously, it's important for all of us to remember that we are dealing with young children. They are still learning how to regulate their emotions, behaviour and social skills and that is normal. Labelling of children, staff or parents through social media or gossip isn't fair; especially when all the facts are not established. It is of vital importance that if you have an issue, you **make your child's teacher your first port of call**. Often small issues can be 'nipped in the bud' and it is almost always beneficial to gain the perspective of the professional who works directly with your child. Parents should not approach other caregivers or children with allegations or threats. School staff investigate concerns in an impartial manner that is fair to all parties concerned. Often, what is relayed at home isn't the full story so by utilising the proper lines of inquiry, we have the best chance of resolving the issue.

If the situation persists despite your contact with the class teacher, please feel welcome to contact a member of the administration team for further assistance. As a general guide;

Mr Perera manages student behaviour and pastoral care

Mrs Fritchley oversees SAER -students at educational risk.

Mr Springett, our school Principal, can be contacted for more complex issues.

For general classroom questions, Mrs Fritchley is the line manager for the K-2 phase and Mr Mr Perera for Years 3-6.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Phil Springett - Principal

Asiri Perera – Deputy Principal

Jaylene Fritchley – Deputy Principal



Celebrating Attadale PS

Attadale Primary School will celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2023. There will be lots of exciting activities happening throughout the year including a Gala Dinner on **Saturday 24th June 2023**. Please mark your diaries and save the date for a fancy night out with great food, drinks, entertainment and of course, amazing company! More details will be shared Term 1 next year or contact apsturns70@gmail.com with any queries.



A Message from our Chaplain

Hi everyone,

My name is Jane Duff and I'm delighted to be the new YouthCARE Chaplain here at Attadale Primary School. I've had several years' experience in Chaplaincy in various settings, and am really looking forward to my new role here. In Chaplaincy, I tell people that my job is to help people with how they're feeling and how they're thinking, so that we can all work together and play together really well. It's a great job! I live locally, in Melville, and am married with three sons. I hope to meet many of you in the coming weeks.

Take care,

Jane 😊



Faction Swimming Carnival Years 4-6

Hello to all families. I am Mr Fritchley, the new Physical Education teacher here at Attadale PS. I wish to advise that the upcoming Year 4-6 Faction Swimming event takes place Thursday March 2nd at Fremantle Leisure Centre. For those families that are unaware, participation is non-compulsory and families are required to nominate students for this event by returning a signed nomination form which will be distributed to families early next week. More information about this event will be provided through nomination forms as well as permission slips.

Birthday Treats Reminder

We love celebrating birthdays at Attadale Primary School and realise how special these moments are for most young children. We have, however, received communication from some staff and parents who believe that, at times, Attadale PS students are provided with too many unhealthy treats. With only good intentions, parents often provide a class set of cupcakes, icy poles, chocolates etc on their child's birthday, which can mean almost weekly (or more) consumption of high sugar treats.

We request the following guidelines be followed so that we can celebrate your child while reducing unhealthy food at school.

Junior Primary: Kindergarten to Year 1

Parents are requested **NOT** to bring in treats for birthday celebrations. As an alternative, teachers will have an in-class acknowledgement/celebration.

We are making this change in the Early Years because children are less independent, and more care needs to be taken with severe allergies, illness and cleanliness.

Middle and Senior Primary: Year 2 to Year 6

If parents wish to bring in a small treat for their child's birthday they are permitted to do so, however these will be handed out at the end of the day. Parents may choose not to send in birthday class treats and this is completely acceptable.

- Please send in something small and pre-packaged, such as 'Freddo Frogs'.
- Please do not in send any nut products.

Please advise your class teacher of any allergies or whether you would like treats to not be given to your child.

We hope that our school community supports and can appreciate the reasoning behind our request.

Term Dates for 2023

Pupil free days are subject to change

Term 1

Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 January are PUPIL FREE DAYS

Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 6 April

Term 2

Monday 24 April is a PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 25 April is Anzac Day public holiday

Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June

Term 3

Monday 17 July is a PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 18 July – Friday 22 September

Term 4

Monday 9 October is a PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 10 October – Thursday 14 December

2023 Contributions and Charges

Dear parents/carers, just a friendly reminder that we are now accepting payment for 2023 Voluntary Contributions and charges. You can deposit into the school account, call with credit card details or come into the office to pay with cash/eftpos. Details on the Contributions and Charges can be found [here](#) **Attadale PS BSB 066163 ACC 00903 316** (please use child's surname as a reference).

Join us on Facebook

We are excited to invite you to become a member of the Attadale Primary School Closed Facebook Group. You can join the group here

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/attadaleprimaryschool>

Please make sure to answer the validation questions or we will be unable to accept your request.

Instrumental Music Lessons 2023

Testing for new students to join the Department of Education's Instrumental Music Tuition Scheme took place during Term 4, 2022. Selected students (Year 3-6) will soon meet with their instrumental teacher, with formal lessons beginning in Week 2 or 3. The lesson timetable is still being finalised and will be communicated as soon as possible.

If you are eligible and wish to borrow an instrument from the school, and require a loan agreement form, please contact.

asiri.perera@education.wa.edu.au

If you have made a late decision to withdraw your child from the program, please contact me immediately so that this place can be offered to another student. Our school offers violin and viola lessons starting from Year 3, cello lessons starting from Year 4 and brass, clarinet and flute lessons which commence in Year 5.

Asiri Perera

Deputy Principal

**Attadale Primary School
2023**

Welcome Picnic



*Friday 24 February 4:30pm-7pm
Junior school grassed area*

**Join us for a fun and relaxed evening picnic to welcome all
new and returning families to the school year!**

Free sausage sizzle for the kids - Live music - All welcome

A Message for Our New Families



WELCOME TO ATTADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On behalf of the Attadale P&C we would love to welcome you to the amazing community that is Attadale Primary School.

Attadale Primary is blessed to have a thriving and enthusiastic P&C that helps support our school in becoming the best it can be.

From social events for our gorgeous kids to funding critical infrastructure and programs around the school, our P&C is invaluable in allowing our school to thrive. All money raised by the P&C goes directly to the school to upgrade and fund facilities or initiatives that otherwise would not occur.

For example, the following P&C funds have been allocated for 2023:

- Painting classrooms in the senior school (Years 2-6)
- Replacing hall ceiling
- Install air conditioning in the hall
- Refresh/upgrade nature play area on hill side of school oval
- Creating new play area for students transitioning from junior to senior school inclusive of a yarning circle
- Development of the play area for the EC block (eg monkey bars / swings / fort)
- Senior block mural
- FOGO recycling to reduce our environmental impact
- Attadale Primary School 70th anniversary celebrations (commemorative t-shirts etc)

The P&C along with our subcommittees, the Attamums and Attadads also run a variety of fun community events throughout the year. P&C social events play an important role in building relationships within the local community and creating a broader social network for children and families at the school. Some of these events include but are not limited to:

- Welcome picnic / Christmas picnic
- Mother's Day breakfast
- Father's Day breakfast
- Disco
- Attadads camps
- Attadads school oval camp out (and all the activities on the day)
- The Colour fun run
- World Teachers Day gifts
- Faction carnival face paint / hair spray stations
- Faction carnival bake sale
- Bunnings sausage sizzle (Attadads)

The P&C is run entirely by volunteers and we are incredibly proud of our committee and the huge number of parent volunteers who contribute to the valuable work we do!

Why volunteer? It is a fantastic opportunity to:

share expertise and be involved in the rewarding partnership between the school and the community
get to know the principal and gain a greater understanding of the school
be part of a large decision-making group and contribute to important discussions about school issues
have fun and build great connections and friendships with other families

What's involved?

There are a range of positions on the P&C that need filling each year at the AGM. None of these roles take up much time but they all contribute to what makes our school community so great. There are only one or two meetings per term including the AGM. Aside from the AGM, which needs to be attended in person, you can get involved with most of our meetings remotely.

As new families to the school we would love the opportunity to get to know you as we are sure you all have some unique skills, knowledge and expertise that can help our P&C grow and thrive into the future.

Please follow the link to participate in our P&C New Families Survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JJHRTQN>

ATTADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT COMMUNICATION STRUCTURE

Where to find all the information you need.



Attadale
Primary School

Foundations for life

OUR WEBSITE

General school information, enrolments, policies, calendars and newsletters.

Upcoming events and copies of all excursion/incursion notes.

<http://attadaleps.wa.edu.au>

FACEBOOK

We have a private closed Facebook group for Attadale PS parents. We post about events at the school and general students achievements

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/attadaleprimaryschool>

CONNECT

A DOE tool for office and classroom communications with parents.
Eg. Excursions, newsletters and other information from the office.

General class communication, assignments, homework and formal reporting from the teachers.

Download the App or log in at connect.det.wa.edu.au

SKOOLBAG

The app used to submit digital permissions, absences and change of details. You can also find newsletters, reminders and term planners here as well. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play

SMS MESSAGING

We will use SMS to contact you for urgent matters and/or general reminders.

You will receive an SMS if your child is absent without explanation

Please ensure we always have your current details.

EMAIL US

attadale.ps@education.wa.edu.au

attadale.ps.office@education.wa.edu.au

All staff email addresses can be found on our website.

P&C SPRIGGY & TRYBOOKING

Spriggy is the P&C online payment app, which is used for Canteen orders. Trybooking is used for P&C event payments.

You register once, set up a profile for your children and then you can top up your balance or pay as you go.



Spriggy Schools