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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we meet today, the Marradungup Land of the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation. We would also like to pay my respect to the Elders of this Land, past, present and emerging.

CALENDAR

TERM DATES

WEBSITE

EMAIL US

REPORTS

Reports have been sent out and give a good overall picture of your child's achievements across the year. If you have not received yours, please contact the front office and we can get them resent.



*Mrs Allen
is retiring*

The wonderful Renie Allen, long standing Kindergarten Teacher at APS, retires at the end of 2023 after a very distinguished career. Much of Renie's amazing work, with our littlest of kids, has been at Attadale Primary School and we are blessed to have worked with such a nurturing, passionate teacher.

We will farewell Mrs Allen at a special assembly on Wednesday 13 December- 1:45-2:15. All current and former parents and staff are invited to attend.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Attadale Primary Families,

Thanks for your ongoing support throughout 2023. It has been another big year for all involved, and many special achievements to look back on. We are always proud of the students who attend our school, and this morning's graduation highlighted the talent and potential that the students leave our school with. We also said goodbye to a number of families who have been with us for a long time. For all of the families leaving us, I wish you well and thank you for your contributions to our school community.

The start of a new school year is full of excitement mixed with a little bit of nerves with students moving into new classes with a new teacher. As we see every year, students very quickly settle in, getting to know their teachers and making new friends. Tomorrow parents will receive communication regard the placement of their child(ren) for next year. This is something we introduced last year and we hope to build on this in the following years. We had some technical difficulties last year, so we are trying a slightly different approach for the end of this year.

Parents play an important part in the success of this process. When you speak to your child about their new teacher, speak positively and help them get excited for the new year. If you have any concerns, it is important to let your child settle into the new year and make an appointment with your child's new teacher. Due to recent enrolment pressures, we have little room for movement in our class structures and are not in a place to make any changes to class placements in the last days of school. All our teachers work hard and have different strengths and expertise and will work with you to get the best out of your children.

Tomorrow afternoon we will farewell long term staff member Renie Allen at a special assembly. She has had an impact on so many children over the course of her career and she will be missed.

Ms McDonald will also be leaving us after joining us at the beginning of 2023. I'd like to thank her for her hard work and dedication and wish her well on her new adventure.

If I don't run into you before the end of the week, I hope your family has enjoyable holiday break and we look forward to seeing you back her for the first day of 2024 – Wednesday 31st January.

Phil Springett
Principal

YEAR 6 AWARD WINNERS

Principals Award: Salome Otalora Fraga

Academic Award: Diego Rueda

Sports Award: Mia Benson

Cultural Award-Visual Arts: Adele Zebraukas

Cultural Award-Languages: Emily Simmonds

Endeavour Award: Summer Hughes

Values Award: Aiden Poole

Science Award: Emerson Dear

Music Award: Sian Rayfield

Leadership Award: Lily Van Dongen

Citizenship Award: Ailiana Clarkson

Melville SHS Award: Diego Rueda





P AND C NEWS



How has P&C Funding been spent in 2023?

We've had a really successful year in 2023 and have kicked a lot of P&C goals! With the help of our outstanding community we've been able to fund all of the projects listed below.

Native Australian murals around Year 5/6 block

Wooden yarning circle

Industrial grade Funky Monkey Bars, landscaping and sand

Industrial grade dishwasher for the canteen

Additional canteen assistant, Term 4 2023

4 x Established trees in Early Years area

Lighting outside school hall

Portable PA system and microphone

Matific Subscription

Year 1-2 home readers

Classroom merit certificates

Interschool Phys Ed polo shirts printed with numbers

Phys Ed sports equipment trolleys

Edible Garden resources

4 X Reverse cycle air conditioning units for the hall

(the outcome of a grant applied for by the P&C)

Internal classroom and hall painting

(cost split between P&C and APS)

Totaling over \$96, 000!!

*Thank
you!*

The P&C welcome your ideas and would love to hear how you think P&C funding could be spent in 2024.

To have your voice heard come along to our meeting on
27th February 2024. .





Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA
Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs;
Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Dear Parent

STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS VAPING

It is hard to believe another school year is coming to an end.

Can I say a big thank you to all parents and carers for supporting their school communities - without your commitment the education system simply would not work. I am writing to ask for your support on a crucial issue. You may have recently seen my announcement about the new measures we are implementing to address vaping in schools. The prevalence of vapes in our community is a serious issue.

The biggest misunderstanding is they are harmless compared to cigarettes - this is not true - vapes are not safe and they are contributing to a new generation of nicotine dependency. It is a growing concern for school communities, with incidents of students being found in possession of vapes or caught vaping at school becoming a serious disruption to the education of our kids. To strengthen our response and to continue to support principals and teachers to effectively address vaping in our schools, we have now implemented further measures.

In collaboration with the Department of Health and the Minister for Health, new teaching and learning resources now apply for students in Years 5 to 7, which will complement those launched in the original Vaping Toolkit. We are also taking strong action in expanding the Student Behaviour in Public Schools policy. Principals have now been given additional powers to address vaping, whereby a student can lose good standing under this policy for use or possession of vapes at school.

This means, students caught vaping risk not being able to attend school events like balls, graduations, and other extra-curricular activities. We consulted with the Department of Health and several organisations, including the WA Student Council, in the development of these initiatives to make sure our approach is appropriate and meets the needs of students, and we believe a whole school approach is the most impactful way to address this issue.

We are confident these new measures, alongside other initiatives across Government, will help to reduce the impact these dangerous products are having on our community particularly our children and young people.

I encourage all parents to speak with your children about vaping. The facts can be found at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/drug-education>.

Thank you again for your support of these measures to ensure the future health and wellbeing of our young people. I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays and have a safe festive season.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tony Buti MLA
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION