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Welcome
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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 our respect to the Elders of this Land, past, present and emerging.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome back after what was hopefully a relaxing and enjoyable break for all. Term 4 is always a busy and exciting time at Attadale Primary School, and this year is no exception. We're jumping straight into a packed schedule that includes swimming lessons, graduation and other end-of-year celebrations, the interschool athletics carnival, and our 2026 Kindy orientation activities starting in Week 3. Most notably, we're excited to invite you to our Open Night and Art Exhibition next Wednesday, 22 October. This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students' creativity and learning, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

We're also delighted to share some fantastic news from our Year 5/6 Enrichment students. Under the guidance of Mrs Armstrong, the group submitted a response video to the BHP Technology Innovation stand at the Resources Technology Showcase they attended last term. Their submission was judged to be far superior to all others, earning them a day trip to Newman for a personalised tour of BHP's Mt Whaleback operations. This is an incredible achievement and a testament to their hard work and innovation. A big congratulations to the students and a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Armstrong for providing this amazing opportunity for our students.

As we begin planning for 2026, we kindly ask families to notify the school if your child will not be attending Attadale PS next year for any reason. This information is vital for our planning and helps ensure smooth transitions for all students. You'll also be receiving communications from Mr Perera in the coming weeks regarding 2026 class requests. Based on current projections, we anticipate having two split classes next year: a PP/1 and a Year 4/5. We understand that split classes can sometimes cause apprehension or scepticism, but we want to reassure families that they are a necessary part of our structure and can be turned into opportunities that enhance students' experiences. Every classroom contains a range of student abilities, and split classes allow us to tailor learning experiences in ways that benefit all students.

In the interest of transparency and to help our community better understand how we navigate budgeting, classroom structures, and particularly how we turn the potential challenges of split classes into positives, we'll be hosting information sessions in the Library for families with students in PP, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 next year. These sessions will be held on Thursday 6 November, with one at 2:00pm before pick-up time and another at 6:00pm that evening, which will also have an online option available. We encourage all interested families to attend and engage in this important conversation ahead of submitting requests.

Chris John
Principal

Open Night & Art Exhibition and Grandparents' Morning Tea

We are delighted to welcome families to Open Night next Wednesday 22 October. Always a highlight of the school year, your child's classroom will be open as we celebrate their learning so far this year.

Mrs Power's biennial art exhibition also returns and is based on the theme of 'Landscape' and personal connection to land or place. We will be exhibiting one piece of artwork from each Year 1-6 student. Some artwork from local and indigenous artists will also be displayed, and available for purchase.

Wednesday 22 October

- Art exhibition open from 4:30- 7pm
- P-6 Classrooms open from 5:30- 7pm
- Kindy Open Night sessions: Blue Group: 5:15 - 6pm/ Red Group: 6:15 - 7pm/Green Group: 5:30-7pm
- Dinner is sorted with food truck delights available from T-Sisters

Thursday 21 October

- Grandparents' Morning Tea- Grandparents are invited to a light morning tea and a viewing of our art exhibition- 8:50-10am
- Children who have grandparents attending the morning tea are allowed to join in after their attendance is marked off by their class teacher
- Pre-Primary students will need to be collected from their classrooms by their parents or grandparents

The Art exhibition will also be open before and after school on other days next week- to be advised

PLANNING FOR 2026

It is hard to believe we are already making plans for 2026. This includes budgeting, staffing and student placements. If you are relocating and/or not attending our school in 2025, please contact our front office to provide this information so our plans are as accurate as possible.

At the beginning of Term 4, we will be starting the process to place students in classes for 2026. As per previous years you are invited to share with us, any educational reasons you feel worth sharing with regard to the placement of your child. These reasons will be taken into consideration when we place students for next year. There are no guarantees that we can meet your request, however we aim to do the best for each child. Please keep these reasons based on their needs as opposed to placement with other students or their favourite teacher. With over 440 students across our school in 2025, the process is rigorous, takes many weeks and involves input from all teaching staff and the school leadership team to get to a point where we feel we have the best mix for each class based on what we already know about each student. If you would like to put any forward information to assist in this process, please email asiri.perera@education.wa.edu.au. These will be filed and reviewed as part of our process.

POINT WALTER CULTURAL TOUR

Attadale staff thoroughly enjoyed a tour of **Dyoondalup and Jennalup - Point Walter and Blackwall Reach** - with Greg Nannup from Indigenous Tours WA. Greg shared his knowledge about the Whadjuk People and the important Dreaming trail that is the **Derbal Yarrigan - the Swan River**. It was fascinating to learn about bush tucker, the medicinal properties of various plants and the deep connection Indigenous people have with the land in our local area.

This excursion is an initiative from our APS Reconciliation Action Plan and we are excited to share our learning with the students.



OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Week 1

Wednesday 15 October - Year 3 Constable Care Excursion

Friday 17 October - Year 5/6 Social Dance begins

Week 2

Wednesday 22 October - Open Night and Art Exhibition

Thursday 23 October - Grandparents Art Exhibition viewing and Morning Tea

BOOKFAIR 2025 - THANK YOU

As a result of all our supportive families we were able to raise \$1872 for the school in book fair rewards. This will be spent on replacing some of the much-loved books in the library which are falling apart and for the purchase of new books and lunch time activities for our students to borrow and enjoy.

WHAT'S ON FOR KIDS

Out of school activities for your child

Chess Club

[Term 4 Flyer here](#) (Sessions start in Week 2)

Keyed Up Music

[Details here](#) for after school Guitar and Keyboard lessons

Little Maynes Football Academy

Wednesday afternoon on the oval - [Details here](#)

5 A SIDE Football Comps

[Term 4 2025 Flyer here](#)

AN INVITATION FROM EAST FREMANTLE PS

Andy Hayes ADHD Talk for Parents and Carers

Date: Tuesday 21st October 2025

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$15.00

Location: East Fremantle Primary School, Library

Bookings: <https://efpspc.com/product/andy-hayes-adhd-talk/>

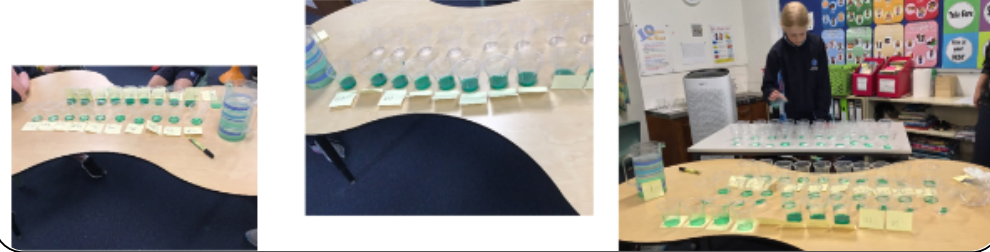
Parent session: The golden rules of understanding and supporting ADHD at home, tips on communication with teachers, vital home supports, and advocacy tips. For more information about Andy Hayes visit his website

[Beyond The Haze ADHD Coaching](#)

MATHS AT ATTADALE PRIMARY

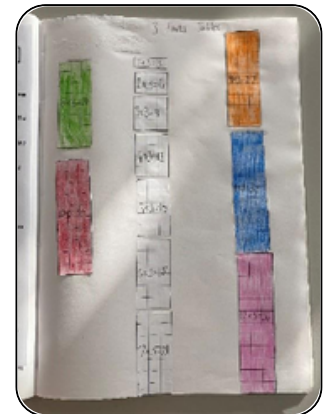
At Attadale Primary School, our teachers use the ELM (Empowering Leaders of Mathematics) approach when teaching Maths. Our staff have received extensive professional development about what current evidence-based research tells us about outstanding mathematics teaching and learning.

ELM in action at APS

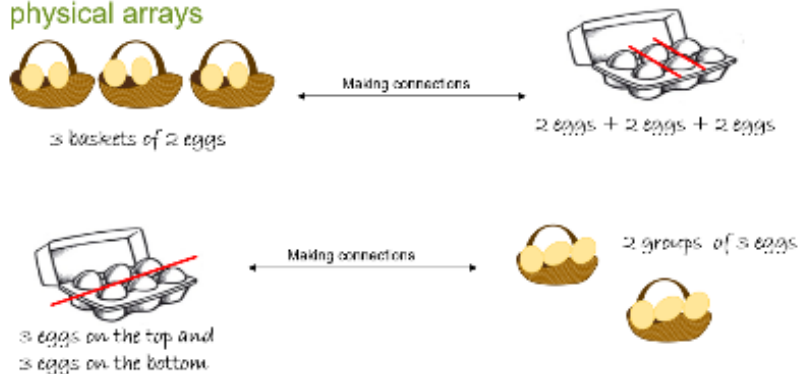


The research shows the importance of students creating multiple representations of a problem to develop deeper understanding. This enables students to build a suite of strategies that they can choose from to solve a problem efficiently.

The ELM approach encourages teachers to delay the teaching of algorithms until upper primary, therefore giving our students the opportunity to build their true understanding of the complexity and composition of numbers and problems. Concrete materials are used in all years of mathematics.

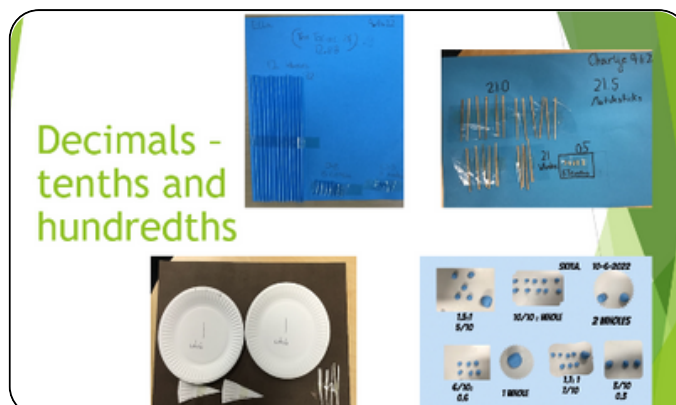


Connecting the language of equal groups and physical arrays



Maths is fun when we apply the ELM approach and our strong 2025 NAPLAN results reflect our positive mathematics journey over the past 4 years, creating consistent whole school practice that is research based and motivating for kids.

Decimals - tenths and hundredths



Please see your class teacher if you would like more information.

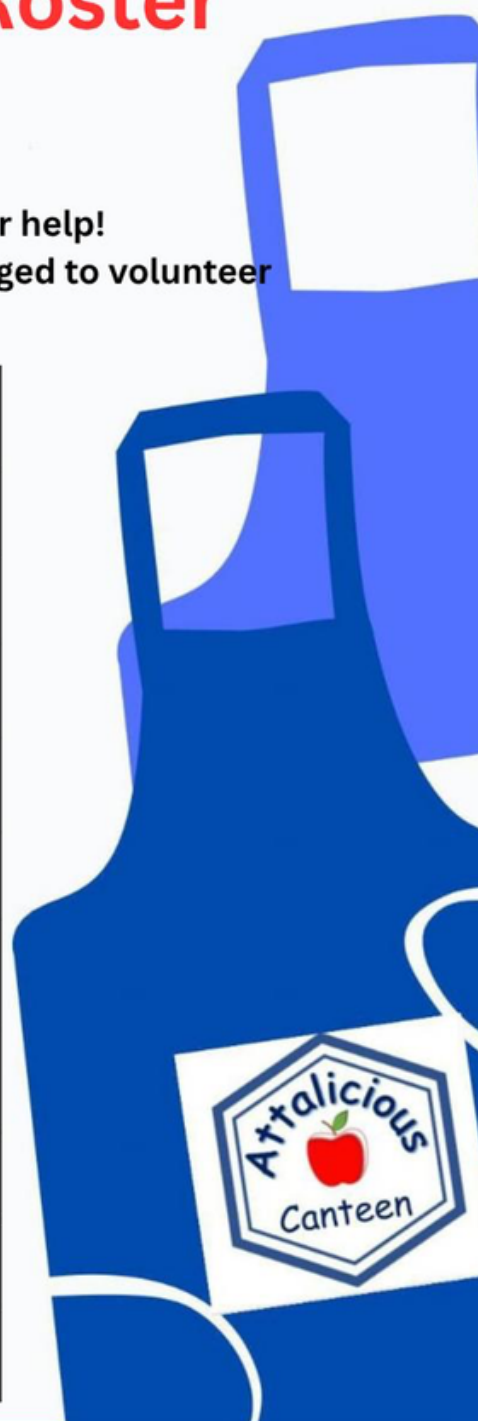
Asiri Perera, Megan Teede,
Mia Behsman, Gemma Boot
ELM Leadership Team

Canteen Volunteer Roster

Term 4, 2025

The Attalicious Canteen needs your help!
Each week, a different year group is encouraged to volunteer
on Wednesdays and Fridays

Week	Year Group	Canteen Dates
1	All-in	15 & 17 Oct
2	Pre-Primary	22 & 24 Oct
3	Year 1	29 & 31 Oct
4	Year 2	5 & 7 Nov
5	Year 3	12 & 14 Nov
6	Year 4	19 & 21 Nov
7	Year 5	26 & 28 Nov
8	Year 6	3 & 5 Dec
9	All-in	10 & 12 Dec
10	Attadads	17 Dec (Wed only)



Sign up and WIN a reserved APS Car Bay!

Volunteer for a shift in the canteen this term and you'll be in the raffle for a personal parking bay reserved in the staff carpark for Term 1 2026. The more you volunteer, the more chance you have!

Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/hpniidb>



SAVE THE DATE



YEAR 6 ATTADADS CAMP

17TH-19TH Nanga Bush
OCTOBER Camp
2025 Dwellingup

Kayaking &
Cycling
activities
involved

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE SOON

