



NEXUS ISSUE 1

4 FEBRUARY 2026

**CANTEEN
REOPENS WEEK
2**

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

Welcome back to all members of the Attadale Primary School community. We trust the summer break provided a valuable balance of rest and enjoyable experiences for families. With Term 1 being a short nine-week term, we'll be heading into Term 2 before we know it.

It was pleasing to witness such a smooth and successful first day on Monday. Students settled confidently into their new classrooms, and it was wonderful to see them reconnecting with peers in the playground. I extend my sincere thanks to our staff, who devoted many hours over the holiday period to ensuring learning environments were prepared and welcoming for the students' return.

We are delighted to welcome several new staff members to Attadale PS in 2026:

- Mrs Ruth Gomez – Year 2 Teacher, Room 7
- Miss Grace Chan – Education Assistant, EC3
- Mrs Emma Harris – Front Office
- Mr Paul Sparkes – Gardener

We are also pleased to confirm that Ms Caz Park will continue in the role of Deputy Principal for Term 1 while Jaylene Fritchley extends her placement at Collier Primary School. We warmly welcome all new and returning staff and look forward to the contributions they will make throughout the year.

After a generally mild summer, the school year commenced with a 38°C day. Families are reminded that students must bring a water bottle and wear a hat every day to protect against heat-related illness. Please also note our Extreme Heat Policy, which includes:

- Providing alternative indoor play areas such as the Hall or classrooms on isolated very hot days
- Implementing mandatory inside play if excessively high temperatures continue over consecutive days

Student safety and wellbeing remain paramount.

If you have not yet downloaded the Compass app using the personalised email link reissued at the start of the year, we strongly encourage you to do so. Compass serves as our primary two-way whole-school communication platform, and full functionality is best achieved through the app. Some classroom teachers will increase their use of Compass this year, while others may continue to use Connect. Staying connected through these platforms ensures families receive timely and important information.

Some key dates for Term 1:

Class Meetings – Wednesday 11 February (Week 2)

Class meetings will begin with Pre-primary at 2:45 pm (Kindy Red will be 9am in the library on Wednesday 11th Feb, Blue and Green will be at 9am on Wednesday 18th February in the library). These sessions, approximately 30 minutes in duration, provide an opportunity to hear from your child's teacher regarding classroom structures and expectations for 2026. While general questions are welcome, any matters specific to your child are best discussed privately via email or through a scheduled meeting.

Welcome Assembly – Friday 13 February

Our annual Welcome Assembly will be held on Friday morning, offering an opportunity to formally welcome new families and share key messages for the year ahead. A morning tea will follow for new families.

Parent–Teacher Interviews – Friday 27 March (Week 8)

The school will be closed for the full day to facilitate Parent–Teacher Interviews. This extended closure aligns with updated Department of Education policies and provides additional time for meaningful discussions regarding each child's progress and achievements. Further information on the booking process and supervision arrangements will be provided closer to the date. All other significant events can be found in the attached Term Planner.

Finally, just a quick message to extend our appreciation to the more than 100 community members who participated in the School Board election process at the end of 2025. Congratulations to Marcel Brandenburg, who has been elected as a parent representative until the end of 2028. We thank all nominees and voters for contributing to our school governance.

We look forward to a productive and engaging Term 1 and appreciate the ongoing support of our school community.

Chris John
Principal

CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?

Have any of your details changed over the holidays—such as your address or phone number? If so, please update us, as this information is important for keeping our communication with you accurate. You can make any changes through the Compass App or the Audiri App, or by contacting the office.

PHOTO PERMISSIONS

Photo permissions are completed by families at the time of enrolment. If you'd like to update your permissions for your child/ren, please contact the school office and we'll happily email you a new form to complete.

BOOKLISTS AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2026

Please find links below to the 2026 voluntary Contributions and Charges which can now be paid through the office or by direct deposit.

[2026 Voluntary Contributions and Charges](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	2 February First Day of School PP to Year 6	3 February Kindy Red/Green	4 February Kindy Blue/Green	5 February Kindy Blue/Green	6 February Kindy Blue 5/6 Social Dance
WEEK 2	9 February Kindy Red	10 February Kindy Red/Green Year 6 Parliament Election	11 February Kindy Red Kindy Red Information Session 9am P-6 Class Information Sessions 2:45-5:30	12 February Kindy Blue/Green	13 February Kindy Blue Welcome Assembly & Parents Morning Tea 5/6 Social Dance
WEEK 3	16 February Kindy Red	17 February Kindy Red/Green	18 February Kindy Blue/Green Kindy Blue/Green Information Sessions 9am	19 February Kindy Blue/Green	20 February Kindy Blue 5/6 Social Dance

ALLERGY AWARE - ANAPHYLAXIS

Our school has a number of students who may experience an anaphylactic reaction to materials that they are allergic to. An early reminder to 2026 parents/caregivers of students who are at risk of anaphylactic reaction that they are expected to:

- Provide a copy of the current ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis or Allergic Reactions from the student's medical practitioner with an up-to-date photo of the student as soon as practicable
- Immediately inform the school in writing if there is a relevant change in the student's medical condition and obtain an updated ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis or Allergic Reactions
- Provide the school with:
 - A current adrenaline autoinjector for the student and provide a replacement when it expires (anaphylaxis)
 - And/or medication for allergy/allergies and provide a replacement when it expires
 - Participate in annual reviews of the student's Individualised anaphylaxis care plan

If you have informed the school that your child is at risk of an anaphylactic reaction, we will contact you before the end of the year with information about updating and transferring important information in readiness for the 2026 school year.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS - YEAR 3-6

Students who have been selected for the IMSS program will meet their teacher this week and discuss the requirements for their lessons. IMSS teachers will contact parents through Connect to finalise lesson times and routines.

The regular timetable will be provided to parents as soon as finalised, with official lessons starting from Week 2.



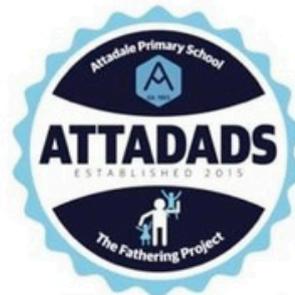
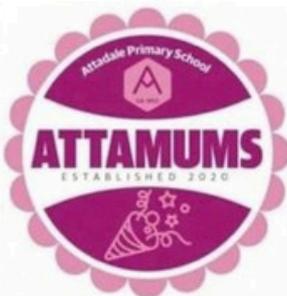
**Attadale Primary School P&C
2026**

Welcome Picnic

Friday 27 February

4:30pm - 7pm

Junior school grassed area



Live music + free sausage sizzle & icy poles

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

BYO picnic blankets / chairs / picnic food /
snacks / drinks / mozzie spray!

Canteen Volunteer Roster

Term 1, 2026

Join our Canteen Crew! Each week, a different year group is encouraged to volunteer

Week	Year Group	Canteen Dates
1	N/A	CLOSED
2	PP	11 & 13 Feb
3	Year 1	18 & 20 Feb
4	Year 2	25 & 27 Feb
5	Year 3	4 & 6 Mar
6	Year 4	11 & 13 Mar
7	Year 5	18 & 20 Mar
8	Year 6	25 & 27 Mar
9	All-in	1 April

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 for one term.

The more you volunteer, the more chance you have!

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



STREAMLINING MESSAGES FROM THE P&C



Hi Attadale families, You've spoken and we've heard! In an effort to streamline school comms we will be transitioning to an "Attadale PS Parent WhatsApp Community" for 2026 🥳👍

A **WhatsApp Community** is a platform for organising WhatsApp chats. Parents can join the community via a link and request to join relevant chats, like Room 5 or Year 4. It functions like existing class chats but includes an 'Announcements' channel for whole-school messages, allowing for easier communication **without repeated messages across multiple groups**. For more information, check the [WhatsApp Communities FAQ](#).

What does that mean for me? 🤔

Class and year group chats will no longer receive whole-school reminders and community announcements. Instead:

- ✓ An 'Announcements' channel will be used for whole-school messages.
- ✓ Class & year groups will focus solely on relevant matters for that group.
- ✓ P&C announcements will be centralised in the 'Announcements' channel.
- ✓ All APS WhatsApp groups will be accessible via the community group.
- ✓ Current class and year WhatsApp groups will be replaced by new groups in the WhatsApp Community next year.

Sounds amazing! 🙌 What's next?

Stay tuned for our announcement of the new Attadale PS WhatsApp Community link on the day classes for next year are revealed.

