



NEXUS ISSUE 3

3 MARCH 2026

Week 5

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

We are pleased to share that following the first School Board Meeting of the year, Paige Pallister has been elected as the Attadale Primary School Board Chair for 2026. Paige brings thoughtful leadership and a strong commitment to ensuring the ongoing success of our school. This meeting also welcomed our new parent representative, Marcel Brandenburg, who joined the Board for the first time and will contribute fresh perspective and strong parent voice to discussions throughout the year. As an Independent Public School, our Board plays an important role in providing strategic guidance, endorsing key documents, monitoring school performance, and ensuring our planning aligns with community expectations. While operational decisions remain the responsibility of the Principal, the Board's function is to reflect the aspirations of families and the broader community. For this reason, it is especially valuable for parents to know who their parent representatives are, as these members act as an important conduit between families and school leadership, carrying forward feedback, questions and broader community insights. Member details can be found on the school's website.

This year also marks the launch of our new 2026–2028 Business Plan, the result of deep review, analysis and consultation with staff, families, students and external partners. The plan centres on three primary objectives: delivering high-quality teaching and learning for every student, fostering a learning environment that provides both support and challenge, and strengthening an engaged and supportive school community. These objectives are further enriched by the themes of transparency, building on existing excellence, equitable support and proactive wellbeing. Together, they form the framework that will guide decision-making, improvement strategies and school-wide focus areas over the next three years. Families can expect that future newsletter articles and other communications will include explanations, spotlights and evaluations directly connected to aspects of the Business Plan, helping the community see how priorities translate into classroom and whole-school practice. The 2026–2028 Business Plan can be accessed by clicking here [🔗](#)

Parent–Teacher Interviews will take place on Friday 27 March, with booking links sent through the Compass app. Families are reminded to book only one session per family, so all parents have equitable access to their child's teacher. Each meeting is scheduled for ten minutes, with a five-minute transition period built in to allow conversations to conclude naturally and ensure a smooth, respectful handover between families. These interviews are an important opportunity to hear about your child's progress, share insights from home, and strengthen the partnership between teachers and families. Students are not required to attend school that day.

Finally, this Friday is our “Wear What Makes You Happy Day,” supporting the Perth Children’s Hospital Foundation. PCHF plays a vital role in funding world-class equipment, innovative research, specialised clinical programs and essential support services for children and families navigating significant health challenges. Their work has directly supported several Attadale families who have faced the impacts of childhood disease, and our participation in this event is a meaningful way to give back. Students are warmly encouraged to dress in something that brings them joy, while helping make a positive difference to children across WA.

Chris John
Principal

EARLY ARRIVALS

We’ve noticed a growing number of students arriving at school well before the 8:50 bell. While we love seeing their enthusiasm for the school day ahead, we kindly ask for your support in reducing the number of students arriving this early. Unless accompanied by a parent, all students are required to wait in the undercover area until 8:40am, where they will be released by a member of the admin team.

We truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us create the best possible start to each school day.

WEAR WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

This Friday 6 March is 'Wear What Makes You Happy Day'.

Kids, wear a colour, clothing or item that brings you joy-reflecting our Resilience Project wellbeing focus of Gratitude.

Gold coin donation requested—all funds go to Perth Children's Hospital

Keep it simple and have fun!



YEARS 1-6 HARMONY COLOUR RUN - 20TH MARCH

Our P&C are hosting our annual Colour Run on Friday 20 March. Students from Years 1-6 are invited to wear a white or orange shirt to school that day, which will be covered with coloured water paint during the event. Kindy and Pre-primary students will participate in their own, separate Colour Day activities that week.

Detailed information will be provided over the next fortnight. This year, we will be combining Harmony Week recognition with the Colour Run and Neurodiversity Week.

Founded by Siena Castellon in 2018, Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences.

As a school community, we are proud to support this important movement in Wk 7 (16-20th March). Neurodiversity Celebration Week provides an opportunity for our students to recognise and celebrate the unique strengths, talents, and perspectives of neurodivergent individuals, including those with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other learning differences.

This week is a meaningful reminder of the importance of inclusion, understanding, and acceptance—both in school and at home. By working together with parents, we can help create an environment where every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.



2026 PARLIAMENTARIANS

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Premier: Beau Dix

Minister for Cultural Affairs: Georgia Ritchie

Minister for Sport: Leighton Wiese

Minister for Resources: Xavier Springett

Minister for Environment - Harrison Van Dongen

Minister for Communications: Billie Sandilands



2026 FACTION CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

DIAMOND

Captain: Stevie Parker

Vice-Captain: Georgia Hayes

Captain: Kai Goulson

Vice-Captain: Drew Romaniello

SAPPHIRE

Captain: Kaya Ellis

Vice-Captain: Abigail Price

Captain: Henry Hadley

Vice-Captain: Sam Lawlor

EMERALD

Captain: Imogen Harvey

Vice-Captain: Eloise Wallington

Captain: Dominic Haskew-Jones

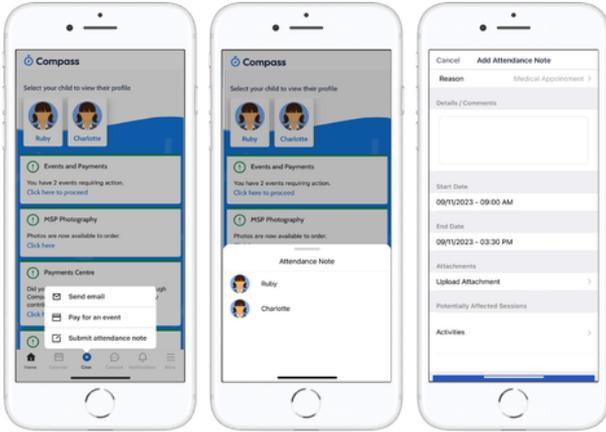
Vice-Captain: Patrick Maley

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 5	2 March LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	3 March Kindy Red/Green P&C AGM	4 March Kindy Blue/Green	5 March Kindy Blue/Green	6 March Kindy Blue Yr 6 Rm 13 Assembly 5/6 Social Dance
WEEK 6	9 March Kindy Red	10 March Kindy Red/Green	11 March Kindy Red Yr 3&5 NAPLAN testing begins Yr 5/6 Social Dance	12 March Kindy Blue/Green NAPLAN 3&5	13 March Kindy Blue Yr 4 Rm 12 Assembly NAPLAN 3&5 Faction Swimming Carnival
WEEK 7	16 March Kindy Red NAPLAN 3&5 Yr 6 Team Building Exercise	17 March Kindy Red/Green NAPLAN 3&5	18 March Kindy Blue/Green NAPLAN 3&5 5/6 Social Dance	19 March Kindy Blue/Green NAPLAN 3&5	20 March Harmony Day Dress Up NAPLAN 3&5
WEEK 8	23 March Kindy Red School Board Meeting 6pm	24 March Kindy Red/Green	25 March Kindy Red 5/6 Social Dance	26 March Kindy Blue/Green Interschool Cricket Years 5-6	27 March Kindy Blue Whole School Close for Parent/Teacher Interviews
WEEK 9	30 March Kindy Red Year 5/6 Social Night	31 March Kindy Red/Green	1 April Kindy Blue/Green	2 April Kindy Blue/Green Yr 4-6 Interschool Swimming Last day of Term 1 Easter Raffle and Hat Parade	3 April GOOD FRIDAY

SUBMITTING COMPASS ABSENTEES

Compass is helping make everyone's day a little easier with the absentee option now available in the app. Parents and guardians can conveniently submit absence notes for the current day or for future dates directly through the app. Please follow the simple instructions below to enter the reason for your child's absence. Our teachers have very busy mornings and may not always have the opportunity to check emails promptly to record absences. For this reason, we kindly ask that families use the app whenever possible to ensure absences are recorded efficiently and accurately.



Using the Compass App

1. From the homepage, click on the blue shortcuts button from the bottom taskbar.

2. Click on 'Submit Attendance Note'

Select the reason

Enter a brief description of the absence

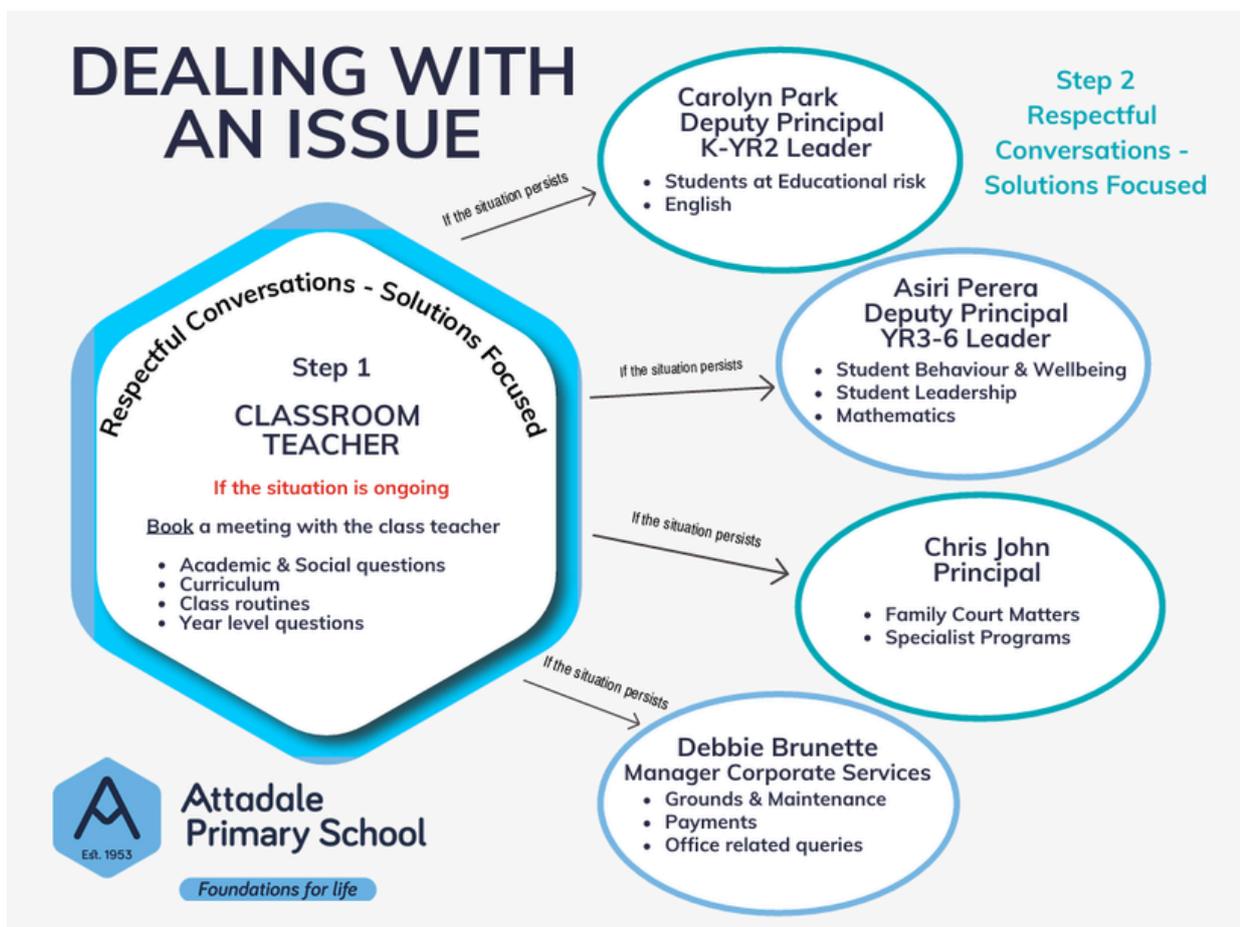
Select the start and finish time

Click 'Save'

COMPASS ACCESS

Please contact the school if you have not registered on the Compass App. We can send you an invite with the link to make it easier for you. Compass is a great tool and we will be using this program as our main source of communication.

DEALING WITH AN ISSUE





Specials

Week 5 2nd March 2026

Order via Spriggy School App 8:30am cut off or over the counter with CASH ONLY by 9am.

Wednesday

Attalicious Pizza - \$6.20 perfect portions of pizza with your choice of toppings.

All made with our Attalicious special sauce

Toppings -

- Margherita
- Ham & Cheese
- Hawaiian

Attalicious Pizza



Friday

Beef and Bean Nachos - \$6.20

Crunchy corn tortilla chips topped with Mexican inspired beef and bean mix, grated carrot & melted cheese.

Option to add sour cream, tomato salsa and avocado dip - 50c each
No cheese option available.

Vegetarian option available

Nachos



Recess

Fresh Watermelon Juice \$4.00

Frozen watermelon blitzed with fresh mint and apple juice.

Fresh Watermelon Juice



Sign up to Volunteer

Have any spare time for the last week of term?

We need volunteers each Wednesday and Friday to keep our canteen running.

Please call Canteen Manager **Adriana (0418 468 513)**

or sign up here: **Canteen Volunteers**



ATTADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY
3RD MARCH**



6:30PM CUPPA AND CHAT ● 7PM MEETING START
APS STAFF ROOM



WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?
GET IN TOUCH!

All parents from our community are welcome