



NEXUS ISSUE 16

14 SEPTEMBER 2026

[Term 4
Planner
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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.

[CALENDAR](#)

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As we head towards the end of another busy and rewarding term, it is worth reflecting on two of the major events that have brought our school community together over the past few weeks. Our Athletics Carnival on 4 September, together with the Jumps and Throws events held earlier in the week, was a tremendous success and showcased everything that makes Attadale Primary School such a special place. Congratulations to every student who participated and gave their best effort throughout the week. Whether standing on the podium or simply challenging themselves to try something new, our students demonstrated outstanding attitude, determination and sportsmanship. Thank you also to the many family members who came along to cheer on our students and contribute to the fantastic atmosphere on the day. We are incredibly grateful to the parents who generously volunteered their time, whether helping with the bake sale and sausage sizzle or assisting at Jumps and Throws events earlier in the week. Events of this scale simply could not happen without such wonderful community support. A sincere thank you also goes to our staff, who gave up a very long day to ensure everything ran smoothly. Most importantly, a huge shout out to Mr Fritchley for the incredible amount of work that goes into organising such an action-packed carnival. His focus on effort, attitude and sportsmanship ensures the event remains enjoyable and meaningful for every student. It is a pleasure to know that one of the most significant events on our school calendar is in such capable hands each and every year.

Last Wednesday's Open Night provided another wonderful opportunity to celebrate student achievement. Walking through classrooms filled with student work offered a rare and very visible demonstration of the effort our children have invested and the progress they have made throughout the year. One of the greatest joys of the evening is looking through students' writing books and seeing the remarkable growth that occurs from Kindergarten through to Year 6. From early letter formation and simple sentence construction to sophisticated pieces exploring complex and abstract ideas, the development on display is always impressive. I would like to congratulate our staff, not only for the considerable effort they put into mounting, displaying and presenting student work in the lead-up to the evening, but also for the dedication they demonstrate every day in striving to achieve the highest possible progress for every student in every area. Throughout the evening I heard many parents expressing their appreciation directly to staff for the difference they have made in their child's learning journey, and I am sure there were many more who felt the same. If you did not get the opportunity to share your appreciation, or would like to do so in writing, please consider using the link [HERE](#) to send an end-of-term shout out to any one of our deserving staff members as we close out what has been an incredibly busy and successful term.

As we begin looking ahead to 2027, staff will soon commence the complex process of class placement planning. When developing class structures and student placements, a range of important factors are carefully considered, including individual learning needs and capacity, academic performance, classroom behaviour and social dynamics. To help inform this process, students will again be asked to nominate three friends they would like to be placed with next year, with the understanding that we aim to ensure each child is placed with at least one of their requested friends. While our class structures for 2027 are not yet finalised, we are now able to begin collecting parent requests if there are factors that you believe may not be fully captured through the considerations outlined above. If you would like to provide information for consideration, please email me at Christopher.John@education.wa.edu.au by the end of Week 1, Term 4 (16 October). While it is not possible to accommodate every request, please be assured that the entire process is guided by a commitment to placing every child in the best possible learning environment for the year ahead.

Chris John
Principal

PAYMENTS TO ATTADALE PS

With immediate effect, the school will not be requesting or accepting upfront payments for excursions and incursions as a result of the implementation of Compass Pay.

Compass Pay eliminates the need for these upfront payments as it allows you to pay directly from your debit/credit card which alleviates the need for credit on your accounts. In 2027 we plan to implement the ability to pay voluntary contributions and charges directly through the Compass app which, hopefully, will make parents lives that much easier.

In relation to cash payments, our preference is to move towards a cash-free front office wherever practicable, as this provides greater convenience and efficiency for our office operations. EFTPOS and direct bank deposits will, of course, always be available to parents who prefer those methods.

TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 9	14 September Kindy Red Kindy Red Sports	15 September Kindy Red/Green Kindy Green Sports	16 September Kindy Blue/Green Mini Fair	17 September Kindy Blue/Green Kindy Blue Sports	18 September Kindy Blue P&C Quiz Night
WEEK 10	21 September Kindy Red	22 September Kindy Red/Green	23 September Kindy Red Wellbeing Wednesday	24 September Kindy Blue/Green Yr 5's to MSHS	25 September Kindy Blue Yr 1/2 Rm 3 Assembly

Term 4 will commence Tuesday 13th October

UPCOMING EVENTS

Excursions -

Year 2 Excursion to Kings Park - 21st October

Interm Swimming for Pre Primary to Year 4 starts in Week 3 of Term 4.

Please use your Compass App to provide consent and payment

Kindy Mini Sports days - 2-3pm in the Kindy playground -

Red Group - Monday 14th September

Green Group - Tuesday 15th September

Blue Group - Thursday 17th September

Wellbeing Day -

Kindy Blue and Green will wear something they love on Wednesday 16th September

Kindy Red on Wednesday 23rd September

The main school will be on Wednesday 23rd September

MINIFAIR - WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

This Wednesday, 16th September, our Year 6 students will be running their Mini Fair!

There will be lots of fun games and stalls for the children to enjoy, with plenty of opportunities to win some great prizes along the way!

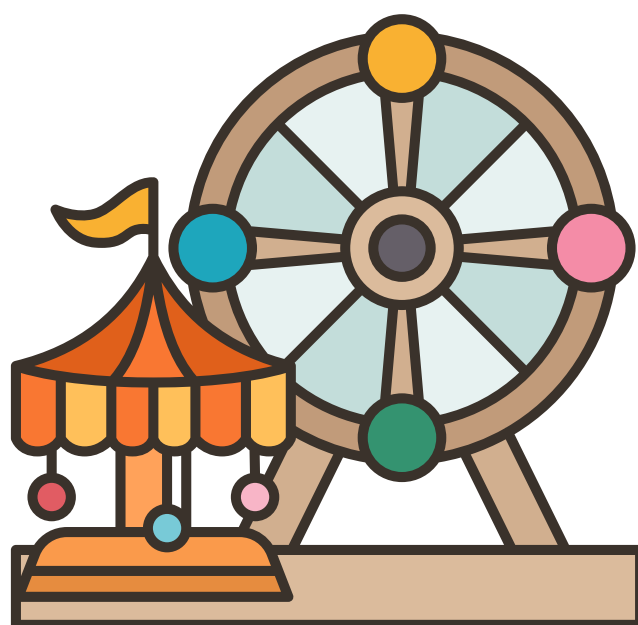
We ask that children bring no more than \$10 to spend on the day.

PP and Year 1 will head down first at around 12pm, followed by Years 2–6 at approximately 1pm, once they have finished eating.

We can't wait to see all the children enjoying the Mini Fair and supporting our Year 6 students, who have put so much time, effort and enthusiasm into getting their stalls ready.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We hope the children have a fantastic afternoon!

Mini Fair
is on
Wednesday
@lunchtime



SCHOOL PHOTOS - MISCELLANEOUS

Please note the following miscellaneous photos were taken on your school photo day and are now available to view/purchase. Please visit us at www.fotomakerswa.com.au and order online using the following Access Key: 7KV3YVWW

- School Leaders
- Parliamentarians
- Faction Captains

Fotomakers WA offer a 100% money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo. Should you have any queries please direct them to admin@fotomakerswa.com.au or Tel: 1300 876 920



THIS WEEK'S Specials

Week 9: 14th September-18th September 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



Potato and Leek Soup - \$5.00

Canteen made Leek and Potato Soup. Creamy and
delicious. Contains dairy.

Potato and Leek Soup



Garlic Bread options available

Friday

Spaghetti and Meatballs- \$6.20

Beef meatballs cooked in a tomato and hidden vegetable
sauce, tossed through spaghetti and served with cheese.

Vegetarian option available

Spaghetti and Meatballs



Available toppings options:

No Cheese

Gluten-free

Dairy Free

Sign up to Volunteer

Have any spare time this term?

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

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



THE APS P&C QUIZ NIGHT & DISCO!



Expect **fabulous prizes**, **questionable knowledge**, fierce **competition**, questionable **dance moves** and, most importantly, a night of fun while raising funds for our wonderful school! ❤️

TICKETS:



VIP TABLE – \$500

per table of 10
Prime seating + 2 jugs of beer!
Only 4 VIP tables available



STANDARD TABLE – \$350

per table of 10



SINGLE TICKET – \$35 EACH

(2 tables available)
See FAQs for details.

WHERE:

Melville Bowling
& Recreation Club

WHEN:

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2026



6:00pm – Doors open
+ Silent Auction begins



7:00pm – Quiz kicks off!



9:30pm – Quiz wraps +
dance floor opens



12:00am – Doors close



TABLE COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

Not compulsory, but definitely
encouraged... because why be
normal when you can win the quiz
AND best dressed?

See FAQs for details.



PRIZES TO BE WON!



Feel free to flex your platter skills
and BYO food or order ahead from
Applecross Pizza for a 7pm delivery.
See FAQs for details.



FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS OUR SCHOOL!



Please see the FAQs for
all the important details.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

The Green Scene

Every Tuesday is *nude food Tuesday* and if students come to school with *nude* lunchboxes they are rewarded a *faction token* by me. We have done this for over two terms now and I think it's time to add a twist. When I walk around at lunchtime on Tuesday and your child has the food that we have in this newsletter they will be rewarded with extra *faction tokens* if they have *nude* lunchboxes as well.

Harrison - Minister for Environment

Healthy Marshmallow

Ingredients

250g (1 cup) filtered water
 3 Tbsp [organic gelatine powder](#) (use a 20ml Tbsp)
 200g raw honey (can be reduced further if you prefer)
 1/2 tsp vanilla powder (or 1 tsp organic vanilla extract)
 1/4 tsp [sea salt](#)



Thermomix Method:

1. Prepare a baking dish by greasing with a little coconut oil and lining with baking paper. Leave some paper sticking up over the sides so marshmallows are easy to remove once set.
2. Weigh water into Thermomix bowl, and carefully sprinkle in gelatine powder so that it sits on the surface of the water (not on the blades).
3. Add honey, vanilla and salt and insert butterfly whisk. Place steamer basket onto lid instead of MC, so steam can escape.
4. Cook 15 mins/115C/speed 1 for TM5/TM6 (or cook at Varoma temp if using a TM31). Keep an eye on the mixture as it cooks – if it begins to bubble up onto the lid, turn temp down to 100C until it subsides, then turn back up to 115C/Varoma.
5. Once done, remove lid from bowl and allow mixture to cool to room temp (37C) before continuing! Add optional colourings once mixture has cooled.
6. With butterfly attached and steamer basket on lid, mix 5-7 mins/speed 4, or until mixture is thick and glossy and holds its shape when on a spoon. Don't overmix, as high heat will ruin the texture and make the marshmallows chewy and rubbery!
7. Transfer the marshmallow to your lined dish, scraping from the bowl with a silicon spatula.
8. Scrape the mixture into the lined dish with a silicone spatula, smoothing the top of the marshmallow. Place dish into the freezer to set for 30 minutes, or until firm.
9. Remove marshmallow from dish and discard paper. Cut marshmallow into approx. 4cm squares using kitchen scissors, or place onto a cutting board and cut with a very sharp knife.

Conventional Method:

1. Grease a 26cm x 19cm baking dish with a little coconut oil and line with baking paper, leaving some paper extending over the sides to allow for easy removal.
2. Place water and gelatine in a heavy-based saucepan over medium heat and add honey, salt and vanilla. Cook, whisking, for 7–10 minutes, or until gelatine is dissolved and syrup is clear and slightly reduced. Pour into the bowl of an electric mixer and set aside to cool to room temperature.
3. Using the whisk attachment, begin mixing on medium–low speed, gradually increasing speed to high. Beat for 5–7 minutes, or until mixture is thick and glossy and soft peaks form when the whisk is lifted. Don't overmix, as texture may become chewy and stringy!
4. Using a silicone spatula, scrape mixture into prepared dish and smooth top. Freeze for 30 minutes to set.
5. Remove marshmallow from dish and discard paper. Cut marshmallow into 4cm squares with kitchen scissors, or place on a chopping board and cut with a very sharp knife.

Source <https://quirkycooking.com.au/2017/03/easy-marshmallows-honey-sweetened-natural/>

THE WELLBEING CORNER

RU OK?™ at school

Our students took part in a range of engaging activities to recognise R U OK? Day and explore the importance of connection, kindness and looking out for one another. Students learnt how to notice when a friend might not be feeling like themselves, how to ask "Are you OK?", listen with care and identify trusted adults they can turn to for support. Through these activities, students were encouraged to build their confidence in supporting positive friendships and creating a caring and connected school community.



Family Hub

Our school is proud to be part of The Resilience Project, supporting children and families to build positive wellbeing habits through Gratitude, Empathy Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy (GEM). Wellbeing isn't just something we develop at school — small, everyday habits at home can make a big difference too.

When families and schools use the same language around wellbeing, children are better supported to develop resilience and emotional skills.

The Resilience Project Family Hub provides simple, practical ideas, short videos and family-friendly activities to help you bring GEM into everyday life. Because when we practise GEM together, we grow together. Explore the Family Hub and discover simple ways to support your family's wellbeing at home.

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/family-hub>

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
WEEK 10



**DRESS IN RESILIENCE PROJECT
COLOURS OR COME DRESSED AS
ONE OF THE HEROES!**

GRATITUDE – ORANGE

EMPATHY – GREEN

EMOTIONAL LITERACY – RED

MINDFULNESS – PURPLE

Fundraiser

**\$3 a bottle to HeartKids
ALL other profits → APS P&C**

WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE

100% HOMEMADE BY ANNIE'S FAMILY (YR 3)



Linda's (Annie's Nanna) homemade **Worster sauce** remained a family secret for years. Reserved for weekend breakfasts and family gifts. But word travelled. Friends started showing up unannounced, hoping for a "spare" bottle hidden in the pantry. So in 2020, we decided to turn our much-loved family recipe into something bigger, a fundraiser for Heart kids which holds a very special place in our hearts. With over \$6K raised we now want to share the love with our APS community with majority of profits going to APS P&C.

Order here!

worstersauce.square.site

Buy 1 bottle ~ \$15

Buy 2 bottles ~ 20% discount ~ \$25

Buy 3 bottles ~ 25% discount ~ \$33

- ✓ Select the **APS P&C FUNDRAISER** box
- ✓ PERFECT for Fathers Day or XMAS
- ✓ Orders close 25 September
- ✓ Pick up from the APS office or delivery
- ✓ Gluten is present in the Malt Vinegar

GRAB A BOTTLE - SPREAD THE WORD
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Canteen Volunteer Roster

Term 3, 2026

Week	Year Group	Canteen Dates
1	PP	22 & 24 July
2	Year 1	29 & 31 July
3	Year 2	5 & 7 August
4	All-in	12 & 14 August
5	Year 3	19 & 21 August
6	Year 4	26 & 28 August
7	All-in	2 & 4 September
8	Year 5	9 & 11 September
9	Year 6	16 & 18 September
10	All-in	23 & 25 September

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>

