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Term 4
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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

It has been wonderful to see students, staff and families return refreshed and ready for another busy term. The school grounds are once again full of energy, and we look forward to the many learning opportunities, events and achievements that lie ahead over the coming weeks.

You may have noticed that one set of AFL goal posts has recently been removed from the oval. This is part of preparations for the refurbishment of our cricket pitch, a project being undertaken in partnership with Bicton Junior Cricket Club. The upgrade will allow the oval to be used as a venue for weekend cricket fixtures and further strengthen an already strong connection between the club and our school community. Many of our students already play for Bicton Junior Cricket Club, so it is pleasing to see a project that benefits both our students and the wider community.

There has been considerable media attention recently regarding student screen time in schools, particularly in relation to limits and restrictions being introduced in some eastern states. It is important to understand that many of these policy changes are intended as a correction for schools that have become heavily dependent on one-to-one devices across most learning areas. While there is certainly value in preparing students for a digital future, there are examples of schools that have taken the concept of 21st century learning further than necessary.

Here at Attadale, digital devices are viewed as a tool rather than a replacement for quality teaching and learning that is balanced with many other forms of instruction. Technology is used when it enhances learning by providing access to content that students could not otherwise meaningfully engage with, or when it allows them to create, communicate and demonstrate their understanding in ways that would not otherwise be possible. We recognise that concerns about children's screen time are valid and deserving of discussion. However, it is equally important to distinguish between passive and active screen use. There is a significant cognitive difference between spending long periods passively consuming entertainment or engaging with highly stimulating, deliberately addictive apps and games, compared with using technology under the guidance of a teacher to research, analyse information, solve problems, create products and express ideas. Later this term we will be hosting a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) information session for families entering Year 4. In the meantime, parents with any questions or concerns around screen time or device usage are encouraged to speak with their child's classroom teacher.

As communicated in the Week 9 newsletter last term, we will soon begin the process of creating classes for 2027. Families who wish to provide information or submit a class placement request are reminded that requests must be emailed to christopher.john@education.wa.edu.au by the end of this week. While we are unable to guarantee that all requests can be accommodated, every submission is carefully considered as part of the complex process of placing each student in the learning environment where they are most likely to thrive and be successful.

Chris John
Principal

TERM FOUR PLANNER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	12 October Kindy Red PUPIL FREE DAY	13 October Kindy Red/Green	14 October Kindy Blue/Green	15 October Kindy Blue/Green	16 October Kindy Blue Wear a Colourful Shirt Day for Telethon
WEEK 2	19 October Kindy Red	20 October Kindy Red/Green	21 October Kindy Red Yr 2 Excursion to Kings Park	22 October Kindy Blue/Green Year 5 Koora-Midi Inc with Greg Nanup	23 October Kindy Blue Yr 1 Rm 5 Assembly
WEEK 3	26 October Kindy Red PP-Yr 4 Swim lessons Board Meeting	27 October Kindy Red/Green PP-Yr 4 Swim lessons	28 October Kindy Blue/Green PP-Yr 4 Swim lessons Storytime 9AM (Library)	29 October Kindy Blue/Green PP-Yr 4 Swim lessons	30 October Kindy Blue PP-Yr 4 Swim lessons
WEEK 4	2 November Kindy Red PP-Yr 4 Swim lessons Interschool Athletics	3 November Kindy Red/Green PP-Yr 4 Swim lessons P&C Meeting	4 November Kindy Red PP-Yr 4 Swim lessons Storytime 9AM (Library)	5 November Kindy Blue/Green PP-Yr 4 Swim lessons	6 November Kindy Blue PP-Yr 4 Swim lessons

UPCOMING EVENTS

Excursions

Year 2 Excursion to Kings Park - 21st October

Year 5 Koora-Midi Inc with Greg Nannup - 22nd 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/or payment.

PROUDLY SUPPORTING

telethon 7

Incredible

TOGETHER

WEAR A COLOURFUL SHIRT

TO SCHOOL DAY

♡ Friday 16th October ♡

Bring a
Gold donation
to wear a
bright tshirt!



RAFFLE

3 GIFT HAMPERS
TO BE WON!

Telethon goodies
included in the
raffle prizes.



\$1

A RAFFLE
TICKET

CASH ONLY



TICKETS ON SALE
MONDAY 12TH
TO
THURSDAY 15TH
OUTSIDE THE OFFICE



TICKETS DRAWN

FRIDAY 16TH
PRIZES HANDED OUT
ON FRIDAY!

GAME

GUESS THE
JELLY BEANS
IN THE JAR
TO WIN A PRIZE!



\$1

TO GUESS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING TELETHON ♡
AND HELPING MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PLEASE HELP US TO COLLECT
PRE-LOVED TOYS FOR THE

ROOM 6 TOY STALL

AT THE
ATTADALE COMMUNITY MARKETS
SAT OCT 24 ON THE OVAL



The Room 6, Year 2 students would love any donations of old toys, in good, second-hand condition (complete, unbroken & saleable) to sell at their stall.



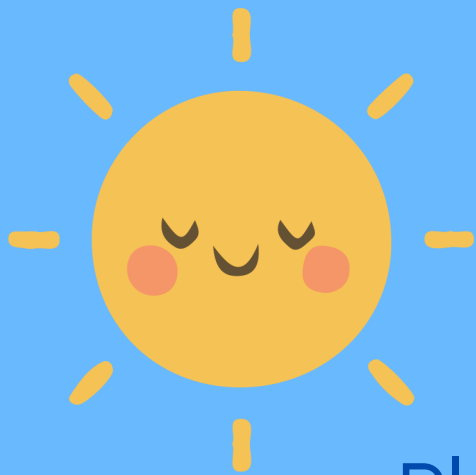
All funds raised will go directly to the P&C for the new playground!



Drop donations to Room 6,
or text Shelley on 0430 737 426
to arrange pick-up from your home, or to
make alternative drop-off arrangements.

Donations close October 22





Attadale
Primary School

Foundations for life

Please join us for ...

LIBRARY STORYTIME

future Kindy students, siblings and current Kindy students are welcome!

We hope you will join us for songs and stories in the school library with:

Ms Park (Early Childhood Deputy Principal)
Miss Sonya (School Librarian)



0-4 Story Time

28th Oct-9th Dec

**When: Every Wednesday at
9:00**

Where: In the School Library

MATHEMATICS PARENT WORKSHOP



1:45-2:30
PM



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JOIN US

RSVP via forms
by 30th Oct



Hear about our school's approach to
teaching and learning mathematics using
evidence-based practice.



Learn effective ways to support your
child at home.

This presentation is suitable for parents
of all year groups.

ATTADALE'S GOT

TALENT!

★ TERM 4 ★



Sign-ups: Week 4



Auditions: Weeks 5 & 6



Final performance: Week 8



THANK YOU

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

Attadale Primary School

with gratitude for raising \$1,093.35 for cancer research at
The Kids Research Institute Australia

Your fundraising is helping us discover new treatments and
ways to improve kids' health

01 October 2026



Professor Caroline Homer AO
Executive Director