



Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back for 2025. It was fantastic to see everyone return safely and meet all our new students and families. Well done to our Kindergarten students who are settling into school life very well. We look forward to a fabulous year. Many exciting events are in the works for 2025, these will be added to the parent planner to inform you as soon as practicable. Connect will continue to be the primary communication forum, and Facebook will often have many stories of the great things happening in our school. If you are having trouble accessing Connect, please pop into the front office to see Miss Condro for assistance.

Staffing

Welcome to many new vibrant staff members!

- Mr Mitchell Durwood in Room 16
- Miss Sherry Neale in Unit 2
- Mrs Kristy Wise in Physical Education (Sport)
- Mr Mathew Remaj, Special Needs Education Assistant
- Mrs Pashmina Qureshi, Education Assistant for Term 1

Welcome back to Mrs Jacqui McKinlay in Room 8, and Mrs Ebony Grandidge in Unit 3, we missed you!

We say goodbye for now to Mrs Rachel Loxley as she prepares for a new addition to her family.

Welcome back BBQ

We hope you enjoyed something a little different this year with our welcome-back BBQ! We are very much looking forward to creating lasting and mutually beneficial relationships with our families and community members for the benefit of our students' wellbeing and academic success. Should you have any feedback on the afternoon, please do not hesitate to let your child's classroom teacher know or email the school at AshburtonDrive.PS@education.wa.edu.au.

Parking

Just a reminder that parking is always a difficulty in any school. Please remain patient and refrain from obstructing our neighbours from their homes. It is also important that the staff car park is NOT utilised by parents for the safety of our students.

Allergies

We have some students who are highly allergic to nuts, eggs and other food products. It would be appreciated if you could please speak to your children about the importance of not sharing food and washing hands both before and after eating. The children concerned would be most grateful.

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6 Nullagine Way Gosnells Wa 6110

Phone: 9234 6300

AshburtonDrive.PS@education.wa.edu.au

School Hours

Monday - Friday

8.45am - 2.45pm

Recess: 10.55am - 11.15am

Lunch: 1.15pm - 1.45pm

Final Bell: 2.45pm

Dates To Remember

Monday 3rd March

- Labour Day

Friday 7th March

- Assembly - Room 6 & Room 7
- Newsletter - Unit 4

Tuesday 11th March

- Parent Teacher Interviews

12th March - 24th March

- NAPLAN

Friday 21st March

- Summer Carnival
- Newsletter Room 4

Friday 4th April

- Newsletter - Room 12

Week 10 - 7th April - 11th April

- Wellbeing Week

Thursday 10th April

Personal Best - Year 1-6 Laser Tag

School Start and Finish Times

Classes start each morning at 8.45am and finish at 2.45pm. Please ensure your children are here on time and picked up on time. Arriving late and being left to wait after school can be stressful for your children and cause them anxiety. Children should arrive at school around 8.30 and be collected at 2.45pm, unless they are involved in Run Club. If your child arrives at school before 8.30am they need to either wait under the shelters on the oval or join in during Run Club or read in the library. This is to ensure that they are safe. Parents who accompany their children at this time also need to comply to assist staff in their Duty of Care requirements. Children will be sent to classes at 8.35 to prepare for the school day. Teachers are available after school or at other times by appointment – please make contact by email, Connect or phone.

The relationship between the home and the school plays a very important part in a child's education. We cannot overestimate the critical role parents play in successful learning: parents contribute much to their child's development and are the most important influences on how the child approaches learning. Teachers are responsible for the more formal aspects of children's learning, and successful teaching builds on the home experiences of the child. This is most effective when there is an active partnership with parents. Two-way communication is a critical factor in the partnership between parents and the school. Where a partnership exists, it is easier for parents to feel confident about the teaching and learning taking place in the classroom and to solve problems. Please help us by:

- Keeping your contact details up to date in the school office
- Checking Connect for any messages
- Keeping the teacher/administration informed of any issues or changes that may impact your child at school
- Contacting your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns
- Contacting the Principal/Deputy Principal if you have any questions or concerns
- Signing in when on school grounds
- Returning permissions which are sought for various reasons

The school and the Department of Education have clear steps to guide parents in the resolution of problems and concerns and copies of this are available in the school office. However, if you are not sure what to do please don't hesitate to contact me if you have concerns.

Hot Weather

Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day. During extremely hot days, it may be necessary to enact our Hot Weather Policy. Students remain in classrooms during extreme heat and physical activities are cancelled. Let's hope for some cooler days coming!

New members required!

Please consider joining the P and C who assist the school with resourcing through fundraising efforts and/or the School Board who assist in the running of the school. We would very much love some new perspectives! Please contact Heather.Fallo@education.wa.edu.au for further information.

The Importance of Regular Attendance

At ADPS, we know that every day counts. Attending school regularly is one of the most important factors in a student's success—not just academically but socially and emotionally too.

Did you know that missing just one day of school per fortnight adds up to 20 days per year? That's the equivalent of four weeks of lost learning! Over a student's school journey from Pre-Primary to Year 12, that could total nearly 1.5 years of missed education.

Research shows that students who attend school more than 90% of the time are far more likely to achieve strong results and stay engaged in their learning. On the other hand, those who fall below 80% attendance can struggle to keep up, leading to gaps in understanding that can impact their future opportunities.

As a school community, we encourage families to prioritise attendance and work with us if challenges arise. Every lesson matters, and every day at school is a step towards success!

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a Half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

If you need support with attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can ensure the best outcomes for every student.

Parent Contributions

The Ashburton Drive Primary School Board has endorsed the schedule of voluntary contributions and charges for 2024. The schedule is broken into three sections and will allow you to calculate all costs that you might incur throughout the school year.

- Per Child Kindergarten to Year 6 \$50.00
- Chaplaincy \$5.00
- P&C approved a voluntary fund of \$10.00

Payment Options

- Option 1 - Cash

A cash payment can be made at the School Administration office.

- Option 2 - EFTPOS

EFTPOS facilities are available at the School Administration office.

- Option 3 - Direct Deposit

Account Name - Ashburton Drive Primary School

BSBN - 016 358

Account no. - 3408 788 99

Please use student name, surname and room number as reference

Positive Behaviour Support Focus Term 1 Week 3 & 4 is 'Line up and move around the school appropriately'.

In weeks three and four of Term 1, the focus of our PBS lessons (Positive Behaviour Support) is to 'Line up and move around the school appropriately' and was taken from our focus area of 'Do Your Best' by Djiti Djiti. Please support us by discussing this with your children and encouraging them to 'Line up and move around the school appropriately' both at home and school.

Avenues for Information

Please stay up to date with the latest information by ensuring you are connected to Connect. Both the Primary School and P&C are on Facebook, please find us there for updates and notices. The school website can be found at <https://www.ashburtondriveps.wa.edu.au/>


Kind Regards

Heather Fallo

Principal

Term 1 Parent Planner 2025 - Version 3

If you would like a copy of our term 1 parent planner you can download a copy from our website: <https://www.ashburtondriveps.wa.edu.au>

		Ashburton Drive Primary School Term Planner: Parent Term 1. 2025				
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	27 January Australia Day	28 January	29 January	30 January	31 January *Uniform Shop OPEN – 9.00am–12.30pm	
1	3 February STAFF PD DAY * Clast Lists will be on display – 10.00am outside the front office	4 February STAFF PD DAY * Clast Lists will be on display – outside the front office	5 February Students Resume Pre-Primary – Year 6 *Uniform Shop OPEN – 8.30am-9.15am * Clast Lists will be on display – outside the front office	6 February	7 February	
2	10 February *Kindy	11 February *Kindy	12 February *Kindy	13 February *Welcome Back BBQ - 4.00pm -6.00pm	14 February	
3	17 February *Kindy	18 February *Kindy	19 February	20 February	21 February *Assembly – Student Leaders *Newsletter Room 17 & 18	
4	24 February *Kindy	25 February *Kindy	26 February *Kindy	27 February	28 February	
5	3 March Labour Day	4 March *Kindy	5 March	6 March	7 March *Assembly – Room 6 & 7 * Newsletter – Unit 4	
6	10 March *Kindy	11 March *Kindy *Parent Teacher Interviews	12 March *NAPLAN *Kindy	13 March *NAPLAN	14 March *NAPLAN	
7	17 March *NAPLAN *Kindy	18 March *NAPLAN *Kindy	19 March *NAPLAN	20 March *NAPLAN	21 March *NAPLAN *Summer Carnival *Newsletter – Room 4	
8	24 March *NAPLAN *Kindy	25 March *Kindy	26 March *Kindy	27 March	28 March	
9	31 March *Kindy	1 April *Kindy	2 April	3 April	4 April *Newsletter – Room 12	
10	7 April *Kindy Wellbeing Week	8 April *Kindy	9 April *Kindy	10 April *Personal Best – Year 1-6 Laser Tag	11 April *Last day of term 1 *ANZAC Assembly 9am	

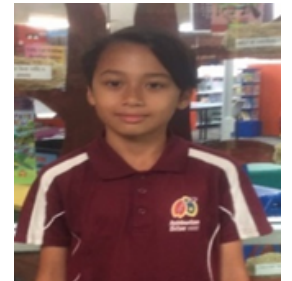
Room 17 & Room 18

INTRODUCING OUR YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2025

Bonjour! I'm Allegra Vicary. I'm the eldest in my family and I love dancing, especially hip-hop. I have a puppy named Gracie and she's cute. As a school councillor, I am looking forward to assemblies, helping in school carnivals and being a positive role model for others. My motto is: 'Try your best in everything you do!'



Kumusta! I am Adrijano Tomic, and I am so happy that I am the Faction Captain for Murchison this year. I can't wait to wear one of the ADPS letters at assembly, so I can show off my dance moves. I have lots of friends and I'm good at sports. My motto is: 'Have fun!'



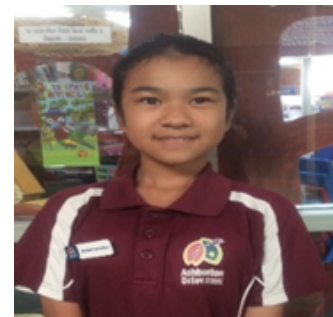
Kaya! My name is Chantell Hume, and I am the faction captain for De Grey. I am looking forward to encouraging everyone to do their best at sports carnivals and to always try their best. I love participating in all sports and one of my goals for 2025 is to be Champion Girl in Athletics. My motto is: 'Show respect for others'



Giddy! Bryce Riches, one of the school councillors for this year. I love playing Tee-ball, baseball and AFL. I am really good at sports and one day I hope to be a professional sports person. As a leader, I'm looking forward to helping at Running Club, school assemblies, selling icy poles and running other school activities. My motto is: 'Be the Best You Can Be!'



Talofa! My name is Laura Ngy. I was born in Sydney and my nationality is Cambodian. I am quite a shy person, but I'm glad that I'm a school councillor because I'm very capable of carrying out my duties and being an excellent role model for my peers. I enjoy doing puzzles and Art. My motto is: 'You were born to stand out from the crowd!'



Ni Hao! My name is Charles Famoso and I am ten years old. I was born in Darwin and my nationality is Filipino. I am excited to be a school councillor because I want to do my best by giving back to this awesome school. I have some great friends who are leaders too. My motto is: 'One tree can make a thousand matches, but it only takes one match to burn a thousand trees!'

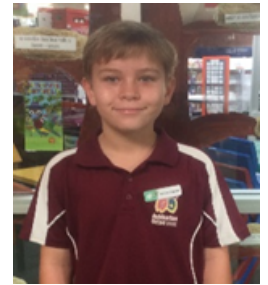


Kia Ora! I am Makaelin Hiko-Kita and my family is originally from New Zealand. I have been at ADPS since Pre-Primary and now I'm a school councillor in year 6. I'm looking forward to reading the announcements every morning, giving out awards and all the other fun things that come with this responsibility.

My motto is: 'Follow your Dreams!'



Ola! My name is Chase Pearson and I am the Faction Captain for Fortescue. I really like sports, but my favourite would have to be Hockey. I love going to the beach with my family and hanging out with my friends. I'm looking forward to assemblies where we get to dress up and dance. At carnivals, I'll be cheering for my faction the loudest to encourage them to do their best. My motto is: 'Go Fortescue!'



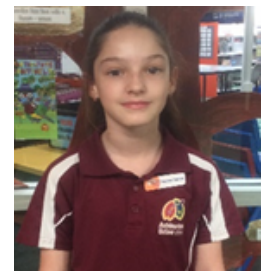
Konnichi Wa! I'm Frankline Kindipan. I'm the youngest in my family and I'm funny. I'm looking forward to working together with the other leaders to make sure our school is running smoothly. I am one of the school councillors and this is going to be a great year for me.

My motto is: 'Teamwork is the key to Success.'



Hi! I'm Gascoyne's Faction Captain for 2025, Dakota Peos. I've done a variety of sports outside of school like BMX, tennis and a few others. I'm looking forward to being the best faction captain I can be by putting 100% in everything I do.

My advice to my peers is to 'Never Give Up!' This is going to be a great journey for me. My motto is: 'Always try your best and you can achieve anything, even if it seems far out of your reach!'



DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Merit Certificate Winners - Term 1 - Week 3

Whitney	Ayden	Lillian	Alikhi	Hania	Melody	Gabriella
Isabella	Makayla	Asha	Zacariah	Raymond	Trevor	Fatema
Chantelle	Jahmarlee	Harvey	Ernest	Zahirah	Madison	Isabel
Ivy	Tyler	Moreblessing	Abizard	Jaeden	Summer	Claire
Zoey	Layla	Zahra	Khatema	Evie	Harper	Lucas
Cruz	Ezekiel	Peter	Iluh	Angelia	Penny	Tyler

Green Block



Strickland Block



Draffen Block



Medallion



Aussie of the Month



We hope your start back at school for 2025 has been a smooth one 😊

We hope you enjoyed the Welcome Back to School BBQ 🍖 Thanks to Everyone who helped out, what a great evening!

We had our AGM on Wednesday, it was great to see returning members and some new faces at the table.

Our P&C members were voted in;

President- Anneleise

Vice President- Yvonne

Treasurer- Kathy

Secretary- Tanya

Executive and General Members: Sean, Karrin, Nikki & Alissa

If you are still interested in joining the P&C come find us at school or come to our next meeting (the date will be confirmed soon). And you are always welcome to attend a meeting without being a member!

Remember to follow the P&C page on Facebook for updates!

Welcome to 2025, it will be a great year for joining the P&C 😊

Yvonne

Vice President ADPS P&C

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop is open Mondays 8.30am - 9.15pm

Faction polos with retiring logo are all \$15

Welcome to order online through quickcliq and will be delivered to your child at class.

All interschool polos need to be returned to the sports teacher please.

Warm regards,

Katie

ADPS uniform shop coordinator



Prohibition signs

Parking prohibitions are imposed to regulate and modify parking patterns. Their main function is to ensure that potential conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians are eliminated.



No Stopping
You must not stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping sign applies.



No Parking
You may stop in a No Parking zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your car at all times.



Parking Signs
Parking signs with specified time limits allow drivers to park their vehicles for a certain period of time.



Bus Zone
You must not stop or park in a bus zone. Parking in a bus zone puts lives at risk.

City of Gosnells
PO Box 662
Gosnells WA 6990
9397 3000
council@gosnells.wa.gov.au
www.gosnells.wa.gov.au

Common offences around schools

On this occasion you have been deemed to be:

Please be advised this is a caution for the below offence

Nature of offence	Penalty
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking contrary to signs or limitations	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking against the flow of traffic	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Causing obstruction	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Double parking	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing a driveway or other way of access	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking within 10 metres of an intersection	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking vehicle within 10 metres of departure side or within 20 metres of approach side of pedestrian, children's or rail crossing	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping contrary to a 'No Stopping' sign	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping contrary to a 'No Parking' sign	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping near bus stop	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping on footpath, median strip or traffic island	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping on a verge - without consent	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking or Stopping in Disabled Parking area	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping or parking on a yellow line	\$100

Please refer to the City of Gosnells Parking Local Law 2012 for the full list of prescribed offences.

Safety around schools



School parking

In an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone, the City of Gosnells Ranger Services patrol school parking mornings and afternoons throughout the school term.

It is imperative that drivers are aware of the road rules and understand signage around schools to ensure the safety of children, road users and pedestrians. Unlawful parking in school areas is a major safety hazard and parking infringements may be issued for incorrect, unlawful or dangerous parking.

At the beginning of each school year, Rangers conduct educational patrols in school areas. During this period Rangers remind drivers of the need to park legally and safely and enforce the Parking Local Law 2012 in a number of ways.

As part of this initiative, Rangers also work closely with the school community to promote safety around schools. Information leaflets are distributed to schools for inclusion in school newsletters, and advise parents of the parking requirements under the Parking Local Law 2012.



Common parking problems

- Parking in a **No Stopping** area
- Parking in a **No Parking** area
- Double parking
- Parking on a nature strip or verge without the owner's consent
- Parking so that the vehicle causes an obstruction
- Parking against the flow of traffic
- Stopping or parking on a footpath
- Stopping or parking at a bus stop

Be responsible

- Observe parking restrictions (read the signs)
- Be aware
- Use Kiss and Drive (if provided)
- Always be aware of children
- Walk or cycle to and from school
- Plan your trip so that you arrive earlier
- Stop on the school side so your child does not have to cross the road
- Use the crosswalk services at all times
- Use parent's parking bays (where provided)

What NOT to do

- Block driveways
- Park on footpaths
- Obstruct Children's Crossing
- Get frustrated
- Ignore speed limits around schools
- Ignore parking signs

If you need help or advice regarding parking contact Ranger Services during office hours on 9397 3000.

School zones

40km/hr school zones are in place around every school in the City of Gosnells. School zones operate from 7.30am to 9am and 2.30pm to 4pm.

Children warning signs and 40km/hr school zone speed signs are the responsibility of Main Roads WA.

Kiss and Drive

Kiss and Drive zones typically allow parents to pick up and drop off children adjacent to the main school entrance. Kiss your child, say goodbye, allow them out and drive away as soon as possible.

When using the designated Kiss and Drive zone around schools, never leave your car unattended.

Contact your local school to find out if a Kiss and Drive initiative is in place.

Continuous yellow line markings

You cannot stop or park anywhere along a single yellow line painted on the edge of the road. This restriction is in place 24 hours a day and attracts a \$100 penalty.

The City will use yellow lines instead of signage where placement of signs may be difficult, pose a hazard or affect the amenity of an area.

Camp Australia News

Early School Finish Day

Experience the magic of inspiring programs at Your OSHC after Ashburton Drive Primary School's early finish!

Date: Tuesday 11th March 2025

Time: 10:55am – 6:00pm

Location: Camp Australia Room

Fees: \$8.00 per hour from 10:55am – 2:40 pm. Usual After Care fees apply from 2:40pm onwards.



Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 90% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

To book and view your fees, visit www.campastralia.com.au and find your school's page.

Or call our Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343.

To attend our program your child must be registered.

Your OSHC.

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