



Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4 is upon us!

Welcome to new families and welcome back to current families. We look forward to an exciting term.

5 Positive ways to prepare your child for the December 10 ban

Don't wait - The sudden removal of social media could be a shock to young people. Start the conversation as early as possible with your child and work together to create a plan on how to manage the ban. Talk to kids and teens about why the ban is being implemented and how it will affect both their friendships and their daily routines. This can help children feel informed, supported and importantly, heard.

Fade out social media - Gradually reducing your child's time on social media rather than suddenly stopping it will help them to adjust slowly and prevent feelings of withdrawal and frustration. By planning this approach together, your child can understand and accept it, making the removal of social media smoother and less stressful for the whole family.

Rather than remove - Social media meets young people's needs to socially connect with others, develop their identity, and belong to a community. You could consider signing up to some other activities for regular social connection and a sense of belonging. These might include team sports, group hobbies, or volunteering.

Start offline connections - Normalise and encourage engagement within your communities that isn't reliant on social media. The ban presents an opportunity for parents to encourage and support children to build supportive offline groups together, where children can regularly connect in person. These could be connected to existing friends or newly established groups and use alternative means of communication such as by phone, text or email.

Do it yourself - Children and young people absorb the behaviours and attitudes that are modelled to them in the home. So, this means parents can help by managing their own screen time, prioritising face-to-face connections with friends and family, and setting aside regular time for hobbies and activities.

<https://www.generationnext.com.au/2025/09/the-social-media-ban-is-coming-whether-families-like-it-or-not-5-ways-to-prepare-kids-and-teens/>

Connected Community School Trial

Planning and arrangements have commenced regarding our involvement in the Connected Community School Trial. This week, we have a new face on staff, Mrs Clare Heffernan who is joining us for Term 4 as a Deputy Principal whilst the role is advertised for the four-year trail. Clare will be lead in ensuring we are building our capacity to continue the support of our families and students. We look forward to working with Clare and to the opportunities this trial will bring for our school community.

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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

Friday 17 October

- Newsletter - Music

Wednesday 22 October

- Grandparents Day - Kindy-Year 3
- Group A - Kindy Parent/Carer and child session 9.00am-10.30am.

Thursday 23 October

- Interschool Athletics

Friday 24 October

- Assembly Unit 4 & Room 2

Week 3 and Week 4

Swimming Pre-Primary - Year 6

Wednesday 29 October

- 2026 Kindy - Parent/Carer and Child Session 9.00am-10.30 - Group A

Friday 31 October

- Newsletter - Room 7

Wednesday 12 November

- 2026 Kindy - Parent/Carer and Child Session 9.00am-10.30 - Group B

School Board

On the 12th of November, we will be holding an open meeting at 2:00pm. This is an opportunity for you to hear the roles and work of the Board and how it contributes to our school community. We look forward to seeing lots of attendees. (There will be food...)

Friday 17th October is Cleaner Day

We are incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing team of cleaners who are a vital part of our school community. Their hard work keeps our learning spaces clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

Please take a moment to thank our wonderful cleaning staff for all that they do each day, their efforts truly make a difference!

Before and After School Care

We are very pleased to announce that our new provider is OSHClub. The School Board analysed the proposals presented and determined the best fit regarding services offered and cost to parents.

OSHClub will be working in partnership with our school to provide quality before and after-school care for our students. We look forward to welcoming them to our community and to the wonderful opportunities this partnership will bring for our families.

https://www.oshclub.com.au/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23086816043&gclid=CjwKCAjwr8LHBhBKEiwAy47uUoeNsh6lBBefY-Jlzn4fvLQu9lkYCoqFrUH9_VF6pdWVjYqIGwAcxoCWosQAvD_BwE

More information about enrolments and session times will be shared during a parent meet and greet in the library on Wednesday 22 October at 9:00am. We hope you can come along.

We take this opportunity to thank Camp Australia for their many years of service and wish the staff well on their next adventure.

Wonderful feedback

We are very proud of our students who participated in Sporting Schools Soccer Clinics. Coach Kurt, sought me out to inform us of the respectful manner and high engagement of our students. He even went so far as to say, "We are the best school he has been to". What fantastic recognition of our students and our community, well done to all.

Swimming Week 3 & 4 - Pre-Primary - Year 6

Swimming protocols - Students wear bathers to school under their school uniform and will require a towel to wear on the bus going back to school. Students will require their dry uniform and underwear to change into on their return from swimming lessons. If the lesson is later in the day, students come to school in uniform and change into their bathers at school before leaving. All students will change back into their school clothes at school. Footwear must be worn. Thongs are permitted to the pool, but shoes are required at school. Please clearly label EVERYTHING with your child's name, anything lost which is unnamed will be in the lost property outside the library. Parents may visit the pool, but please be aware that visitors will need to enter through the front door and pay the standard entry fee. Students remain the responsibility of the pool and school staff. Please make sure your child/ren bring their bathers and towel every day.

Positive Behaviour Support Focus Term 4 Week 1 & 2 is 'Allow others to work.'

In weeks one and two of Term 4, the focus of our PBS lessons (Positive Behaviour Support) is 'Allow others to work' and was taken from our focus area of 'Show Care and Respect' by Yerdarap. Please support us by discussing this with your children and encouraging them to 'Allow others to work' both at home and at school.

Kindy and Pre-Primary enrolment.

Applications are now open for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary 2026. If you have a child who is eligible and you have not already submitted an application to enrol, please complete an application for enrolment and return it to the front office. When applying, please ensure you have the following relevant documents attached: 1 x proof of address, Birth Certificate, Australian Citizenship Paper or Visa/Passport (if applicable), and an Immunisation History statement downloaded from the Medicare website, which must be dated within the last two months.

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

Parent Planner – Term 4 Version 2

 Ashburton Drive PRIMARY SCHOOL		Ashburton Drive Primary School Term Planner: Parent Term 4, 2025, Version 2			 Ashburton Drive PRIMARY SCHOOL
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	13 October	14 October	15 October	16 October	17 October
1	STAFF PD Day	Students Resume <i>*Kindy</i>			<i>*Newsletter - Music</i>
	20 October	21 October	22 October	23 October	24 October
2	<i>*Kindy</i>	<i>*Kindy</i>	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Grandparents Day – Kindy – Year 3</i>	<i>*Interschool Athletics</i>	<i>*Assembly – Unit 4 & Room 2</i>
	27 October	28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October
3	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Swimming – PP-Yr6</i>	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Swimming – PP-Yr6</i>	<i>*Swimming – PP-Yr6</i> <i>*2026 Kindy - Parent/Carer and Child Session 9:00am till 10:30am – Group A</i>	<i>*Swimming – PP-Yr6</i>	<i>*Swimming – PP-Yr6</i> <i>*Newsletter – Room 7</i>
	3 November	4 November	5 November	6 November	7 November
4	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Swimming – PP-Yr6</i>	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Swimming – PP-Yr6</i>	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Swimming – PP-Yr6</i>	<i>*Swimming – PP-Yr6</i>	<i>*Swimming – PP-Yr6</i>
	10 November	11 November	12 November	13 November	14 November
5	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Deadly Sista Girl Program – 1.45pm-2.45pm</i>	<i>*Kindy</i>	<i>*2026 Kindy - Parent/Carer and Child Session 9:00am till 10:30am – Group B</i>		<i>*Assembly – Puppets & Clowns</i> <i>*Newsletter – Phys Ed</i>
	17 November	18 November	19 November	20 November	21 November
6	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Deadly Sista Girl Program – 1.45pm-2.45pm</i>	<i>*Kindy</i>	<i>*Kindy</i>		
	24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November
7	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Deadly Sista Girl Program – 1.45pm-2.45pm</i>	<i>*Kindy</i>	<i>*2026 Kindy - Parent/Carer School & Community Based information Session - 9:00am till 10:30am</i>		<i>*Newsletter – Room 10</i>
	1 December	2 December	3 December	4 December	5 December
8	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Deadly Sista Girl Program – 1.45pm-2.45pm</i>	<i>*Kindy</i>	<i>*Kindy</i>		
	8 December	9 December	10 December	11 December	12 December
9	<i>*Kindy</i>	<i>*Kindy</i>			<i>*Newsletter – Room 16</i>
	15 December	16 December	17 December	18 December	19 December
10	<i>*Kindy</i>	<i>*Kindy</i> <i>*Assembly – Endeavour Award Assembly</i>	<i>*Kindy</i>	<i>*Last Day of Term 4</i> <i>*Assembly – Year 6 Graduation Assembly</i>	STAFF PD DAY

MUSIC NEWS!



Our Junior Music students have been having a fantastic time exploring the exciting elements of music, tempo and pitch, through a fun, hands-on learning experience. Using a bright rainbow parachute, in the warm sunshine, students worked together to move in different ways that matched the sounds they heard. When the music became fast, the parachute moved quickly and energetically. When the music slowed down, everyone gently waved it to match the tempo.

Students also discovered how changes in pitch can be expressed through movement – lifting the parachute high for high-pitched sounds and bringing it low for lower pitches. This playful activity helped students listen carefully, respond creatively, and build their teamwork skills

With colour, music, laughter, and movement, students enjoyed a joyful and memorable learning experience. It was a wonderful way to help students feel and understand musical concepts while having fun!



UKULELES

Our Middle and Senior students have been busily working to refine and build their ukulele skills. Each student is progressing at their own pace, learning to play songs that include 2 to 5 chords, while paying close attention to good posture and proper playing technique.

Playing a tuned instrument like the ukulele requires focus, patience, and perseverance. It can be challenging at times, but with regular practise and determination, students are steadily growing in confidence and skill. Their hard work set them up for strong assessment performances in front of their peers. It's exciting to see the progress and celebrate students' musical achievements.



THE MARSHMALLOW BEAT GAME!

Our students have also had a great time playing the Marshmallow Game, a fun and engaging way to build musical skills while working together.

Be sure to ask them about it – or even better, join in and give it a try! Here are the words you need....

One Marshmallow
Check it out
Woo!



*A huge thank you to our P & C for the amazing Cajons.
They have already brought our students so much joy!*



Welcome back to term 4! We hope everyone had an amazing holiday.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 28th October at 6:00pm in the boardroom, we would love to see some new face's.

Tanya-Marie Daintith

P and C Secretary

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop is open Mondays 8.30am - 9.15am

Kindy Orientation Uniform Shop - Open Times

29th October - 8:30am - 9:15am

12th November - 8:30am - 9:15am

26th November - 8:30am - 9:15am

2026 Orders

Parents/Carers can now start placing orders for new year uniforms.

[Quickcliq.com](https://www.quickcliq.com) is an easy way to order uniforms and have them delivered to your child's classroom

Warm regards,

Katie

ADPS uniform shop coordinator

