



DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Ashburton Drive PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Aladdin is coming!

We are excited to announce that our school will be staging a whole-school musical production of Aladdin later this year!

Over the coming months, students will be working hard during rehearsals to bring this magical story to life. The production will showcase the wonderful talents of our students through acting, singing, dancing and stage performance, while also giving them the opportunity to develop confidence, teamwork and creativity.

Aladdin is a vibrant and entertaining story filled with adventure, humour and memorable songs. Audiences will follow Aladdin on his journey through the bustling streets of Agrabah, meet the Genie and other colourful characters, and discover that friendship, courage and honesty are the greatest treasures of all.

Many students will be involved both on stage and behind the scenes, helping with costumes, props, set design and technical support. Preparing a school musical is a fantastic collaborative experience and we look forward to seeing our students shine.

More information about auditions, rehearsals and performance dates will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

We are very excited to begin this journey and can't wait to share the magic of Aladdin with our school community later in the year!



NAPLAN

Next week, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the NAPLAN assessments. These national assessments provide a snapshot of students' skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The information gained helps teachers better understand student progress and informs future teaching and learning programs. We encourage students to approach the assessments with a calm and positive mindset and simply do their best. Families can support their children by ensuring they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time during the testing period.

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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

Monday 16 March

- Parent Teacher Meetings - 8:45am - 2:45pm - Pupil Free Day

Week 6 & 7

- NAPLAN

Week 7

- Harmony Week

Friday 20 March

- Newsletter - Room 12

Week 6 & Week 7

- NAPLAN

Monday 16 March

- Parent - Teacher Meetings
8:45am - 2:45pm

Friday 20 March

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Week 9

- Wellbeing Week

Thursday 2 April

- Last day of term 1
- PBS Reward Day
- Newsletter - Room 7



Reading At Home

Developing strong reading habits at home plays an important role in supporting your child's learning. We encourage families to spend time reading together each day. This could include listening to your child read, sharing a story, or discussing what they have read. Just 10–15 minutes of reading each evening can make a big difference in building vocabulary, comprehension and a lifelong love of reading.

Morning Routines for Success

A calm, consistent morning routine can make a big difference to your child's learning and wellbeing. Preparing the night before by packing bags, laying out uniforms and ensuring a good night's sleep helps reduce stress and sets everyone up for a positive start to the day. Sleep is especially important for concentration, emotional regulation and overall health. Establishing a regular bedtime and a relaxing wind-down routine (such as reading or quiet time without screens) supports children to arrive at school ready to learn.

Simple checklists can also build independence and responsibility. Encouraging children to manage tasks like unpacking their own bag, filling their water bottle, and packing their own lunch builds confidence and helps ensure they are prepared for the day ahead. Small, consistent steps each morning can lead to big success in attendance and learning.



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

Connected Community School Trial

Strong partnerships are at the heart of our Connected Community School trial. We're proud to continue working with organisations families already know and trust, such as Starick and Wanslea. This year, some of our students will also benefit from The Smith Family's Learning for Life scholarships, helping remove barriers to participation and learning.

We're also building on the well-being supports already in place at our school. Programs like the Berry Street Education Model continue to create calm, predictable environments where children feel safe, supported, and ready to learn. And our Breakfast Club, now running five days a week, is welcoming more students for a delicious, free start to their day—we hope to see even more faces enjoying breakfast together!

Supporting parents and caregivers is a key part of helping our students thrive. From this term, we'll be partnering with Communicare to host informative on-site sessions covering practical topics that families have asked for. These sessions are designed to share knowledge, build confidence, and ensure families feel supported.

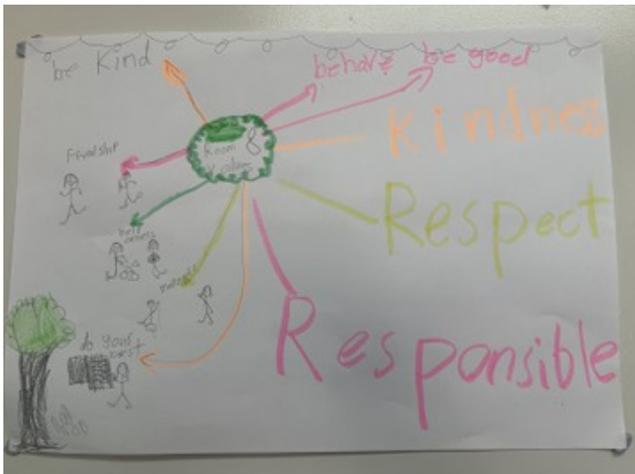
Our first session is Monday 23rd March, 9:00–10:00 AM, in the Connected Community Hub at school. It's free, and the topic is Parenting Challenges Q & A. We look forward to seeing as many parents and caregivers as possible so we can support each other. More information will be shared soon.

Together, we're creating a school community where students and families feel supported, connected, and ready to thrive!



Room 8 News

It has been a lovely start to the year in Room 8, with students settling in beautifully and working hard to build a positive classroom community. One of our first tasks was developing our own set of classroom values. Students collaborated in groups to create colourful posters that are now proudly displayed around the room, reminding us of the kind of environment we want to learn in—respectful, supportive and full of teamwork.

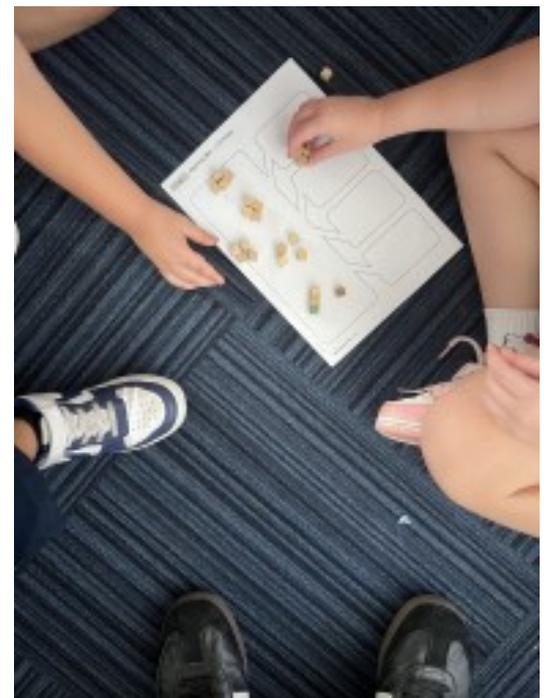


Maths & Talk for Writing

In Mathematics, Room 8 has been learning about multiplication and division. Students have been exploring the meaning of the symbols, practising how to multiply and divide numbers using blocks and other hands-on materials, and strengthening their understanding through group activities and problem-solving tasks.

Our Talk for Writing unit has been a big hit, with the class diving into the text "Kassim and the Greedy Dragon." Students have enjoyed discovering the story's exciting characters and events while learning to identify and use adjectives, nouns, verbs and the rule of three to make their own writing more descriptive and engaging.

It's been a fantastic start to the year, and Room 8 is already showing great enthusiasm for learning. We look forward to sharing more of our adventures soon!



Merit Certificate Winners - Week 5 Term 1

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| Aiman | Logan | Aria | Brooklyn | Joehan | Ammar | Olive |
| Candence | Inari | Elijah | Ethan | Hadia | Amrit | Ezmae |
| Connor | Azmaan | Olga | Iluh | Sophie | Jaeden | Olivia |
| Sadiie | Aahil | Callum | Riley | Nathan | Veronica | William |
| Hana | Amelia | Jobe | Delilah | Izabella | Sukhman | Arenne |
| Angus | Shylah-Lee | Alikhi | Adeeva | Callum | | |

Green Block



Strickland Block



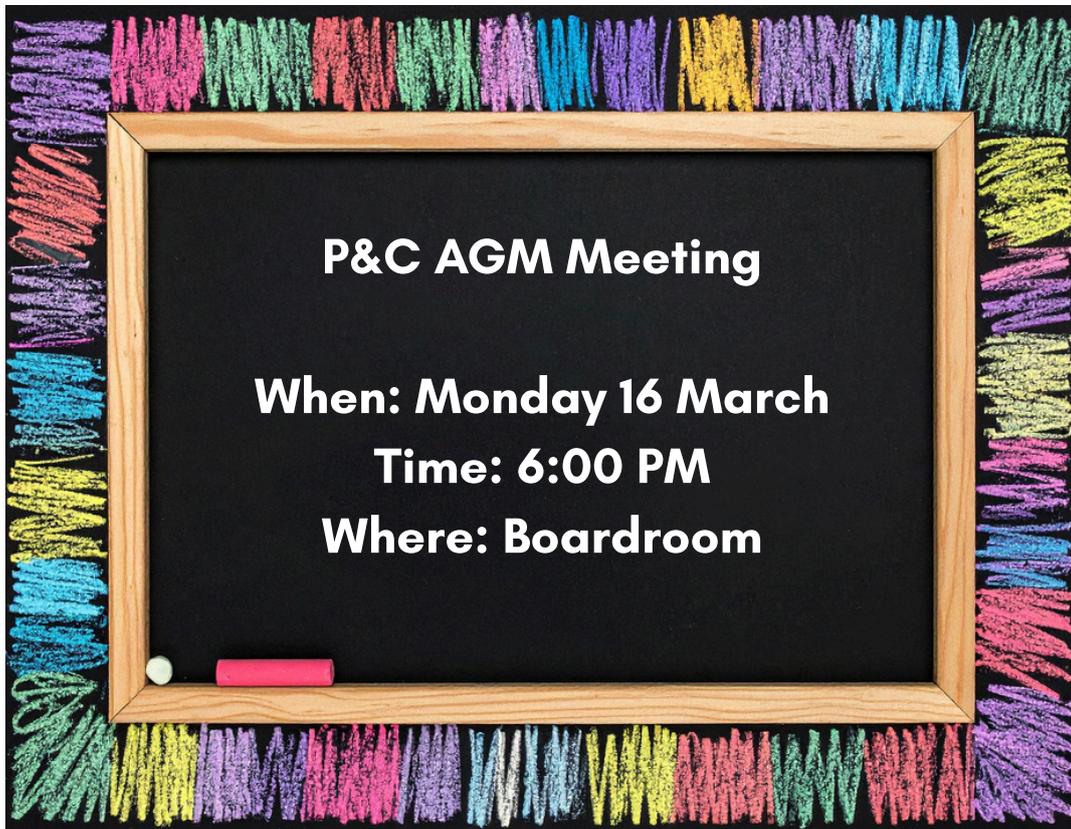
Draffen Block



Medallion



The P&C AGM will be held on Monday the 16th of March at 6:00pm in the boardroom. As the saying goes many hands make light work. The P&C contributes significantly to the school in numerous ways and is currently seeking new members to continue this valuable support. The more, the merrier! Bring a friend along



Uniform Shop

Uniform Open Time

Open every Wednesday

8:30 am to 9:15 am

Stock

All sizes are back in stock.

Lost Property

Lost property is located outside the library please ensure everything is labelled if it has a name, we can get it returned to you.

Thank you have a wonderful year.



Community News

Child and Parent Centre Gosnells

Balance & Boundaries Workshop

In this workshop, we take a look at how to take manage boundaries through positive parenting.

Explore parenting the generations, different parenting styles, how to apply warmth and boundaries, and using assertive discipline.



FREE

Dates: Tuesday 17 March 2026
Time: 12.30pm – 2.15pm
Venue: Child and Parent Centre – Gosnells, 173 Hicks Street, Gosnells (enter via Gate 9 in Clara Street)
Bookings: Bookings are essential! **FREE Creche** Call 9398 8720 or email CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au

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Routines and Attendance Online Workshop

Discover why routines matter and how they make family life easier. Learn practical strategies to create routines that support your child's independence and wellbeing. We'll also cover why regular school attendance is essential, your responsibilities as a parent and tips to help your child attend every day.

Available as a **POWER HOUR: LUNCHTIME SESSION** (a condensed, impactful session designed for lunchtime learning) – see below.



FREE

Time: Power Hour: Lunchtime Session 12.00pm – 1.00pm Friday 20 March 2026
Venue: Online – Scan the QR Code or type the link below: <https://education.wa.gov.au/webapp/3048/educational/webinar/webinarSeries/register?5844765598432640060604662291>
Register: Registration is essential via link/QR code above. You will receive email confirmation and a link to join, with a reminder prior to the workshop. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.

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The Power of Positive Parenting (for 19 yrs) Online Workshop

Children of all ages need a safe, secure and loving environment to do well.

This seminar will discuss children's behaviour, how to create a safe, interesting and positive learning environment, how to use assertive discipline, and taking care of yourself as a parent.



FREE

Time: 8.00pm – 10.00pm Monday 23 March 2026
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Speech Pathologist Drop-In with Jackie

Does your child have difficulties with understanding instructions? They might look blankly or need your help to break up the instructions and slow them.

Do they repeat words and find it hard to get their words out?

Are they not responding to their name or not looking at you when you're speaking?

Is your child very hard for others to understand? They might miss sounds in words, swap the sounds and say them incorrectly, eg. cat > tac.

Jackie, our Speech Pathologist, works at the Child Development Service (Armadale) and can see children and their parents in her clinic room at the Child and Parent Centre - Gosnells.

A 15 minute appointment can be organised to discuss your concerns relating to your child's speech and language development.

She can assist you with:

- Referrals to the Child Development Service or other external services.
- Answering questions related to speech sounds and language skills.

Requirements
Your child must be under the age of 16 years and not yet referred to the Child Development Service or WA/NSW Early Childhood approach (ie. MOPS)

If you would like to book a time to speak to Jackie about your concerns, please call Child and Parent Centre - Gosnells on 9398 8720.

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CREATING STRONGER FAMILIES



South East Metro Parenting Support Service

Communicare's South East Metro Parenting Support Service (SEMPSS) assists parents and carers with children up to 18 years of age who live in the South East metropolitan area.

SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED

SEMPSS offers programs and accredited workshops, as well as one to one support, on a range of parenting topics including:

- Understanding and managing behaviour
- Social and emotional development
- Child development including toilet training
- Building the parent-child relationship
- Navigating parenting challenges

HOW DO I ACCESS THESE SERVICES?

The Child and Parent Centre (CPC) Gosnells works closely with SEMPPS and can help connect you to the local area Parent Support Worker Ruth Gordon-Smith.

For more information, please contact us on 08 9398 8720 or email CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au

Child and Parent Centre Gosnells

The South East Metro Parenting Support Services is funded by the Government of Western Australia Department of Communities. South East Metro Parenting Support Services are delivered by Communicare in partnership with Save the Children.

You can contact Communicare's Parenting Service Team directly to arrange a time to meet with Ruth. T: 08 9251 5777 E: parenting@communicare.org.au

COMMUNICARE

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PRE KINDY 2026!



Sessions available Monday to Thursday

- 9am – 12pm
- 9am – 2pm

All sessions are CCS Approved

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Easter Family Night

26th March 2026

Bunnings Maddington

FREE

Activities and fun for the whole family

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Come and join us for a magical family night out! Get ready for pony rides, fairy face painting, a super cool photo booth, exciting games, amazing community groups and a classic Bunnings Sausage Sizzle with sweet treats! It's going to be a night full of fun, laughter and memories!

Don't miss out, register now!



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Good afternoon,

Due to staffing, please be advised our clinic hours will be changing from NEXT WEEK until further notice (starting from the week of 2nd of March 2026).

We will be operating on Wednesdays & Fridays 8:00AM - 4:00PM only.

Should you require assistance on other days for any emergencies - please contact Harrisdale Dental Therapy Centre 9393 2482.

Kind regards,

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A note from the School Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year!

My name is Jane Skoll and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school.

School Health nurses support children's healthy development and wellbeing in primary schools. We offer a free health check (School Entry Health Assessment) for all children in the year that they start school.

Please complete and sign the health form and return it to school, I will then check your child's vision, hearing, teeth, growth, and development.

School Health Nurses provide feedback and support to families and schools after assessment and connect you with services in the community. We promote parenting programs and help with health care plans for students with identified and chronic health needs. Additionally, we may provide advice and support for some areas of the curriculum delivery on request by the school.

If you have any concerns about your child's health, development, or well-being, please contact me through the school office, or on 9391 2289 The services provided are free and confidential.