

Newsletter

Volume 12 - Term 3 - 2026



Principal's address

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Professional Development Day – Friday 14th August

Please note that students will not attend school on Friday the 14th August 2026, due to a Professional Development Day. Staff will be completing the next Berry Street learning module. Please be advised that OSCH Club will be operating on site should you require their services.

Soup Kitchen

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and joined us for our inaugural Soup Kitchen Day. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and willingness to get involved helped make the day a wonderful success.

Because of your support, we were able to provide warm meals, create meaningful connections, and make a positive difference in the lives of those in our community who needed it most.

This was just the beginning, and we are so grateful to have such a caring and compassionate community behind us. We look forward to building on this momentum and continuing to support those in need together.

Thank you for making our first Soup Kitchen Day such a memorable and impactful event.

Very exciting opportunities coming up

Mercedes College Musical Production - Beauty and the Beast

Our wonderful cast and crew will be attending the Mercedes College production of *Beauty and the Beast* at the Regal Theatre on 21 August. This special excursion is a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience live theatre, celebrate the performing arts, and gain inspiration for their own performances.

We are pleased to share that transport for the excursion has been generously funded through our Connected Communities funds. We sincerely thank everyone whose ongoing support makes opportunities like this possible for our students.

Dates to Remember

Friday 7 August

*Interschool Cross Country

Yr 3-6

*Newsletter – Unit 4

*WASCO Music Incursion

PP-Yr6

Friday 14 August

PD Day – No Students

Week 5

R&P Bullying No Way Week

Tuesday 18 August

*Year 3 Incursion

Friday 21 August

*Newsletter – Room 18

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education.wa.edu.au](mailto:AshburtonDrive.PS@education.wa.edu.au)

School hours

Start: 8:45am

Recess: 10:55am – 11:15am

Lunch: 1:15pm – 1:45pm

Final bell: 2:45pm

Magic Show

Students in Years 1 to 4, along with Year 5 and 6 students who are not participating in our musical, will have the exciting opportunity to attend a live magic show at the Astor Theatre on **31 August**.

Year 5 and 6 students who are participating in our musical will remain at school for rehearsal in preparation for their upcoming performances. Students in the cast in Years 1- 4 were given a choice of a magic show with class or rehearsal at school.

This excursion ensures that all students have the opportunity to enjoy the excitement of a live performance. Live theatre inspires creativity, imagination, and a love of the arts, making it a memorable and enriching experience for everyone.

We are delighted that transport for this excursion has been generously funded through our Connected Communities funds. We thank our school community for their ongoing support, which helps make enriching opportunities like this possible for all of our students.

We will continue to keep an eye out for similar opportunities that broaden our students' horizons and provide enriching learning experiences for our Kindy and Pre-Primary cohorts.

Farewell to Mrs Heffernan

We say goodbye to Mrs Heffernan, who has played an instrumental role in establishing and nurturing our Connected Communities program. Through her dedication, passion, and commitment, she has built a strong foundation that has created meaningful opportunities for our students, families, and the wider community.

Mrs Heffernan's work has helped strengthen the connections that make our school such a welcoming and supportive place. We are incredibly grateful for her contribution and the lasting legacy she leaves behind.

On behalf of our entire school community, we thank Mrs Heffernan for her hard work and wish her every success and happiness in the next chapter of her journey.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Steve

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Steve, a valued member of our local community, for his incredibly generous monetary donation towards the restoration and improvement of our Pocket Forest.

Following the recent vandalism of this special space, Steve's kindness and generosity will provide a wonderful boost to our efforts to restore and enhance the area for our students and the wider community to enjoy.

His thoughtful contribution is a powerful reminder of the care and pride our community has for our school and its environment. We are truly grateful for Steve's support and look forward to sharing the progress of the Pocket Forest in the coming months.

Interschool Cross Country

On Friday 7th August, selected students from Years 3 to 6 competed in the Interschool Cross Country at Tom Bateman Reserve. All students displayed our school values of “Do Your Best” and “Participate Positively”. ADPS came 5th overall. Bahara (Yr 3) and Lincoln (Yr 4) came 3rd in their year levels. Thank you to Yvonne and Anneleise for track marshalling. Thank you to Mrs Northey and Mrs Regan for helping on the day.

Mrs Walsh
Physical Education Teacher



Positive Behaviour Support Focus for Term 3 Weeks 3 & 4 is “Smart Ignore”.

In weeks three and four of Term 3, the focus of our PBS lessons (Positive Behaviour Support) is “Smart ignore” and was taken from our focus area of “Act Responsibly” by Jingee. Please support us by discussing this with your children and encouraging them to 'Smart ignore' both at home and at school.

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

Three of our adventurous Year 6 students attended a Thrive Camp in Dwellingup from 24–26 July. The camp was based around a magical mystery theme, where students became young investigators, working together to solve the mystery of "Who was Lord Voldemort?"

Over the three days, our students embraced every opportunity, taking part in exciting activities including Saving the Leader, Potion Making, and Capture the Dragon Egg. Evenings were spent around a campfire roasting marshmallows, and they certainly didn't go hungry, enjoying delicious meals such as nachos, pancakes and toasted sandwiches!

When asked about their experience, Angus and Isabella summed it up perfectly:

"The camp was awesome and magical!"

We are excited to continue growing this partnership with Thrive so that even more ADPS students can enjoy this wonderful experience in the future. A huge thank you to our three Year 6 students for being the first to represent our school at this camp. We are so proud of the way you embraced every opportunity and are delighted you had such a fantastic time.



We are also delighted to be strengthening our partnership with Southern River College through an exciting cultural opportunity for our students.

A growing number of our Year 5 and 6 students have joined the Kapa Haka group at Southern River College. Kapa Haka provides students with Māori heritage the opportunity to celebrate and share their culture through waiata (song), haka, chanting and movement, while building confidence, pride and a strong sense of belonging.

It has been wonderful to see our students so enthusiastic and proud to connect with their culture. We hope our students feel confident to perform with the Southern River Students when they perform in the Cultural Showcase on the 9th September at Ashburton Drive Primary School.

We are incredibly proud of our students for embracing these new experiences, building friendships beyond our school and representing Ashburton Drive Primary School with such enthusiasm and pride.

Unit 4

100 Days

Our Pre-Primary students had a wonderful time celebrating 100 Days of School! The excitement was contagious as students arrived dressed as 100-year-olds, showing off their creative costumes and embracing the fun of the day. They enthusiastically participated in a range of hands-on activities centred around the number 100, making the celebration both engaging and memorable. One of the highlights was using a special camera app to transform the students into what they might look like at 100 years old. The students loved seeing their aged-up photos and had lots of laughs sharing them with their classmates!



Literacy

Our students continue to make fantastic progress during our daily Letters and Sounds lessons. They have been working hard to learn new letter sounds and are becoming increasingly confident at using these sounds to read and write. It has been wonderful to see students beginning to apply their sounding-out strategies independently to write short CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words, demonstrating their growing confidence as young writers.



Science

This term, our students have begun exploring the exciting world of Chemical Sciences. To launch our new learning, students designed and created their own binoculars before becoming classroom scientists, using them to closely observe and investigate the different materials found in our learning environment. This engaging introduction encouraged curiosity, careful observation, and lots of thoughtful discussions about the properties of the materials around us.



Green Block



Strickland Block



Draffen Block



Aussie of the month

Merit Certificate

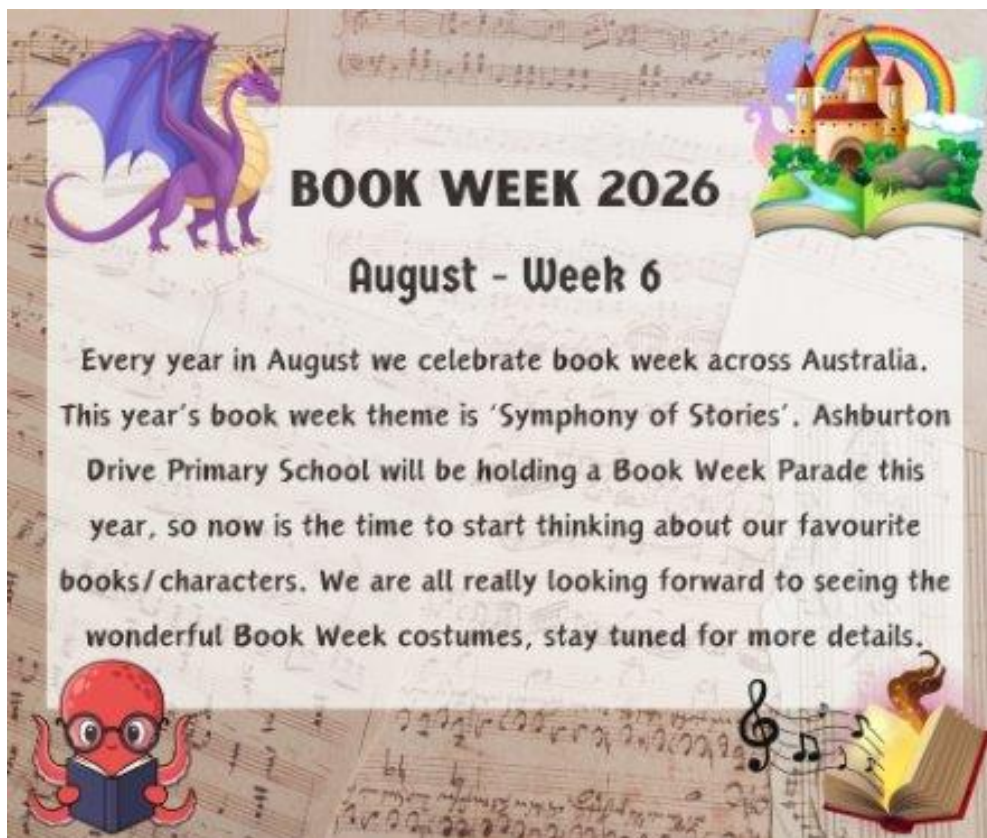
Winners Week 2

Term 3

Ezera	Constance
Amara	Sofia
Charlie	Elroy
Keith	Amirah
Josiah	Wenyu
Xzavier	Minerva
Amari	Jaxsyn
Maliyah	Matayah
Peter	Asha
Zsaniah	Dakota
Athallah	Kaidyn
Anna	Flynn
Brock	Bobby-Beck
Junayna	Hunter
Vanessa	Nevaeh
Ekow	Moreblessing
Raymond	Emily
Sabrina	Jobe
Deliah	



BOOK WEEK 2026



Uniform shop news

Open every Wednesday 8:30 am to 9:15 am. All sizes are back in stock.

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



P&C News

The Annual P&C Father's Day Stall -
Tuesday, September 1st and Friday 4th; Cash only. More information will come out soon!

The P&C have got their hands on Faction Carnival Merchandise- ● De Grey ● Murchison ● Gascoyne ● Fortescue. CASH ONLY every Friday before the carnival, commencing August 21 8:15-8:45am outside the uniform shop.

Community News

CITY of GOSNELLS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FREE Activities and learning experiences, run during school terms, starting Week 2 of each term

PRE-SCHOOL AGES

With their parents or carers

STORY TIME AT THE SHOPS

For children of all ages (Maddington Central)

BABY RHYME TIME

Recommended for ages 0 – 12 months

FIRST CHAPTERS

For parents and carers with babies 0 – 12 months old 📞 Bookings essential

TOGETHER TIME

Recommended for ages 0 – 5 years

NEW!

TODDLER TIME

Recommended for ages 1 – 3 years

SENSORY STORY TIME

Recommended for ages 2 years and up
Due to limited space, only one parent or guardian may accompany each participating child.

STORY TIME

Recommended for ages 3 – 5 years

LEARNING LAUNCHPAD

For ages 3 – 5 years

TIMETABLES AVAILABLE IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARIES AND ONLINE ►



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SCHOOL AGES

Programs held after-school

LEGO® CLUB

Recommended for ages 4 – 12 years

CONSTRUCTION CLUB

Recommended for ages 4 – 12 years

INK AND IMAGINATION

Recommended for ages 6 – 12 years

GAMES CLUB

Recommended for ages 8 years and up

PROGRAM DATES

During Term 3, all children's programs will run Monday 27 July to Friday 25 September, excluding public holidays.

CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY

Please note that all children 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.

BOOKINGS

Unless stated, bookings are not required for most programs. However, spaces are limited (first come, first served). Please collect a token on arrival for each program.

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ages 2-5

Collect your FREE Better Beginnings Preschool Book Box from a City of Gosnells library near you.

To find your local branch and learn more about what's on for kids, please visit our website.

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WAFootball CHOOSE YOUR

FOOTY ADVENTURE

Ashburton Drive Primary
AFTER SCHOOL CENTRE

Monday's 3pm - 4pm
August 3rd - September 7th
Location: School Oval
Cost - \$55 (Includes Football Pack!)

For more info contact William - wjudd@wafootball.com.au

nab AFL Auskick
PP - Year 2

Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

AFL Superkick
Year 3 - 6

Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.

VISIT PLAY.AFL

CITY OF GOSNELLS

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

TERM 3 2026 **PAID**

TERM 3 PROGRAMS RUN FROM MONDAY 27 JULY 2026

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

Nidja Boodjer (Here in the earth),
Nidja Wud (Here in the sky)
Nidja Ngany Kooroo (Here are my friends),
Nidja Ngany Bawon (I, Maana (Hond) down,
we are on Whudjak ground)

Richard Rabbier Community Centre, Gosnells
\$51 per child per term (book online)
Monday 27 July - Thursday 24 September

1 - 2 years
Mondays 9:15am - 10:15am
10:30am - 11:30am
Wednesdays 9:15am - 10:15am

2 - 4 years
Tuesdays 9:15am - 10:15am
10:30am - 11:30am
Thursdays 9:15am - 10:15am

TUMBLE TOTS

Tumble Tot classes are loads of fun, with varied activities to assist the growth and development of young minds and bodies.

Skills developed -
• Singing, dancing, climbing
• Strength, coordination, agility
• Confidence
• Social skills

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Thursdays 9:15am - 10:15am

CREATIVE KIDS

Creative Kids is a fun program for parents and their children to be creative with craft-themed activities each week.

Skills developed -
• Creativity
• Building confidence and social skills such as sharing and learning how to use a range of craft tools such as scissors and paintbrushes

Huntingdale Community Centre, Huntingdale
\$40.50 per child per term (book online)
Tuesday 28 July - Thursday 22 September

2 - 4 years
Tuesdays 9:30am - 10:30am

5 - 10 years
Thursdays 2:30pm - 4:30pm

CREATIVE OLDER KIDS

Creative Kids is a fun program for parents and their children to be creative with craft-themed activities each week.

Skills developed -
• Creativity
• Building confidence and social skills such as sharing and independence using craft tools such as scissors, glue and paint

Huntingdale Community Centre, Huntingdale
\$40.50 per child per term (book online)
Thursday 30 July - Thursday 24 September

5 - 10 years
Thursdays 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Bookings
Bookings are required where you see this symbol. Follow the QR code on the program listing.

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COME AND TRY KARATE

LEARN CONFIDENCE DISCIPLINE & RESPECT WHILE STAYING ACTIVE & HAVING FUN!

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP FREE!

KARATE
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport

CITY OF GOSNELLS

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

TERM 3 2026 **FREE**

TERM 3 PROGRAMS RUN FROM MONDAY 27 JULY 2026

AT THE SHOPS: PLAY AND LEARN

A fun, play-based weekly program for children aged 3 - 5 years that focuses on the skills children need to develop before heading to school.

Tuesdays
Huntingdale Central shopping centre, Huntingdale
1pm - 2pm
Free (no bookings required)
Ages 3 - 5 years

Wednesdays - Gosnells
Richard Rabbier Community Centre, Gosnells
Session One 9:30am - 10:30am
Session Two 10:30am - 11:30am
Free (no bookings required)
For parents with babies up to 12 months old

AT THE SHOPS: STORY TIME

Join us at Moddington Central for Story Time and fun activities for children.

Thursdays
Moddington Central shopping centre, Moddington
9:30am - 10:30am
Free (no bookings required)
All ages

PARK PLAY

Bring the kids and come along to a Park Play session and meet other local families, join in the fun with sensory play, big games, sports equipment and more. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring a drink and snacks. Location varies, see list.

Wednesdays
Various locations
9am - 11am
Free (no bookings required)
All ages

TERM 3 PARK PLAY DATES AND LOCATIONS			
Park	Wednesdays	Fridays	
Ten Ratenen Playground, Thornlie	-	11 September	
Alexandria Boulevard Reserve, Canning Vale	23 September	7 August	
Homestead Park, Thornlie	-	31 July	
Honoury Fields, Moddington	5 August	28 August	
Woolfield Street Playground, Moddington (near the skate park)	19 August	-	
Edmond Park Playground, Gosnells	26 August	23 September	
Mills Park Playground, Beckenham	29 July, 2 September, 9 September	14 August	
Walter Pedbury Playground, Thornlie	-	21 August	
Sutherland Park, Huntingdale	12 August	4 September	
Mary Carroll Park, Gosnells	-	18 September	

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