School Board Award
Each term, the School Board conducts an Award of Commendation to acknowledge the wonderful achievements and service of individual staff members, volunteer parents and/or community members within our school community. This is a wonderful initiative and recognises people in and around our school who help make Wattle Grove Primary School such a wonderful school.

I would encourage you all to submit a nomination. There are 4 major areas:-

- Demonstrating Excellence in Teaching and Learning (Staff Award)
- Making a significant difference to individual student/s (Staff Award)
- Outstanding service to the school community (Parent/Community Award)
- Outstanding commitment to volunteering in the school (Parent/Community Award)

Nomination forms will be sent home this week.

The School Board is also seeking nominations for two new members to join the School Board this year. Parents interested in nominating are invited to attend a short presentation about the School Board next **Wednesday, 8 March at 3.30pm**. Nominations will close next **Thursday, 9 March at 3.30pm**. Information was sent out this week in regard to this.

Expert Review Group Visit
This week we have had the pleasure of the Expert Review Group from the Department of Education visiting our school to learn more about some of the things that we do at Wattle Grove and to see the teachers and children in action within their classrooms. They have also met with all staff and some students and parents to discuss various aspects of the school. Following this visit, a report will be written about their findings and presented to the school.

Pre Primary On Entry Assessment – This term Pre-primary teachers have been assessing the children in Pre-primary as to the development of their Literacy and Numeracy skills using the Department of Education’s On Entry Assessment. This assessment is conducted by all schools in Weeks 4-6 of Term 1 each year to provide detailed data on children’s development of early literacy and numeracy skills. Teachers assessed students’ skills in language, reading, writing, counting and numbers. This information will help teachers plan lessons and tailor learning for each child to extend children who perform well and support those who may need more assistance in some learning areas. A Report will be distributed to parents at the end of the term.

School Commencement
As you are aware, school commences at 8.45am each morning. Therefore, children do not need to be at school prior to 8.30am when classrooms open. If children (K-6) arrive prior to 8.30am, they must walk to the
Undercover Area and remain there until the 8.30am siren is sounded. Children are supervised during this time in this area. Parents can remain with their children in the Undercover Area during this time if they wish to walk with them to class after the 8.30am siren. Only parents of Kindergarten and Pre-primary children are expected to walk their children to class.

The main school gates – north and south- are opened after 8.15am. The Kindergarten and Pre-primary Gates are opened after 8.20am.

School Parking
Once again parent parking around our school is proving difficult before and after school because of the increase in enrolments. It is necessary that all parents abide by parking and road laws, as the safety of all children is paramount.

With more than 700 children in the school, there will never be enough parking bays for everyone. I would therefore urge all parents to think of alternative ways for the children to come to and from school. For example:

- walking or riding to school particularly when you live within 500 metres of the school. This is a healthy option and also lots of fun for children
- organising a walking ‘bus’ in each street in which groups of children walk with parents and are collected along the way.
- parking in side-streets away from the school
- parking a few blocks from the school and walking
- parking in Acastus Road and walking across the oval

I would appreciate everyone’s support with this matter.

Julie Roberts
Principal

Deputy Principal Corner

Numero® Club is up and running for 2017. Students in Year 3-6 are invited to meet in the Library during Friday lunchtime to sharpen their Numero® skills. Numero® is a great tool for improving the accuracy and speed of mathematical computation skills, along with developing strategic mathematical thinking.

During 2017, Numero® will continue to be part of the Wattle Grove Numeracy Program with our school and also participating in the Numero® Interschool Challenge to be held later in the year. Our Wattle Grove Numero® Interschool Squad will be selected from students who attend Numero® Club. A very big thank you to Mrs Lowther and Mr Eaves who run Numero® Club each week.

Kelly Peake
Deputy Principal

Harmony Day:
Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. It’s a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity.

This year, our school will celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday, 21 March with a special Parade of the Nations. We would like to see all children dressed in a national dress costume and to carry a small flag (A4 size) from that country. Parents are also encouraged to dress in their national dress and attend the Parade. The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2017 is that Everyone Belongs, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It’s also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.
Parent Information Night

Expert Review Group Visit

See these photos larger in a slideshow on the school blogsite at www.wattlegroveps1.blogspot.com.au
Early Closure on Tuesdays

The school closes at 2.30pm each Tuesday, to accommodate staff Professional Development. Children do not remain at school after this time and parents are expected to collect their children promptly at 2.30pm.

After school care is not provided for children unless they are travelling home by bus.

Junior Assembly News

Junior Assembly Week 4—24 February

Last Friday, Rooms 22 and 29 held the first assembly of 2017. Respect was the theme, what it means to us and how you can help others by showing respect. Respect is being kind to others, and caring enough about yourself to do things you know won’t hurt you. A big thank you to all the parents and visitors who came to watch us. We truly respect your company!

Kindy Rm 1 Nate, Tallon, Dishes
Kindy Rm 2B Luis, Harish, Matilda
Kindy Rm 2R Tom, Ruby, Morgan
Kindy Rm 4B Mason, Holly, Mankirat
Kindy Rm 4R Maans, Ella, William
PP Rm 3 Heath, Niya, Caleb
PP Rm 5 Josephine, Drasika, Jai
PP Rm 6 Nabil, Yingyu, Tyra
P/Yr Rm 9 Ethan, Olivia, Addison
Yr 1 Rm 7 Laylah, Lucas, Monet
Yr 1 Rm 10 Noel, Janika, Joshua
Yr 1 Rm 29 Chloe, Anna, Naqib
Yr 1 Rm 20 Daniel, Taylor, Dibbo
Yr 1/2 Rm 22 Kayla, Luqman, Shayan
Yr 2 Rm 18 Noah, Grace, Benjamin
Yr 2 Rm 14 Steven, Naomi, Holly

Yr 2 Rm 27 Lucy, Isil, Harlem
Yr 2 Rm 13 Aaliyah, Keaton, Chris
Science Award: Timothy Rm 29
Alysha Rm 22
Values winners: Oscar Rm 29
Madelyn Rm 22
Junior Visual Art: Rm 7
LOTE Award: Rm 29
Music Award: Rm 29

Congratulations to Kayla (Yr 3) for winning a silver medal in Turbo Javelin during a recent Little Athletics Competition. Kayla threw an impressive 17.65m. An outstanding effort.

Road Safety

St John Road is extremely busy with traffic, especially at school start and finish times. Can all students please take care when crossing the road — and can all parents please drive at a slow pace and look out for children. Thank you

Values - Respect

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them the way we would like to be treated.

- Respect self
- Respect others
- Respect and follow school rules
- Respect property
- Respect the environment and look after our basic natural resources.
Respect means recognising the worth, quality and importance others, despite their difference.

Mrs Daphne Bennett
Values Coordinator

P&C News

School Banking

Every time your child makes a deposit, it is recorded and once students have individually made 10 deposits they can claim an exclusive School Banking reward item, in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School banking is available on Thursdays 8.25am - 8.45am in the undercover area. It is provided by the Commonwealth Bank.

Uniform Shop—Opening hours

The Uniform Shop is now open at the following times:

- Tuesday afternoons 2.15pm to 2.45pm
- Thursday mornings 8.30am – 9.00am

Scholastic Book Club

Issue two of Scholastic Book Club is due Monday, 20 March 2017. Orders can be placed by completing the Issue 2 Book Club form and handing it into the front office or placing an online order using the Book Club LOOP for parents www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

A classroom competition will be run each term, with the most Scholastic Book Club orders from a classroom receiving a free book/s from Scholastic for their classroom or library. We’re hoping this will help Wattle Grove Primary school to earn more reward points so that even more books and/or resources can be purchased for our school.

Penny Adams
Book Club Coordinator

Dental Clinic

Our onsite Dental clinic is open from 8am—4pm daily, (closed between 12.30—1pm). Their contact number is 9453 6969. Any changes to the above opening times will be advised by a message on the answering machine and also a notice on the door. They cater for students from Pre-Primary to Year 6.

Community News

Kalamunda Districts Hockey Club

Registrations now open for the coming season. Training begins this Friday, 3rd March for Junior teams between 5-6.30pm.

Please contact the Junior Coordinator if you have any queries via email: juniors@kalahockey.org.au. For more information about Kalahockey please go to www.kalahockey.org.au
Logan

My name is Logan and I am in Year 6 — Room 26 with Mr Sherlock and Mr Meachem. I have been at Wattle Grove Primary School for seven years and this is my eighth year. I know how to be a good Student Representative because my older brother Jayden, and my older sister, Tahlia, were Student Representatives and they have told me what to do around the school. I know how to behave around the school. I will definitely be nice to younger students when I am getting them into line. I enjoy doing art, sport and science.

I really want to get in to the interschool soccer team I would be encouraging to my team members. I play fair with everyone and I encourage my two brothers when they are playing football at Kalamunda Districts football club.

I can help anyone who needs or just wants help I just ask. I hope I get to be a faction captain because I am encouraging and responsible.

Jameel

Hello, my name is Jameel and I am a Student Representative for 2017. I am a year 6 student in Room 26. I came to this wonderful school in year 5, 2016.

My family comes from Pakistan but, I was born in Dubai. We came to Australia in 2011. I’m the smallest in my family and I have three elder siblings. This is a bit about me; I like cars, maths, sports and most of all my family.

I knew from the first day of year 5 that Wattle Grove was probably the best school I’ve ever been to. I like Wattle Grove because everyone in the school is friendly and nice. In this school, the work is challenging and is always expected for the highest standards. Every year, we have lots of fundraisers to improve our school, by buying more computers for research, and recording devices for assignments.

At the end of each year, the school extends the playgrounds and adds more demountables. The best thing about this school are the teachers. The teachers are extremely kind and helpful and are very keen to help us with our education. They always give us extra homework and sometimes extension maths. I’m very thankful to be in this school and don’t feel like moving on.

Now as a Student Representative I am willing to make Wattle Grove a better and happier place by raising money for our school for more smiles and better education.

Ryan

Hi my name is Ryan and I have been elected for Student Representative for 2017. So far, I do paper recycling, lining up the year 3s and sometimes do Tidy Bags. I really like doing the jobs because they are fun.

In the future, I am looking forward to other jobs and helping around our school. I also like sport. I play on a hockey team. I like hockey because it is fun and because I am pretty good at it too.

I really like the fact that at Wattle Grove there is a veggie patch and students at Wattle Grove are allowed to water the patch and plant seeds in it. I am looking forward to how it will look in the future.

As I mentioned before, I do hockey I have won fairest and best, highest goal scorer in 2016. I also attend scouts, which is fun too. I also like to longboard with my friends.