It has been a fantastic start to the school year. Students, parents, staff and the Wattle Grove community has made me feel very welcomed, even though I am a Geelong Cats supporter.

I have quickly learnt the Wattle Grove Way and we have been implementing it within our classroom. Some of the class activities we are already doing are: Literacy warm ups, reading groups, spelling words, handwriting, VCOP and Big Write, Numeracy warm ups, PR1ME Mathematics, cooperative learning groups, Science, History and Geography.

In conjunction with the classroom learning, we have also been developing our personal values and school values. We have been focusing on respect; respecting others, respecting the Wattle Grove Way, respecting the community and respecting ourselves.

Finally we like to keep fit and we exercise every morning.

Thank you to everyone for accepting me as part of our wonderful school. I look forward to the rest of the year in Year 3/4.

Mr Rhys Thurston
Class Teacher

Our two student representatives that were elected to be Year 3/4s student councillors for Semester 1 are Charitha and Te Atawhai.

Students were nominated and then the students voted who they thought would do a great job representing our class. The calibre of the candidates was on show with many possible councillors missing out. We know Charitha and Chase will do us proud.

In Room 24, we have been learning to write interesting persuasive texts and narratives. We have been learning the states and capital cities of Australia. We have been learning about geology, the equator and the world. We have been making some posters about English vocabulary. The school has started a fitness system called the Kilometre Club. We have been learning about the past of Australia and the ancient carvings, paintings and destinations. We have also been learning about how long the Aboriginal people have lived in Australia.

Charitha and Chase
Year 3/4 Student Councillors
At the start of the year we got to know each other by making an ‘All About Me’ poster. Here are some things that you might not have known about our class.

- Samara has lots of fish, a dog and a pet budgie.
- Charitha wants to be a vet when she grows up.
- Cody’s favourite holiday destination is Queensland.
- Gurleen loves reading Harry Potter books.
- Savannah has been on a plane three times.
- Dwayne enjoys drawing.
- Holly is scared of snakes, crocodiles and spiders.
- Saxon doesn’t like olives.
- If Nad was an animal he would be a cheetah.
- Sidd wants to visit America one day.

Australia Day 2017

We got into the spirit of Australia Day by dressing up and celebrating the life and country in which we live. We spoke about Australian culture, people and places and we recognised how fortunate we are that we live such lucky lives.

We also discussed our heritage and realised that all have different backgrounds. We found out that people from Year 3/4 have come to Wattle Grove from all around the world.

The money raised has been donated to the Cancer Council and we hope it aids the fight against cancer.