As we come to the end of the term, there are indeed many highlights for our school to celebrate, particularly those that have offered the children wonderful learning experiences that have enabled them to achieve, to progress further and to enjoy every opportunity provided to them.

Western Australian Government Schools Music Festival (WAGSM)
This week our senior choir performed at the Crown Theatre as part of this year’s WAGSM. This is a major event on the schools’ music calendar and takes place over two weeks with 79 schools performing. With an audience of over 2000 people, our Senior Choir led by Mrs Robeson put on a magnificent performance singing ‘Make Your Own Kind of Music’ and ‘Colour My World’. They not only sang beautifully but they also looked outstanding in their very stylish yellow choir costumes. To be part of an effective choir takes a considerable amount of effort and commitment. I think everyone attending on Monday night could see the work that had gone into making their performance such a pleasurable one to listen to and to look at. Congratulations boys and girls on a wonderful performance and many thanks to Mrs Robeson and the staff and parents who assisted.

Interschool Sports
Congratulations to our Interschool Team on their fantastic effort at this week’s Interschool Sports Carnival in which Wattle Grove PS came second place overall. Apart from some outstanding team efforts, we also had some very successful individual performances. Emma Ferguson was Champion Girl, Abby Henshall, Year 4 Runner Up Champion Girl, and Ruby Henshall Year 2 Champion Girl. Congratulations to these children for their outstanding efforts. In addition to the many excellent displays of athletic skills, it was wonderful to see many fine examples of good sportsmanship and friendship. Many thanks to Mr Sherlock and Mrs Oliver for their hard work in preparing our team for this event. Thank you also to the many parents who supported the children throughout the day. Your cheering made a big difference.

WA Education Awards
Last year Wattle Grove Primary School was selected as WA Primary School of the Year. This year I am very excited to announce that Mrs Kirsty Campbell, teacher of Room 13, has been selected as one of four finalists for the WA Beginning Teacher of the Year Award 2015.

A reminder to all parents that tomorrow is the last day for SHINE Award nominations. Every staff member deserves to be nominated as I know just how hard every member of the staff at Wattle Grove Primary School works and the number of hours that they do voluntarily to ensure that all the children have the best possible education that we can provide. To make a nomination go to competitions.thewest.com.au/home/1732-wateachers-who-shines-at-your-school. Each staff member will certainly appreciate your nomination.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday and we’ll see everyone back at school on Monday, 12 October.

Julie Roberts
Principal
Assembly News:
Thank you to Miss Blechendyn and the students from Room 12 for last week’s wonderful assembly. They had posters of their favourite books and sang 2 songs about enjoying reading books.

Congratulations to the following Merit Certificate winners:

**Junior Assembly**
- **Kindy Rm 1:** Dibbo, Jelena, Oscar & Ty
- **PP Rm 2:** Jessica, Christian & Keaton
- **PP Rm 3:** Rayan, Joshua, Simone, Amelia, Liam, Rylee & Isabella
- **PP Rm 4:** Bianca, Harlem & Roentgen
- **PP Rm 5:** Chris Kai Edlyn & Tylah
- **PP Rm 7:** Tessa, Chloe & Eisha
- **Yr 1 Rm 8:** Unisa, Noah & Tane
- **Yr 2 Rm 11:** Kasimira & Ayala
- **Yr 1, Rm 13:** Ansh & Jenny
- **Yr 1/2 Rm 14:** Oliver & Alek
- **Yr 1 Rm 16:** Blake, Asha & Olivia
- **Yr 2 Rm 19:** Alvin, Jorja & Tynan
- **Yr 2 Rm 23:** Logen, Madison, Holly & Charitha

**Music Award:** Room 23
**Art Award:** Room 8
**Values winner:** Farin Hossainy

Values - Resilience:
Resilience is the ability to bounce back when things in your life get tough. Being resilient doesn’t mean going through life without experiencing grief, sadness and other emotions when you face tough times and loss. Most resilient people ‘roll with the punches’ and adapt or change to adversity without lasting difficulties.

Characteristics of resilience
- Emotional awareness
- Perseverance
- Belief in self
- Optimism - see the positive
- Support - have supportive family and friends.

Mrs Daphne Bennett
Values Coordinator.

Canteen update:
The canteen staff have noticed an increase in the number of students bringing large denominational notes to the canteen to purchase lunch and other items. This poses the risk of students losing that money as well as the temptation to purchase items for other students. The school does not promote the practice of sharing food as it can lead to issues with students obtaining foods that their parents have not provided for them and may not wish them to have. It also leaves the student with the money vulnerable to coercion and/or bullying. We would request parents to order online if possible and only provide small amounts of change to your child to make those extra purchases that they require for personal use. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Enrolments 2016:
If current families are aware of new residents in our area, who may be considering attending our school next year, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible. Any families, who will not be returning to Wattle Grove next year, are also asked to please inform the Principal in writing as soon as possible.
Many parents attended to recent Early Childhood Parent Forum morning and participated in the information sessions by staff.

Caladenia students visited the Wattle Grove students from Room 18 recently, to share and discuss their ideas around the Zoo Project they are presenting, at an evening to be held early next term at Caladenia Primary School.

See the video of the choir performing at the West Australian Government Schools’ Choral Festival on the school blog. Google Wattle Grove Primary School. They need to be congratulated on their performance and Mrs Robeson also.
Deputy Principal Corner:

Parent Instruction and Child Safety

As parents, we discuss Stranger Danger and other issues with our children and try to ensure they are given clear instructions to minimize the risk of getting lost or anything happening to them. It is important to discuss this on a regular basis, especially with younger ones, so they don’t decide to go off on their own or with other children or people. It is also important they know and use the proper rules when crossing roads, train tracks and other hazards they may face in the real world.

It is also important, as parents, that we discuss and put in place procedures for coming and going to school safely. Some key points to be emphasized would be:

- Walk/ride straight to school/home without stopping at parks, shops etc.
- Meet parents at pre-arranged locations eg. Undercover area, near the library, outside the classroom, etc
- If parents do not arrive at the meeting place, tell the class teacher and then go straight to the Administration.
- Never walk home without parent permission.

Whilst these points are generally discussed at the commencement of each school year with children, it is important for parents to re-iterate these points on a frequent basis.

There are many dangers out there, but we need to make sure our children are protected from all of these things to the best of our ability, whilst also allowing them the opportunity to grow and learn to take responsibility for themselves.

Today there are many internet sites online with advice for parents to assist in talking to their children on all sorts of topics, from using social media, road rules, to bullying and numbers to contact the police. Please make sure that you haven’t become complacent about your children’s safety and take time to go over these things safety points making sure they can repeat your instructions, ensuring they know what to do in different scenarios. This way you can be satisfied that you have done all you can to protect your children.

Stuart Meachem
Deputy Principal

The Italian Corner

I cannot believe Term 3 has come to an end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their fantastic work during our lessons and also for all the laughter we have shared. Thank you also to all staff members for encouraging the Italian Language in their classrooms in different ways.

WATCH THIS SPACE IN TERM 4 as we continue with The Italian Corner and students contributing to The Interesting Facts.

Avete un felice e sicura vacanza tutti.
Have a happy and safe holiday everyone.
Signora Harrison

Centenary School Fete and Reunion:

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Next term, we will be celebrating 100 years of Wattle Grove Primary School with a huge Centenary Fete and Reunion. There will be many stalls at this fete and to assist, we are asking all classes to help by providing the following produce for their stalls:

- Kindergarten and Pre-primary – Bakery Stall ie cakes, cookies, bread, muffins, pasties, jams, condiments, sauces etc
- Year 1 – Jars of Stuff Stall ie any glass jar filled with something eg marbles, art/craft items, hair ties, etc
- Year 2 – Lolly Stall ie wrapped lollies, lollipops, toffee apples, etc
- Year 3 – Plant Stall ie potted plants – any sort.
- Year 4/5 – Second Hand Stall ie second hand items in good condition eg books, CDs, toys, DVDs, kitchenware, bric-a-brac etc

Room 9, 15 and 18 have separate stalls to coordinate.

During the upcoming holidays is a perfect time to start organising produce for year level stalls. Donations from all year levels will be appreciated. Please take any produce you wish to donate to your child’s classroom or to the year level associated with the stall.

Hat Policy:

The School’s Sun Protection Policy requires children to wear a School Sunsmart Hat. All children need to have a School Hat at school. The school’s Sun Protection Policy and School Dress Code includes a “No School Hat – No Play Policy” all year round. Therefore students are required to wear their Sunsmart School Hat for all outdoor activities.

Stuart Meachem
Deputy Principal

School Development—Pupil Free Day: