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Centenary Reunion and Fete

From the Principal

SCHOOL CENTENARY

The school’s official Centenary Celebration last Sunday, 1 November, was a tremendous day full of fun and nostalgia for past and present students, staff and families. It was wonderful to see so many people join us on what was undoubtedly Wattle Grove Primary School’s biggest event. The official ceremony attended by the Hon. Colin Barnett, Premier of Western Australia, and Member for Forrestfield, Mr Nathan Morton, saw the unveiling of the Centenary Plaque, the cutting of the magnificent Centenary Cake and the Centenary Song performed beautifully by our Senior Choir. The school was abuzz with excitement and colour with over 63 stalls and a vast range of activities for everyone to enjoy. There was plenty of nostalgia as past students, staff and families visited the many heritage displays throughout the school and reminisced of their times at Wattle Grove Primary School throughout its 100 years. Families came from all over Western Australia to attend with some teachers and students having been part of the school as far back as the 1940s. This is a magnificent indication of the attachment that so many have with our primary school.

Of course, for an event such as this to be so successful, took over 12 months of planning and a team of both parent and staff volunteers. Congratulations and many thanks must go to Mr Adam Kew, P&C President and the P&C Fete Committee, who really steered the whole direction of the Centenary Fete. They put in countless hours of planning before the event and continued on with their hard work both during and after the Fete closed. Many thanks also to the staff who worked so hard throughout the past few months in coordinating and planning the Heritage Displays and then volunteered their time to erect all the displays and assist throughout the day with the Centenary Fete and Reunion. The children in both the Senior and Junior Choirs are also to be acknowledged for also giving up their time to provide wonderful musical performances throughout the day. It was a magnificent team effort and truly represented the community spirit for which our school is recognised.

Many thanks also to all the families that attended our Centenary Fete and Reunion as you really made the whole celebration such a memorable event.

I believe Amy Fitzgerald, the first teacher of Wattle Grove Primary School, and the school’s founders of 1915 would have been extremely proud of our Centenary Celebrations and the sense of community and successes that Wattle Grove Primary School has achieved throughout its 100 years.

School Board Research

Our School Board has been selected this year as part of the Department of Education’s research into the function of School Boards in Independent Public Schools. As one of 20 schools selected, Curtin University, who have been selected to conduct the research, visited the school last week to interview members of the School Board, staff and parents. The researcher also then attended last week’s School Board Meeting to observe proceedings.

The School Board last year was acknowledged in the Independent School Review for its commitment, effectiveness and professional understanding and approach to governance. Nominations for School Board members for the next 2-3 years will be called for in the coming weeks.

Julie Roberts
Principal
Assembly News:

Thank you to Mrs Lowther and the students from Room 20 for last week’s wonderful assembly. They showed quite dramatically, the importance of water to the survival of all of living things and to the planet. They told us it is more valuable than gold or diamonds and that we must all help to save as much as we can and not pollute our waterways.

Congratulations to the following Merit Certificate winners:

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Phrases:

Per favore, posso andare al bagno? – Please may I go to the bathroom/toilet?

Grazie Signora/Signor/Maestra – Thank you Mrs/ Mr/Teacher

Prego – You are welcome

Interesting facts:

Italy fits into Australia approximately 26 times. By Aena Sijii, Yr 4, Rm 10, Orange Faction.

Italy is famous for many things such as food, clothing, cars, singers and art. By Serpshire Nash, Yr 3, Rm 21, Blue Faction.

The history of Pizza has its origins in Ancient Rome in a place called Gaeta. Italian pizza is yummy. By Zara Patten, Yr 4, Rm 10, Purple Faction.

Congratulations to our winning entrants. Each will receive Lunchies for their effort. Get busy everyone, as I look forward to receiving an abundance of Interesting Facts during Term 4.

Swimming Lessons:

Swimming lessons will be conducted for all children (P-6) in Weeks 7 and 8 commencing Monday 23 November 2015. Due to the large numbers of students within our school, swimming lessons will be conducted across two pool venues this year – Belmont Oasis and Darling Range Sports College. Growth in enrolments requires the school to constantly make adjustments to a range of activities that take place. It is important, however, that all children attend swimming to ensure that their skills continue to develop and progress.

P&C News:

Thank you to everyone who assisted running our amazing 100 Year Fete and Reunion on the weekend. A wonderful day was had by all and it was a huge success. Special thanks from Adam Kew to the fete committee for all your tireless work: Michael Sala Tenna, Camille Damer, Sharline Williams, Cath Irving, Paula Dunstan, Mary Cannon, Annette Biglin and Jan Beed.

P&C Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on 18 November @ 7pm. All welcome to attend.
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School Development Days 2016:
The Department of Education will provide 7 School Development Days (ie pupil free) in 2016 for all schools to conduct school and curriculum planning and professional learning for staff. The School Board has approved the following dates for School Development Days at Wattle Grove Primary School in 2016:

Term 1 – Thursday, 28 January 2016
   Friday, 29 January 2016
   Friday, 4 March 2016

Term 2 - Friday, 3 June 2016

Term 3 – Monday, 18 July 2016

Term 4- Friday, 25 November 2016
   Friday, 16 December 2016

Deputy Principal Corner:
THE SCHOOL APP
Wattle Grove Primary School has a School App. Have you put it on your phone yet? It is available to download for both Apple or Android phones.
The App has been in use and available for a few months now and the feedback has been that it is very useful. Here are a few things you can use it for:
- Receiving reminders of events and activities at school
- Submitting student absences
- Viewing the canteen menu and ordering online
- Viewing and downloading school newsletters
- Checking the School Calendar
- Calling or emailing the school
- Checking the school website and blog
- Updating student details
- and more…
Download it now and try it for yourself…

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
According to the Education Act 1999, it is a requirement for parents and carers to provide an acceptable reason for all student absences. All absences impact on student learning to some degree, especially if they are regular or extended. Acceptable attendance has been set at 95% or 9.5 weeks each term. Even at this rate it adds up to 10 days a year or 130 days absence over the 13 years of compulsory schooling.

100% attendance = 13 years attendance, 0% absent
90% or 4.5 days/week = 11.7 years schooling, 1.3 yrs absent
80%, 4 days schooling = 10.4 years schooling, 2.6 yrs absent
70% 3.5 days schooling = 9.1 years schooling, 3.9 yrs absent
60% 3 days schooling = 7.8 years schooling, 5.2 yrs absent

These are average figures, but show how they can have a huge impact on student learning over time.

Stuart Meachem Deputy Principal

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WATTLE GROVE RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION INC.
Welcomes
Ms Rhonda Hardy
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kalamunda

Tuesday 17 November 2015 meeting
8.00pm
Woodlupine Community Centre
Hale Road, Forrestfield (opp KFC)

Presentation on Wattle Grove issues
Current, planned and future development,
environment, recreation, community etc
All residents and interested persons welcome to attend
Get involved and promote the welfare of the community of Wattle Grove through
the Wattle Grove Residents’ Association Inc

Email contact: wattlegrove.residentsassoc@gmail.com

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From the Good Food for Me Team
Rescue Recipes
Easy Vegie Slice
What you will need:
- 4 slices of wholemeal bread.
- 1 tablespoon margarine.
- 4 slices lean ham.
- 1 small onion.
- 1 small zucchini.
- 2 eggs.
- 1 tablespoon self-raising flour.
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley.
- 1/2 cup grated low fat cheese.
- Microwave dish.
- Plastic wrap.

What to do:
Step 1: Cut crusts off bread and spread with margarine.
Step 2: Arrange bread butter side up on the bottom of a shallow dish.
Step 3: In a bowl add chopped ham, grated onion and grated zucchini.
Step 4: Add eggs, parsley, flour and cheese to bowl mixture. Stir well and beat with a fork.
Step 5: Spoon mixture over bread and cover with plastic wrap.
Step 6: Microwave on med-high for approximately 8 minutes. Serve hot or cold.

For more information: Recipes
http://www.nutritionaustralia.org

Kitty & Mum
Student Representative Profile:

Name: Annabelle
Room: 15

I have been here for a year and a half. That may not be long but I've enjoyed every part of being here. My mum is Malaysian, and my dad is Australian. I have one brother who also attends Wattle Grove. I do swimming, which is my favorite sport. I've been doing it for 10 years and this is my 11th year.

I have absolutely loved being a part of this school and what I particularly like about is:

- The way teachers help us when we're stuck with something.
- How we work with our buddy class and sometimes do fun activities with our buddies.

As a Student Rep for Term Four, I would like to help organise some fundraising events to help raise money for new equipment and books for our school. Wattle Grove is a fantastic place to be and I would like to continue to contribute to the school.

Student Representative Profile:

Name: Jesse
Room: 15

I have been at Wattle Grove for two and a half years and I have enjoyed being a Wattle Grove Primary student because the staff and the students are very nice. I feel like I have been here for longer because I have had such a good time. My favourite subject is sport. I played in the Interschool AFL team. We won the Interschool Winter Carnival.

My hobbies are: Motocross, Xbox 360, Scooter Riding, BMX & Mechanics.

I have really enjoyed being a part of our school and I particularly like:

- I have really enjoyed being a Student Representative because I have found the jobs to be enjoyable.
- The teachers at the school are great because they are happy to offer you help when you need it.
- The students are very friendly at this school

During my time as a Student Rep I would like to come up with some fundraising ideas to buy some more resources for the school.

Student Representative Profile:

Name: Keerthana
Room: 15

I have been at Wattle Grove Primary School for seven years. My family comes from a small country called Singapore. I have one younger brother who attends this school and one older sister who used to attend this school but now attends Rossmoyne Senior High School. My hobbies are eating, sleeping, watching Animes and listening to K-Pop. I like K-Pop songs because of the meanings behind the songs. Animes are awesome because the characters are cute.

I have really enjoyed being a part of our school and I particularly like:

- The teachers, who provide you with support.
- The positive school environment in our school.
- The atmosphere where everyone is kind and friendly and treats others with respect.
- The students are kind and friendly.

During my time as a Student Rep, I would like to come up with many fundraiser ideas and ways to make our school better than it already is.