**Year 6 Camp**

The Year 6 students enjoyed a wonderful end of year School Camp to Kalgoorlie last week. After travelling there on the Prospector, they were able to visit and learn about many of the attractions that Kalgoorlie, Boulder and Coolgardie have to offer including – the KCMG Superpit, museums, historical homes, the Flying Doctor base, gold panning and Council Chambers. These activities showcased the history and geography of this mining town and provided the children with a wonderful insight into its development. Congratulations also to our Year 6s for their excellent behaviour and conduct whilst away as many members of the public acknowledged. The organisation of a camp of this nature takes many months of planning and many thanks must be extended to the amazing staff who gave up their own personal and family time to conduct this camp – Mrs Lavery, Mr Sherlock, Mrs Lowther and Mr Meachem.

**Graduation 2016**

Preparations are also underway for our very special Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. The Graduation Ceremony this year will be held on Tuesday, 29 November at Wattle Grove Camp, Kelvin Rd, Wattle Grove. It promises to be a wonderful evening for our Year 6 students and their families. This is the Ceremony at which we celebrate the achievements of our graduating students throughout their primary school years – no matter at which primary schools they have attended over the years. It is an evening of many memories and reflections for our students, parents and staff. Additionally, a special Decorating Committee consisting of parents of Year 5 students will take on the responsibility and pleasure of decorating the venue for the graduating students, knowing that the following year they will be sitting in the audience watching their child graduate. This is a wonderful tradition and one in which parents, over the years, have created many amazing settings. The Graduation Ceremony will be followed by the Graduation Dance for Year 5 and 6 students.

**School Development Days 2017**

The Department of Education has approved six School Development Days for schools in 2017. The following days have been approved by the Wattle Grove Primary School Board as School Development Days in which children will not attend school:

- **Term 1**
  - Monday, 30 January 2017
  - Tuesday, 31 January 2017
  - Friday, 7 April 2017

- **Term 2**
  - Nil

- **Term 3**
  - Monday, 17 July 2017

- **Term 4**
  - Friday, 24 November 2017
  - Friday, 15 December 2017

**Enrolments 2017**

If current families are aware of new residents in the Wattle Grove area, who may be considering attending our school next year, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to enrol. Also, any families, who will not be returning to Wattle Grove next year, are asked to please inform the Principal in writing.

*Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Family Fun Night next Friday, 25 November.*

**Julie Roberts**

Principal
Junior Assembly News

The Kindergarten children in Room 2 put on a wonderful assembly with an ‘Under The Sea’ theme. They informed us of interesting facts about animals that live in the ocean and sang an entertaining sea themed song with lots of fun actions. The children were a delight to watch as they danced and sang in their bright and wonderful costumes. There were sharks, octopus, fish, crabs and jellyfish too! Beautiful Rainbow Fish artwork was on display as well as photos and writing about plasticine boats the children had made. The teachers were very proud of the huge efforts the Kindy children put in to learning dance moves, song lyrics and their speaking parts. Thank you must go to the parents for their support in making the assembly a huge success. The children's costumes were incredible and we could not have put on such a show without your support.

Merit Awards Winners

Kindy B  Rm 2:  Jye, Ava
Kindy R  Rm 2:  Nabil, Ella, Maria-Bella
Kindy B  Rm 4:  Nathanael, Rafael, Ashvanth, Thanuja
Kindy R  Rm 4:  Yingyu, Kaden, Lucas, Noah
PP  Rm 1:  Catherine, Omid, Harshith
PP  Rm 3:  Timothy, Mia, Elaine, Jessmary
PP  Rm 5:  Lyla, Katie, Shreyes
PP  Rm 6:  Heidi, Joao, Jordan
PP/1  Rm 9:  Gorika, Jensen
Yr 1  Rm 7:  Sarah, Sienna, Isabelle
Yr 1  Rm 10:  Blanca, Sahar, Neila
Yr 1  Rm 20:  Brandon, Sienna-Rose, Natalia
Yr 1  Rm 22:  Madelyn, Josh, Yusuf
Yr 2  Rm 14:  Jessica, Joanna, Jonathan, Blake
Yr 2  Rm 16:  Phoebe, Sohail, Rajbir
Yr 2  Rm 25:  Amelia, Jenny, Riley, Kyle
Music Award:
Values winners: Maddison, James  Room 2
Science Award: Aiden, Addison  Room 2 B
Junior Visual Art: Room 10 Year 1
LOTE Award: Daniel, Daksh, Krissy, Saadhana, Scarlet  Room 7
Leo  Room 16

Deputy Principal Corner:

Even if your child is motivated to read, supporting them with a variety of ways and options will keep the momentum going. Here are some tips to open up the wonderful world of reading for your child. (Courtesy of Scholastic)

Reading Tip for Parents: What’s “Just Right”? Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are “just right.” But how do you find a “just right” book? Have your child read the back and front cover, and first page of the book. If there are more than five words that he cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit.

Choosing the right book will help your little reader feel successful.

Reading Tip for Parents: Map it Out- It’s important to provide your child with a variety of fiction and non-fiction reading. A fun way to do this is to get a map and show them the way from your house to the grocery store or another familiar destination. Have your child write out the directions, street by street, and then read them to you as you walk or drive to the store – like a living GPS!

Reading Tip for Parents: Card Tricks:- Do you think effective reading only takes place at libraries and book stores? Think again! There are reading opportunities everywhere. Go to a greeting card store with your child and read the greeting cards together. Later, vote for the ones whose words convey the best birthday wish or get-well sentiment.

Reading Tip for Parents: Picture This!- During your next outing or gathering, take action-packed photos, then have your child create captions to go with each picture. Assemble the pictures and captions in a picture book or album, and add speech and thought bubbles to create a personalized – and probably hysterical – graphic novel.
Reading Tip for Parents: Last Comic Standing - Take time to read comic strips together. Share favorites from your own childhood and have your child put their favorites on the fridge. Read them aloud, and often -- repetition is a great way to build reading skills. Soon, he’ll love looking forward to the “Sunday funnies” each week.

Reading Tip for Parents: Labels of Love - Word recognition and vocabulary are important parts of reading. On a rainy day, get some paper and tape and start labelling everything in your home -- from furniture to small knick-knacks. Reading these labels repeatedly will build your child’s mental word bank. If your family is bilingual, create labels in both languages.

Louise Grainger
Deputy Principal

Car Parking
Just a reminder to parents that the staff car park is for staff members only. We have also had a number of parents who are double parking in the streets around the school which is illegal and provides a safety risk to all other motorists and students crossing the road. Would you please also avoid parking on local residents’ verges as there has been damage to their reticulation reported. Please take note of the new parking signage around the school to avoid receiving a parking fine. Thank you for your co-operation.

Book Review
Grace by Morris Gleitzman

A book about love…
A book about trusting God…
A book about repentance…

Eleven year-old Grace has had a very religious upbringing in a strict church community. As she begins to grow up, she also begins to question life. She is a curious girl, she is a stubborn girl and she is an independent girl. These qualities are frowned upon by the Elders in her community. Whenever Grace seems to find happiness, trouble comes knocking at her door. Trouble for Grace begins when she befriends a boy who just happens to be a non-Christian.

Grace takes the reader on a journey that explores themes such as independence, tolerance and most importantly, being true to yourself. Grace spoke to me on a personal level because there are times where I would get caught up with the crowd but by reading this novel I learned the importance of being proud to make my own decisions and to stick by them. Everyone is different and be who you are. I enjoyed reading this book because of its strong and powerful moral messages.

Well, to find out about it for yourself I guess you have to read this brilliant book. I promise you that you will never read a book like this in your entire life! I definitely think Morris Gleitzman has produced his best work of art to date. The BEST book in the world receives a perfect 5/5 stars from me, in fact, maybe even a 10/5 stars! I implore you to go out and find this book for yourself. Your mind will be blown!

By Catherine, Year 5, Room 17

Student Absent Communication
To avoid receiving a text message from the school, please advise us by 9.15am if your child/ren will be absent, you can do this by SMS to 0438 955 776, by calling us on 9453 6722 or by downloading our SkoolBag App from the APP store.

You can program the school’s SMS number into your mobile so that you know when we send you a message, the number is 0438 955 776.

Values - Thankful

Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or a gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then just giving for the joy of giving. It is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

Affirmation:
- I am generous.
- I look for opportunities to give and to share.
- There is plenty of time for thoughtfulness.
- I give freely, fully, and joyfully.

Mrs Daphne Bennett
Values Coordinator

Snakes

Just a reminder to all that we are coming back into snake season. All children and parents should be particularly aware of the dangers and also what to do if a snake is sighted. Please remind your children to keep well away, if they see a snake and to tell a teacher/adult immediately.

2016 Swimming Lessons

As mentioned in the last newsletter, students in Pre primary to Year 6 will be participating in Interim Swimming Lessons at Belmont Oasis during the last four weeks of Term 4. Due to the size of our school, classes will be spread over two blocks, as outlined below.

**Swimming Group 2**

- Weeks 9 & 10 (5 Dec – 15 Dec)
- PP Rooms 3, 5, 9
- Year 1 Rooms 7, 9 & 20
- Years 2 & 3 Rooms 14, 16, 19 & 25
- Year 6 Rooms 15 & 26

Qkr! Is now at Wattle Grove P.S.

You can pay for your Voluntary Contributions, Workbooks, Excursions/Incursions, and more right now using Qkr, so why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr! Available from the App Store.
P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 December at 7pm.

Canteen

The Canteen operates on Wednesday and Thursdays. Orders can be placed in the classroom basket before school or online by going to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au.

Canteen Help

Volunteers (parents, grandparents, friends) are needed in the Canteen on Wednesdays and Thursdays to help out. If you can spare some time on a regular basis, either weekly, fortnightly or monthly, please see Suzette in the Canteen. All help is greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder the Canteen will be closed in Week 10.

Uniform Shop—New 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

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 Tuesdays 8.25am - 8.45am in the undercover area. It is provided by the Commonwealth Bank.

Book Stall

Keep an eye out for the Book Stall at the Family Fun Night on 25 November from 4pm to 7pm. There will be heaps of fantastic books for sale, starting from $4. They could make great Christmas gifts! The Book Fair raises money to buy books for the school. Thanks for your support.

Michael Light
Book Club Co ordinator

MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA
JANUARY PREPARATION PROGRAM
OLNA - Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision & Preparation

For all students entering Year 7 – 12 in 2017

The January Preparation Program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2017) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2016 syllabus that are vital for success in the new-year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2017.

Courses will be conducted at:
Leeming Senior High School
Wednesday 18th to Wednesday 25th of January, 2017
Early Bird enrolment discount of 10% before Friday 19 December, 2016

Gifted and Talented

Secondary Selective Entrance Programs
If your child is going into Year 6 in 2017, applications are now open for entry into Year 7 in 2018. Limited places may also be available for children going into Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2018.

You can apply for these programs no matter where you live in Western Australia and, if selected, your child is guaranteed a place at the school.

For further information please follow the link - www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/giftedandtalented/detcms/navigation/parents/
"The Wattle"

KALGOORLIE CAMP 2016
**Liam**

My name is Liam and I am in Room 26 with Mr. Sherlock and Mr. Meacham. I have been at Wattle Grove Primary School for six years and have enjoyed every minute. My family is from Australia and I have 7 siblings; 4 brothers and 3 sisters. In my spare time I like playing football and baseball, I also like bouncing on a trampoline and playing with my dogs. I am in a football team called Forrestfield Rhinos in which my family has been involved with for a very long time.

Wattle Grove is an awesome school. It has high standards and pushes you to be the best that you can be; this allows us students to strive to achieve their goals. This school has given us the opportunities to extend ourselves through challenging work, which has been great for all of the students to reach their full potential.

As a Student Representative I hope to help the school as much as I can, I will go out of my way to make the school a better place by reducing rubbish around the school to help the environment, organising fundraisers and creating games that can be played by all students in all year levels.

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**Tayla**

My name is Tayla and I am in Room 26 with Mr Sherlock and Mr Meachem. I came to Wattle Grove Primary in Year 3 as I attended Kindergarten up until Year 2 at different schools. I was born here in Perth, Western Australia and then moved to Broome, which is up north where my dad’s side of the family lives. My dad’s family are the Bardi and Yawuru people. My mum’s side of the family is Dutch and Indian. In my family I have my mum and dad, my two brothers and my sister. My favourite subjects are Maths, Sport and Art. I like to play sports in my spare time with my friends, as well as playing football with my friends at school.

As a student here at Wattle Grove I know that the teachers are always pushing you to achieve high standards of work and achievement in all aspects of school. The teachers here at Wattle Grove are very friendly and kind. They always want you to be the best you can be. I thoroughly enjoy being a student at Wattle Grove.

Being a Student Representative is a big responsibility, you have to carry out jobs and present a report at assemblies. Student Representatives can also work on raising money for the school. I am always willing to help out around the school in fundraising, carnivals and big events.

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**Shantai**

My name is Shantai and I am in Room 26 with Mr Sherlock and Mr Meachem. I came to Wattle Grove in Year 5 at the start of 2015. I have been to five different schools before coming here. I was born in Melbourne, Victoria on the 8th of June 2005. When I was four years old we left Melbourne and moved to London. I lived there for a year, and then my pa helped us move here to Perth. I live with my mum and dad, as well as my three sisters. My dad is Sri Lankan and my mum is half British and half Australian. Next year, I am going to St Brigid’s and I hope to play basketball and participate in swimming while I am there. My favourite subjects are Art, Sport and ICT, in my spare time you will probably see me goofing around with my friends.

Wattle Grove Primary School is probably the best school I have ever been to. They support us so that we are able to do our very best in all aspects of school and make sure we are ready for high school. The teachers are polite, kind and go above and beyond for all of the students. The students here are very nice and will help anyone who needs it.

As a Student Representative, we carry out big responsibilities and act as great role models for our peers. Some of the jobs include paper recycling, lining up classes and the student representative report at assemblies. There are great opportunities like greeting special guests, helping younger peers and running assemblies. I would also like to organised a fundraiser for children who are sick in hospital.