Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Dance - The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony held last week at the Lesmurdie Club was a fantastic evening for our Year 6 students and their families. I was extremely proud of the manner in which the students presented and conducted themselves throughout the entire evening. They have all grown and matured so very fast and have demonstrated excellent leadership and teamwork throughout the year. Past graduate from 2009, Rebekah Kurthy, also joined our ceremony as a special guest and provided our graduates with some very thoughtful and wise messages of her years at high school and now university. Many thanks to the Senior Choir who sang so beautifully on the night and to our very impressive Student Speakers, Amy Fagan and Max Girdler, for their outstanding effort in conducting the Ceremony. The Graduation Dance for Year 6 students which followed the Ceremony was also a fantastic event and gave the students the opportunity to demonstrate their amazing dancing skills. It was wonderful to see so many parents join in the dancing at the end of the evening. A special thank you to the P&C for their lovely Graduation pens presented to each student and to the Decorating Committee for your time and effort in decorating the venue for our Year 6 Graduating Students.

Special awards on the evening were presented to:

- Hailey Vannopal – Award of Excellence
- Sam Dhungana – Minchin Award for Outstanding Citizenship
- Cameron Scott – 2015 Academic Award
- Ethan Nash – 2015 Sports Achievement Award
- Lili- Mae Newman and Tyler Mouritz – Lesmurdie Senior High School Scholarships

Congratulations to all of these award winners and to the Year 6 students on their successes and achievements at Wattle Grove. Best wishes go with you to your next phase of education at high school.

WA Education Awards - Last week it was announced at the WA Education Awards Ceremony that our Year 1 teacher, Mrs Kirsty Campbell, was the winner of the Western Australian Beginning Teacher Award for 2015. This is a wonderful acknowledgement of the outstanding work that Mrs Campbell does in the school, not only in teaching her beautiful class of boys and girls in Room 13, but also co-chairing the K-2 Staff Phase Team, being a member of the School Leadership Team, as well as, representing the staff on the School Board. Mrs Campbell is an outstanding beginning teacher and we congratulate her on this outstanding achievement.

End of Year Presentation Events – Our special end of year Presentation Events will be held at Camp Wattle Grove on Tuesday, the 15 December. The K- Year 1 Presentation Morning will be held at 9.00am to approximately 10.15am. Children from all K-1 classes will travel by bus to and from the venue. The Year 2 – Year 6 Presentation Night will be held the same day in the evening commencing at 6.30pm. Children in these classes will travel to the venue with their parents. All classes will present special dance items after which the class teacher will present the annual Class Awards. Additional awards of achievement will also be presented to children in specialist areas of learning. In the evening, our 2015 Graduands will present their farewell speech, as they bid farewell to all the students, staff and families of Wattle Grove Primary School. Our Presentation Event is our end of year finale in which we celebrate the achievements of the children and school community. I hope to see you all there.

Julie Roberts
Principal
2016 Booklists:

Booklists for 2016 have gone home with your child. If pre-ordering please return these to the Administration by **9am on the 9th December**.

Dental Therapy Centre Closing Dates:

Please be advised that the dental therapy centre will be closed from Wednesday 23 December 2015 until Monday 1 February 2016.

The School Dental Service emergency clinic will operate between the hours of 8.15am — 4.30pm, Mon—Fri excluding public holidays at:

Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre
43 Mt Henry Road
Como
Ph: 9313 0555

Enjoy your Christmas break! Don't forget to brush and floss your teeth and drink plenty of water!

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.**

Year Six Kalgoorlie Camp 2015:

On November 9th – 13th the Year Six students travelled to Kalgoorlie for their camp. Some highlights of the trip included visiting the Kalgoorlie and Boulder Town Halls, the Western Australian Museum, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Loop Line Museum, Coolgardie and the Super Pit tour. Students had an opportunity to try their hands at panning for gold, and most managed to find a small piece to take home. The camp was enjoyed by all and was a memorable learning experience. Thank you to all staff who assisted with preparation and to those who attended the trip.

Uniform Shop:

We will be clearing out our Centenary polos for $20 each — we have quite a few larger sizes available. These will be perfect for students to keep as a momento and have their classmates sign.

The Uniform Shop will be open every morning from Monday 8th December until the end of term from 8.30 until 9.00am. Please try and get your uniforms ordered early in readiness for 2016. The Uniform Shop is also selling Centenary tea towels, coffee mugs, water bottles and jewellery as a souvenir of this historical year.

Christmas Donations:

Sharing Hills Christmas donations will need to be in by **Wednesday 9th December**.

Thank you for your help to spread Christmas Cheer.

Values:

Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people's needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things.

**Mrs Daphne Bennett**

Values Coordinator.

Lounging Range Citizenship Awards:

Seven year 6 students from Wattle Grove Primary School were fortunate enough to be presented with an award from the Darling Range Learning Community for Citizenship.

Lili-Mae, Hailey, Cole, Tyler, Margratte and Jeremy were recognised for their outstanding citizenship portfolio and excellent interview, conducted by an awards panel.

The DRLC Citizenship award is designed to promote student leadership and citizenship, both within the school and in the wider community. Our school was widely applauded for the overall quality of our candidates. Tyler, Cole, Jeremy, Margratte and Ethan were presented with a certificate of merit for their fantastic efforts. Hailey was awarded with the runner-up award, which came with a gift certificate of $50. Lili-Mae scooped the top award for Wattle Grove, winning a lovely certificate and a $150 gift certificate.

All in all, the process was a wonderful experience for all Yr 6 students and we look forward to doing it all over again in 2016!
Congratulations to Lili-Mae Newman, who received first place in the Darling Range Citizenship Awards. Well done also to Hailey second, Cole Third and Margrate, Tyler and Jeremy on their commendations. Another pleasing result for Wattle Grove.

Congratulations to Kirsty Campbell, Year 1, Room 13, “Beginning Teacher of the Year” in the 2015 WA Education Awards.

Thursday 3 December, A special night for all our Year 6’s, their Graduation Ceremony and Dance. Congratulations to all the graduates and award winners. Thank you to the guests, staff, choir, Year 5’s and parents, who made it such a memorable night.
Student Rep Profile:
Name: Ann
Room 15
I have been at Wattle Grove for 3 terms. My family comes from India. I have two younger brothers who are in year 4 and pre-primary. I have good friends that are kind to me. And I am enjoying my time at Wattle Grove PS. My class teacher and all students in my class helped me in my subject and new place. I am going to Ursula Frayne Catholic College. My ambition is to be a science teacher. My hobby is reading books and my favourite sports indoor/outdoor game are volleyball.
- I like the way students follow the rules at the school regularly.
- I would like to help students if they are lonely and have no friends and if the person is hurting.
- I would like to have a safe environment for kids to play and study.
- I like the way students treat the with respect to the teacher.
I will become a good role model for the younger students and demonstrate respect with a great attitude towards the teachers.

Student Rep Profile:
Name: Jonty
Room: 15
I have been at Wattle Grove for 8 years now. In my family I have 1 brother Brock he is one year older than me and I have 1 sister Ashleigh she is 3 years older than me and I have a mum and dad. My mum is from New Zealand and my dad is from Australia. I have 2 pets, a dog and a cat. In the future I would like to become a navy officer and represent my country the high school that I'm going to is Lesmurdie Senior high school. Some of my hobbies include playing Xbox as well as competing and playing sports. My favourite sport is football and baseball. My most memorable moment at Wattle Grove is graduating. I have made lots of great friends here including James, Jett and Jonty.
- I like the fact that all the students are very nice.
- That all the teachers help you as much as possible.
- And that if you see anyone that is upset everyone will offer to help.
I think that I will be a great role model to the younger students. I will be available to help them when needed.

Student Rep Profile:
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Room: 15
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Student Rep Profile:
Name: Rishanth. R
Room: 15
I have been at Wattle Grove Primary school for two years and three terms. I was born in India and so is my whole family. My dad came to Australia before I was born. My brother Jashwanth is four years old. My Friends are very encouraging and they are a huge part of my education. All the teachers in Primary School are very caring as are all the students. I feel treated with respect. Lesmurdie Senior High School is my future school, which I’m very excited about. In the future I want to be a Software Engineer. I also want to travel the world and learn new things. My hobbies are playing soccer and handball with friends and when I am by myself I like playing on my Nintendo 3ds.
I am proud to come to this school because:
- The students are very respectful to other students and teachers.
- All my friends know how to cheer me up.
- The rules are very safe and thoughtful.
- Of the unique teaching skills of the teachers.
I am a very respectful person and as a Student Rep I will exhibit these qualities to my peers and younger students.

Student Rep Profile:
Name: Jonty
Room: 15
I have been at wattle grove primary school for eight years. And that I know sounds long but it isn’t when the teachers make school so enjoyable and fun. I have two older brothers and a younger sister that also come to this school. I am a member of the Forrestfield tee-ball club and have been playing for 9 years.
I have loved going to this school because of these reasons:
- The way everyone meets and greets everyone with big smiles and gives eye contact.
- I like the way everyone plays together and cares for one another.
- I love the way the teachers care for the kids and give us easy work.
During my time being student rep I want to try to help in the playground and in class.
I have got good ideas for fundraising. I want to be looked up to and respected by my peers and younger students.