A warm welcome back to everyone for Term 3. I hope all our families enjoyed the holiday break and that everyone is now looking forward to the term ahead. Once again, we have many wonderful learning experiences planned for the children throughout the term and for the school community.

Last Friday we conducted a wonderful celebratory assembly to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of many children during Term 2. The Assembly was opened by the Year 6 Guitar students who provided a wonderful musical rendition of some of the music they have learnt this year, with the Junior Choir closing the assembly with some great harmonies. Congratulations to both the Year 6 Guitar students and to the Junior Choir for their wonderful performances. At the Assembly, we acknowledged the children who were semi-finalists in the Therapy Focus Art Competition with Year 3 student, Ruby Henshall, being selected to have her art published in this year’s Therapy Focus Book. The Student Councillors for Semester 2 were announced as were the Student Representatives for Term 3. Many children also received certificates and prizes for their achievement in the Term 2 Principal and Year Level Challenges for their excellent achievement. It was wonderful to see more children achieving 100% in the Term 2 Challenge than in any previous years. Congratulations must also go to Room 21 for their outstanding effort in being awarded Champion Class in both Term 1 and Term 2. The WA Week winning classes – Rooms 7, 9, 17, 19 and 21 also received their awards for their excellent door displays last term.

Congratulations went to the School Board Award recipients, Mr Carl Sanderson, for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and to parent, Mrs Rhia Bradtke, for her Outstanding Commitment to the School as a volunteer. Mr Sanderson and Mrs Bradtke both provide an outstanding contribution to our school and are exceptional recipients. Many thanks to all the nominators for the School Board Award. It is wonderful to read so many nominations which truly demonstrate your appreciation of the efforts of staff and volunteer parents. Congratulations to all the award recipients and let’s see if you can do it all again this term!

Term 3

Once again, there are many exciting school events and opportunities planned for the children. Next week we will be conducting some wonderful NAIDOC activities to celebrate and learn about Aboriginal culture. The P&C will also be conducting the annual Lapathon in a few weeks so we encourage everyone to try and gather $10 or more in sponsorship. We are trying to raise enough funds to purchase more iPads and there are some wonderful prizes also to be won for children who raise more than $10. The school will also be hosting a Great Debate between the 2 Multi age Academic Classes (MAC) from Wattle Grove and Caladenia Primary Schools. This should be quite exciting with guest judge, Mr Nathan Morton, Member for Forrestfield. The WA Massed Choir Festival, being held at Winthrop Hall later in the term, will feature our Senior Choir. This event is a highlight on the school music calendar each year.

In a few weeks’ time, our Athletics Carnivals, will enable children to practise their sporting skills and enjoy being part of a faction team. This term, children are encouraged to wear their faction tee shirts each Friday and to start...
identifying their team-mates in readiness for the Faction Carnival. There will also be fortnightly tests, Principal’s Challenges, ICAS Testing, lots of projects and lots of work to do.

For parents, we will be hosting a Parent Forum for our 2017 Kindy parents and a special Parent Information Session on Cyber Bullying for parents of upper school students. In addition to this, all children (K-6) will be conducting Learning Journeys.

As you can see, there are many things planned for Term 3 which will provide exciting learning opportunities for both children and adults.

Julie Roberts
Principal

Deputy Principal Corner

Literacy Pro
The school has been committed to this online reading program for a number of years. The program is used to match students to books most suited for them. Earlier this year, we announced a goal of reading 100 million words and completing 10,000 online quizzes. Once students log on to Literacy Pro and complete the quiz or diary, the system recognises the words read in those books. We are currently slightly under the halfway mark of both of these numbers but I am confident that students are able to achieve the goal by the end of the year. Class teachers are working hard to promote reading for pleasure with all students and parents have an important role to play in this process. Students will have a particular colour (level) for books and parents should continue to encourage students to read at least one book a week that is at their level, followed up by doing the quiz online.

In the meantime, developing a love of reading in our children is most important. All children enjoy being read to and bedtime or quiet time is an ideal opportunity to read books to children which they may not be able to read to themselves. With middle and upper year students, these books could include more difficult novels and series, which many parents will also enjoy themselves. Students who leave primary school with a love of reading will experience greater success at secondary school.

There are many more great articles and ideas at the following website.

Louise Grainger
Deputy Principal

WGPS Student Achievements
Mathias Room 12
Congratulations to Mathias of Room 12, he has been selected to represent WA in the 2016 12s Rugby League Team. His team will be competing at the School Sport Australia National Championships in Canberra from 30 July to 6 August. Good luck to Mathias and the WA team.

Mathias has also recently represented WA in Weightlifting at the National Weightlifting Championships held in Sydney over the July school holidays, Mathias came away with a silver medal. Well done, Mathias!

Ruby Room 18
Earlier this year Therapy Focus invited WA primary school students to take part in their 15th annual Art Competition by illustrating the pages of a children’s storybook entitled, ‘Outback Jack’s Great Race’ written by Krystal Cotterill.

Nearly 4000 entries were received from 57 schools across the state. A panel of judges selected 100 finalists that included six students from Wattle Grove Primary School. The 100 finalist entries went on display and the community was invited to help select the winning 20 by voting.

Ruby’s illustration was selected and will be published in, ‘Outback Jack’s Great Race’. The children’s story book will be officially unveiled at a book launch event in August.

Also a big congratulations to our 5 runners up:–
• Tayla, Rhyanna & Elaha (Room 24)
• Chloe (Room 12)
• Melissa (Room 18)

Values—Excellence
Excellence is striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life – long learning. Excellence is the key to success. People who don’t practise Excellence just do things half way. You are practicing Excellence when you…

Give your best to whatever you do.
Give your best to relationships
Set noble and realistic goals.
Remember to plan and practise.
Develop your special gifts

Remember—Success is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration.
Junior Choir Assembly Performance
If you would like to purchase photos of the Junior Choir performing at Children Sing Festival 2016, please follow the link below.

Password: sgf16

August 9 is Census Night
Look out for your household’s Census letter. Use the unique Census Login to complete your Census online on 9 August, or follow the directions to order a paper form.

For more information about the Census visit www.census.abs.gov.au

Qkr! Is now at Wattle Grove
P.S.
The new Qkr (pronounced ‘quicker’) app is now live for families of students Wattle Grove Primary School.

Qkr by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app and registering, simply select Wattle Grove Primary School from ‘Nearby Locations’ on Qkr or type Wattle Grove, after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr and then the app will always recognise you as part of the school in future, to make payments even easier.

You can pay for your Voluntary Contributions, Workbooks, Excursions/Incursions, Camps and more right now using Qkr, so why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

Parents paying Voluntary Contributions for more than one child in the family have the option to pay the ‘family’ discount against one child, e.g. James Edwards with two siblings—$135.00 OR the discounted cost per child e.g. $45.00 each for three children.

2016 Student Diary
2016 Student diaries are on ‘sale’ half price for $4.00, available at the front office.

P&C News:
Lapathon
On Friday 11 August is our annual LAPATHON. Any student who raises more then $10 will be able to pick a prize and the more money you raise the better prize you can choose. Parents are welcome to attend to support and cheer on our students. The Lapathon will be conducted at 2.00pm.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8.30am – 9.00am.

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. Please note, the menu for Term 3 will remain the same as Term 2.

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.

The students’ school banking is available on Tuesday’s 8.25am - 8.45am in the undercover area. It is provided by the Commonwealth Bank.

Dental Clinic
If parents receive a dental appointment letter in the mail for their child, could parents please collect their child from class and bring them to the Dental Clinic at the appointed time.

If parents are unable to bring their child, they can notify the Dental Clinic on 9453 6969 and we will collect your child from class.

Just a reminder, enter the Dental Clinic from Thorogood Avenue.
"The Wattle"

THERAPY FOCUS ARTWORKS

100% Achievers—Year 1

100% Achievers—Year 2

100% Achievers—Year 3

100% Achievers—Year 4

100% Achievers—Year 5

100% Achiever—Year 6

Champion Class—Room 21

Therapy Focus Carousel Display

Ruby Year 3, Artwork selected for book

Melissa Year 3

Tayla Year 3

Elaha Year 4

Rhianna Year 3

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Chandrea

My name is Chandrea and I am in Room 15 with Mrs Lowther. I have been at Wattle Grove Primary School for eight years. My family comes from Cambodia. I have one step mum, two step-sisters and one step-brother. Most of them are older than me but one step-sister is younger. I like watching television and doing cooking and reading when I am at home.

I like my teacher as she does spelling tests and that’s my favourite subject and also I like doing Math that is not too hard and Literacy Rotations. I also like being with my buddy in Room 14, her name is Olivia and she is in Year 2. I like the grounds of the school and I like sport carnivals and free dress up day on Australia day. I love Wattle Grove Primary School because I have good friends.

When I am a Student Rep I want to help the younger kids and help fund raising on new library books because I like reading books. I also have some ideas for games for the younger kids and helping them make them happy at recess and lunch. This is being a good leader.

Lucy

My name is Lucy and I am from Room 15 with Mrs Lowther. I’ve been at Wattle Grove Primary School since Year 4. I come from a small city in the north-west of China. I came to Australia three years ago. I have a small brother who is named Theodor and I like to play with his little feet. I like to cook, and after, I love to eat. I also like to do K-pop dances, watch movies or series (BIG BANG series), and Tae Kwan Do in a club in Maddington. I’m learning swimming in Darling Range with my cousin.

I enjoy working in Wattle Grove Primary School because:
- All the challenging works.
- Lovely staff members.

Whilst working as a Student Rep., I would love to help the school to have more fun excursions such as going to the Aquarium to learn about creatures under the sea. While I’m a Student Rep, I hope I can improve my public speaking and leadership skills.

Audrita - Term 2 Representative

Hello! My name is Audrita and I’m a student in Room 15 at Wattle Grove Primary School, where I commenced at the end of Year 4, in 2014. I came from Dhaka, Bangladesh. My interests are art, and I love reading and writing.

I particularly value the education at Wattle Grove as we are a big family; we have a great camaraderie. There are fun events at school, sports carnivals, free dress days, Harmony Day, movie nights, excursions/incursions and we have fun runs. We have Interactive White Boards in every classroom, iPads, a high number of laptops and we also have computers in every classroom. Importantly we have the P and C, the School Board and the canteen members who help the school community each day.

During my time as a Student Representative, I am gaining confidence and getting better at public speaking. I enjoy being a Student representative because it really helps me to understand responsibility, decision making, cooperation and being a role model to students. I love helping students who need guidance and seeing the smiles on their faces afterwards.