Centenary Student Fete

Our Student Fete held yesterday was a tremendous success from many perspectives and all children, from Kindergarten to Year 6, can be extremely proud of their fantastic enterprising achievements.

The weeks of planning and organisation, by the children and staff, all culminated into a wonderful learning event conducted by the students for the students. It was all part of the school’s Centenary Celebrations and focus on Enterprise Learning. The children looked wonderful in their olden days dress up and made the whole event feel that we were back in 1915, buying and selling they as they did in years gone by.

The Fete, included stalls of student made key rings, bag tags, craft bags, pet rocks, cloud dough, recipe books, rocky road, cup cakes, chocolate spoons, funny face biscuits, lemonade, popcorn, fruit slushies, spiders, ice creams, books, lots of great games, raffles and even a water bomb throwing stall. The children were so enthusiastic about this event and demonstrated many skills which would not normally be seen in a classroom setting. They took on the roles and responsibilities of both salespeople and customers, managing their finances extremely well. So well, that in one afternoon they raised over $3000.00 in profit – entrepreneurs of the future!

Parents of children who have not achieved the minimum standard in literacy or numeracy on these tests may wish to follow up with the classroom teacher to discuss factors contributing to their child’s achievement. Overall, students at Wattle Grove Primary School have performed very well once again this year with the Year 3 and Year 5 School Average well above the Australian Average and that of statistically similar schools in all 10 assessments. This is a great effort by our Year 3 and Year 5 children who, with hard work and lots of practice, can achieve anything!

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN - YEAR 3 AND 5)

Student Reports displaying your child’s achievement in the NAPLAN tests will be distributed on Monday. The report contains information about your child’s performance in relation to:

- the national achievement bands including the national minimum standard,
- the average performance of all students in his or her year level across Australia
- performance in relation to the range of achievement for the middle 60% of students

Carter and Carter

Our centenary celebration this week also included a tremendous visit by the country and western singing duo Merelyn and David Carter from Victoria. Throughout the day, senior children worked with Carter and Carter in writing a Centenary Song specifically for our school. The children provided the words which described the school and then Carter and Carter put it all to music to create our very own original Centenary Song “We can Change the World”. At the end of the day, Carter and Carter provided the whole school with a wonderful concert, the highlight being our senior children performing our new Centenary Song. Many thanks to Mrs Robeson, our Music Teacher, who organised this visit and who will now teach all the classes our Centenary Song.

From the Principal

Julie Roberts
Principal
The Italian Corner

Ciao a tutti gli insegnanti, gli studenti e la comunità scolastica.
Hello to all teachers, students and school community.

Words:
- Il capello – the hat
- La divisa di scuola – the school uniform
- La giacca – the jacket

Phrases:
- Io indosso la divisa di scuola. - I am wearing the school uniform.
- Lei indossa la giacca. - She is wearing the jacket.
- Lui indossa il capello. - He is wearing the hat.

Interesting Facts:
The Leaning Tower of Pisa (La Torre Pendente di Pisa) was built on a mixture of clay. It wasn’t until engineers began constructing the 3rd storey, that the lean became evident. Construction of the Tower of Pisa started in the year 1173 and was completed in 1372. Construction stopped and restarted twice over those 199 years due to wars.

Congratulations to Sophie Cooke, Year 6, Room 15 who submitted the first Interesting Fact for this edition of The Italian Corner. Sophie will receive a Lunchie for her effort.

Don’t forget, The Italian Box lives in our school library and contributions can be made daily. I look forward to receiving an abundance for the next newsletter.

Assembly News:

Thank you to Miss Mitchell, Miss Carrigg and the students from Rooms 2 and 5 for last week’s wonderful assembly. The students’ item was all about Farming. They told us lots of facts about the different animals and also sang two songs. The students spoke and sang so confidently and had wonderful costumes. Congratulations to everyone involved for such a wonderful assembly!

Congratulations also to the following Merit Certificate winners:

Junior Assembly

Kindy Rm 1: Alvin, Miles, Jordan & Elly-Lee
Kindy Rm 3: Aiden, Tyler, Mia, Shreyes & Harshith
PP Rm 4: Neve, Madelyn & Eadson
PP Rm 5: Dodge, Alice & Leila
PP Rm 7: Lachlan, Skylia & Chelsea
Yr 1 Rm 8: Daniel, Jessica & Reshen
Yr 2 Rm 11: Dean, Aryan & Ella-Louise
Yr 1 Rm 13: Honor & Charlotte
Yr 1/2 Rm 14: Shawn & Jinning
Yr 1 Rm 16: Isabelle, Raj & Kayla
Yr 2 Rm 19: Kavi, Sophie & Sienna
Yr 2 Rm 23: Safwan, Ruby & Cody
Kindy Rm 24: Daniel, Madison & Ferishta

Music Award: Year 1 Room 8
LOTE Awards: Natalia & Holly
Art Awards: Year 2 Room 11
Values Awards: Shianne & Shreya
Energy Conservation: Pre Primary, Room 2
School Board Uniform Award:

Woolworths Earn and Learn:

Woolworths Coupons
Many thanks to all the families of our school who have been collecting their Woolworths stickers throughout the last few months for our school. We have had a fantastic response which will enable the school to select many new resources for physical education, literacy, science, maths and early childhood education. Special thanks to Mrs Daele Morrone for the tremendous work she is doing in collating all the Woolworths stickers for the school. Please remember to place your stickers in the boxes, located outside the Administration and Library as we still need many more.

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Who shines at your school? As part of the WA Education Awards 2015 the Department of Education wants each public school community to acknowledge the staff who shine at their school. This is an opportunity for students and parents to recognise the work of their school’s leaders, teachers and support staff and let them know their work is valued. After filling out the details at https://competitions.thewest.com.au/home/1732-wa-teachers-who-shines-at-your-school/, you can print out a merit certificate to give to your school’s shining stars.

By taking the time to recognise staff at your school you will go in the draw to win tickets to the WA Education Awards 2015 presentation breakfast event on Monday 30 November 2015 at Crown Perth.

All school staff entered into Who shines at your school? will be acknowledged in The West Australian on World Teachers’ Day on Friday 30 October 2015.

Entries close at 5.00pm on Friday 25 September 2015

Go Wattle Grove!

P&C News:

FATHERS DAY STALL
The P&C will be holding a Father’s Day stall next week. There will be a range of gifts priced from $3 - $10. The stall will be held on Tuesday 1st - Thursday 3rd September. They will also be open at the sports carnival.

SPORTS CARNIVAL
There will also be a sausage sizzle at the sports carnival.

CENTENARY FETE & REUNION
The Centenary Fete and reunion will be held on Sunday 1st November. We are looking for volunteers to help run school stalls and activities.

You will be receiving a volunteer form requesting your assistance. Can you please return these if you are able to help. The success of this event will depend on the help of many fantastic volunteers.

Art Awards:

In the last two weeks, we have had four children from our school awarded for their amazing Art in two Art Competitions. Congratulations to Year 6 students - Ava, Emin and William for being awarded the Children’s Book Week Art Competition – Year 6 conducted by the Shire of Kalamunda with William taking out first prize. Additionally, congratulations to Ayala from Year 2 who was last night awarded the Therapy Focus Art Award for her illustration of a page in the 2015 Help a Child Grow story book See Me by Australian writer Tracey Defty-Rashid. This was a wonderful achievement as there were over 4 000 entries from children throughout Western Australia. Congratulations also to our Visual Arts teacher, Miss Randall, for her outstanding efforts in teaching and encouraging the children with their art skills.

School Contributions:

Thank you to all families who have paid their Voluntary Contributions for 2015. If you haven’t paid your Contributions yet, please forward your payment to the front office. We accept cash, cheques and EFTPOS. Please make all cheques payable to “Wattle Grove Primary School”. Many thanks.

Contributions are as follows:

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These contributions assist the school tremendously in providing new resources and equipment for the children in our school.
**Walk or Ride to School:**

It is wonderful to see we have many students who opt to make a healthy start to the day and help reduce greenhouse gases by walking or riding to school.

Regular exercise helps to keep us fit and healthy and is an essential part of helping us cope with the stressful and busy lives we have these days. Scooters are very popular these days.

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**School Board News:**

Friday the 21st August saw a gala Pre Primary Farm performance from Rooms 2 and 5. We saw how much they had learnt about animal names and the products they provide for us. The children did a fabulous job at hosting the assembly and had a massive audience of parents to spectate. It is wonderful to see parents supporting their children as they begin to learn about public speaking at such an early age. Well done! A wonderful job by all!

The School Board was very proud to present two very deserving Board Awards at the assembly.

The first was for Miss Rikki Carrigg who was nominated and recognized for her incredible dedication to her job as a teacher at WGPS.

The parent volunteer recipient was Mrs Kerry Henshall who was nominated for her professional and long standing volunteer work for WGPS.

Congratulations to both recipients.

It is vital that we continue as a community, to nominate and recognize members for their outstanding efforts, for it is these efforts that combine to make the school the amazing place it is. Nomination forms are available from the school office and I would encourage all parents to make the effort to recognize others each term.

The Board was also very proud to present the Uniform Award to Room 13 for their attention to detail in wearing the correct school uniform.

Joelle Greenway
School Board Chair

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**Deputy Principal Corner:**

**School Camp to Kalgoorlie 2015**

For the last few years, graduating students at Wattle Grove have enjoyed going on camp to Kalgoorlie and currently the bookings for the 2015 camp have been finalized and parents invited to a Camp Meeting on Monday August 31 at 4pm in the Library.

The camp begins at East Perth Terminus at 6.30am, where the students meet to board ‘The Prospector’ train service. This is a comfortable trip with screens similar to those in aircraft built into the seats with students really enjoying this feature. This helps while away the hours until the train arrives in Kalgoorlie about 2.30pm, after several short stops on the way up.

Next it is onto Toyota Coaster buses for the short trip to the Camp School and to get settled. The boys and girls are in separate dorms with the teachers next door to them. All the facilities are very comfortable with separate showers and toilets. Everyone dines together in the Dining Room and the students are rostered on to set the tables and wash up afterwards. The food is very tasty and different food requirements are all catered for. The first day ends with a trip up to the tourist lookout at the Superpit to watch a ‘Blast’ if it’s scheduled. Following dinner, washing up and showers, there is usually a movie to finish the first day.

Tuesday starts with a Bush Breakfast at the camp school, making Jaffles on an open fire and sampling some kangaroo meat, before going Gold Prospecting near Lake Douglas. This is a short drive out of town, with many students often finding a small piece of gold, as they crush and wash the rock they collect. After this, it is on to that famous gold town of Coolgardie, for lunch and to learn a little of the history and see some of the interesting places around the town.

On Wednesday, we go to visit some of the attractions of Boulder, including the priceless Phillip Goatcher handpainted town hall stage curtain and the Loop Line, taking miners to the mines where the Superpit is located. On Thursday we visit the Kalgoorlie Town Hall and Museum, as well as Flying Doctor and Weather Bureau and the Superpit and Hannans Tours.

The last day it’s packing up time, then some fun at the Bush Two Up School and of course the train trip home.

The students always say it is one of the highlights of their primary school years, with lots of memories to look back on. This is not a right for all students, but a privilege, with students being invited to go.

For more information and photos see the school blog - www.wattlegroves1.blogspot.com.au. At the bottom of the page, click back to see the photos and information in the older posts from last year's camp.

Stuart Meachem Deputy Principal
**Student Rep Profile:**

**Name:** Emin  
**Room:** 15

I have been at Wattle Grove for three terms now. I know that’s not a long time but I've met so many great teachers and made so many friends. I have two older sisters and a nephew that’s only two months old. My hobbies include playing the guitar and hanging out with my friends.

I’ve really enjoyed my time at Wattle Grove Primary school and I like:

- The things I’ve learned at Wattle Grove.
- The people I’ve met.
- Becoming a Student Representative.

During my time as a Student Representative, I think it would be great to fundraise for the school and buy more sport equipment. I like helping around the school grounds.

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**Student Rep Profile:**

**Name:** Jett  
**Room:** 15

I have been at Wattle Grove for eight years and have had a wonderful time. My hobbies are BMX, soccer, hanging out with friends and playing guitar. With BMX I have won 9 to 12 trophies. I have four Tee Ball trophies and this year I started soccer. I have a younger sister in Year One.

I have enjoyed my time at Wattle Grove for the following reasons:

- The kids all know me because I've been here for a long time.
- The teachers are very nice.

I like the way this school has grown over the years.

I like the old school just like the new school.

During my time as a Student Representative, I would like to help as many kids and help out the school with any problems.

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**Student Rep Profile:**

**Name:** Sophie  
**Room:** 15

I have been at Wattle Grove for two years. I have five siblings, two sisters and three brothers. My family is from Australia. My hobbies are playing netball and tee-ball with my brother.

I have really enjoyed my time at Wattle Grove, it is amazing because :

- Kids respect the school rules
- The school is a happy place to be
- The school has nice teachers

During my time as Student Representative, I would like to run some fundraising activities, such as odd sock day to raise money for new ipads.