Our Faction Carnivals held last week were fantastic events for everyone. We managed to have fine days for both our Kindy/PrePrimary Carnival and the Faction Carnival on Friday. As usual, our students participated with great effort and enthusiasm. Their teamwork and cooperation was tremendous throughout the entire day and the leadership shown by our Faction Captains and Vice Captains was superb. This, together with wonderful parent and family support, all made for 2 perfect days.

Thank you to the P&C and the great team of volunteers who helped throughout the day – setting up, cooking sausage sizzles, marshalling, judging, presenting ribbons and stickers and assisting at the end of the day with packing all the equipment away. Many thanks to you all.

Thank you also to all staff for their hard work, not only throughout the day but also leading up to the event. Special thanks to Miss Baines for coordinating the K/P Carnival and to Mr Sherlock and Mrs Oliver for coordinating and organising such a wonderful and successful Faction Carnival once again this year.

Congratulations to BLUE………the winning faction for 2015.

Our Interschool Carnival will be held at Dawson Park Primary School on Wednesday, 23 September. Good luck to all our athletes who are competing.

Faction Carnival

Pre Kindy Parent Forum

Parents are a child’s first teacher and to provide parents of young children with some simple practical strategies and information about early literacy and numeracy a wonderful Parent Forum was conducted by the school on Wednesday. Forty parents attended and had a most informative morning, with the school’s Early Childhood Teachers, learning about how to best prepare their children for future successful learning in early writing, oral language, numeracy and getting ready for school. This forum was designed to provide parents with detailed information and practical ideas about a range of things that parents can do at home with their toddlers before they begin school.

All parents came away with some wonderful resources to use with their toddlers at home in assisting with the further development of literacy and numeracy. This event was supported by Scholastics Australia. Many thanks to all the parents who attended and to Mrs Grainger and the teachers (Miss Carrigg, Miss Baines, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Coleman) who conducted each session. It was an outstanding morning.

School Board Awards – Term 3

Each term, the School Board presents an Award of Commendation to acknowledge the wonderful achievements and service of individual staff members and volunteer parents and/or community members working within our school. This is a wonderful initiative and recognises people in and around our school who help make Wattle Grove Primary a wonderful school. I encourage you all to submit a nomination. There are 4 major areas:-

- Demonstrating Excellence in Teaching and Learning (Staff Award)
- Making a significant difference to individual student/s (Staff Award)
- Outstanding service to the school community (Parent/Community Award)
- Outstanding commitment to volunteering in the school (Parent/Community Award)

Nominations are sought from parents and staff for this term, with the School Board selecting two award winners who will be presented with their Award at the first assembly in Term 4.

Please see the attached Nomination Form. Nominations for Term 3 Awards will need to be returned to the school administration by Wednesday 23 September.

Julie Roberts
Principal
Assembly News:

Thank you to Mrs Hoskins, Miss Martin and the Year 5 students from Room 6 for last week’s wonderful assembly. The students presented a fantastic Book Week item, taking us through skits which told us about their favourite books and how books light up their world. Congratulations to everyone for a job very well done.

Congratulations to the following Merit Certificate winners:

**Senior Assembly**
- Yr 5  Rm 6: Madison, Blake & Darcy
- Yr 5/6  Rm 9: Kati, Hannah & Dillon
- Yr 4  Rm 10: Ida, Carlo, Zara & Mathias
- Yr 2/3  Rm 12: Toby, Oliver & Elijah
- Yr 6  Rm 15: Millie, Annabelle & Rishanth
- Yr 3  Rm 17: Rutvi, Lincoln, Chelsea & Keighley
- Yr 4/5/6  Rm 18: Ariel & Mukesh
- Yr 4/5  Rm 20: Mitchell, Chloe & Bailey
- Yr 3  Rm 21: Jack, Charlotte & Megha
- Yr 3/4  Rm 22: Jasmine, Lachlan & Aidan

**Science Awards:** Shveni & Heath
**Art Award:** Room 18
**LOTE Awards:** Joshua & Hina
**School Board Uniform Award:** Year 3, Room 21

Wattle Day Walk:

Wattle Day was celebrated on Tuesday 1st September. It is a very important event as Wattle Day is a day of unification. The Wattle is our National Floral Emblem and the day signifies the first day of Spring. It was great to see the students of Wattle Grove mark the day in different ways. Some did a Wattle Day walk and delivered cards to our neighbours, others worked on art and craft activities with their buddies.

**Rooms 17 & 22** (buddy classes) paired up to create Wattle Day poems and cards to deliver to our closest neighbours. The cards were made with great care and effort and we are sure that our neighbours would have been delighted to read their messages and poems. Well done to everyone involved.

P&Cs News:

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 would have received 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.
Junior Sports Tabloid

For more photos, see the School Blogsite at www.wattlegroveps1.blogspot.com.au or google the school...

Faction Carnival 2015

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Deputy Principal Corner:

Wattle Grove Primary School has a strong commitment to ensuring that all students are achieving to their potential, in line with the National Curriculum standard. Students, starting at school each year in Kindergarten, bring with them a wide range of skills and abilities. As students progress through the year, teachers assess their development against the National Standards indicated. When students are at risk of falling behind their peers, teachers will develop Individual Education Plans (IEPs) to address these areas of weakness. These plans are often then in place for students as they move through the year levels. There can be many reasons for students experiencing difficulty at school and this may present as academic, social and/or emotional issues.

Parents play a very important role in the success of bringing Students at Educational Risk (SAER) to the year standard expected. We would encourage you to take an active role, if your child has an IEP, familiarising yourself with the goals and strategies, thus providing as much support as possible at home.

Please do not hesitate to have a discussion with the classroom teacher and/or myself as Learning Support Coordinator, if you have concerns about your child, in any area of their development. On occasions, these difficulties may be issues of maturity and students will progress as they become older. For other students, the difficulties do not become apparent until students are slightly older.

It is essential that we are in regular communication and, working together as a team, to ensure that all children are reaching their potential.

Louise Grainger
Deputy Principal and Learning Support Coordinator

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!

Values - Resilience:

Resilience is the ability to bounce back when things in your life get tough. Being resilient doesn’t mean going through life without experiencing grief, sadness and other emotions when you face tough times and loss. Most resilient people ‘Roll with the punches’ and adapt or change to adversity without lasting difficulties.

Characteristics of resilience
- Emotional awareness
- Perseverance
- Belief in self
- Optimism - see the positive
- Support - have supportive family and friends.

Mrs Daphne Bennett
Values Coordinator.

School Development—Pupil Free Day:

Student Rep Profile:

Name: Amy                                           Room: 15

I have been at Wattle Grove for eight years. I have a younger brother named Luke who goes to this school. I do cheerleading and jazz and I have won one medal. I have been doing jazz for four years and cheerleading for one year.

I have enjoyed my time at Wattle Grove and really like the:

Friends that I have made.
Happy environment that kids can learn in.

During my time as a student rep I would love to fundraise and make the school a better place for everyone.

Student Rep Profile:

Name: Cooper R                                      Room 15

I have been at this school for nearly two years and I am pleased to have become a student rep. I have younger brother who goes to the school. My hobbies are playing AFL and video games and making art. When I was five, I received my first trophy for playing tee-ball. At my old school, I won a trophy for playing AFL.

I like Wattle Grove Primary:

I made friends.
I enjoy the work in class.
The students here are nice to each other.

While being a student rep, I have been a tidy bag monitor and I have help decide the uniform award. My second job was a Power Ranger. I went around to the classrooms to check to see if lights were turned off. I would like to fundraise for the school by doing a dress up day with a gold coin donation.

Student Rep Profile:

Name: Ronan                                         Room 15

I have been a student at Wattle Grove Primary School for two years. I am very pleased that now I have become a Student Representative. My hobbies include: playing Tee-ball and cricket, playing video games and I really enjoy drawing.

I have won a few trophies. When I was six I won a trophy and a medal. I also won a medal in Tee-Ball when I was nine.

As a Student Rep, I have organised and spoken at assemblies. I have been given the job of a Power Ranger. This has involved me going around to classrooms and checking to see if classrooms have turned off their lights.
Wattle Grove Primary School
School Board Award of Commendation 2015

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _______________________________  Date: ________________
Nominator: ______________________________  Phone: ____________

**NOMINATION FOR**…. (please tick the appropriate box)

| Demonstrating Excellence in Teaching and Learning (Staff Award) | Outstanding service to the school community (Parent/Community Award) |
| Making a significant difference to individual student/s (Staff Award) | Outstanding commitment to volunteering in the school (Parent/Community Award) |

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