Welcome Back everyone!

Term 4 has commenced smoothly and is going to be another busy term. In addition to the regular curriculum classroom teaching, the term will incorporate dancing and swimming lessons as well as our Graduation and Presentation events. Parents are encouraged to ensure that children are aware of all of these activities and are organised with the required items.

We would like to welcome two new staff members, Mrs Lynne Reynolds in the Library and Ms Erosha Rodrigo who will be providing classroom support in the Early Childhood area.

At last week’s assembly, the School Board Award for school community was presented to Daniel Williams and the staff award went to Paul Sherlock. Congratulations to Daniel and Paul and thank you to Adam Kew for presenting those awards. Principal Challenge certificates were also presented. Congratulations to all successful students. We also announced the Term 4 Student Representatives and I am sure that they will conduct themselves with pride.

Pre-Kindergarten Program Playgroup
Our Pre-Kindy Program began last week for the children who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2017. This is a wonderful program providing an opportunity for the children to participate in a range of play-based activities and to become familiar with the surroundings of the school, other children and the staff. The parents are also assisting the children with their activities and are being informed as to the relationship of these activities to early learning development. At Wattle Grove Primary School, we believe that we can assist the development of young children by providing this program for our future students, as well as providing parents with resources and support in the early years.

School Board
The School Board plays a very important role in the governance of the school, participating in the decision making about important issues and providing information back to the school community. The next board meeting will be held at 4.30pm on Monday, 24 October in the Library. This meeting will be open to all adult members of the school community who may wish to find out more about the board and the role it plays. A light afternoon tea will also be served. The meeting should last for approximately two hours. For catering purposes, please register your interest by ringing the office on 9453 6722.

World Teachers’ Day: Friday, 28 October
This day would be a great opportunity to thank a teacher for the work they do for your child. The parent body, through the P&C, has also kindly offered to provide morning tea for staff on this day.

Louise Grainger
Acting Principal
Deputy Principal Corner:

Edith Cowan Pre Service Teachers
This term, we have been very fortunate to have a professional and committed group of Pre Service teachers from Edith Cowan University (ECU) working in our school, whilst they complete their Graduate Diploma and 3rd Year Bachelor of Education Professional Practice.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Jemmia Wales (Rm 2), Carol Kuo (Rm 6), Laura O’Neil (Rm 16), Shani Thomson (Rm 19), Cameron Eaves (Rm 11), Ailsa Lamb (Rm 13), Kira Prakhoff (Rm 17) and Olivia Zaffino (Rm 26) who will be with us at Wattle Grove Primary school until the end of Week 7. Brayden Eppen from Mazenod College has also been completing work experience with us during Term 4.

The professionalism and contributions to student learning has certainly had a positive impact around the school for the beginning of Term 4. We wish each of them all the very best during their time at Wattle Grove Primary School and throughout their teaching career.

Thank you also to the Mentor Teachers who will be providing guidance and support to the ECU group throughout the term.

Kelly Peake
Deputy Principal

Principal’s Challenge Awards
Congratulations to Room 15 for winning the Term 3 Principal’s Challenge. This is a competition based upon basic tables, basic number facts, spelling and general knowledge.

Children in classes from Years 1-5 also participated in the Term 3 Year Level Challenges. Congratulations to those children who achieved 100% and also those who were the Top 5 students at each year level. This requires a lot of hard work and children are to be encouraged to keep up the great effort.

School Board Awards
Congratulations to Paul Sherlock and Daniel Williams for receiving their Award from School Board Member, Adam Kew.

Perth IGA School Artwork Competition
It was an outstanding achievement by the participants in this year’s Perth IGA Pigeons and Poultry School Artwork Competition. The artwork submitted was certainly of superior quality which was evident by our 10 award winners. Congratulations to all students whose artwork was selected to represent Wattle Grove Primary School. A special mention to Max, Mukesh and Ida for their first place awards, Sheldon and Rico for their second placement and Natalie, Asher, Srija, Emilio and Zanetta for their third place achievement.

Carly Randall
Art Teacher
Congratulations

Congratulations to Natalia in Room 14 for coming 7th place in the 2016 BMX Sports Western Australia State Championships during the last school holidays. A wonderful achievement, Natalia.

Humphries Dance

Dance classes commenced last week for all children in Kindy to Year 6. Please return all outstanding permission slips and money to your class teacher ASAP.

Year 6 Camp

Parents can make payments for the Year 6 Camp at the front office or on the QKR App. A note was sent home at the end of last term regarding final costs for the camp and information was sent home last week regarding camp activities and medical details.

Children’s Crossing

A new Crosswalk Attendant has been assigned to the children’s crossing on Hale Road (near Sheffield Road). Her name is Linda.

The crossing operates at the following times:

- 7.45am – 8.45am Monday to Friday
- 3.05pm – 4.05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- 2.30pm-3.30pm Tuesdays

Absentees

The school will be offline on Thursday, 20 October and Friday, 21 October due to a Server upgrade. Please contact the school on 9453 6722 for student absences during those days.

SMS Communication

We are pleased to advise that Wattle Grove PS is implementing a mobile phone messaging system to communicate student unexplained absences to parents/guardians.

This new communication system uses Short Messaging Service (SMS) and will send text messages to parent/guardian mobile phones when your child is absent from school (only when an explanation has not already been provided).

Commencing Wednesday, 26 October each morning of a school day, our computer system will automatically send parents a message similar to:

WGPS records show Frank Smart is absent Mon 23/03/2007. Pls reply SMS or call 9453 6722, stud name/reason/abs date

It is a legal requirement that parents contact the school regarding any student absences or reasons for lateness. If an explanation for the absence has been provided prior to 10.00am each morning, then parents will not receive an SMS.

Parents need to be aware that this system is an additional absence follow up service only. There will be times when parents may not receive a text message due to technical issues. In cases where you are concerned about your child’s attendance, please contact the school directly on 9453 6722.

SMS communications will also be used in situations, such as unexpected school closures or a reminder about a school event.

It is expected that the use of SMS communication to parents will assist in reducing the number of unexplained student absences and help inform the school and parents as to the whereabouts of every student. The SMS strategy is already being used across many WA schools as a successful initiative to improve communication to parents and to encourage students to take responsibility for their attendance at school.

Parents will be notified by SMS when the automated messaging will commence.

Parents may also message the school to notify of their child’s absence on 0438 955 776.

Values - Honesty:

Being honest is being open, trustworthy and truthful. When people are honest, they can be relied on not to lie, cheat, or steal. Honesty is telling the truth. It is admitting mistakes even when you know someone might be angry or disappointed. With honesty, you can trust things to be as they appear.

Trust

Trust is believing in someone or something. It is having confidence that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Sometimes it is hard to trust when life brings painful experiences. Trust is being sure, down deep, that there is some good in everything that happens.

Mrs Daphne Bennett
Values Coordinator
Library Help
Volunteers (parents, grandparents, friends) are needed in the Library to help cover, repair and shelve books. If you can spare some time on a regular basis, either weekly, fortnightly or monthly, please see Jan Beed or Lynne Reynolds in the Library. All help is greatly appreciated.

2016 Swimming Lessons
As mentioned in the last newsletter, students in Pre Primary to Year 6 will be participating in Interm 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. Permission notes for Group 1 will be sent home with students next week (Week 3).

Swimming Group 1
Weeks 7 & 8 (21 Nov – 2 Dec)
PP Rooms 1 & 6
Year 1 Rooms 10 & 22
Years 2 & 3 Rooms 13, 18 & 23
Years 4 & 5 Rooms 8, 11, 12, 17 & 24

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

Year 6 Transition
The Year 6 Transition Day at Darling Range Sports College is being held on Thursday, 27 October commencing at 8.50am and concluding at 2.30pm.

Students will need to arrive at the College by 8.50am, wearing their primary school uniform and are required to bring:
- Food for recess and lunch
- Water bottle, sunscreen, hat and school bag

Students will be required to be picked up at the conclusion of the day by parents.

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.

P&C News
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 October at 7pm.

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

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER
4PM—7PM
Rides, showbags, entertainment and lots, lots more.
Tickets on sale
Tuesdays and Thursdays before and after school on the Admin rear veranda
$2.00 per ticket

Book Review
The B.F.G. by Roald Dahl
This terrific novel is about a little orphan named Sophie, who gets snatched in the middle of the night by the not so small B.F.G. But, don’t be afraid because B.F.G. actually stands for the ‘Big Friendly Giant.’

Sophie begins a wonderful adventure with the B.F.G., however, danger lurks at every corner as some giants would view her as a tasty lunch.

I think you should join me on the adventure of reading The B.F.G., as I believe it is one of Roald Dahl's best creations ever. 4.5 stars out of 5.

By Kya, Year 5, Room 17
A big congratulations to our Student Representatives for Term 4! Tia, Divya, Shantai, Shveni, Owen, Tayla, Max, Liam, Sai, Daniel, Connor, Chanelle, Amro, and Ahmad Taheb.

Connor

My Name is Connor and I’m in Room 15. I have been going to Wattle Grove Primary School for 8 years. I have two sisters and four brothers. One of my hobbies is that I like to go for a bike ride with my oldest brother or just by myself. One of my other hobbies is I like to play my Nintendo DS. I also play football for the Forrestfield Rhinos, I have played over 50 games.

What I like about Wattle Grove Primary School is:

- The teachers are nice and helpful to us (the students).
- Also all of the students are nice.

When doing the work of the Student Rep I would like to organise a fundraiser for the school and I would like to also organise fun games to play for the younger kids at lunch time. I think the younger students will love it.

Divya

My name is Divya; I am 11 years old and I am in Room 15 with Ms Lowther. I came from New Delhi, India and have been a proud citizen of Australia for about 9 years. I first became a student of Wattle Grove Primary School in 2015 and since then I have been a happy student of this amazing school. Besides myself I have in my family my mum, dad and my younger brother. I play guitar and also take singing lessons. My favourite hobbies are: reading, art, English and sport like netball and swimming. I have enjoyed my time at Wattle Grove and particularly like:

- The way all the teachers are really nice and help you if you need them.
- The way all the students keep the school tidy and set a wonderful example for the younger students.
- That everyone is really nice and friendly.

During my time as Student Representative, I would like to help get more books for the library and get more instruments in the music room, by doing more fundraising events.

Sai

My name is Sai and I am in Room 15. I came to Australia in 2013. I came to Wattle Grove at the beginning of Year Four, in 2014. My family is from India. I have one brother and he is younger than me. I love playing sports, like cricket and soccer. I am a member of the Maddington Cricket Team.

I love being a student at Wattle Grove and I have enjoyed my time here. I particularly like:

- How we work as a class and have a lot of fun.
- We also get challenging work and that’s why I love Wattle Grove.

During my time as a Student Representative, I would love to help Wattle Grove with helping the school organise some fundraising events to help raise money for more sports equipment. I have many ideas that I think will be very popular and a lot of fun.