

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
 Next Wednesday, 26 October we will celebrate the elite performances of our academic, cultural, sporting and civic achievers in our school at our 58th Annual Speech Night. It is not an easy task to achieve recognition at this prestigious night on our school calendar. Education at Wavell is founded on the four pillars of endeavour; academic, cultural, sporting and civics. There are so many outstanding achievers across these areas. I congratulate those students who will be honoured this year and urge other students to continue to aspire to great heights in their area of strength. I will also have the privilege of presenting our 2017 Prefects-Elect and naming our four School Captains. The nominees for School Captain all presented their speeches with a passion and commitment to serve the school that they love. I am sure our Prefects and Captains will step up to the challenge of supporting our next Year 7 cohort and undertaking their range of leadership and corporate responsibilities with distinction.

This week, the Minister for Education, *Ms Kate Jones*, made a very welcome and timely statement which will serve our best interests. The implementation of the Queensland Senior System (ATAR) will now be postponed until 2019. This means our current Year 8 students will be the first cohort through the new system. Wavell will be very well placed to implement this system. Details are on the QCAA website, www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te. I congratulate our Rugby League and Netball programs for their high quality awards' celebrations last Thursday lunch time and last Friday evening. Special thanks to *Mrs Leanne Linnard* our local member for Nudgee and *Mr Matty Bowen*, legend for North Queensland Cowboys, for making the Rugby League Awards a special evening. Congratulations to all our award winners. This has been a great year for our programs with the highlights for Netball including representation at the Vicki Wilson State Championships and winning the Open Netball Final for south-east Queensland; and for our Rugby League, the success of our Year 9 team making the south-east Queensland Grand Final. The final Showcase Concert of the year will commence at 7:00pm tonight and will highlight our graduates from Year 12. As these talented students have only four weeks of school remaining, I am sure the instrumental music performances will be, as usual, of the very highest standard. *Mrs Jones*, *Ms Piggott*, *Mrs Baldwin* and *Mr Mitchell* have prepared our bands and vocalists for a most entertaining and enjoyable evening. I would encourage our community to join us for other culminating activities for the year including the "Wavellwood" film night where our talented Media Arts' students share their films on Tuesday, 1 November; the Visual Arts Exhibition displaying work of our Year 12 students (24 October - 6 December, Hall Foyer and Library); and very talented Drama and Dance Excellence Graduation Production on Thursday, 3 November. All shows are sure to leave an impression as we farewell our Year 12 graduates from these programs.

Exam timetables for our seniors have been posted on the school website. Year 12 students have two weeks and Year 11 students have three weeks until block exams commence.

I expect our students to continue to perform at their best to ensure they are presented with a certificate to be proud of at Graduation on Friday, 18 November.

We are currently finalising enrolments and timetable arrangements for our Year 7 classes for 2017. Orientation Day on Monday, 5 December is fast approaching and we pride ourselves on being organised and well prepared for the day. There will be twelve Year 7 classes in 2017. Only a few enrolments for Year 7 will now be accepted; siblings, local catchment students and some of those who apply for our specialist programs. Early enrolment avoids the disappointment of an unsuccessful application and ensures children are well catered for in their start to high school. We are now accepting Year 7 enrolments for 2018 and 2019. Please phone our enrolment officer, *Ms Sandra Lock* on 3350 0328 for an enrolment pack, interview or to organise a school tour. J.J. Major
Principal

"Never mistake activity for achievement."
 John Wooden

58th ANNUAL SPEECH NIGHT

Wednesday, 26 October 2016

Assembly Hall - 7:30pm

Academic, Sporting and Cultural awards will be presented.

All parents are most welcome to attend.

Constitutional Convention



Congratulations to *Ceferina Villarin* (pictured left) who has been elected by her peers at the South East Queensland Schools Constitutional Convention held on Tuesday, 4 October at Queensland Parliament House after delivering an inspiring speech about Constitutional issues. *Ceferina* competed in this prestigious event against state and private schools from Brisbane and the Gold Coast. She will represent Queensland at the National Schools Constitutional Convention to be held in Canberra in March 2017.

Literacy Olympics

Wavell State High School assembly hall was transformed into the Rio Olympic Games with the foyer decorated in the colours of the five Olympic rings, banners to represent Rio and flags of the world. As the twenty-two schools arrived, the atmosphere was filled with an ecstatic buzz. The seventy-seven teams took their seats and the silver medallist, from the Rio Olympic Games, *Ms Bronte Barrett* awarded prizes to some very lucky winners. Students had the chance to meet *Ms Barrett* and hold a genuine Olympic medal! The year levels involved ranged from Year 5 to Year 8. There were three different rounds. The first one tested literacy and general knowledge. The second round tested our performance abilities and the third round tested our musical knowledge. Students had the chance to win some major or minor prizes, which included a Lenovo tablet and a Polaroid camera. Wavell overall took out first place in Year 7 and 8, a fantastic effort!

Year	Winners	Runners Up
5	<i>Kedron Team 1</i>	<i>Wooloowin Team 1</i>
6	<i>Windsor Team 1</i>	<i>Wavell Heights Team 1</i>
7	<i>Wavell Team 3</i>	<i>Kedron Team 1</i>
8	<i>Wavell Team 3</i>	<i>Craigslea Team 1</i>

A great effort from the Wavell State High School judges, coaches and many assistant coaches. Thanks to all the teachers involved in this fantastic event! Pictured below with students is *Mr Turner*, *Ms Barrett* and *Mr Major*.



Semester II Examinations

Year 12 - 7 to 17 November
 Year 11 - 14 to 24 November
 Year 10 - 21 to 24 November
 Years 9, 8, 7 - 25 to 29 November

Inspirational Teacher

Miss Kirby Short (pictured) was honoured last week at the Annual Women in Sport Breakfast attended by Wavell staff and students. *Miss Short* was named as the 2016 recipient of the Inspirational Teacher Award by Queensland branch of the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. *Miss Short's* achievements include teaching Senior Health and Physical Education classes, Acting Head of Department for extended periods in 2016, Senior Sports Co-ordinator for six years, and leadership of the Sports and House Captains. Her coaching and convening commitments have included Queensland Under 19 Schoolgirls Volleyball Coach (Australian Champions 2013-2016, Runners-up 2012), Metropolitan North U12s Cricket Coach 2012, and Convenor of Metropolitan North 11 and 12 years' Cricket. *Miss Short* is currently a member of Queensland Fire Women's Cricket from 2006-current. She is recognized as a dynamic player both as a batter and spin bowler and was named Players' Player 2015. *Miss Short* is a long time Brisbane Heat player and was a member of the Queensland Women's Indoor Cricket 2012-2014, Queensland Women's Gaelic Football 2006-2007. *Miss Short* is a member of the Aspiring Leaders Program and has assumed leadership roles in areas of curriculum development, Art and Science of Teaching and is a member of the Health Education panel for QCAA. *Miss Short* also completed her Masters in Education and conducts grassroots girls cricket clinic during her holidays. A well deserved award, Wavell is proud.



Carousel Theatre

On Friday, 7 October, 200 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 attended a performance by the Carousel Theatre Company. The show was *Aschenputtel* for German students and *Cendrillon* for French students – some people might know this better as Cinderella. The performance was given in a mixture of two languages, some English with either German or French. With huge enthusiasm, students joined in by answering questions in the foreign language. Feedback from those who attended was that they loved the play.



Dance and Drama Excellence Performance and Graduation



Thursday, 3 November 2016
6:30pm in Hall

All are welcome to attend.
Entry fee : gold coin donation.

Oktoberfest for Teens Excursion

Year 9 German class (pictured below) had a wunderbar day at "Oktoberfest for Teens" at RNA Showgrounds on Thursday, 13 October. The students seemed to enjoy the day which was full of lebkuchen, rides, German dancing and competitions. Wavell even managed to win the "Pretzel Eating" competition! Our students' behaviour was absolutely excellent. The day was educational for our students and they have come home with lots of enthusiasm for their German studies.



YEAR 12 GRADUATION DAY FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2016



6:45am - Breakfast

at Kedron-Wavell Services Club

Tickets on sale now

Available from the Payment Counter

downstairs in G Block until

Friday, 4 November 2016

8:45am - Graduation Ceremony

in Assembly Hall

All parents of Year 12s are welcome.



Used-Clothing Shop Attention Year 12

School uniforms of a suitable standard (washed and ironed with no fading, stains or mending please) will be accepted for sale as soon as possible after **Friday, 18 November**.

Rugby League Excellence Awards

Rugby League for 2016 wrapped up last Friday after the annual Rugby League Presentation night. With well over 400 people in attendance, the night was a great success. Awards' winners for all teams were recognised as Player of the Year, Best Defensive Player and Program Values Player of the year. Major award winners were:

Kyle Paterson - Player of the Year

Kersal Johnson - Female Player of the Year

Maddison Rohlf - Female Best New Talent

Thank you to all who attended the evening.

Pictured below: Mr Brendan Barlow, Mr Matty Bowen, Kyle Paterson, Mrs Leanne Linnard MP and Mr Jeff Major



"Wavellwood"

Wavell's Film Festival
Tuesday, 1 November

6:00pm - 8:00pm in Assembly Hall

Entry: \$2



2016 P&C BUILDING FUND

Thanks for the wonderful support provided by our contributing families in 2016. The total raised was \$22,320 and was used to purchase 900 new chairs for our Assembly Hall. The Wavell High P&C Association supports our school exceptionally well and does not hold any fund raising events. **The only fund raiser is our tax deductible building fund of \$60 per family.**

Our 2017 P&C building project is a Bio Box for the Assembly Hall. This is a special room which will become the centre for audio-visual services in the hall. We hope to build this during 2017. The plan is to have this installed in the foyer end of the hall overlooking the audience and stage areas.

The P&C has requested that invoices for the 2017 Building Fund be generated and distributed to families, attached to the account of the youngest student. The invoice will be emailed and posted out next week.

If you wish to opt out of our 2017 P&C Building Fund drive, please email our Business Services Manager bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au with student name and request to OPT OUT OF BUILDING FUND.

Netball Excellence Awards

Congratulations to all students in Years 7 to 12 for the most successful year yet for Wavell Netball. All teams won their respective District Competitions with Years 7 to 10 making it to the Quarter Finals of Metropolitan Finals before being knocked out. Special congratulations to our Open Girls team who took out the competition. Congratulations to our Vicki Wilson Cup team who placed in the top ten schools at the Vicki Wilson Cup Final Series. There were 250 teams that nominated for the competition this year so to be in the top four percent of the state is quite an achievement. The Netball Awards Luncheon was a great success with rising star *Ms Binnian Hunt* as our guest speaker. Well done to all students receiving awards but especially to our four top award recipients: Services to Netball Award - *Madison Graham*; Junior Netballer of the Year - *Kalin Franks*; Senior Netball Excellence Award - *Evelyn Coughlan*; and Netballer of the Year - *Atiria Gin*

Pictured above: Ms Binnian Hunt with Atiria Gin and Mr Brendan Barlow



Instrumental Showcase Concert

Friday, 21 October at 7:00pm in the Hall

All are welcome to attend.

Entry fee : gold coin donation.



IMPORTANT

Please remember to notify the school of any change of address or contact phone numbers or parent email addresses for your student.

Student Absence Notifications

- Email via QParents
- Absentee phone line 3350 0303
- Email via absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au

Diary Dates

Sunday 23 October	• Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Monday 24 October	• Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal: 3.30pm - 5.30pm
	• Graduating Art students exhibition in Hall
Wednesday 26 October	• 58th Annual Speech Night in Hall - 7.30pm
	• Years 11 and 12 Hospitality Practices students assisting with preparation for Speech Night: L. 4-7.15pm
	• Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal: 1.30am - 3.30pm (Drama Room)
Thursday 27 October	• Year 11 Drama excursion to Laboite Theatre: L. 1-3
	• Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal: 1.00pm - 7.00pm
Friday 28 October	• Arts Captains announced on Assembly
	• Year 12 Expo in Hall - Morning Tea and L. 2B; Red Food Day
	• Years 7, 8 and 9 Netball SuperSeven's Final: L.1B-4
	• World Teachers' Day
Sunday 30 October	• Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Monday 31 October	• SRC Executive Elections for 2017 - Speeches and Voting - Spirit Place 1.10pm
	• Dance and Drama Excellence Tech Rehearsal: 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday 1 November	• Wavell Film Festival "Wavellwood" in Hall: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 2 November	• Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal: 11.00am - 7.00pm
	• House Captain nominations due
Thursday 3 November	• BCC Immunisations - 9.00am
	> Year 7 and 8 students HPV Dose 3/3 > Chickenpox - eligible students only
	• Years 11 and 12 Dance and Drama Excellence Performances:
	> Matinee: L. 3 for Year 10; > Graduation Performance: 6.30pm
Friday 4 November	• Final day to purchase Graduation Breakfast tickets

