

## From the Principal



Dear Parents,  
Today we celebrated the final day for our 2016 graduate Year 12 students. The day started with breakfast at the Kedron Wavell RSL. This has become a great contemporary Wavell High tradition. This year the guest speaker was past student, ABC journalist, *Donna Field*, who shared her journey from Wavell to the world of television media.

I thank our graduates and their parents for the great contribution made over the past five years and the dignity with which our Year 12s have concluded their schooling.

In my address today, I challenged our graduates to live life to its limit - to have no regrets about not doing something they should have done. I encouraged them to challenge themselves and not be afraid of stepping out of their comfort zone as this is the only way one can grow as a person. I extend my very best wishes to them all for a great life to come.

I left them to contemplate an adaptation of a famous but anonymous poem.

*"The One in the Mirror"*

*When you get all you want and you struggle for self,*

*and the world makes you ruler for a day,  
then go to the mirror and look at yourself  
and see what that one has to say.*

*For it isn't your mother, your father or partner  
whose judgement upon you must pass,  
but the one, whose verdict counts most in your life*

*is the one staring back from the glass.  
That is the one to please,  
never mind all the rest.*

*For that is the one certain to be with you right  
to the end,*

*and you've passed your most difficult test  
if the one in the glass is your friend.*

*You can fool the whole world,  
down the highway of years,  
and take pats on the back as you pass.*

*But your final reward will be heartache and tears*

*if you've cheated the one in the glass.*

The departure of our Year 12s today and our Year 10 and 11 students next Friday signals that the school year is drawing to a close. The Years 7, 8 and 9 students will finalise their final exams in two weeks. On Monday, 5 December our very important Orientation Day for our new 2017 Year 7 students, will be held. Following this, our current Year 7, 8 and 9 students will have the opportunity to be engaged in three days of alternate activities. They will receive their reports on Thursday, 8 December in Lesson 4. The school does remain open on the last day but traditionally only a small number of students attend. These students are required to wear their sports uniform as they will be assisting with staff setting up classrooms for 2017. There is no penalty for students who do not attend the last Friday.

The P&C Association has commissioned plans for a proposed Performing Arts Centre to compliment and support our excellence in the performing arts – Dance, Drama and Music. These will be shared with the community through our school web-site. It is hoped that this will become a reality for our community in the near future. I would extend my gratitude to

the P&C, Performing Arts parent support network and my Head of Department, *Ms Kate Battams* and her staff for their ongoing commitment to this project.

Interviews for Year 7, 2018 intake will commence in Week 9, Monday, 28 November and continue until Friday, 2 December. Despite rumours that claim "students must live in the catchment area to enrol"; only one quarter of our enrolments actually do, with 400 of our current 1,500 students living within our catchment. Therefore, if you know a family or friend with a child keen to enrol at Wavell for 2018, please encourage them to acquire an enrolment package and upon completion, return their application form to the main office promptly. Enquiries can be made by contacting our Enrolment Officer, *Ms Lock* on 3350 0328.

Principal,  
JJ Major

*"There are far, far better things ahead..."*  
C.S. Lewis

## YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY



Monday, 5 December 2016

9.00am - 3.00pm

Meet at our Assembly Hall

## Wavell Murals

Our Prefects and Student Representative Council commissioned Brisbane artist *Sarah Sculley* to design and paint murals for our school grounds in order to promote our positive student behaviour known as Wavell's 3Ps; to be prepared, punctual and polite. *Sarah* used her street-art style for this artwork. This provided a perfect opportunity for a classroom visit. On Friday, 11 November, *Sarah* was invited to speak, present and share her invaluable art experiences as a working artist with our students. Pictured: *Sarah Sculley* with the Year 11 Visual Art students and one of her murals.



## END OF SEMESTER REPORT CARDS



Report Cards will be issued as follows:

**Year 11** - Tuesday, 6 December from  
10:00am - 12 Noon in Library

**Year 10** - Thursday, 8 December from  
10:00am - 12 Noon in Library

**Years 7, 8 & 9** - Thursday, 8 December  
Lesson 4 in Hall

## Semester Examinations

Senior examination blocks are now well underway with Year 12s now completed, Year 11s commenced on Monday, 14 November and Year 10s will start on Monday, 21 November. Students are reminded that the school expects diligence and application to these important pieces of assessment. The examination timetable is available on the school website for all remaining examinations for Years 7, 8 and 9 who commence examinations next week. Any absence from scheduled exams must be communicated with *Mrs Madden*, Acting Deputy Principal in order to ensure examinations are rescheduled as soon as possible.



## Semester 2 Examinations

Year 11 - 14 to 24 November

Year 10 - 21 to 24 November

Years 9, 8, 7 - 25 to 29 November



## Student Leaders 2017

Announcing our Senior Leadership Teams:  
**SRC Executive**

**President:** *Emily Jansz*;

**Vice President:** *Maria Mataafa*;

**Junior Vice President:** *Eva Wood*;

**Secretary:** *Jesse Cossgrove*;

**Junior Secretary:** *Mary Rojano*;

**Treasurer:** *Ofa Vaomotou*;

**P&C Representative:** *Dione Kierulf*;

**Community Service:** *Madelyn Trappett*;

**Grounds:** *Lucy O'Donovan*;

**Promotions:** *Emma Tebby*;

**Social:** *Alainya Doyle*

**Sports Captains**

**Senior Sport :**

*Octavia Channer, Logan Finn*;

**Junior Sport:**

*Jacoba Solloway, Jesse Barnes*;

**Alamein:** *Oraylia Channer, Kalem Brown*;

**Burma:** *Tess Hering, Lochlan Griffiths*;

**Keren:** *Zoe Lockton, Kiu Nuku*;

**Tobruk:** *Jacqui Yorston, Ricky Wootton*

**Arts Captains**

**Dance:** *Brigitte Freeme, Ella Brady*

**Drama:** *Ehlana Andrews, Harrison Timothy*

**Music:** *Macklin Emmett, Josephine Rogers*

**Visual Art:** *Sophie Kierulf, Isabella Small*

**Media:** *Niamh Johnson, Ryan Johnston*

**Arts Promotions:** *Daniel Cox, Nicholas Rogers*

**Language Captains:**

**French:** *Nabilah Abang Morni*

**German:** *Kima Manogar*

**Japanese:** *Sophie Kierulf*



## 2017 SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Years 7, 8 & 9: Monday, 23 January

Years 10, 11 & 12: Tuesday, 24 January

## Shakefest Challenge

Wavell students had excellent results at the Queensland Youth Shakefest competition with thirteen state finalists and winners of two categories. We have now had five students selected to perform in a Shake & Stir production in 2017. Of the one hundred and thirty five students who registered to be a part of the production, it is an amazing achievement to have *Anikka Abelita, Brayden Crowe, Mitchell DeZwart, Heather Martin* and *Gillian Thompson* included in the cast of thirty five. *Congratulations to all.*

## WW1 Challenge

In October, a team of twenty-three Wavell prefects and teachers participated in the WW1 Queensland Challenge. This event saw the team walk 100km in a relay format across a weekend and carried a brick with the name of a fallen Queensland soldier from World War 1. The walk began at the Enoggera Reservoir after a commemorative ceremony for our fallen soldiers who called Queensland home. They then continued across the weekend through the rainforests of D'Agular National Park, Mt Nebo, White Cedar and Mount Mee. Trekkers then finished at Woodford RSL on Sunday afternoon where they handed their brick to the Padre. These bricks will eventually become part of a permanent memorial at the RSL in 2018. Participants across all sections had to exhibit characteristics of the ANZACS – courage, resilience, mateship, perseverance and endurance – to fulfil their leg.

We would like to thank Kedron Wavell RSL for their ongoing support of our students both across the weekend and in preparing for the weekend. We would also like to acknowledge the *Hon. Wayne Swan* MP, our Federal member for Lilley and *Mrs Leanne Linnard* MP, our State member for Nudgee for their financial donations towards our participation in this event.

### SRC NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thursday 1 December - \$2.00

#### NORMAL DRESS STANDARDS APPLY

Students who wish to participate must:

1. Have their uniforms with them for subjects with specific requirements, e.g. HPE/HEC. Year 9 especially note that clothing must not hinder your involvement in sport.
2. Wear or bring closed-in, leather-upper footwear for HEC/Manual Arts/Science. NO THONGS.
3. Not wear clothing with inappropriate logos, wording or illustrations.
4. GIRLS – Must not wear midriff tops, short shorts or ripped clothing which expose their flesh.
5. Students must not wear singlet tops.
6. DO NOT bring/wear expensive items of footwear/clothing or bring valuables.

## Position Vacant - Teacher-Aide

Casual position currently available for Teacher-Aide at Wavell State High School for a min 5hrs to max 20hrs per week.

- Full Position Description and Application Details are available on our electronic newsletter (see link above)
- Applications close **3pm Friday, 25 November.**
- Please email enquiries to *Mrs Deb Deaves* (Business Services Manager) [bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au)

## School Leavers Email Advice

At the end of Term 4, all school-provided email accounts will close for Year 12 students and other students who are leaving the state school system. Please ensure your child is aware that this account will not work beyond the end of the school year and they should provide a personal email address to prospective employers or educational institutions. This is especially important for students enrolling in further education or training using the QTAC, TAFE or other online systems.

## Instrumental Music Showcase



The Instrumental Music Program recently held their Showcase 2 concert. There were some fantastic and inspirational performances by all groups: Symphonic Wind Ensemble; Concert Band, Drum Line, String Orchestra, String Quartet, Cello Duet, Junior Choir, Percussion Ensemble, Rapport Vocals, Stage Band and Big Band. It was truly a highlight in our performance calendar and it was a joy to see such a large and supportive crowd. Many thanks to all involved.

Contact Mrs Alisa Jones on [ajone55@eq.edu.au](mailto:ajone55@eq.edu.au) for Instrumental Music Program information.

## Operation Christmas Present



Operation Christmas Child Appeal was run again this term. The response to the challenge of creating shoeboxes filled with special goodies to send to countries facing disease, famine and poverty was amazing. Throughout the week, the Wavell community donated one hundred and twenty three boxes, two large garbage bags of soft toys and raised over \$1,000. *A big thank you to all who contributed.*

### STATIONERY & CLOTHING SHOP HOURS

Monday, 5 December (Last trading day for 2016)

Combined Shops: 1:00pm – 5:30pm

#### January 2017

Tuesday, 17 January: 12 noon – 5:30pm

Wednesday, 18 January: 8:15am – 12:15am

Thursday, 19 January: 8:15am – 12:15am

Friday, 20 January: 8:15am – 12:15am

First week of school: 23 January - 27 January

(closed Thursday 26 January)

8:15am - 11:15am daily

Second week of school: 30 January - 3 February

8:15am - 11:15am daily

### Volunteers Required for Shops

Helpers required in shops for Orientation Day and the week prior to school commencement.

*Volunteer for 4 hours and get 10% off your bill.*

### Student Absence Notifications

- Email via **QParents**
- Absentee phone line 3350 0303
- Email via [absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au)

## Wavell Warriors

Wavell Rugby League's commitment to furthering the outcomes for our students has to the development of the "Academic Warriors" initiative. This initiative aims to assist students with their off-field commitments and provides them with extra tuition to support their academic endeavours. *A big thank you to all the teachers and parents who have volunteered their time.*



### 2017 RESOURCE SCHEME REMINDER

- All forms were posted home in October.
- **Participation Agreement forms are now due.**
- **Payment is due by Friday 27 January, 2017.**
- Please phone 3350.0309 if you did not receive your forms or wish to make a payment plan.
- All textbooks and library books must be returned and any outstanding accounts finalised by the end of the school year.

### 2017 I.D. Cards



Years 9 - 12 I.D. cards are available for collection from G1 upon the payment of \$7.00. This card is valid from October 2016 to January 2018.

### IMPORTANT

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

## Diary Dates

Monday 21 November	• Year 10 Semester 2 examinations commence (21-24 November)
Wednesday 23 November	• Publication of Year 12 Student Achievement Indicators for Tertiary Entrance
	• World Challenge Team departs for Costa Rica and Nicaragua
Thursday 24 November	• Year 10 and 11 Finalisation of Results Day
	• Wavell Support Centre Year 6 into Year 7 Support Day 1 (selected students)
	• Senior Student Leadership Day
Friday 25 November	• Years 7, 8 and 9 Semester 2 examinations commence (25-30 November)
	• Year 10 and 11 Final Day of School
	• Prefects-Elect Planning Day 11:00am -1:00pm
Monday 28 November	• 2018 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews: 8:00am-4:00pm
	• Year 9 Drama students visit local Primary Schools
Tuesday 29 November	• 2018 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews: 8:00am-3:00pm
	• Years 7, 8 and 9 examinations conclude
Wednesday 30 November	• 2018 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews: 8:00am-4:00pm
Thursday 1 December	• 2018 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews: 8:00am-4:00pm
	• Wavell Support Centre Year 6 into Year 7 Support Day 2 (selected students)
	• SRC Non-Uniform Day, 2017 SRC Planning Day
	• Red Food Day 8
Friday 2 December	• 2018 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews: 8:00am-4:00pm