

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
Our school's 2016 Yearbook is a detailed chronicle of the many wonderful academic, cultural, sporting and social achievements celebrated throughout the year. My congratulations go to the editorial team of staff and students so well led by Miss Megan Carlon. Year 7, 8 and 9 students are able to collect their ordered Yearbook once their clearance forms are finalised.

I have this week received the preliminary Queensland Core Skills test results for our Year 12 students. I am confident that the hard work and dedication of our students and staff will pay off with some good OP results. These results will be released on Saturday, 17 December at 9:00am in Learning Accounts Online and will begin to arrive in the post from Monday, 19 December. I wish our Year 12 students every success in their chosen pathways next year.

On Monday, 5 December I look forward to welcoming our incoming Year 7s for 2017. We are expecting 330 Year 7 students in twelve classes to begin high school on Monday, 23 January 2017. The Australia Day holiday will be on Thursday, 26 January. It will be a pleasure to greet our new students and to share morning tea with parents this coming Monday. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students will enjoy an alternative program from Tuesday, 6 December to Thursday, 8 December with reports issued on Thursday afternoon. Those very small numbers of expected students who join us on Friday, 9 December will support our annual school clean up in preparation for 2017. There is no penalty for students who do not attend on this day.

I thank the school community and our wonderful staff and students for their contribution to this year's success and ongoing support. School commences for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students on Monday, 23 January 2017 while Year 10, 11 and 12 students commence on Tuesday, 24 January 2017.

Enrolment for Year 7 is now closed except to local catchment students – we do have a small number of places available in some other year levels. Please see the school website or letters sent home with students for uniform and stationary shop times.

I would like to thank our school community for their strong support throughout 2016 and wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Principal,
JJ Major

*"Work while you can and
rest when you must."*

Lailah Gifty Akita

YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY



Monday, 5 December 2016

9.00am - 3.00pm

Meet at our Assembly Hall

2017 Teacher Movements

Ms Kirby Short will be acting Head of Physical Education at Mansfield SHS. We wish her well in her new duties.

Mr Mick Kennedy (HPE) will take leave to work in the elite performance team at the Brisbane Broncos.

Mrs Kimberly Setterlund (English/Social Science) has been transferred to Gap SHS.

We welcome our new teachers for 2017.

Ms Aman Bhullar joins us from Charters Towers. She teaches Chemistry and Mathematics.

Ms Kelcey Kirkpatrick also comes from Charters Towers to teach English and Dance.

Ms Louise Cole comes to Wavell from Goondiwindi and will join our Mathematics staff.

Also to join our Mathematics team is Mr Kalvan Rehbein from Wellington Point.

Ms Cassandra Horn from Injune will join our English and Social Science teaching teams.

Also to join our English team is Ms Karmin McCulloch from Tully.

Ms Nikiesha Stevenson from Toogoolawah will teach Art and English.

Joining the Health and Physical Education team is Ms Ashlie Parker from Charleville.

Staff on Leave

Mr Nathan Macpherson will continue on long service leave for the first six weeks of Term 1.

Ms Charissa Steffens (Business) will take study leave during 2017.

Ms Danika Fleming (Social Science) and Mrs Christine Pass (Health and Physical Education) will both commence extended leave during Term 1.

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

Contract Teachers

We thank all our contract teachers for their contribution to Wavell and their efforts this year.

Returning for 2017:

Ms Rebecca Weir - Japanese, English, Social Science

Ms Melissa Eslick - English, Social Science
Ms Akenese Humphreys - Science and Mathematics

Mr Denis Oswin - Industrial Design and Technology

Ms Brittney Lambert - Health and Physical Education

Mr Cameron Drew - Mathematics

Ms Emma Hart - English

Mr Anthony D'Arcy - Mathematics

Ms Chantal Hargreaves - Wavell Support Centre

Ms Tara Griffith and Mr Trevor Jardine will both continue as acting Heads of Department, and Mr David Porter will step up to act as Head of Department, Health and Physical Education.

Mrs Jocelyn Pearce will continue as our Guidance Officer.

Departing: Ms Carmen Aquilina, Mr Ross Bowerman, Ms Lara Molloy, Mr Daniel Nehl, Mr Mick Travers and Ms Robyn Williams.

Thank you to our long-term contract teachers for their work at Wavell.

New for 2017:

Mr Ben Colley is a graduate teacher and will join our Health and Physical Education Department.

Ms Angela Donahy from Gladstone will also join our Health and Physical Education team.

Mrs Georgina Tiley is a graduate and will join our Social Science team to teach Legal Studies.

Ms Veronica Piercy will join our Business Education faculty and comes to us from North Lakes College.

Ms Julia Waldmann is a graduate teacher who will join Wavell to teach Mathematics.

Wavell welcomes our new and returning teachers. We wish those departing all the best in their new posts for 2017.

2017 SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Years 7, 8 & 9: Monday, 23 January

Years 10, 11 & 12: Tuesday, 24 January

Graduation 2016



Friday, 18 November was the final day for our Year 12 graduating students. The Graduation commenced with a celebratory breakfast at Kedron Wavell Services Club. Guest speaker Ms Donna Field (past Wavell student and ABC reporter pictured with Mr Major, Mr Barlow and our School Captains), spoke eloquently about her post school achievements, and of the challenges that students are likely to experience in their adult lives. At school, the ceremony presented our seniors to an audience of proud family and friends. Speakers included our Principal, Mr Jeff Major, Mr David Napier (on behalf of teachers),

Mrs Sally Dale (on behalf of parents), Abbie Chandler (on behalf of Year 7 students), and of course, captains Callum Mutch, Ali Faalogo, Brooke Hafner and Sheryl Gabotero who made their final speeches. Thank you to Mr Barlow, Ms Crawford and Mrs Edwards for their efforts in making the day one to remember.

Senior Leadership Day

On Wednesday, 23 November the 2016 student leadership-elect team attended a 'Leading a Legacy' seminar run by Peer Power at the Kedron Wavell RSL. Prefects, Arts and Sports Captains and the SRC Senior Executive came together to be challenged about leadership and to develop skills in order to build a greater school community in 2017. Apart from being a fun day, the team took part in hands-on learning experiences which took them out of their comfort zone.

Year 8 Robotics

On Saturday, 19 November seven Year 8 students competed for the first time in the First Lego League "Animal Allies" competition at the QUT "The Cube" at Gardens Point. As a culmination to this year's activities of the inaugural Robotics Club, that has been running every Wednesday and Friday lunch times, the team decided to put their skills and knowledge to the test and participant in the First Lego Leagues Animal Allies competition. **FIRST@LEGO® League** is a competition catering for upper-primary and lower-secondary school students. Every year, teams of students build, program and compete with a robot, while also learning about a modern problem in science and engineering and developing solutions for it. The entire competition for the year is based around a theme. Congratulations to the first students at Wavell (pictured below); *Tim Brunckhorst, Samuel Colbert, Connor Davis, Riley Hay, Brayden McConnell, Tyson Randle and Oliver Winters* who successfully competed in this competition, and for their perseverance, dedication and cooperation with each other and the coaches.



Years 7, 8 and 9 Alternative Program

Letters detailing activities were distributed to students. There will also be at-school activities.

- **Monday 5 December:** Years 7, 8 & 9
Normal school day with formal uniform worn
- **Tuesday 6 December:**
Year 7: Blue-Fit Leisure excursion
Years 8 & 9: At-school games and activities
- **Wednesday 7 December:**
Year 7: At-school games and activities
Years 8 & 9: Blue-Fit Leisure excursion
- **Thursday 8 December:** Years 7, 8 & 9
At-school games and activities with report cards distributed in the afternoon
- **Friday 9 December:** Clean Up Day



Used-Clothing Shop Attention Year 12

School uniforms of a suitable standard (washed and ironed with no fading, stains or mending) will now be accepted for sale.

Wavellwood

Our Annual Film Festival was held as part of our graduating Arts' activities. This showcased the talents and creative work of our Media Arts' students. The evening was a great success!



Year 7 and 8 Home Economics

Pictured: Sophia De Gioannis with her Healthy Lunch Box Design.
Years 7 and 8 Home Economics Food Technology students were recently challenged to examine and analyse their current lunch eating habits in line with the Australian Dietary Guidelines and then coming up with an improved lunch. Students were very proud of their finished efforts which included consideration of safe storage, hygiene and environmentally friendly packaging, but best of all they enjoyed a healthy lunch!



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.



Student Absence Notifications

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

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.**

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 discuss a payment plan.
- All textbooks and library books must be returned and any outstanding accounts finalised by the end of this school year.

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

Diary Dates

- Saturday 3 December • Years 5,6,7,8, 9 Instrumental Music Xmas Student Workshop in Hall: 7:45am-2:15pm; Parent Concert in Hall 2:15pm
- Monday 5 December • Orientation Day for Year 6 students entering Year 7 in 2017 - 9:00am in Hall • Wavell Combined Shops open - 1:00pm - 5:30pm
- Tuesday 6 December • Years 7, 8 and 9 Alternative Program • Year 11 Progress Reports issued from Library: 10:00am - 12noon
- Wednesday 7 December • Years 7, 8 and 9 Alternative Program
- Thursday 8 December • Years 7, 8 and 9 Alternative Program • Year 10 Progress Reports and Attendance Records from Library 10:00am-12noon • Years 7, 8 and 9 Progress Reports and Attendance Records in Hall: L.4
- Friday 9 December • Final Day of School Year
- Friday 16 December • Senior Statements/QCEs and Tertiary Entrance Statements posted by QCAA
- Saturday 17 December • Senior Statements/QCEs and Tertiary Entrance Statements available online 9:00am
- Tuesday 17 January • Wavell Shops open 12 noon - 5:30pm
- Wednesday 18 January • Wavell Shops open 8:15am - 12:15pm (these times until Friday 20 January)
- Monday 23 January • Years 7,8 and 9 (Junior Secondary) commence school today at 8:50am • Principal Meetings in Hall for Year 9 L. 2A, Year 8 L. 2B, Year 7 L.3A • All Year Levels at school
- Tuesday 24 January • Principal Meetings in Hall for Year 12 L.2B, Year 11 L. 3A, Year 10 L. 3B • Year 7 ID Photographs in Hall: L1-2A
- Wednesday 25 January • Student Resources Scheme Payments due
- Friday 27 January • Presentation of Arts, Languages and Sports Captain Badges • Academic Monitoring commences in WDP-Goal Setting: Years 7,8,9,10,11 • Year 12 QCS meeting in Hall: L.2B