

## From the Principal



Dear Parents,  
Welcome to the 2017 school year. Our Year 7 group of 334 students in twelve classes settled well on Monday and look ready to take on the challenges and opportunities of being proud Wavell students. I thank our parents for your effort to ensure you and your child or children have engaged in our transition program – they look splendid in their Wavell uniforms. Our teaching staff have been back for a week and have ensured curriculum plans and classroom environments are at their best for the year ahead. I extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families who join us this year - we have an additional 70 students across Year 8 to 12 in addition to our 334 Year 7s. I am sure it will not be long before all of our new students learn the 'Wavell Way'. It was impressive to see the transformation of the students; from the range of different primary school colours (over fifty displayed at Orientation Day in December) to the united group neatly attired in their new Wavell uniforms on day one.

Our key focus at Wavell is learning; evident on the first two days of school with our students busy in class by 9:30am after brief periods of induction. Our uniform is a clear symbol of the very high standards and expectations that our school community has for all. It is a measure of the pride students have for their school and themselves. My talks to all year levels this week should ensure all students clearly know the high expectations that I have for them with their learning and positive engagement in the diverse opportunities Wavell provides.

Prior to school commencement, our teachers were engaged in three days of professional development; part of each teacher's commitment to life-long learning. Our **three key priorities** for 2017 include; **quality teaching practice** – (including the use of *Marzano's* "Art and Science of Teaching" Framework and Design Questions), **student engagement**, and **writing skill development**. Our sharp and narrow focus will ensure a greater degree of consistency in teaching practices and quality learning across the school. *Mr Glenn Capelli*, an internationally acknowledged educational motivator presented a key note talk to staff from both our school and affiliate primary schools. This will no doubt further support our teachers' ability to understand their role in a changing educational climate.

Also under the spotlight over the three days was preparation for this year's Quadrennial School Review (QSR) and associated full School External Review. Our School External Review will be conducted during Week 5 of Term 1, to commence on Monday, 20 February. Three principals will spend four days comprehensively reviewing our processes and interviewing staff, parents and students to produce a report which we will use in undertaking our Strategic Planning for 2018 to 2021.

Our seniors of 2016 achieved some outstanding results and well deserved university placements. The impressive OP results include six OP 1 students. A summary of these high achievers is included within this newsletter. Over eighty percent of our students achieved a first or second preference through QTAC. There is no doubt that as future rounds of

university offers are made, the array of placements will be enhanced. The large number of non-OP students who have apprenticeships, traineeships, technical education placements or have successfully entered the work force is also pleasing. *Well done class of 2016.*

Last year, the government determined that the current Year 9 student cohort will be the first to qualify for an ATAR in place of the OP. The ATAR score will be based on both internal and external assessment developed from new subject syllabus for implementation across Year 11 from 2019. Rest assured, Wavell is well placed to be a lead in the development and implementation of the new approach to Senior School curriculum and assessment.

Over the first two weeks, our students will be engaged in Academic Monitoring sessions during their Wavell Development Program (WDP) lessons. This vital task is designed to encourage students to personally reflect and set individual goals for the academic year ahead. These goals are to be revisited by each student at key points throughout the year.

Wavell has a busy and exciting start planned for February. Scheduled activities include; auditions for this year's school musical 'Bugsy Malone', our annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival (at the Valley pool – all students are required to attend unless a note is provided outlining special reasons), Prefect and School Captain Investiture, QATSIF Scholarships, Valentine's Day fun, Welcome to Wavell - a fun afterschool event for our Year 7s, Camps for our Sports' Excellence Programs, the Senior Pathways Evening, the "Meet and Greet" Mornings and Parent Workshops for Year 7 parents and caregivers.

Please check your school calendar regularly and put these critical events and activities in your diary.

Principal,  
JJ Major

*"Quiddity refers to inherent nature or essence; what you are about."*

Glenn Capelli

## "MEET AND GREET" MORNINGS for Year 7 Students and Parents

THURSDAYS AT 8.15 - 8.45AM IN N BLOCK

- 2 February - Form Teachers & Support Staff
- 9 February - Core Teachers
- 23 February - Elective Teachers

## Glenn Capelli Visits

On Friday, 20 January, Wavell hosted the renowned speaker, *Mr Glenn Capelli*. *Glenn* started teaching at a Western Australian Lighthouse High School in 1979. After this, he backpacked the world, taught in Canada, Israel, England and worked as a summer camp counsellor in the USA for four summers. On return to Australia, he founded his education business in 1987 and has since presented in thirty countries including work with schools in Samoa, India, Bangladesh, and the USA, New Zealand and Australia. In his motivational presentation, *Glenn* explored five layers of super teaching. He encouraged teachers to be prepared to think, chat, laugh and join in during the presentation. Topics included; *How Better Thinking*, *How Else Thinking*, *The Invisible Things Great Teachers Do*, *Daily Useable Teaching Tools* and *Each Drop - The Importance of Your Work as Teachers*.

## Top Scholars 2016



Congratulations to our six OP1 students (pictured above) *Emily Guest*, *Jasmine Wood*, *Harry Kettewell*, *Jack Meincke*, *Dennis Ding*, and *Daniel Michalowski*, who are to study a variety of university degrees including two students who have gained prestigious places in undergraduate medicine.

*Harry*, our 2017 Senior Dux and Caltex All-Rounder has been selected for the Undergraduate Medicine program at Griffith University. *Jack* will also study medicine at University of Queensland. Also at the University of Queensland, *Emily* is to study a Bachelor of Environmental Management (Honours), *Jasmine* will commence a Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts, *Dennis* will complete a Bachelor of Mathematics and *Daniel* will study a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours).

Our OP2 students; *Brooke Hafner* will study a Bachelor of Medical Imaging at the Queensland University of Technology, *Karla Leveque* will study dual degrees in Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Economics at University of Queensland, *Olivia Vasilakis* will attend Queensland University of Technology to commence a Bachelor of Urban Development (Honours) and *Joshua White* will study a Bachelor of Business Management at the University of Queensland.

Of our OP3 students, four will attend the University of Queensland; *Gareth Agnew* will complete a dual degree in Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Bachelor of Mathematics, *Angelika Fontaine* is to study a dual degree in Bachelor of Business Management/Bachelor of Commerce, *Lydia Lai* will commence a Bachelor of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences, *Sarah Longford* is to study a Bachelor of Arts. Other OP3 students will attend a range of universities; *Madison Brook* will complete Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at Australian Catholic University, and *Nathaniel Tomlins* will study a Bachelor of Podiatry at the Queensland University of Technology.

Wavell congratulates all of our graduating students for their success in securing a place for tertiary study. The most popular fields of study selected by our 2016 graduates have been Health (e.g. Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Naturopathy, Speech Pathology); Management and Commerce (e.g. Hospitality Management, Banking and Finance); Society and Culture (e.g. Law, Economics, Psychology, Sport & Recreation); Creative Arts; Education; Science and Engineering.

Thirty-two students will attend the Queensland University of Technology, twenty-one will go to the Australian Catholic University, eighteen will study at the University of Queensland, and eleven students will study at Griffith University, with the remainder at other universities and colleges. Congratulations also to students who continue their apprenticeships and vocational training or commence work. *The Wavell community wishes you all the best*

### Welcome to 2017 at Wavell



*Pictured: Year 7 students Abel Lote and Sienna Maynard in their Mathematics class.*

These students are among 334 Year 7s enrolled at Wavell. They were greeted at the assembly hall by our school captains, prefects and house mascots before being welcomed by our Principal, *Mr Major* and Deputy Principal, *Mrs Smeed*. Our thanks to parents for their efforts in seeing our new students so well prepared to commence their secondary studies. All students were in regular classes by 9:30am on our two commencement days this week, after receiving their timetables, calendars, planners and prospectus. We have commenced the year with a full complement of teachers. **Subject changes are to be finalised by Friday, 3 February.**

### World Challenge



A group of Wavell students spent four weeks on expedition in Costa Rica and Nicaragua at the end of 2016. Having faced the threat of hurricanes, earthquakes and tsunamis they have returned with a wider view of the world and an enhanced sense of how fortunate they are to live in Australia. The students helped to build a road and a fence for a primary school and even boarded down an active volcano!

### Resource Hire Scheme

Textbooks and resources will be issued from next week. **Students MUST by Friday 27 January:**

- have the Participation Agreement form completed and signed by a parent/carer and returned to the school
- have made full payment of \$300; or entered into a payment plan through the Business Services Manager, *Mrs Deb Deaves*
- have returned all books and resources from 2016
- have a 2017 ID Card

Parents wishing not to participate will need to collect a Resource List from the office to purchase required books and pay for relevant materials and resources. For enquiries, contact the Business Services Manager at [bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au)

### Thank You

Thank you to volunteers, current and past students and parents for assistance in the set-up and sales during our 2017 Book Week, and to those working in our shops. Thank you to our patient customers during this very busy period. These services would not be possible without volunteers. Please consider joining us! Contact *Noela* or *Tracey (Canteen)* or *Lesley (Combined Shops)* on 3359 5126.

### Interschool Sport

**Junior Secondary:** Tuesday afternoons (lunchtime and Period 4) is Junior Sport afternoon for Central District. All students will be catered for in a variety of sports. Selected Year 7, 8 and 9 students will compete against other schools on a weekly basis. Sport options offered are: AFL, Touch, Volleyball, 5-a-side Soccer, Basketball, Softball and Rugby League. The Interschool Sports Levy (excluding Rugby League) is \$30 for the summer season which includes eight games weather permitting plus Metropolitan finals if successful. Students not in interschool teams will participate in a Wavell sport program with details available after interschool team selection is completed. Some local venue sports may be offered with a maximum payment of \$55 for the summer season. Sports played at school will not incur any costs. Please advise your student NOT to trial or nominate for a local venue sport if you cannot commit to sport levy payment. Details available soon. For further information please contact Junior Sports Coordinator *Mr Francis* on 3350 0342.

**Senior Secondary:** Wednesday afternoons. Interschool Sport is offered to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The sports available are: Basketball, Sof-crosse, Touch Football, Mixed Netball and Volleyball. A Wavell Sports Program is held for non-competitive Year 10 students only. Tutorials are held for Year 11 and 12 students not involved in sport. Students will begin to trial for teams next week. Selected students must:

- have signed up with the relevant teacher
- be in correct sports uniform including hat
- be prepared to pay an interschool sports levy of \$30 per season if selected

Please advise your student NOT to trial if you cannot commit to sport levy payment. If selected, permission form and levy payment must be returned by Friday 17 February. All students selected in Interschool teams pay the same levy regardless of sport. This levy includes transport for the season if required, first aid, equipment, uniform variations if required and sunscreen. Personal sunscreen is highly recommended. For further information please contact Senior Sport Coordinator *Miss Kerr* on 3350 0372.

**Reminder to Parents:**  
Please observe parking regulations when dropping off or picking up from school. Safety is key!

### Inter-House Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 7 February at the Valley Pool. The program will proceed regardless of the weather as the covered stands comfortably seat students.

**It is expected that all students attend the carnival in full sports uniform including correct sports shoes and the school hat.** A letter detailing the carnival will be issued to students next week. Swimming 'opt-out' forms must be returned to the Form Teacher by Friday 3 February. On the day, all students must report to school for roll marking in form at 8:50am. Students will then be transported to and from the venue by bus and will return to school by 2:45pm. The program of swimming will commence at approximately 9:45am. Students may bring lunch or money to buy "carnival food" at the small canteen. Spectators will be undercover for most of the day. Parents are most welcome to attend and admission is free, however the seating for parents will be limited due to our increased student population. All students are required to travel to the venue on the bus. Parents wishing to take their own child home from the venue MUST personally see the student's form teacher. Students, don't forget your togs, towel and be ready to have a swim! Contact HPE on 3350 0342 with any questions. The swimming 'opt-out' form is on the website.

### Sun Safety

Our sports uniform includes a bucket hat which is compulsory for all students and is required to be worn during outdoor activities. Students are to ensure that they use the sun protection available at Wavell High. The Sports Centre can provide sunscreen. Students are also encouraged to drink lots of water on hot days and consider bringing a water bottle to school.

#### Year 7 Rugby League Trials

For boys keen to play for Wavell in 2017

#### Wavell School Oval

**Friday, 3 February @ 3:30pm-5:00pm**

Bring shorts, socks, boots and protective equipment, jerseys supplied

**NO STUDENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRIAL WITHOUT KICKSTART FORMS**

#### Student Absence Notifications

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

### Diary Dates

Monday 30 January	• Musical Auditions commence in Q3: Lunch
	• Dance Troupe Auditions: 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Wednesday 1 February	• Junior Leaders Induction Day
	• Years 11 and 12 Drama Excellence <i>Matilda</i> excursion: L. 3 and 4
Thursday 2 February	• Year 7 "Meet Form Teachers and Support Staff": 8:15- 8:45am
	• House Meetings: L. 3B
Friday 3 February	• Last day for subject changes
	• Presentation of Junior Leader badges
	• Academic Monitoring commences - Goad Setting: Year 12 - L. 2B
	• Year 7 Rugby League Trials: 3:30 - 5:00pm
Saturday 4 February	• Instrumental Music Kick Start day
Monday 6 February	• Inter-house Swimming Pre-Carnival Events (nomination only): L. 3&4
	• Musical Call-backs: 3:30-5:30pm
Tuesday 7 February	• Inter-house Swimming Carnival: Valley Pool
	• Semester 1 Overviews published on website
Wednesday 8 February	• Year 10 Assembly in Hall: Form and L. 1A
Thursday 9 February	• Year 7 "Meet our Core Teachers": 8:15am-8:45am
	• Year 10 RL Excellence Camp departs to Bulimba Creek
	• Bronco's Mentoring Program for senior ATSI students: 12noon - 1:30pm
Friday 10 February	• Prefect Investiture Ceremony: 8:50am (L. 1 and 2 swapped)
	• National Apology and QATSIF Scholarships Presentation: 11:15am
	• Years 11 and 12 Hospitality Practices students assisting with Investiture: L. 1-2A
	• Year 10 RL Excellence Camp returns