

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
The vast array of co-curricular activities enjoyed by students at Wavell complements the high quality educational experiences provided. So far we have held auditions for this year's school musical "*Bugsy Malone*"; Year 7 and 8 rugby league trials last Friday involving over 150 students; "*Kick Start*" music Day Camp last Saturday involving 150 music students and our dedicated Instrumental Music teachers; an impressive level of participation in the Inter-House Swimming Carnival which included the pre-carnival races; badges presented to our Junior Leaders, Arts and Sports Captains and today on assembly, School Captain and Prefect Induction and QATSIF scholarship presentation. Our Prefects are also busily preparing for Valentine's Day activities. This morning at our annual School Captain and Prefect Induction, we were delighted to have past student *Mrs Donna Field* return after such a great speech to our 2016 graduates last year, to inspire our senior students to achieve their potential.

I have been extremely impressed by the active engagement in learning witnessed during my daily classroom visits over the first three weeks. **Learning** is the **number one** task at Wavell – all the other artistic, cultural and sporting activities that add to the richness and depth of student development, must always come second to the subjects students study each day. I urge students to start well and sustain the effort right throughout the year. Parents can assist by monitoring homework, helping with time management and asking students to review what they have learnt that day, which is an important part of their homework. Not understanding the previous lesson is a recipe for falling behind. Students should seek assistance from their teacher out of class time if extra support is needed. Monday homework club in the library will commence on 27 February and extra maths tutorials are provided at lunch time.

Our "Day Eight" enrolment was 1,573 students (thirty nine more than in 2016) and included 335 Year 7 students in 12 classes. I have been delighted to see many Year 7 parents take the opportunity to meet with class teachers on Thursday morning. These meetings and further upcoming parent meetings are a great opportunity to meet the school's Administration Team, teachers and other parents. They present some excellent ways to get involved in your child's high school education. We look forward to meeting many of our new parents at the Year 7 *Welcome to Wavell* afternoon on Friday, 17 February. Enrolment restrictions will need to be tightly managed going forward into 2018 and beyond. We must ensure an average yearly enrolment of no more than 300 students in Year 7.

Our P&C provides vital, much needed support in order to ensure our school continues to develop and prosper. Please consider joining me at the first P&C meeting and AGM to be held Tuesday week, 21 February at 7:00pm in A Block. All key executive positions have already received a nomination. Families are urged to give generously to our tax deductible Building Fund which will be used to further enhance our assembly hall with an AV platform. If all of our families contributed the minimum recommended \$60 per family, this will be achieved with ease.

J.J. Major,
Principal

School Review

Our school is scheduled for a school review from Monday, 20 February until Thursday, 23 February. The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report is made available to parents and the community on the school's website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the Principal's Secretary, *Mrs Maree Minter* on 3350 0301. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. Further information about the review is available from the department's website at: education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework

"As a nation we can feel collective shame and collective sorrow, and take collective responsibility for our nation's past."
Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue



Welcome to Wavell

FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Friday 17 February at 2:00pm - 4:00pm
On the Oval, Sports Hall, & Assembly Hall
Activities, Games and Barbecue (*Sports Uniform*)
CONDUCTED BY FORM TEACHERS AND SENIORS
A great chance to get to know other students!

FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 7

Friday 17 February at 3:15pm - 3:45pm
in N BLOCK

- Hear about opportunities and expectations
- Help your student adjust to life at high school

P & C Meetings

Tuesday 21 February 2017
AGM at 7:00pm & General Meeting at 7:30pm
Administration Block - All Welcome

Seniors Leaders

Congratulations to our Senior Leaders for 2017. They received their captain badges on assembly in Week 1.

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*

Sports Captains:

Senior Sport: *Octavia Channer, Logan Finn*

Junior Sport: *Jacoba Solloway, Jesse Barnes*

House Captains:

Alamein: *Oraylia Channer, Kalem Brown*

Burma: *Tess Hering, Lochlan Griffiths*

Keren: *Zoe Lockton, Sebastian Macak*

Tobruk: *Jacqui Yorston, Ricky Wootton*

Language Captains:

French: *Nabilah Abang Morni*

German: *Kima Manogar*

Japanese: *Sophie Kierulf*

SEMESTER 1 SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

Available now on the Wavell SHS website.

Access is by the following pathway:

[Home/Curriculum/Teaching and learning/Semester Overviews](#)
then select your year level.

QMEA Ambassadorship

Congratulations to *Maryann Kang* who received her 2017 QMEA Ambassadorship at a breakfast awards ceremony last year. *Maryann* was presented with her award from *Mr Mark Sowerby* (Chief Entrepreneur with Advance Queensland), and *Mr Ian Macfarlane* (Chief Executive of the QRC).



Junior Leaders 2017



On Friday, 3 February our Junior Leaders were presented with their badges. An induction and planning session took place on Wednesday, 1 February where students signed their Leader Contracts. These leaders serve as role models for Years 7, 8 and 9. They speak on assembly, participate in school events, represent our school and set a high standard in behaviour, uniform and attendance. *Pictured: Mr Major and Mr Frances with Junior Leaders; Damon Bean, Clarice Bolton, Tim Brunckhorst, Keegan Cross, Connor Davis, Emily Dukes, Grace Eaves, Sarah Edwards, Aiyana Faumui, Ella Graham, Lauren Hafner, Riley Hay, Keegan Hudson, Samuel Hudson, Vithusaya Manogar, Ebony Marsh, Ashleigh Mattea, Charlotte Metcalf, Niloofer Molavi, Kyle Montgomery, Noel Naces, Liam Schultz, Bella Separovich, Caleb Sharie, Emil Sunil, Taniela Wesele, Liva Wood, Eva Wood, Taleatha Wright-Morgan, Waldy Wuthrich*

"MEET AND GREET" MORNING Yr 7 Students & Parents - 8:15-8:45am

- Thurs 23 Feb - Elective Teachers, N Block
- Thurs 2 Mar - Project Parent, Library, RSVP - phone 3350 0313

SENIOR PATHWAY EVENING

Year 10 students and Parents - in Hall
Thursday, 16 February - 6:00 pm start

YEAR 7 PARENT WORKSHOPS Presented by Metropolitan Behaviour Support Services

THURSDAYS AT 8.45 - 10.45AM in Library

- 23 February - Parenting Teenagers
- 2 March - PASTA for Teenagers
- 9 March - Practicing PASTA
RSVP email mmint7@eq.edu.au

STEM

Congratulations to *Maggie-May Hornigold* who has been successfully selected for the 2017 STEM girl Power Camp for students in Year 10. *Maggie-May* is excited to be able to attend the World Science Festival to undertake activities and meet STEM role models and researchers.



Keren Wins the Swimming

Our Inter-House Championships were held on Tuesday, 7 February at the Fortitude Valley Swimming Complex. Thank you to both swimmers and spectators for your enthusiastic and colourful participation. Thanks also to our wonderful parents who came as spectators. It was great to see an invigorating whole-school event which maximised student participation, attendance and house spirit. The final results are as follows:



HOUSE POINTS

Alamein 679 Burma 873 Keren 1150 Tobruk 716

AGE PLACINGS

GIRLS	First	Second	Third
12	Matilda Coombes	Summer Burgess	Hannah Phillips
13	Emma-Jane Prosper	Yasmin Fahy	Bridget Morrissey
14	Ashleigh Mattea	Carly Wilson	Lauren Hafner
15	Jasmine Prosper	Alexandra Mattea	Kasey Holleran
16	Imogen Foster-Bauer and Brianna Thompson (tied)		Emily Scoones-Heilig
Open	Tess Hering	Tamara Wood	Zoe Lockton
BOYS	First	Second	Third
12	Jye Bennion	Hector Langkilde	Aiden Geelan
13	Noah Montgomery	Zion Lauulu	Bowman Jackson-Jacobs
14	Kyle Montgomery	Jasper Melton	Luke Fazio
15	Nicholas Sawyer	Samuel Hudson	Ryan Greensill
16	Joshua Low	Tyler McInerney	Eli Meincke
Open	Caleb Oliver	Jordan Abbott	Lochlan Griffiths

PERFORMING ARTS



Well done to the large number of students who have signed up to be a part of the 2017 Musical *Bugsy Malone*. It is shaping up to be one of our best yet.

Rehearsal times: Full cast rehearsal on *Monday, 13 February at 3:20pm - 5:30pm*, full cast rehearsal and Dance Troupe on *Wednesday, 15 February at 3:20pm - 5:30pm*, and select cast members on *Sunday, 19 February 10:00am - 4:00pm*.

DANCE TROUPE

Parent Information Evening
Monday, 13 February
6pm in Q Block



Wavell Enrichment Program

Interested in volunteering in a team of kind, caring and genuinely concerned staff and tutors for an hour a week?

- WEP tutors assist Year 7 students with basic Literacy and Numeracy skills
 - The program is run in school hours
 - Choose a lesson that suits you
- Please contact *Mrs Wendy Ritchie* at writc2@eq.edu.au or 3350 0334.

New Records were set in the following events: *Hector Langkilde*: M12yrs: 100m Butterfly; *Jye Bennion*: M12yrs: 100m Breaststroke, 100m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke; *Kyle Montgomery*: M14yrs boys 50m Freestyle (previous record was from 1987); *Summer Burgess*: F12yrs: 50m Breaststroke.

Thanks to the HPE staff for organising the championships. The District Swimming Carnival will be on Tuesday, 14 February at the Lawnton Pool. *Good luck to all!*



Kids Helpline

We are here for you any time, any reason.
Call us for free anytime on 1800 55 1800

QParents: To register email the Business Services Manager - bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au or for further information call 137468 or visit: <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

Building Fund Contributions

This year our P&C aim is to raise funds through parent contributions to our Tax Deductible Building Fund to build the much needed AV platform for the Assembly Hall. Please help to reach our targeted amount and support our school improve. Make sure to donate at least \$60 per family to the Parent Building Contributions Fund which can be paid via our Payment Office or QParent.

IMMUNISATION REMINDER
ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS
Completed consent forms should have been returned to your form teacher.

STUDENTS ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVER
Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents. Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

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

CHANGES TO TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY TIMES

Commences **Tuesday 14** and **Wednesday 15 February 2017** to facilitate interschool sports.
Starting time: 8.45am Finishing time: 3:00pm

Diary Dates

Monday 13 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Study Skills Workshop: L. 1 • Years 10,11 & 12 Netball Excellence Camp departs to Harry's Hut • SRC Meeting Spirit Place: 1:10pm
Tuesday 14 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical Rehearsal: Full Cast 3:20pm - 5:30pm • Lesson schedule varied for the day; Lesson 3, 2, 1, 4 • Year 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 1 • District Swimming Carnival: Lawnton Pool • Prefects Valentine Grams / Red Food Day
Wednesday 15 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday times change - school starts 8:45am and concludes 3:00pm • Year 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 2 • Senior RL Ex Camp departs to Harry's Hut • Musical Rehearsal: Full Cast and Dance Troupe 3:20pm - 5:30pm • Dance and Music Committee AGM 7:00pm and 7:30pm
Thursday 16 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 Study Skills Workshop: L. 1 • Senior Pathways Evening for Students and Parents in Hall: 6:00pm
Friday 17 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 <i>Welcome to Wavell</i> - Students and Parents: 2:00pm - 4:00pm • Year 12 OCS and Cert I Workshop: L. 1 and L. 2
Sunday 19 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior RL Excellence Camp returns • Musical Rehearsal: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Monday 20 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 9 Netball Excellence Pomona Mountain Run • Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm
Tuesday 21 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Shops Committee AGM in A Block: 6:30pm • P&C AGM and General Meeting in A Block: 7:00pm
Wednesday 22 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 Netball Excellence Day at Bli Bli • Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm
Thursday 23 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 "Meet our Elective Teacher": 8:15am - 8:45am • Year 7 Parent Workshop 8:45 - 10:45am: "Parenting Teenagers" • BCC Immunisations - 9:00am: All Year 7 Students HPV Dose 1/3 and Booster • Year 11 and 12 Geography Catchment Management excursion
Friday 24 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross Henrick's Memorial Shield - RL Primary Schools Gala Day (selected senior RL Ex) • Year 11 Industrial Skills White Card: All Day • Year 9 RL Excellence Pomona Mountain Run • Year 10 Cybersafety Presentation Hall: L. 4A; Year 10 WEX Meeting in Hall: L. 4B