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 Year 8 had their 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 meets; badges presented to our Junior Leaders, Arts and Sports Captains and today on assembly, School Captain and Prefect Induction and QATSI scholarship presentation. Our Prefects are also busy 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 cherish 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 (ninety 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 inviting 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. P&C 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

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 students 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 3031. 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: http://education.qld.gov.au/teacher-professional-assessment-and-review.

As a nation we can value collective shame and collective sorrow, and take collective responsibility for our nation’s past."

Professor Lowiwa O’Donoghue

Welcome to Wavell

FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Friday 17 February at 2:00pm - 4:00pm
On the Oval, Sports Hall, & Assembly 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 school 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

Senior 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: Elhana 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: Tessa Hering, Lochlan Griffiths
Keren: Zoe Lockton, Sebastian Macak

Toibruck: Jacquiyorston, Ricity Wootton

Language Captains:

French: Nahibli Abug Morni
German: Kina Manogar
Japanese: Sophie Kierulf

SENIOR PATHWAY EVENING

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

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 Brunkhorst, Keegan Cross, Connor Davis, Emily Dukes, Grace Eaves, Sarah Edwards, Ayana Faunia, Ella Graham, Lauren Hather, Riley Hay, Keegan Hudson, Samuel Hudson, Vithusaya Manogar, Ebony Marsh, Ashleigh Mattera, Charlotte Metcalf, Nilofar Molavi, Kyle Montgomery, Noel Naces, Liam Schulz, Bella Separovich, Caleb Sharie, Emi Sunil, Taniela Wesele, Liva Wood, Eva Wood, Taleatha Wright-Morgan, Wady Wuthrich

QMEA Ambassadorship

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

Year 7 Parents Workshops

Presented by Metropolitan Behaviour Support Services

THURSDAYS AT 8.45 - 10.45AM in Library

23 February – Parenting Teenagers
March - PASTA for Teenagers
9 March – Practicing PASTA

RSVP email mmint7@eq.edu.au

From the Principal

School Review

QMEA Ambassadorship
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.

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**

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**STEM**

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.

**Performing Arts**

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

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**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 Contributions Fund which can be paid via our Payment Office or QParent.

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**IMMUNISATION REMINDER ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS**

Completed consent forms should have been returned to your form teacher.

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**Student Absence Notifications**

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

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**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: 80m 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!

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

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**Dance and Music Committee AGM 7:00pm and 7:30pm**

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**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

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**Diary Dates**

- Monday 13 February
  - Year 12 Study Skills Workshop: L 1
  - Year 10.11 & 12 Netball Excellence Camp departs to Hurry’s Hut
  - SRC Meeting Spirit Place: 1:10pm
- Tuesday 14 February
  - Musical Rehearsal: Full Cast 3:20pm - 5:30pm
  - Lesson schedule varied for the day; Lessons 3, 2, 1, 4
  - Year 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 1
  - Year 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 2
  - Year 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 3
- Wednesday 15 February
  - Year 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 1
  - Year 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 2
  - Year 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 3
  - Year 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 4
  - Year 10 Cybersafety Presentation Hall : L 4A; Year 10 WEX Meeting in Hall: L 4B
- Monday 20 February
  - Year 12 Study Skills Workshop: L 1
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  - Year 10.11 & 12 Netball Excellence Camp departs to Hurry’s Hut
- Tuesday 21 February
  - SRC Meeting Spirit Place: 1:10pm
  - Musical Rehearsal: Full Cast 3:20pm - 5:30pm
  - Dance and Music Committee AGM in A Block: 6:30pm
  - BCC AGM and General Meeting in A Block: 7:00pm
- Wednesday 22 February
  - Year 8 NAPLAN Day at Bli Bli
  - Year 10 Cybersafety Presentation Hall : L 4A; Year 10 WEX Meeting in Hall: L 4B