Dear Parents,

Last Friday, 17 February we celebrated the induction of our School Prefects and Captains with the support of parents, Mr Rodgers, P&C President and past School Captain Mrs Lucy Forrest (nee Elliott).

The band certainly set the scene with a strong rendition of “Eye of the Tiger”. A delicious morning tea was provided by our hospitality staff. Our guest speaker Lucy Forrest was 1989 Wavell School Captain and has since completed study at the University of Queensland and qualified as a lawyer. Mrs Forrest worked initially in the Supreme Court and is currently in private practice. She delivered a strong message to students about the need to make the most of every opportunity at school. It was pleasing to hear that the same great programs available to Lucy in 1989 still exist and indeed are stronger at Wavell. Leadership is an important attribute to nurture and encourage. The development of leadership through many opportunities at school is an important aspect of the well-rounded education provided at Wavell. At the Induction, I spoke of the need to ensure leadership is exercised with integrity and how important this quality is for everyone. I quoted Warren Buffet, a powerful and influential entrepreneur.

“In looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence, and energy. And if they don’t have the first, the other two will kill you.”

Warren Buffet

Over the past few weeks we have inducted our Student Representative Council Executive and members, the Arts, Sports and House Captains and Year 9 Leaders. I particularly wish our elected School Captains, Santage Keighley, Van Nguyen, Joshua Madden and Rein Kleidon and Prefects, well for the contribution and service that they will provide in their leadership roles this year. On Monday the much anticipated Gonski Report into education funding was released and brought with it some hope for a way forwards a fairer funding system for all Australian schools. Unfortunately, given the economic climate and determination for a surplus Federal Budget, any real move towards change has stalled. The current grossly distorted and unfair system seems set to remain in place for some years to come. I encourage parents to be aware of the implications of the report and its impact on our schools. Our mission must be to encourage our politicians’ to act quickly on a genuine implementation plan.

Thank parents for their attendance at the P&C meeting last Tuesday and congratulate our P&C Executive and Sub-Committee Executives for assuming these important roles which provide support to our school. It would be great to see even more parents at next month’s meeting.

JJ Major, Principal

**From the Principal**

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**NAPLAN 2012**

On Tuesday, 21 February and Wednesday, 22 February, Year 9 students completed the first trial tests. Students gain valuable experience through this preparation which equips them with test readiness. Feedback to individual students will guide future preparation. The next trials will be held on 20, 21 and 22 March. Attendance is vital for confident test performances in May. Parental support is essential to ensure students are ready for the NAPLAN tests.

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**Our P & C Leaders for 2012**

We thank the following parents and friends of the school who have agreed to continue to serve us through leadership of the P & C.

**Office Bearers:**

- **President:** Mr Greg Rodgers
- **Vice Presidents:** Mr Lee Hallam, Mrs Kay Brown
- **Secretary:** Mr Peter Whitehead
- **Treasurer:** Mrs Karen Hibbett

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**CSIRO**

As a part of the end of 2011 program, students in years 8 and 9 were able to participate in a CSIRO robotics workshop. Students were shown how to make their robots move and then taught them how to dance. This was a fun way to learn something new. Pictured: Joshua O’Brien tests out his new robot.

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**Memo from Yuliya to Julia**

In Term 4, 2011 Year 10 Science students undertook study in Earth Science focused on ocean currents and weather patterns. One of the tasks set was to write a letter to the Prime Minister of Australia outlining the issues within the North Pacific Gyre. This is known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, an area where currents push rubbish from all over the Pacific. The letters outlined the issue of the Gyre and suggested solutions to the waste problem. Yuliya Shkvarko’s well written letter was sent to Prime Minister Gillard. Yuliya was delighted to receive a return letter, care of the school from Prime Minister Ms Julia Gillard in January 2012.

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**School Captains and Prefects for 2012**

Our School Captains for 2012 are: Joshua Madden, Rein Kleidon, Santage Keighley, Van Nguyen (Pictured below with Mrs Lucy Forrest). They, along with 2012 Prefects, were presented with their badges on Friday, 17 February by Mrs Lucy Forrest, our 1989 School Captain. We welcome our new school leaders and look forward to the contribution they will make to the life and activities of our school this year. Congratulations!

The Prefects for 2012 are: Joshua Abrahams, Camille Avenido, Amanda Bouhamdan, Danielle Porter, Dannielle Stewart, Jennifer May, Ashleigh Menzies, Matthew Kleidon, Robert Lee, Daniel Little, Annette Mannion, Emma Dale, Brett Deadman, Yuliya Shkvarko’s, Sam Turnbull, Briece Luxmoore, Kristyn Mawson, Alex Newell, Andrew Ferris, Anghelina Zalevski, Jarryd Maciun and Jordan Seniors.

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**OPEN DAY**

**SUNDAY 20 MAY**

2:00PM – 4:30PM

For prospective students and their parents.

An afternoon of information and structured activities to show what Wavell High offers. Enrolment enquiries for all year levels welcome.

Contact Mrs Jane Bedewi on 3350328

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**School Meeting - Tuesday 20 March 2012, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building All Welcome**
Welcome to Wavell

“Welcome to Wavell” has always been a great success with everyone involved and this year was no different! It is a chance for Year 8s to have fun and get to know each other, as well as for the Prefects to interact and play games with their form classes, with the support of the Form Teachers. Games varied from Chain Tag to Numbers but as always, Dodge Ball had the most enthusiastic participation. The sunny afternoon added to student enthusiasm. Free food and drinks were supplied for everyone involved to re-boost their energy levels, before heading off to play the “awesome” Tug-of-War! Prefects unfortunately were not allowed to assist Year 8, but some kind souls couldn’t bear not to help. Special thanks to Mrs Hickson, Mrs Madden and the Year 9 Leaders for arranging a fantastic afternoon.

Rugby League Camp

What a wonderful start to the 2012 Wavell Rugby League Excellence Program. 180 boys from Year 9 to 12 braved adverse conditions and extreme challenges to traverse the foothills and waterways of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. This early-season experience has become a feature of the school’s program. The activity allowed groups to develop great leadership, team work and conflict resolution skills. The challenge also required students to endure new levels of physical fatigue and the loss of creature comforts. The behaviour and effort of our students has improved every year. The camp organiser Trent Webb and Sunday Creek Outdoor Education Centre staff are a vital part of this transformation. Time has come to start playing football. Let the games begin!

Year 8 Camp 2012

Wednesday, 20 June until Friday, 22 June

Due to the large number of enrolments in 2012, we have sourced another venue in order to accommodate everybody. The new venue is Total Adventures at Noosa North Shore. The camp facility will accommodate our whole cohort and offers similar activities to our previous venue. We have managed to keep the price the same for this year at $220. It is expected that all Year 8 students attend this camp. To pay or make a payment plan please contact Mrs Deb Deaves BSM.

Position Vacant

Permanent position currently available for Administration Officer at Wavell State High School for 54hrs per fortnight.
- Position Description and Application Package available from the School Office from Monday 27 February 2012.
- Applications close at 3pm on Friday, 9 March

Netball Excellence Camp

On Wednesday, 15 and Thursday, 16 February the Senior Netball Excellence class made their way to Elanora Point. The eighteen kilometre canoe journey to reach Harry’s Hut and back took over two days. Conditions over Lake Coorabinda were not ideal but the girls worked hard and managed to make their round trip successfully. Some girls ended up in the water more often than others. They worked hard and learned a lot about themselves and others.

Year 8 Camp 2012

Sunday 26 February
- Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsal in Hall 10:00am to 4:00pm
- SRC Executive Meeting Conference Room 10:45am
- Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsal in Hall 9:30 to 6:30pm

Monday 27 February
- School Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsal in Hall 1:00 to 6:30pm
- Mary Poppins - QPAC Excursion 7:30pm

Tuesday 28 February
- Mary Poppins - QPAC Excursion 7:30pm
- Year 10 Netball Hike Conondale
- Regional Swimming Carnival –Fortitude Valley Pool
- Year 12 Drama Excellence and Year 11 Drama Workshop-La Boite ‘As You Like It’ 11:00am-2:30pm

Wednesday 29 February
- Year 10 Drama and Year 12 Drama Workshop-La Boite ‘As You Like It’ 11:00am-2:30pm
- Talent Quest Heat-lunchtime

Thursday 1 March
- Year 12 Drama and Year 12 Drama Workshop-La Boite ‘As You Like It’ 11:00am-2:30pm
- Talent Quest Heat-lunchtime

Friday 2 March
- Talent Quest Heat-lunchtime
- Year 8 Rugby League and Netball to Toowoomba
- Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsal in Hall 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion to Magistrates Court and Parliament House
- Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsal in Hall 1:00 to 6:30pm
- Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsals in Hall 3:30-6:30pm

Tuesday 6 March
- Talent Quest Heat-lunchtime
- Year 12 Drama and Year 12 Drama Workshop-La Boite ‘As You Like It’ 11:00am-2:30pm
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