From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Only three weeks remain before Mid-Term Reports are distributed to students on Friday, 30 March. I have encouraged students, as I often do at assembly, to focus on their effort and behaviour if they are to achieve to their potential and receive the best report possible. Singing our school song every Friday reinforces this expectation – “always do our best and succeed whatever the test”.

Interim reports are based on class work and only one or two pieces of assessment. These reports aim to give parents and students valuable feedback on whether they are progressing well and where to work harder to achieve the very best Semester 1 Report. Issued with Mid-Semester Reports, will be information on the online booking process for Parent Teacher Night interviews; Tuesday, 24 April (the second Tuesday after the holidays).

The last weeks of Term 1 signal a time to focus on their effort and achievement if they are to achieve to their best. While academic achievement is essential. On Thursday, 15 March Wavell will again host the Middle and Social Problem Solving Challenge. This event showed students how scientific principles are used every day as what University is like. Wavell students were keen with our teams presented with awards. It was a great event to be involved in as it was run by young scientists and engineers.

Parents are encouraged to consider the latest information available on the MYSCHOOL website. This information contains updated data and was released two weeks ago. While I would never suggest that these sites give parents a good basis to compare schools fully, the site does offer some interesting data. It does provide some insight into the funding of schools. I have produced a comparison of the funding Wavell receives per student with that received by three local non-government schools. I have only chosen schools with a discrete high school student population as comparisons with school populations that contain lower funded primary school students are misleading.

MYSCHOOL Per Student Funding 2010 Recurrent

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NOTE: *This Parent fee is the average cost per student and includes the resource hire scheme, subject levies, ski trip, school formal, senior jersey, Year 8 camp, excursions, sport trips, etc.

Let us all hope that the future funding of schools is secured through the recently released Gonski report. This report has had the broad backing of both government and non-government schools. Our politicians must take a bipartisan view on the report and act now to ensure a high quality and well-resourced education is available for all children, including our students at Wavell State High School.

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Leadership Bursaries

Congratulations to three students recently awarded bursaries from the RSL and Bond University.

Pictured from left: Cameron Joyce - Sporting, Ruby Russell - Academic and Annette Mannion - Community Leadership.

“Experience is the name we all give to our mistakes.”

Oscar Wilde

Scholarship

The Education toward Employment Scheme supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Max Tebby (pictured) submitted a well presented and thoughtful application and demonstrated potential to be a strong role model for students in our school and community. We congratulate Max.

Mid-Semester I Reports

issued to students on Friday 30 March

Parent Teacher Evening
Tuesday, 24 April 2012, 3:30pm - 7:30pm
Booking details distributed with reports.
Parents log on to “Parent Teacher Online” via the school website.
Bookings open: Monday, 16 April and close: 9:00am Monday, 23 April.
Families without internet access may like to utilise the free service provided by BCC libraries.
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• rest breaks during the test
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School Dance
Wednesday 28 April 7:00 - 10:00pm
• Red food will be on sale.
• There will be lucky door prizes and random give-aways.
• Tickets must be pre-purchased for $7.00 and are on sale until Monday, 26 March.
• Only current Wavell High students are permitted to attend.
• Pre-purchased tickets and ID cards to be presented at the door.

School Dance Rules 2012
• No ID, no entry, no arguments.
• Normal school rules apply.
• Parents and staff are supervising voluntarily so courtesy is expected at all times.
• Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated - parents will be contacted and you will be sent home with disciplinary action to follow.
• No cloak room will operate - all bags will be checked prior to entry. No valuables are to be brought to the dance.
• Late entry will not be permitted - doors open at 7:00pm and close at 7:20pm.
• All students are expected to remain until 10pm.
• Red food will be on sale but chewing gum is not permitted.
• Non-cooperative students, including anyone suspended in Term One, will not be permitted to attend.

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

Stationery & Clothing Shop Hours - Each Monday and Thursday 8:15am - 9:15am

Venue: Noosa North Shore
Date: 20-22 June
Cost: $220.00 all inclusive
Permission & Medical Forms and full payment or payment plan
Due: Wednesday 9 May
• Camp letters have been distributed
• Contact Mrs Daves if you need to discuss a payment option on 3350 0310.

Absentee Phone Line
3350 0303

Diary Dates
Sunday 11 March
• Year 12 Drama Zen Zen Zo Rehearsal in Hall 10:00am to 4:00pm
• SRC Meeting G2:1:10pm
• Combined Shops Committee

Tuesday 13 March
• Talent Quest Heat-lunchtime
• Metropolitan North Cluster Trial Days-U18 Basketball, U19 Hockey, U19 Soccer
• Years 10 & 12 QDU Debating Round 1
• Year 12 Mathematics A&D exams in Hall-Lesson 1&3
• Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsals in PA2 1:00-6:30pm
• Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
• Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday 14 March
• Middle School Problem Solving Challenge(Years 8-11)
• National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (SRC Activity)
• Talent Quest Heat-lunchtime
• Year 12 Musical Theatre Production Dress rehearsal in Hall 3:30-8:30pm

Thursday 15 March
• Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsal in Hall 10:00am to 4:00pm
• Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsals in PA2 3:30-6:30pm

Friday 16 March
• Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsals in PA2 3:30-6:30pm

Saturday 17 March
• Year 9 Literacy and Numeracy Test Trial 2 Day 1 in Hall-Lessons 1&2
• Years 11&12 Geography Excursion North Lakes & New Farm
• P&C Meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday 21 March
• Metropolitan North Cluster Trial Days-U15-U18 Rugby League
• Year 9 Literacy and Numeracy Test Trial 2 Day 2 in Hall-Lesson 1
• Year 8 QDU Debating Round 1

Thursday 22 March
• Year 12 Health Education excursion to RWHB Lesson 1&2
• Year 12 Drama Zen Zo Rehearsal in PA2 1:00 to 6:30pm

Friday 23 March
• National 'Close the Gap Day’-Reading Focus
• Backyard League Gala Day - Wavell S.S-Senior R.L.Excellence students
• Talent Quest Heat-lunchtime
• Year 12 Drama Zen Zen Zo Rehearsals in PA2 3:30-6:30pm

Saturday 24 March
• State Election Polling Booth-Q Block

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