Dear Parents,

Our annual Open Day was held on Sunday, 20 May and drew a crowd of over 700 visitors. It was a great opportunity to showcase our talented students and their achievements. I am indebted to the staff and students for their commitment and time in preparation and for their presentations on the day. The extra hours put in by our dedicated support staff led by Mrs Deaves our Business Service Manager (including our cleaners, facilities and grounds staff) ensured our grounds and facilities sparkled. We were also treated to a wonderful afternoon tea by our hard working Home Economics faculty and students. The pride of staff and students in their school is a clear measure of the connectedness of our school community and a large contributor to Wavell’s continued success.

Enrolment forms for siblings of current students are now due. Please submit these so that the number of external enrolments can be determined. Early enrolment is the key to securing a place at Wavell. The Wavell Show Band, so magnificent on Open Day, was rewarded with a Gold Level in the Brisbane Festival, held on Monday, 14 May. There were some very strong competitors in the festival, with our band awarded second place, just behind Marist and in front of third placed St Paul’s. Mr Bell and Ms Piggott have fostered a band and vocal group that is truly exceptional. I am very proud of our instrumental students and their dedicated teachers.

NAPLAN testing of our 265 Year 9s ran smoothly last week. I would like to thank our dedicated Middle School NAPLAN team: Mrs Smeed (Deputy Principal), Mrs Madden (HOD Middle Schooling), Ms Baker (A/HOD English), Miss Neilson (HOD Mathematics) and Miss Wallace (HOSES), and our middle school teachers for supporting our students to achieve their best possible outcomes. These test results will be used at Wavell to diagnose areas for student development and areas for curriculum enhancement. I expect some good results from this year’s cohort – last year we had results above National Average in all five categories of testing.

Currently the prime focus for all of our students should be to prepare for the end of semester exams. The block exam timetable has been released (available now on the school’s website) with exams for Years 11 and 12 now only one week away and Years 9 to 10 assessment in two weeks. A good study plan, strong commitment and dedication to the task ahead will go a long way to ensure good results. I urge all students to submit all required work for the semester and therefore maximise their results. Students absent from exams must present a doctor’s certificate or a letter from parents explaining valid reasons for absence. This should be presented to Ms Bulen (Deputy Principal) to make sure catch-up arrangements. Failure to complete assessment can lead to the withdrawal of a semester’s credit which has a serious impact on OP and QCE eligibility.

I would remind all students and parents that Semester Two work will commence immediately following exams. Absent students will be expected to catch up in their own time. School does not finish for the semester until Friday, 22 June. Year 10s will be engaged in work experience for four days of their last week of term. This is a vital learning opportunity which will assist individuals plan future study and career pathways, while Year 8 Camp will be held over the last three days of term.

Always a very proud principal,

JJ Major,
Principal

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**Open Day**

Welcome to Wavell! Well over 700 visitors attended our Open Day afternoon on Sunday 20 May. A varied program of activities was held. After the multi-media presentation, prospective students and parents visited fourteen faculty displays, where staff and students were on-hand to tell them about the school. Afternoon tea was served in the Silver Jubilee Courtyard by Hospitality students, while Instrumental Music students provided entertainment. Pictured below: Mrs Hickman (Middle School Co-ordinator), Molly Pie, Caitlin Baker and Chrisoyl Gowran.

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**Year 10 Careers Expo**

As part of the Year 10 Career Education program, students participated in a Careers Expo held in the school hall on Thursday, 10 May. Students were given advice and information from the Guidance Officer Mr Nathan Macpherson and A/HOD Senior Schooling Miss Jasmin Benczovich about options available here at school and externally to complement their studies in Year 11 and 12. Students were also able to participate in two break away sessions giving them the option of choosing between guest speakers from various universities, Brisbane North Institute of TAFE, Skills Tech and Acclaim (specialists in Apprenticeships/Traineeships).

There was an open invitation to all students to visit displays in the hall from all guest speakers for the day as well as the SDA Union and the Design College of Australia. It was wonderful to see that so many were interested and students visited the displays with lots of questions about the range of courses and options available. The students were also given an informative talk from the SDA Union that detailed the rights of young people in the workplace. The Careers Expo culminated with an exciting presentation from the Defence Force about the range of scholarships, study and employment opportunities open to students interested in a career with the Army, Navy or Air Force. Feedback from our Year 10 students has been very positive and students are starting to get excited about planning for their final years of school. The next event for Year 10 students is work experience, which will take place from Tuesday, 19 to Friday, 22 June. This is a very important experience for all students and is necessary for completion of their Certificate II in Work Education. It will run over four weeks and is strongly encouraged. Students will take part in a work experience program which will be a vital learning experience for all Year 10 students.

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**QCS Workshop and Final Trials**

All Year 12 QCS students participated in a QCS workshop on Tuesday, 22 May in preparation for their next and final QCS practice test. The students were split into two groups and focussed on either the Writing Task or the Short Response Test which were delivered by teachers with expertise in these areas. Next term students will complete the same workshop, swapping topics, and this will be their final workshop before sitting the actual test in September. Students will complete their final QCS practice test on Thursday, 14 and Friday, 15 June as set out in the school calendar. It is expected that all students will be prepared with the correct equipment for each test session.

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**REMINDER**

Students with brothers/sisters wishing to attend Wavell in 2013.

*Please return the enrolment application form to G1 by Friday, 15 June.*

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**Semester I Examinations:**

*These dates are inclusive:*

- **Year 12**
  - 1 June → 15 June

- **Year 11**
  - 1 June → 13 June

- **Year 10**
  - 8 June → 12 June

- **Years 8 and 9**
  - 8 June → 13 June

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P & C Meeting - Tuesday 19 June 2012, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building All Welcome
The Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests were held on 15, 16 and 17 May. Students in Year 9 participated in five tests during this period. The Language Conventions test incorporated spelling, grammar and punctuation while the Numeracy test incorporated number, space and measurement and consisted of a calculator test and a non-calculator test. Well done to all students.

Xstrata Engineering Camp

Congratulations to Lance Beran, Daniel Dale, Katelyn Darlington, Daniel Porter and Hayden Steel on their selection to attend this year’s Engineering Camp at Xstrata Mount Isa mine. The students will spend ten days of their holidays working on an engineering project and the results will be presented to the Xstrata management. The camp helps students understand the types of engineering work that is undertaken for large mining projects.

Reconciliation Week

Students today observed National Sorry Day—a day which reminds all Australians that the healing process with the First Australians is still ongoing and is part of the unfinished business of reconciliation. On National Sorry Day the distressing things happened in the past are acknowledged and awareness of the ongoing pain and sorrow of the Stolen Generations is raised. It is also a time to admire the amazing resilience of those who suffered over the years. National Reconciliation Week is about the recognition of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their achievements.

NAPLAN Tests

Fanfare

Congratulations on the fantastic Stage Band performance at Fanfare on Monday, 21 May. They also won a Gold medal at the Brisbane Music Festival held on Monday, 14 May. Their performance at Open Day was a highlight of the afternoon. Picture: the band at Fanfare.

Chernside Library Exhibit

Yr 11 and 12 Visual Studies students have an exhibition of their ceramic pots and sculptures in the front foyer of the Chernside Library. This exhibition explores a variety of hand-building techniques including pinch, coil and slab construction, and pots have been glazed. Students involved are: Jessica Jenner, Jaggan McKillop, Allanna Parame, Sam Skinner-Smith, Dina Vink, Anna Zervoukakis, Sheridan Bonney, Hayley Petersen, Tiona Pearson, Tessa Donvin, Sophia Mann, and Jessie Gainer.

Netball Super Sevens

On Friday, 18 May our Wavell Dance Troupes and Excellence Class, competed in the Brisbane Dance Eisteddfod. We placed fourth with senior dancers' Peacock Dance. The standard of competition was very impressive on the day. Being involved in this large scale interschool dance competition was great experience for our Dance students, with high quality performances, and outstanding team spirit and behaviour. Congratulations team!

Dance Eisteddfod

Events have included the Commemorations at Kalinga Park and our win at the Which Way Touch carnival at Everton Park High. The Australian Story team have filmed the story of AIME founder and CEO Jack Manning Bancroft to capture the origins, birth and development of the education program. Tune into ABC Monday, 28 May at 8pm to see the AIME story. Wavell is lucky to be a part of this journey. Our Community Gathering has been rescheduled to accommodate our CEC, Ms Renee Porter’s timetable and will now be held on Monday, 4 June at 2:00pm in the Administration Block. All parents, caregivers, and interested community members are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing a PACE partnership between the school, parents and caregivers and the community. Wavell is seeking your input.

FREE Parent Seminar

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg: Learning and Well-Being
Tuesday 29 May 6:30-8:00pm
Brisbane International Virginia
practical ideas for parents to support students.
see the school website for further details and the registration form.

IMPORTANT:
Attention parents and caregivers
Please remember to make school of any changes to address, contact numbers or email addresses.

AMENDED PHOTOGRAPHY SCHEDULE

Saturday 26 May
• National Sorry Day
• World Challenge training weekend at Woodford
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• National Reconciliation Week (27 May–3June)
• SRC Executive Meeting in Conference room 10:45am
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• Year 10 Drama Technical rehearsal in Hall 3:30-8:00pm
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• Extended Form Meeting 8:30-9:10am
• Years 9 and 11 QDU Debating Round 4
• Rugby League Home Coronation Game
Friday 1 June
• Year 8 Inter-form Debating Round 1 at lunchtime
• Years 11 and 12 Semester 1 Examinations commence
Monday 4 June
• Community Gathering Administration Building 2:30pm
• Building Hope SU Chaplaincy fundraising dinner Kedron Wavell 6:30pm
• Years 10 and 12 QDU Debating Round 4
Wednesday 6 June
• Years 8.9 and 10 Semester Examinations commence
Friday 8 June

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