Dear Parents,

We begin this semester with a great deal of anticipation about a new deal for public education and education funding in general. The much heralded Gonski Report, released earlier this year, flagged the need to increase education funding substantially using a needs based approach. In simple terms it could mean an increase of over two million dollars for Wavell High. These funds could be used to employ more teachers, to reduce class sizes and to provide much more assistance and resources for students thereby enabling even better outcomes. I urge all families to register their support for legislation to be enacted this year so that the new funding can start from 2014. Please see the school website for more information and the Gonski link to register. www.wavellhs.eq.edu.au.

Semester report cards should have been received in the mail by all parents as these were posted on Friday, 15 May. If you have yet to receive a report, please contact the school for assistance. The mail out included information about online bookings for the Parent Teacher Night which will occur next Tuesday, 17 July from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. You may contact Mrs Minter, on 33500301, if you have had any difficulties with making bookings – bookings close Monday, 16 July at 9:00am. This closure of bookings is to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews.

The semester results were again very pleasing – I am particularly pleased with how well our Year 8s have settled and performed in their first semester at high school. I enjoyed reading and signing so many great Year 8 report cards.

Students were engaged in academic monitoring today to review their individual performance and put strategies in place to build on their success. I look forward to the celebration afternoon event that the top five per cent of students and families will be invited to attend on Tuesday 31 July at 2:00pm.

There are a range of special events scheduled for this term including; School, District and Regional Athletics; the annual Ski Trip; our Year 12 Formal; the Queensland Core Skills Test; a number of University Open Days; Year 10 SET Plan Interviews; Year 8 & 10 Subject Selection Evening; Literacy Olympics; school photographs; several drama, dance and music performances; district and regional winter sports finals and Rugby League finals. These events are in addition to the main focus for all Wavell students: the unrelenting quest for continuous academic improvement. It is important for all that Wavell continues to be a vibrant and exciting place of learning.

Visit to SIMTARS

Year 11 Chemistry classes visited SIMTARS (Safety in Mines Testing and Research Station) on Friday, 15 May. (Students were able to see first hand applications of their class studies). Students were able to see thermal imaging technology (pictured below) and sound testing as well as methane explosions. Thanks to the QMEA for sponsorship of our student visit.

From the Principal

Parent - Teacher Evening

Tuesday, 17 July 2012, 3:30pm - 7:30pm

Bookings opened: 9:00am Tuesday, 10 July and close: 9:00am Monday, 16 July.

Families without internet access may like to utilise the free service provided by BCC libraries. For further assistance: Mrs Maree Minter 3350 0301. We look forward to meeting with you!

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“Forever is composed of nows.”

Emily Dickinson

Year 10 Career Planning

Students have been engaged in Career Education, in preparation for their final two years of secondary education. In May they attended the school’s own Careers Expo. Work Experience ran from 19 – 22 June with over 200 Year 10 students experiencing a diverse range of occupations – including nursing, veterinary science, administration, mining, the building industry, education, child care and retail. Students travelled all over North Brisbane and into the city for their placements. Employers were impressed with the maturity and enthusiasm of our students. Well done and thanks to employers for their support.

On Monday, 16 July students will be presented with a range of subject information to assist their plans for 2013. On Wednesday 8 August, parents and students are to attend the Subject Selection Evening at school. The SET plan process will be finalised at interviews on Tuesday, 21 August where parents, students and a teacher will meet to individually discuss career plans and make 2013 subject selections.

Any questions, contact Miss Bencsevich (A/HOD Senior Schooling) Ph: 33500337.

Subject Selection Advice Evening

Wednesday 8 August

6:45pm for Year 8 into Year 9

7:30pm for Year 10 into Year 11

in the Assembly Hall

These are important opportunities for parents and students to obtain information and advice for subject selections for 2013.

Subject Selection is to be completed on-line by Friday, 24 August 2012.

Cancer Research

The SPARQ-ed Project is a University of Queensland project for students to investigate the role of extracellular matrix adhesion in prostate cancer metastasis. In this project, students plated PC3-GFP and PC3-PTRF-PC3 cells on surfaces which have been coated with poly-L lysine, collagen, laminin or fibronectin in order to estimate the ability of these cells to attach to the matrix using spectrophotometric analysis of lysed stained cells. In addition, students studied the morphology of cells attached to the ECM proteins and the distribution of integrins in those cells that use immunofluorescence targeting β1-integrin.

Year 12 student Casey Chamberlain was selected and attended this project in the first week of the school holidays. Participation in this project has allowed Casey to gain valuable insight into medical research and will assist her in making decisions about a future career in this field. Congratulations on your selection and participation Casey.

P & C Meeting - Tuesday 17 July 2012, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building All Welcome

Year 10 Students and Parents

SET Plan Interview Day

Tuesday 21 August, 7:00am - 7:00pm

Book Your Interview!
On Thursday, 14 June, Year 8 Science students had the chance to listen to Mr Andrew Banks – a coal geologist with Xstrata Coal. The students were able to ask questions about mining that was raised in their last assignment and have them answered by a professional.

**YEAR 9 SCIENCE DAY REMINDER**
**Tuesday, 17 July** - Lessons 3 and 4
- Students are to wear formal uniforms all day.
- Participation is compulsory for this science assessment session.
- All students are expected to attend.
- No inter-house Year 9 sport will be held as students will have spent a day playing sports on Monday.

**Year 8 Camp**
In the last week of Term Two, over 250 of our Year 8 students, along with prefects and teachers enjoyed three days at Noosa. Students faced a variety of challenges which included kayaking or stand-up paddling, high ropes, beach games and initiatives and even rock climbing. The camp went very well. The weather proved very kind despite some chilly starts. Students who attended are commended on their attitude and behaviour. The days went fast and many wished they could stay and holiday on camp! Thanks to our prefects for their leadership and to the teachers and Chaplain Sarah, for support. A special thank you to our Coordinator, Mrs Hickman for her detailed organisation. Wavell will return next year to Noosa!

**North Queensland Music Tour**
Instrumental and vocal music students and teachers Ms Piggott, Mrs Jones and Mr Bell enjoyed a fantastic tour of schools in Northern Queensland. They visited a number of schools across the region and impressed all with their polished performances.

**Athletics Carnival**
Our Annual Inter-house track and Field Carnival will be held next week.

**Pre-carnival events** to be conducted on Wednesday 18 July, Lessons 1&2 include;
- 1500 meters, Javelin, Triple Jump and 13 & 14 years High Jump. Students participating in these events must have nominated.

Competitors will then go to normal classes for Lessons 3 and 4. On Wednesday 18 July, normal classes run for all other students that are not part of this pre-carnival competition.

On Thursday, 19 July the Annual Wavell State High Inter-house Track and Field Athletics Championship for 2012 will be held. All students are expected to attend for this compulsory whole of school event. Students are permitted to wear their sports uniform for the day and may wear their house colours at school (coloured hair spray is not appropriate). Last year’s event was very successful with over 80 per cent of students participating in the contest with others enjoying supporting their house. This year’s championship looks to be bigger and brighter given the competitiveness of Wavell’s students and their enthusiasm for physical activity.

Can 2011 winners Kerin House hold off the challenges of Alamein, Burma, and Tobruk houses this year? Who will the winners be in the Age Championships for 2012? Events will commence at 9.30am with a variety of track and field events scheduled for the whole day.

The school has a great carnival atmosphere on the day and a variety of red foods will be available for purchase. Parents are welcome. The House trophy will be presented in the afternoon. We look forward to an exciting day of athletics in the run up to the 2012 London Olympics. Let the games begin!

**Reminder District Sports Days**
**Year 9:** Monday 16 July
**Year 8:** Tuesday 24 July
All students are expected to attend and participate these events.
Contact Mr Baker A/HPE HOD for further information - ph 33500343

**Sporting Success**
Year 9 student Gabby Millar played in the U15 State Championships for Squash. She came eighth. She is in the Queensland training squad. Well done.

**University of Queensland Research Study**
- The University is researching how young people regulate their emotions.
- UQ is looking for 14 to 16 years old, females interested in taking part.
- The study takes about 90 minutes and as thanks participants will receive a $15 JB HiFi voucher.
- The study can be done either at UQ or at their home or whatever may be most convenient.

If interested contact julietta.castellini@uqconnect.edu.au

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**2012 University Date Claimers**
**TSXPO-Tertiary Studies Expo**
- Saturday 21 & 22 July 10-4pm
- RNA Showgrounds
- Queensland University of Technology
- Sunday 29 July - Open Day Kelvin Grove Campus.
- Sunday 19 August - Caboolture Campus
- Visit www.openday.uq.edu.au

**UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND**
- Sunday 5 August - Open Day, St Lucia Campus
- Sunday 19 August - Open Day, Gatton Campus
- Griffith University
- Sunday 12 August - Open Day, Nathan Campus

**Senior School – What’s next?**
Information evening for parents of senior students
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00pm
**Day:** Wednesday
**Date:** 22 August 2012
**Venue:** The Community Centre
Kedron Wavell Services Club
Information will be provided on:
- How parents can help with career decisions
- Jobs and skills shortages in the near future
- Alternate entry into tertiary education

**AMY WEDDING**
- RSVP: 15 August 2012
- Heidi Newton 07 3267 2201 or i.Newton@thesmithfamily.com.au
- **THIS IS A FREE EVENT**
- please register for catering purposes

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**CHANGE TO TIMES - TUESDAY 17 JULY ONLY**
To facilitate Parent Teacher Evening
**Starting time:** 8.45am
**Finishing time:** 3:00pm

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**AMENDED PHOTOGRAPHY SCHEDULE**

**Senior History trip to Melbourne**
- Monday 23 July - Year 10, Form, Individual Year Level photos. Missed Individual photographs
- Tuesday 11 September - Winter Sport Groups, Schools of Excellence, Cultural photographs

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**Diary Dates**
- **Saturday 14 July**
  - Senior History trip to Melbourne
- **Monday 16 July**
  - Year 9 District Sports Day
- **Tuesday 24 July**
  - Year 10 Careers Day in Hall

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**Absence Phone Line**
- 3350 0303

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