Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, 31 July I looked forward to sharing afternoon tea with parents and family of the students who we recognise as our top five percent of academic achievers for Semester 1. While we celebrate and acknowledge many students at Wavell who excel in a vast array of cultural and sporting areas, it is academic achievement which is most special. We highlight this, because in our modern society academic achievement is not often celebrated in the media and certainly not as loudly as it should be. Our nation’s achievements internationally in the arts and through sport are remarkable, but it is our academics who are needed to build our nation as a leader in innovation and technological development. These bright young minds will help ensure that we are not just a quarry for the rest of the world. To all those students who are to be recognised – well done!

I have reminded all of our students at assembly about how important it is to make a great start to the new semester, to refocus their goals through academic monitoring and where necessary, adjust courses to suit their talent and ability. Our Year 12s have shown that they are capable of matching some of the recent performances of past graduates with an improved performance in their last Queensland Core Skills Test practice. There are now less than six weeks until this year’s important QCS test to be sat on Tuesday, 4 and Wednesday, 5 September. The right attitude and continued improvement should see some great results for Wavell students when OPs are released at the end of the year.

The running of our Annual Athletics Carnival has been problematic due to the weather and the condition of our ovals. This has had an impact on attendance over the last two weeks. I implore all parents to support the school and observe the educational requirement for students to be in attendance every day. The social interaction between students, their fellow peers and their teachers is the vital glue that ensures students remain well connected to their school and fully engaged. This aspect of our sporting carnivals is as vital as the results for the day. On assembly today the school congratulated our winners and wished them good luck in representing the school at District and Regional trials. Full details will be in the next newsletter.

Wavell has recently improved communication with families through an increased use of e-mail contact regarding student absences and important updates and information. This seems to have paid dividends with great support for our last parent teacher night. I would urge all parents to ensure their e-mail address is regularly checked and updated with the school along with mailing addresses so that we maintain a strong connection and information flow to parents.

From the Principal

Year 10 Set Planning

Year 10 students are currently working on their Year 11 and 12 subject choices and career planning in WDP (Wavell Development Program). There are two very important events, which all parents are required to attend, that complement this activity. The first event is the Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening which will be held on Wednesday, 8 August. The evening will commence at 7.30pm sharp in the assembly hall with important talks from the Principal, Head of Senior Schooling and the Guidance Officer about various Senior Schooling topics. Then parents and students will be invited to attend various faculty talks to hear important subject specific information and to ask questions surrounding the senior subjects offered at Wavell.

The second important event for Year 10 students this term is the Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan meetings which take place on Tuesday, 21 August. The SET Plan Meeting is a very important activity and involves parent, student and teacher. It is an opportunity to focus on your child individually and to develop a plan for Years 11, 12 and beyond. This plan is critical to your child’s future career plans. Education Queensland has deemed the SET Plan as mandatory. Students are required to book a meeting directly with their allocated SET Plan teacher for Tuesday, 21 August (meetings are available from 7.00am to 7.00pm and will take approximately twenty mins). It is an expectation that all students will have completed their SET Plans online and that parents will have reviewed these with their child prior to the meeting.

Melbourne Trip

The senior history trip to Melbourne took place from 14 – 16 July. Ten enthusiastic students, accompanied by Ms L. Paleux, had the opportunity to enjoy the historical and cultural sites of Melbourne. On the first day the group visited the Shrine of Remembrance, learning of the proud history of Victoria’s contribution to the major conflicts of the twentieth century and culminated in a tour of the site and the importance of various shrines and statues. Sunday was jam-packed with site seeing and lots and lots of shopping! All students enjoyed the novelty of very cold weather, trans, Italian and Greek restaurants and shopping in the Melbourne CBD, the St Kilda Artisans Market and, of course, the vibrant Victoria Markets. Finally on Monday students enjoyed the ‘Wonders of Mesopotamia Exhibition’ at the Melbourne Museum. The exhibition highlighted artefacts from the Sumerian, Assyrian and Babylonian city-states of ancient Mesopotamia, and included outstanding examples of cuneiform and relief carvings. Congratulations to all students on their exemplary behaviour throughout the weekend.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On the evening of Tuesday, 17 July over 90 staff conducted 750 individual interviews. Parents also had the option of requesting teacher contact if bookings were full. Thanks for working with the school; your support is appreciated.

Australian Defence Scholarships

Pictured above: Scholarship winners; Joshua Madden and Tony Barbarich with Mr Major and Mr Macpherson. Congratulations.

REMINDER! YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND PARENTS
SET Plan Interview Day
Tuesday 21 August, 7:00am – 7:00pm
Book Your Interview!

P&C Meeting - Tuesday 21 August 2012, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building All Welcome
Year 10 College Drama

Last Wednesday night, Year 10 Drama students performed two shows titled *Choices* and *Unlocking Hope*. It was an exhilarating experience for the student actors to perform in front of a live audience. The evening was enjoyable with plenty of comedy, singing, movement and thought provoking messages. Congratulations Year 10s.

Engineering Excursion

Normally at this time of year, the Engineering Technology group goes to Dreamworld to experience the most thrilling of the rides there and then return to the classroom to do the calculations based on their experiences. However, this year the engineering students were also given a personal tour of a couple of rides by the head of maintenance, one of the safety engineers and the head of public relations (rides). During this tour, the students were told of the process which the park goes through to select and eventually build the rides that we see today. They were also told of the extra safety measures that Dreamworld add onto the ride after it is built. The rides are also given weekly, monthly and yearly checks to ensure that Dreamworld stays in the top three percent of theme parks for safety, worldwide.

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District Sports Day

Monday, 16 July saw the entire Year 9 cohort participating in a variety of sports as part of the second district sports day of 2012. Boys participated in soccer, AFL, volleyball and oztag while the girls chose from soccer, AFL, volleyball and netball. Participation was the main order of the day, however, Wavell achieved some outstanding results across the different sports. Girls netball and boys oztag both won, while the boys volleyball were runners up against Cairnslea. Wavell was always near the top of the field in all of the other sports. *Well done Wavell!*

Brainstorm Productions

On Monday, 9 July, Year 8 students attended a Brainstorm Production “Hurting Game”. This presentation addressed common concerns for young teenagers including personal threats, rumours, insults and dealt with issues surrounding text messaging and social websites. These topics will be further explored by form classes in Term 3.

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Rugby League

The South-East Queensland Semi-final of the GIO Schoolboy cup was held at Pizzey Park, Burleigh on Wednesday, 18 July. Wavell was narrowly defeated by old rivals Palm Beach-Currumbin. Both teams were vying for a spot in the Queensland Semi Final against Ignatius Park in Townsville the following week. Wavell opened up the scoring with an early try to 2011 “Rookie of the Year” Herman Eseese. Palm Beach answered back with three tries before halftime to go into the break with an 16-4 points lead. Both Queensland Schoolboys representatives Delayne Ashby and Jaiden Reynolds came in for special attention from the defence during the first half. A second half penalty took Palm beach’s lead to 18 – 4 but Wavell’s never give up attitude saw them claw back to within four points of the home side through tries to Jaiden Reynolds and Daniel Sa’u with Delayne converting 1 of their respective tries.

A late surge by Wavell saw several try scoring opportunities go unrewarded with Palm Beach the eventual winners 18 – 14. All players can hold their heads up high as they represented their school, families and themselves admirably on the night.

International Student Exchange


Spring Hill. Call 1300 884733

Absentee Phone Line 3350 0303

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

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