Dear Parents,
The Olympic Games have been a drawcard for many over the past two weeks. We have our own connection with the games through Madonna Blyth (past student 2002) the captain of the Australian Women’s Hockey team. Our Australian athletes have competed well. Whilst some showed disappointment in their performances, our achievements should be considered very good for a country of only just over twenty million people. While everyone loves to win, it is more often than not that the true character of a person is measured in defeat. I trust our students would have observed how individual athletes have reacted to their success or lack of and will value the qualities of dignity and respect for opponents. Good sportsmanship should always be above winning and losing in both international competition and locally at our school, Wavell.

Last week I spoke to our academic high achievers about the need to make success a habit. I also shared words that may encourage them to continue doing the things that make them successful, a habit. Habits can be good and they can be bad – all must choose the habits that will help improve what we do. All students can learn something from these words.

The Habit Poem
I am your constant companion. 
I am your greatest helper or heaviest burden. 
I will push you onward or drag you down to failure. 
I am completely at your command. 
Half of the things you do might as well turn over to me and I will do them - quickly and correctly.
I am easily managed - you must be firm with me. 
Show me exactly how you want something done 
and after a few lessons, I will do it automatically.
I am the servant of great people, 
and alas, of all failures as well. 
Those who are great, I have made great. 
Those who are failures, I have made failures. 
I am not a machine though 
I work with the precision of a machine plus the intelligence of a person. 
You may run me for profit or run me for ruin - it makes no difference to me. 
Take me, train me, be firm with me, and 
I will place the world at your feet. 
Be easy with me and I will destroy you. 
Who am I? I am Habit.

Next week on Tuesday, 14 August our Senior Formal will be held. I remind our Year 12s to enjoy their Formal and to also remember to respect themselves, their parents and their school in this celebration. The school does not endorse or support any post formal celebrations: private functions are the responsibility of parents. I do grant our Year 12s Tuesday as a day off classes, but I expect all Year 12 students to attend Monday, Thursday and Friday. There are so few days left until the QCS Test and their final exams. Missing days between now and the end of the year has the potential to limit the results they will receive for senior. There are only ten school weeks remaining prior to the final senior block exams held in Term Four. The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test is to be conducted in four weeks, on Tuesday, 4 and Wednesday, 5 September. Seniors must also focus on doing well in this test, as their efforts will determine our school OP results.

Currently the P&C, School Council and staff have been involved in discussions about applying to be an Independent Public School. There are some advantages to Wavell following this course including a greater flexibility in curriculum delivery and capacity to appoint teachers and other staff. You can read more about the program at the following link on Education Queensland’s web-site: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools/

The next P&C meeting on Tuesday, 21 August will consider the matter further.

I would remind all parents that the only holiday next week is Wednesday, 15 August – there is no additional holiday as this occurred at Easter. All students are expected in attendance every other day unless advised otherwise by me.

JJ Major,
Principal

"Olymipism... exciting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, mind and will."

Pierre de Coubertin

Kaleidoscope Challenge

On Friday, 3 August Wavell were runners-up to St Peter's Lutheran College in the challenge. We had some good performances with a prize taken by Anna McGregor in Year 11 for one of the puzzle activities. Alison Clarin in Year 9 also received a prize for the Checkerboard Race. Alison won six out of eight races which was fantastic. Pictured below: Joshua O'Brien, Lauren Dawson, Dr Wood (puzzle inventor), Anna McGregor, Daria Monakhova, and Alison Clarin.

SUBJECT SELECTION REMINDER FOR YEARS 9, 10 AND 11 FOR 2013
Subject Selection is to be completed on-line by Friday, 24 August 2012.

11th Vocational Prize

Three students were successfully nominated for the 2011 Australian Vocational Student Prize: Caitlin Neiland (Cert III Hairdressing), Caitlin Pelgrave (Cert III Tourism) and Nicholas Prior (Cert III in Carpentry). Each student received a certificate and cheque for $2000. The Australian Vocational Student Prize recognises the achievements of students who have completed their senior secondary studies while undertaking a vocational education and training in schools program or an Australian School-based Apprenticeship. The prize promotes the benefits of vocational education and reflects the commitment of our school, training providers and employers to making vocational learning a valuable experience for our students.

Economics Forum

On Friday, 27 August, the Treasurer, the Hon Wayne Swan MP, addressed economics students from Wavell, Craiglea, Nudgee and Padua, on the topic of “Why Economics Matters”. This very pertinent topic was amply answered by the Treasurer and gave students a greater insight into how economics involves every part of our lives and nation. He also gave a good update on the current state of play for the Australian economy and how it sits in the global economy. Students could see clearly that Australia has fared much better during the Global Financial Crisis than a lot of other developed nations. Mr Swan also highlighted some of the many challenges in the economy, and urged current economics students to continue to study economics as it so important in today’s society. Mr Swan also revealed his Grade 12 results to the students giving them inspiration that getting top marks in Economics may lead to becoming a Treasurer of Australia sometime in the future as he did! Mr Swan did hint that music might have been a career option had economics not been his passion.

Pictured below: Cory Garrow, Deputy Prime Minister the HON Wayne Swan, Sophie Farraggio and Ricky Budd.

)set plan interview day

SUBJECT SELECTION REMINDER FOR NEXT WEEK:
Wednesday, 15 August - RNA Show Holiday
All other days are normal school days
academic excellence 2012

Congratulations to those students who received awards at our ceremony on Tuesday, 31 July.


Year 9: Jemma Barker, Milly Chen, Alison Clarin Brockton Cowen, Emma Godin, Shuyapha Hux, Rebecca Harvey, Michael Johnson, Luke Kisaloff, Brockton Cowen, Emma Goding, Suuphaya Han, Ualesi, Rebecca Wood.

Pallay, Cara Puglia, Catherine Rosenberg, Jobird Sarah Edwards, Elaine Elevera, Rose Foster Bauer, Zervoudakis.


Year 7: Melissa Bacon, Megan Bacon, Kavita Bhatia, Kaitlyn Bhatia, Cale Bhatia, Kevin Bhatia, Stephanie Chow, Leanne Cook, Naima D’Souza, Hayley Drury, Grace Drury, Laura Drury, Sarah Drury, Charlie Durrant, Chester Durrant, Shalini Eegal, Sharan Ekamal, Shamsunnahar Eesmail, John Esmail, Ruby Freeman, Georgia Freiss, Tanisha Gatt, Isabelle Gatt, Alana Green, Thomas Green, Stephanie Green, Cora Hamilton, Karsyn Hamilton, Madeline Harpaz, Monique Hart, Natasha Hart, Aboriginal Hart, Jordan Hart, Polly Hart, Jack Hart, Nick Hart, Yesi Hart, Aiden Harvey, AGR Harvey, Ava Harvey, Coby Harvey, Violet Harvey, Zed Harvey, Jake Harwood, Alex Harwood, Romy Harvey, Darcy Harvey, Kori Harvey, Tiah Harvey, Zephyr Harvey, Rachel Harvey, Taylor Harvey, Callum Harvey, Jaden Harvey, Brook Harvey, Georgia Cloudsley, Luke Cresdee, Joseph Cresdee, Kaidyn Cresdee,6

Families randomly selected have been forwarded a blue survey form and an envelope for confidential return.

Olivia Vasilakis, Joshua White, Jasmine Wood.

Thomas Meincke, Nicholas Menesi, Daniel

Karla Leveque, Kaitlyn Marsh, Jack Meincke,

Brook, Georgia Cloudsley, Luke Cresdee, Joseph

School Opinion Survey

Families randomly selected have been forwarded a blue survey form and an envelope for confidential return.

• These were due in today, Friday 10 August.
• Outstanding surveys to the Central Office by Monday, 13 August in the sealed envelope.
• Any questions contact Mrs Smeed, Deputy Principal on 3350 0333.

Home Economics Week

Home Economics Week commenced with breakfast by the canteen last Monday. Hot milo and mini muffins made for a warm start. Senior home economics students enjoyed a presentation by Mr Jo DeBastita (Queensland Sexual Health Unit), always informative and entertaining. On Friday, 3 August students had a “Thermomix” demonstration by Mrs Lesley Collier. This amazing technology instantly prepared Berry Gelato, Capsicum instanty prepared Berry Gelato, Capsicum

Sundried Tomato Dips, Warm Chicken, had a “Thermomix” demonstration by

Keren House Victorious!

Keren house flexed their muscles this year with an amazing display of athletic prowess. They dominated most age groups to notch up their fourth win in a row. The attendance and participation this year was fantastic which resulted in the carnival running slightly over time.

A number of records were broken during the carnival which included - Selene Wootton 14yr Girls Triple Jump 10.63m – Paige Crossingham 19yr Girls Triple Jump 10.51m – Taylor Mapususa 14yr Girls Shot Put 11.06m – Jack Young 16yr 3000m 9.57.04. Special congratulations go to Tarvia Lucas who broke a 33yr old record in the 16 Girls Shot Put with a throw of 10.73m. Congratulations to all participants and supporters and thanks to all staff who contributed in making this a successful carnival.

The District Carnival was held on Monday, 6 August at Wavell SHS and the rescheduled day two will run on Monday, 13 August at The University of Queensland. Results from Districts will be in the next newsletter.

Pictured right: Keren House Captains - Toby Pinder and Courtney Moffat with the Athletics Shield.

Quarterscale Speedway

Year 11 student Kyle Lawson, participated in the Australian Titles where large scale remote control baja cars were raced. Kyle made the semi finals and the Australian final where he finished second. Well Done Kyle!

Rugby League

Congratulations to Michael Molo his selection in the Metropolitan North Rugby Union U15.

WANTED CASUAL CLEANERS FOR WAVELL SHS

If anyone is available and would like to be a member of our cleaning relief pool, please let Ms Deb Deanes (Business Services Manager) know as soon as possible. This is a vital service to our school and we often need to call on casual relief at short notice to fill 2-4hr shifts either early morning or afternoon shifts (shifts tend to be 5.30am and 3.00-6.00pm). Please email your expression of interest and short resume to Ms Deb Deanes – bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au

2012 University Date Claimers

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
• Sunday 19 August - Caboolture Campus
• Wednesday 22 August - Caboolture Campus

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
• Sunday 19 August - Open Day, Gatton Campus

Griffith University
• Sunday 12 August - Open Day, Nathan Campus

UNIVERSITY OF SUNSHINE COAST
• Sunday 12 August - Open Day 10am-3pm

Sunday 12 August
• Years 9-11 students depart for Wavell Ski Trip
• Griffith University Open Day Nathan Campus
• SRC Meeting in G2 1:00pm

Monday 13 August
• Combined Shops Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Tuesday 14 August
• Pre-Formal and Formal at Victoria Park Golf Course 5:00pm-11:00pm

Wednesday 15 August
• RNA Exhibition Holiday

Thursday 16 August
• Year 11&12 Geography Field Trip Stradbroke Island
• BSM Band Committee Meeting 2:15pm

Friday 17 August
• Religious Assembly
• Year 10 Metropolitan North Schools of Excellence Cougar Netball Cup

Saturday 18 August
• Chaplaincy Committee Meeting 2:15pm

Sunday 19 August
• Wavell Ski Trip returns.
• QLD Open Day Gatton Campus 9:30am-3:00pm

Monday 20 August
• Middle School Literacy Olympics (Years 8-11)-for selected students

Tuesday 21 August
• Prefect Nominations Open
• Year 10 students SET Plan Meeting Day/Evening in Hall (7:00am-7:00pm)

Wednesday 22 August
• Extended From Meeting 8:45am-9:15am for attendance checks

Thursday 23 August
• Winter Metropolitan Finals Round 1
• Year 12 Mathematics A&B exams in Hall Form, Lessons 1&3

Friday 24 August
• Year 11 Biology Excursion to study Ecology
• Year 8 Inter-form Debating Semi-finals at lunchtime
• Ross Henrik Memorial Seven-a-side Rugby League Competition
• Years 9,10&11 in 2013 Subject Selections Due

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