From the Principal

Dear Parents,

I received some very pleasing outcomes just prior to the holidays; the 2012 Year 9 NAPLAN results and our Year 12, 2011 destination data. Our NAPLAN results indicate that our students continue to perform similar to national averages and significantly above the state and similar high schools. This is a great team effort. Well done to students, staff and parents.

NAPLAN Averages

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The percentage of students above the national minimum standard is exceptionally pleasing. This shows very few students fail to meet the national minimum benchmark at Wavell.

Percentage Above Minimum Standard

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<td>95.5%</td>
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<td>84.1%</td>
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<td>98.4%</td>
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The 2011 destination data for Wavell Year 12 students confirms that university study remains the most dominant destination for our graduates (34% with an additional 6% deferring). The student response rate to the survey this year was 84.3%. I encourage all of this year’s graduates to complete the survey when contacted in May 2013.

Main destinations of Year 12, 2011

Following the recently held elections, we are proud to announce the Prefects-Elect for 2013. Congratulations, we look forward to your representation in 2013.

Prefects Elect 2013

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<td>9.31%</td>
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Full details of our NAPLAN results and Destination Data are located on the school web-site: www.wavellshs.eq.edu.au

This final term will complete the 2012 academic year. There are a number of celebrations to come. Year 12 students should have by now applied through QTAC for next year’s study options. Please see our Guidance Officer Mrs McKitrick for advice on completing this important task and for information on available courses.

Culminating Arts activities have commenced with the Music Excellence Chamber Concert on Tuesday evening and our Final Showcase Instrumental Concert tonight. Our thoughts are with Mr Bell, Director of Instrumental Music, as he makes good progress from a debilitating leg infection. Ms Piggott has continued to lead our program wonderfully well in Mr Bell’s absence with strong support from Mrs Jones and Mr Osman.

In the coming weeks our film, dance, drama, music and visual art students will present their final events for the year. Please check the updated dates and times in this newsletter.

October is a busy and exciting time for our many talented arts and high achieving students. School Captain nominees for 2013 are to deliver speeches to peers on Wednesday next week. Our 2013 School Captains will be declared at Speech Night. I congratulate the twenty-six “prefect elect” group selected from an outstanding field of Year 11 nominees – this is always a very difficult decision.

Our fifty-fourth Annual Speech Night will be held on Wednesday, 24 October. This evening is a celebration of our outstanding academic, cultural and sporting achievers. Courtesy is expected from attendees; all are required to remain for the full duration of the evening, showing respect to all of our students.

Final examinations commence for Year 12s on Thursday, 1 November. Our annual Graduation Breakfast is to be held on Friday, 16 November, with tickets on sale now. I urge our Year 12 students to stay on task for the remaining few weeks, make a positive finish to their school career and ensure they work to gain the best possible results. Younger students have a little longer to go and should not see the departure of our seniors as a signal to lose focus.

All parents are most welcome to attend.

“Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood”

James Thurber

Multicultural Concert

On Wednesday, 19 September, our students presented a wide variety of cultural items to a full audience of students, family and community members. Well Done!

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54th Annual Speech Night

Wednesday, 24 October 2012
Assembly Hall - 7:30pm
Academic, Sporting and Cultural awards will be presented.

All parents are most welcome to attend.

Year 12 Graduation Day
Friday, 16 November 2012
6:45am - Breakfast at Kedron-Wavell Services Club
Tickets $17.00 per person
Guest Speaker: Dr Jessica Forbes
9:00am - Graduation Ceremony in Assembly Hall
Program to conclude by 10:30am
All parents of Year 12s are welcome.

Student Free Day
Monday, 22 October

Prefects Elect 2013

Visual Art

On Thursday, 9 August our Year 11 Visual Art class was visited by Roxanne Lorenz (Brisbane Festival), Chris Tsiquin (goa billboards) and Fiona King (Marchant Ward Councillor), who announced the judges’ decisions in the Brisbane Festival goa billboards photography competition. Sade Ah-Wong, Jacinta Cappiello, Cory Garrow, Ashleigh Harvey, Alice Hollier, Jessica Lien, Anna McGregor and Selina Tolmin each received ‘Highly Commended’ certificates for their participation. Shaquila Ah-Wong, Natalie Peinke and Rebecca Schneider were all shortlisted finalists in the overall competition, amongst entries from ten Brisbane schools. Their works were displayed as part of the goa billboard Exhibition at the Judith Wright Centre, Fortitude Valley. As well, Rebecca’s work has been displayed on selected goa digital billboards around Brisbane. Congratulations to all involved.

Year 8 Debating

The whole of Year 8 gathered in the assembly hall on Tuesday, 18 September to witness the 2012 decide between 8J and 8K2. 8K2 had been a strong favourite, confidently winning their debates in the lead up to the final, whereas, 8J had been knocked out of the competition only to re-enter as a wild card with renewed vigour. These two teams, as did all the students who participated, displayed the willingness to challenge themselves with public speaking. For many students this was their first experience debating. Mrs Ruby Peinke, Year 10 student Maddy Kelly (who was also a past Year 8 Grand Finalist) and special guest adjudicator Ms Quatrami complimented runners up 8K2 for their use of content and the structure of their debate. Winners 8J demonstrated excellent ‘manner’ in their performance. Thank you to all students and teachers involved in making this event a special and memorable occasion.

Netball

The Year 8 netball girls had a strong season, easily making it to metropolitan finals after cruising through the Year 8 gala day. Round one saw them play Albany Creek which they easily won. Round two saw slightly tougher opponents in Cavendish Road, where the girls still won easily. Round three saw our toughest game against Grace Lutheran, where the girls took a while to warm up, but again came home in winning style. The fourth and final round of Metropolitan Finals saw a play off against St Peter Claver for the title. St Peter Claver were in a similar situation to Wavell where they had won all their previous games quite easily. At the end of the day they were no match for the Wavell girls who played brilliantly throughout and deserved the Gold Medal.

Metropolitan North Athletics

On Wednesday, 29 and Thursday, 30 August, forty-two students represented Wavell at the Metropolitan North Track and Field Carnival held at the University of Queensland. Congratulations to the following students selected to represent Metropolitan North at the Queensland Secondary Schools Track and Field carnival 25 - 28 October at the Queensland Sport and Athletic Centre.

- Candice Champion – 200m, 400m
- Paige Cossingham – High Jump, Triple Jump
- Angela McMahon – Long Jump, 100m
- Oscar Neal – Long Jump, Triple Jump
- Vincent Rennie – Discus
- Jack Young – 200m Steeplechase

Special mention to Brenton Sefo who narrowly missed a position on the team after his second in Discus and third in Shot Put.

Stationery & Clothing Shop

- Used-Clothing Shop
- Attention Year 12
- School uniforms (washed and ironed) will be accepted for sale as soon as possible after Friday, 16 November.

Classics Day

Thursday, 20 September was a day filled with fun and games. The theme was “At the Movies”. Prefects organised a range of activities for the extended lunch break. The highlights were a bucking bronco and the gladiator challenge. Fairy floss, soft drinks, lollies and sausages were sold to raise funds, whilst the SRC coordinated the non-uniform event. Pictured below: Caitlyn Schuhmacher, Aisha Bates and Liza Wickers.

DIARY DATES

Monday 15 October
- SRC Meeting in G2 1:10pm
- Drama Excellence rehearsal in Hall 3:00-5:00pm

Tuesday 16 October
- P&C Meeting 7:30pm
- Year 8 Dance Auditions in P1A:1:00-3:00pm
- Year 10 QMEA ‘Girls Rock’ students
- Speech Night Rehearsal -Academic, Cultural & Sporting Awarded in Hall-Lesson 1
- Captains and SRC President Speech Night Rehearsal in Hall-Lesson 2B
- 2013 Captain Speeches to Prefects and Year 11 in Hall-Lesson 4
- Religious Assembly
- Year 12 Guest Speaker-Lesson 2B
- Rugby League Awards and BBQ in Hall
- School Council Meeting 6:30pm
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