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My very best wishes are extended to our graduates for happy and fulfilling lives – whatever they choose to do I hope they will always aim to do it better than anyone else.

JJ Major,
Principal

The AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) program this year saw twenty two indigenous students from years 9 & 10 Graduate as well as twelve year 11 & 12 students complete the Leadership and Development program. A special thanks to Aurora Dubois Molloy for delivering a speech of thanks at the end of year celebrations & Zoe Franks for her acceptance speech as if she were to be the first Indigenous female Prime-Minister.

AIME provides a dynamic educational Program that gives Indigenous high school students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to finish school at the same rate as their peers.

AIME has proven to dramatically improve the chances of Indigenous kids finishing school. AIME also connects students with post Year 12 opportunities, including further education and employment.

“Life Given to us by nature is short, but the memory of a life well spent is eternal.”

Cicero

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT 2013
Years 8, 9 & 11 - Tuesday, 29 January
Years 10 & 12 - Wednesday, 30 January

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Year 11 - 19 to 29 November
Year 10 - 26 to 29 November
Years 9 & 8 - 29 Nov to 5 December
Exam timetable available on school website

Mynestart and Skills Tech Visit on Wednesday, 24 October saw Year 10 students visiting the Mynestart site at Pinkenba. Mynestart provide training to enable people to get the necessary safe start to enable those to work in underground mines. Students were able to experience what underground is like and to become aware of the safety protocols. The students were briefed before going underground. After that they had some hands on experience in various related trades from Skills Tech. Our thanks to the QMEA for providing this experience for students.

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Drama and Dance

Once upon a time in a far away land there was a fairy tale world that you could only read about in books. The Dance and Drama Excellence end of year performance ‘Not So Happily Ever After’, saw fairytale classics transformed into modern day realities. The concept was developed by both Dance and Drama students. The Drama students diligently wrote the script while Dance students created choreography to highlight key moments and add to the visual beauty of the performance. Throughout the creative process, the cast demonstrated energy, commitment and teamwork making this performance a very memorable journey. The evening concluded with a trophy presentation for the graduating Drama and Dance students. Overall, it was a professional evening that highlighted the talents of our Performing Arts students.

Rugby League Excellence

Wavell State High Schools 2012 Rugby League presentation night was a celebration of the “Excellence in League” program’s success over the past schoolboy season. The continued strength of the schools league playing stocks was underlined with all but one team making the Semi or Grand finals of their respective competitions. Highlights of the night included a rousing speech of thanks to the school and teachers by Year 8 Red captain Harry Smith and in its sixth year the “Rookie of the Year” award (presented to a year 11 student who played in the First team) went to Jaiden Nikorima.

The much coveted and prestigious “Player of the Year” award for 2012 was humbly received by Melbourne bound Vincent Rennie. Thank you to all the parents, students and teachers who attended the evening to support our schools endeavours in promoting positive learning outcomes via Rugby League. Pictured left: Mr Major, Vincent Rennie and Mr Porter.

Netball Excellence

On Monday, 29 October we had our Annual Netball Awards Luncheon. There were certificates and prizes presented to students who achieved all As and Bs for their behaviour and effort. There were also year level awards presented to students who stood out in their classes.

Awards went to: Year 8 - Jaynie Lynch - Year 9 - Hayley Wood and Emma Goding
Year 10 - Catherine Rosenberg - Senior - Ashleigh Menzies
Coaches’ awards went to those who stood out during games.
Junior award - Jenna MacPherson
Senior award - Emma Solonova
Junior Netballer of the Year - Savannah Vasiliakis
Senior Netball Excellence Award - Shona Murphy
Senior Netballer of the Year - Christie Cash (pictured right)

Sporting Success

Jayden Bishop was player of the Greater Brisbane Junior Rugby League carnival and was named Under 13 representative player of the year. Jayden was named as the most consistent player for his team which he captained to their third premiership win. Jayden also received the outstanding achievement of the year trophy from his club Redcliffe Dolphins.

Well done Jayden!

Wavellwood

Our Annual Film Festival was held on the evening of Tuesday, October 30. This showcased the talents and creative work of our Film, Television and New Media students. The evening was a great success.

Well done!

STATIONERY & CLOTHING SHOPS HOURS

Monday, 10 December (Last trading day for 2012)

Stationery Shop: 2:00 – 7:00pm
New and Used Clothing Shops: 3:00 – 7:00pm

January 2013

Wednesday, 23 January: 12noon – 6:00pm
Thursday, 24 January: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Friday, 25 January: 9:00am – 12 noon

First week of school from 29 January
8:15am – 11:30am daily

Second week of school from 4 February
8:15am – 10:30am daily

Volunteers Required for Shops

Helpers required in shops for Orientation Day and the week prior to school commencement.

Volunteer for 4 hours and get 10% off your bill.
Contact Cheryl Saul for details. Phone: 3350 3390.

IMPORTANT

Please remember to notify the school of any change of address or contact phone numbers for your student.

Absentee Phone Line
3350 0303

Volunteers Needed: Canteen, Clothing and Stationery Shops
If you can spare a few hours please contact Noela Tweedale on 3359 5126

Promote your business to local school families through this unique opportunity

2013 I.D. Cards

Years 8 - 11 I.D. cards are available for collection from G1 upon the payment of $7.00. This card is valid from October 2012 to January 2014.

Stations Days

Monday 12 November

Wednesday 14 November

Thursday 15 November

Friday 16 November

Monday 19 November

Tuesday 20 November

Friday 23 November

• Years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Band Commences
• Combined Shops Committee Meeting
• Year 9 Leader Voting
• Sporting Captains 2013 Announced
• Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
• Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm
• Year 12 Finalisation of results
• Year 12 Graduation Day Breakfast at Kedron Wavell RSL 6:45am
• Graduation Assembly at Wavell in Hall 8:45am
• Year 11 Semester II Examinations commence (26-29 November)
• Year 8 BCC Immunisation HPV Dose 3 of 3 9:00am
• Year 9 Leaders announced
• World Challenge’ leaves for Africa

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