

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
The year starts to come to a drawn out conclusion with the departure of our Year 12s last Friday and the finish for Year 10 and 11 next Friday following their exams. It is important

that our Year 8 and 9 students remain focused on their studies until their exams and assessment concludes. They have quite a number of school weeks to still come.

Year 7 Orientation Day on the Monday, 10 December, is also the last day of formal lessons for our Year 8 and 9 middle-schoolers. They will then have the opportunity to engage in our alternate program from Tuesday 11 to Thursday 13 December. Attendance of students for these special days is traditionally strong with participation in out of school activities subject to an individual's good behavioural record. The last day of school is our annual clean-up day and while the school does remain open with supervision provided, we generally find only a small number of students attend.

Nearly all of our contract teachers will complete their contracts on either Friday, 30 November or Friday, 7 December. This is due to cost saving measures imposed by Education Queensland and will mean that some students will have a change of teacher for the last few lessons of the year prior to the commencement of the alternate program. This situation is beyond the control of the school and I offer my apologies for this measure. I am confident that our permanent teachers will work hard to ensure a smooth transition.

The recent article in the *Sunday-Mail* highlighted issues of over-crowded state schools. Some schools have had to take over play spaces in order to accommodate classrooms. Wavell High is a high demand school. This is due to our outstanding achievements and rigorous programs. I assure all parents that our classes are generally below class size targets and clever timetabling has ensured that all classes are allocated suitable learning spaces. Our existing extensive ovals and playground spaces have not and will not be impacted by the need to accommodate Year 7s in 2015. The planning for these additional is well in hand and is likely to be a modern three story classroom teaching block. The new building will provide a wonderful modern Junior Secondary learning facility for our future Year 7 to 9 students.

I have received the new staffing allocation formula for 2013. This indicates that our school will receive one less teacher for the same number of enrolled students in 2013, as all other state secondary schools indeed will. This reduction in staffing is to enable Education Queensland to redirect teaching resources to work within its budget and to also meet the expected growth in student numbers across the state in 2013. Earlier this term the Parents &

Citizens Association wrote to the Minister for Education, Training and Employment, *Mr John Paul Langbroek*. In their letter they objected to this cut in the front line resources of our school. A written response from the Minister has been received. At last Tuesday's evening meeting, the P&C expressed their disappointment and dissatisfaction with the Minister's response. The Parents & Citizens Association passed a motion that has requested the school to publish key messages from the Minister's response. The full response from *Minister Langbroek* is available through the Parents & Citizens Association.

"I acknowledge your support for the continuation of the current allocative staffing model for Queensland secondary schools. My department recognizes that many schools may have chosen to redirect the historical Resource Teacher allocation to supplement support within the school, based on locally identified needs. The advent of digital resources, computers for students and the application of needs-based support through other staffing allocations have however negated the initial intent of the Resource Teacher allocation. The government has therefore made the decision to redirect this funding to other areas."

Previously Wavell has used this teacher position to reduce class size, to run smaller language classes and to support literacy and numeracy programs. Clearly, this Education Queensland decision means that Wavell will be without this teacher and that some of these programs and classes will be impacted. The school administration will work diligently in order to minimize the impact of this 2013 cut in teacher allocation on your student's learning and programs.

Wavell Year 7 Orientation Day to be held on Monday 10 December will be a great opportunity for our newest members of Wavell to experience high school life for a day. We look forward to meeting all of our new students and welcome our new parents to join us for morning tea on the day.

JJ Major,
Principal

*"Don't cry because its over... smile
because it happened"*

Dr Suess

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT 2013

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



**P&C Combined Shops
Committee
Annual Dinner
4 December 2012**

Venue: Geebung RSL at 6:30pm
All Volunteers Welcome
Contact: Noela Tweedale on
3350 0377

QATSIF 2013 Scholarships

Sixteen Wavell Indigenous students have been successful in their applications for QATSIF scholarships. The nominations were based on individual academic reports, leadership demonstrated, attendance records and SET plans. Successful students include; *Aurora Dubios-Molloy, Joshua Fauid, Zoe Franks, Lauren Harris, Bianca Hunt, Daniel Jia Sepon, Mia Jia Sepon, Jahmal Leedy, Monica Le Sueur, Tarni Stabe, Timothy Stefanini, Max Tebby, Jeziah Tillet, Bianca Wallis, Monique Watters, Matthew Yusia*. It is important to acknowledge that QATSIF's funding is provided from the interest earned from the Queensland Government's former Aborigines' Welfare Fund and the Queensland Government's Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations Scheme. QATSIF actively promotes support for its programs to the business community and welcomes ongoing philanthropic support for investing in the education of the next generation of Indigenous Australians.

Graduation 2012

Friday, 16 November was the final day for our 228 Year 12 graduating students. Graduation commenced with a celebratory breakfast at Kedron Wavell Services Club. Guest speaker was *Dr Jessica Forbes*, she spoke eloquently about her post school achievements, and of the challenges that students are likely to experience in their adult lives. At school, the ceremony presented our seniors to an audience of proud family and friends. Speakers included Principal, *Mr Major, Ms Neilsen* (on behalf of teachers), *Mrs Kleidon* (on behalf of parents), *Brooke Hafner* (Year 8 student) and of course, captains *Santage Keighley, Rein Kleidon, Joshua Madden, Van Nguyen* who made their final speeches. Thank you to *Mr Turner, Ms Mirchandani and Mrs Edwards* for their efforts in making the day, one to remember. *Pictured left: Joshua Madden, Van Nguyen, Dr Jessica Forbes, Santage Keighley and Rein Kleidon at the Graduation Breakfast.*



Semester II Examinations

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

Excellence in Mathematics

In August, more than 300 Wavell students participated in the Australian Maths Competition. Our results in this prestigious international event were again outstanding, with almost fifty percent of Wavell entrants scoring a Credit or better.

Our top students in each year level were:

Yr 8 *Harry Kettewell* (High Distinction)

Yr 9 *Saul Bos* (High Distinction)

Yr 10 *Criz Botor* (Distinction)

Yr 11 *Zac Hallam* (Distinction)

Yr 12 *Tanya Chamberlain* (High Distinction)

Saul and *Tanya* actually placed in the top one percent of students in our district – an especially outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to all students who participated.

Visual Arts

This year's Annual Graduating Students' Art Exhibition showcases works from each of our talented and creative senior Visual Art students. The display, which opened on October 24, continues across two venues – the Hall Foyer Gallery and the Resource Centre – until Term 1, 2013. Pictured: *Eleanore Mason* with a surrealist art piece.



2013 RESOURCE SCHEME REMINDER

- The following forms have been mailed home;
 - Fact Sheet
 - Participation Form
 - Payment Form
- Please return either Participation or Non-Participation form before the end of Term 4.
- Payment forms due with payment by Friday, 1 February, 2013.**
- Return texts, library books and repay any outstanding monies for 2012 by the end of the school year.
- Contact the school on 3350 0307 for further details.

STATIONERY & CLOTHING SHOPS HOURS

Monday, 10 December (Last trading day for 2012)
(Sales for Year 8 Kits and Workbooks only)

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

January 2013

Wednesday, 23 January: 12noon – 5:30pm
Thursday, 24 January: 9:00am – 12noon
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

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

School Bags 2013

In order to help parents and students decide on an appropriate bag for 2013 the P&C has requested some guidelines be developed. These will be distributed to students and available at the school shops and on the school webpage. Information will be included in the Welcome to Wavell book, the Prospectus and 2013 Student Planner. Please ensure your student is equipped with an appropriate school bag for 2013.

SRC NON UNIFORM DAY
Thursday 6 December - \$2.00
NORMAL DRESS STANDARDS APPLY
Students who wish to participate must:

1. Have their uniforms with them for subjects with specific requirements, e.g. HPE/HEC. Year 9 especially note that clothing must not hinder your involvement in sport.
2. Wear or bring closed-in, leather-upper footwear for HEC/Manual Arts/Science. **NO THONGS.**
3. Not wear clothing with inappropriate logos, wording or illustrations.
4. **GIRLS – Must not wear midriff tops, short shorts or ripped clothing which expose their flesh.**
5. **Students must not wear singlet tops.**
6. **DO NOT bring/wear expensive items of footwear/clothing or bring valuables.**

Year 8&9 Alternative Program

Letters detailing activities were distributed today to students.

There will be at school activities also run.

- Tuesday 11 December: Blue fit leisure excursion
- Wednesday 12 December: Movie Day
- Thursday 13 December: At school games and activities and report card distributed
- Friday 14 December: Clean up Day

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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.

2013 Sporting Captains

It is with great pleasure that we announce the captains elect for sport in 2013. These students will hit the ground running next year with the Interhouse Swimming Carnival on 11, February. Congratulations to the following:
Sport Captains:

Jessica Bates, Kelly Baildon

House Captains

Alamein - *Gem Bryce, Declan Askew*

Burma - *Tarosila Foster, Jacob Kelly*

Keren - *Tarvia Lucas, Liam Moffatt*

Tobruk - *Aleisha Tainui, Liam Thureson*

Sport Committee – Promotions and spirit

Larissa Rogers, Leah Midwood, Elyce Silcox

UQ Achievement

Third year Bachelor of Health, Sport and Physical Education student and past Wavell student *Liam Tyson* was selected in the Australian Universities Rugby League team. This reflects the continuing partnership between The University of Queensland's School of Human Movement Studies and our school. *Liam* graduated from Wavell in 2009 and was a member of the school's Rugby League Excellence program. The years spent being part of the excellence program were crucial in the development on the field and selection in the Universities Rugby League. Wavells had huge success with the Rugby School of Excellence and in particular with our focus for students "winning on and off the field".

Congratulations to *Liam* on his representative achievements and we wish him all the best for the 2013 tour of Britain.



Absentee Phone Line
3350 0303

Used-Clothing Shop

School uniforms of a suitable standard (washed and ironed with no faded stains or mending please) are now being accepted for sale.



Diary Dates

Monday 26 November

Tuesday 27 November

Thursday 29 November

Friday 30 November

Tuesday 4 November

Wednesday 5 November

Thursday 6 November

Friday 7 November

- Year 10 Semester II Examinations commence (26-29 November)
- WSC Year 7 into 8 Orientation Transition Day 1 ~ 9:30-11:30am
- School Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Years 8&9 Semester II Examinations Commence (29 November - 5 December)
- Years 10&11 Finalisation of results
- Prefects Elect & SRC Exec Team Building Day: 11:00am-1:00pm
- Prefects Elect Planning Day 11:00am-1:00pm
- Years 10&11 Final Day of School Year
- P&C and Combined Shops Committee Annual Dinner at Geebung RSL: 6:30pm
- Years 8&9 Examinations conclude
- WEP Excursion to Police Museum & Qld Museum
- SRC Non-Uniform Day
- SRC Executive 2013 Planning Day
- WSC Year 7 into 8 Orientation Transition Day 2 Lesson 4
- Year 8 Netball & Rugby League Activity Afternoon Lessons 3&4