From the Principal

Dear Parents,

The 2012 Year Book is a ‘must have’ again this year with a wonderful celebration of the many academic, cultural, sporting and social achievements. My congratulations to the editorial team of staff and students so well led by Miss Kate Battams. Year 8 and 9 students are able to collect their ordered Yearbook once clearances are finalized.

I have received the preliminary Queensland Core Skills test results for our Year 12 students. I am very confident that the hard work and dedication of our students and staff will pay off with some impressive OP results to be released on Monday, 17 December. I have also received our School Opinion Survey which shows high levels of satisfaction with the school from parents, students and staff. I was particularly pleased with the 97% satisfaction rating regarding the use of computers for learning in the school. This is confirmation that the decision to keep laptops on trolleys at school with minimal cost to parents has paid off. It was also pleasing that 98% of students believe their school to be a good school and 94% claim their teachers challenge them to think.

In order to build on our success and to continue to strive to be even better, a decision has been taken by the curriculum leadership team to take on ‘The Art and Science of Teaching’ program at Wavell as our pedagogical framework. It will be used to identify our strengths and areas for improvement to enable us to lift our teaching standards to new highs. Our curriculum leaders are enthusiastic at the potential for this program to take Wavell education to the next level for the benefit of our students. Just as doctors and other professionals need to continue to learn about their craft, teachers need to continue to explore the research and strengthen teaching methods.

This week I also received the great news that our new change rooms and amenities, to be built between the pool and the oval, will be ready for occupation by Easter 2013. They will join our 280 students. Just as doctors and other professionals need to continue to learn about their craft, teachers need to continue to explore the research and strengthen teaching methods.

This will allow Wavell to continue to enrol 280 students in each year level into the future. Our Year 8 and 9 students will enjoy an alternate program from next Tuesday, 11 December to Thursday, 13 December with reports issued on Thursday afternoon. Those small numbers of expected students who join us on Friday, 14 December will support our annual school clean up in preparation for 2013 - there is no penalty for students not in attendance on that day.

I thank the school community and our wonderful staff and students for their contribution to this year’s success and for their ongoing support of the school throughout the year. My very best wishes to our retiring staff and staff not returning who are all featured in today’s newsletter.

I wish all a safe and happy Christmas.

JJ Major, Principal

“Memory is the diary that we all carry about with us.”

Oscar Wilde

Staff on Extended Leave

Mr Tony Gerber, (Pictured below)

HOD Social Science and Data Base Manager will spend 2013 travelling around Australia and then plans to travel overseas. Mr Gerber has been teaching for thirty four years and has spent twenty nine years as Head of Department at Wavell. Your many years of dedicated service to our school are appreciated.

Mrs Jeanette Lind, (Pictured below centre)

HOD Performing Arts is to spend her leave indulging her passion for the Performing Arts. Mrs Lind also enjoys travelling and we are sure that she will take the opportunity for some further trips away. Mrs Lind has had an extensive teaching career spanning thirty eight years and has spent the last ten years at Wavell. Thanks for your dedicated service.

Mr Barry Bradford, (Pictured below)

HOD Industrial Design and Technology will spend his extended leave working on extensive renovations to his Queenslander and is also planning some overseas travel. We wish him well during his extended leave.

P & C, AGM-Tuesday 19 January 2013, at 7:00pm, General Meeting at 7:30pm in the Admin Building

Playing Around

Advanced Academic Program students studied “Energy, Recycling and Toys.” Students designed, developed and created a toy from recycled product. This was to use and produce energy. There was lots of thought, energy and creativity involved and some play too! Pictured above, Luke Mathieson presenting his project.

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT 2013

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

Pictured above, Luke Mathieson presenting his project.

Pictured left, Mr Barry Bradford, HOD Industrial Design and Technology, has had an extensive teaching career spanning thirty eight years and has spent the last ten years at Wavell. Thank you for your dedicated service.
Teacher Transfers

Mrs Vanessa Garvie; English, Social Science. Mrs Garvie has been transferred to Woodcrest College for 2013.
Mr Chris Main; Maths, Science. Mr Main will take a permanent position at Tannum Sands SHS in 2013.
Ms Lisa Matthews; English, Social Science. Ms Matthews goes to North Lakes State College next year.
Mr Ken McCahon; Acting IT HOD for Semester Two, is to perform similar duties at Bracken Ridge SHS in 2013.
Mr Clayton Theidecke; Industrial Design and Technology. Mr Theidecke will teach at Bray Park SHS next year.

We wish these teachers well in their new positions and thank them for their service to Wavell.

Departing Contract Teachers

Thanks to our long term contract teachers, many of whom will depart a little earlier this year.
Those returning for 2013 include;
Mr Russell Bryce; Maths, Science; Mr Andrew Crawford; HPE, Science
Mr Michael Drago; Maths, Science; Ms Daniika Fleming; English, SOSE; Ms Michelle Hyde; English, SOSE; Ms Jamie Stubbs; Maths, ICT

Those teachers departing include;
Mr James Manning and Mr Ben Bollay who have been members of our Business and ICT Education team; we thank them for their contribution.
Ms Rosslyn Russell and Mr Matthew Stamenkovic have all joined the Health and Physical Education teaching team over the latter part of the year. Thanks for your contribution.
Mr Jason Osman has stepped in to support our vibrant Instrumental Program. Your efforts have been appreciated.

2013 Teacher Appointments

Mr Dan Crestani will re-join our Performing Arts staff and bring with him extensive professional acting experience.
Mr James Francis will also re-join our staff. Past Wavell student and teacher, Mr Francis will play an important part of our sporting excellence program and joins the Health and Physical Education teaching team.
Mr Rod Mac Lenman will join our Industrial Design and Technology teaching team after extended service in central Queensland, most recently at Pioneer SHS.
Mr Bruce McLaughlan HOD Industrial Design and Technology will be on staff in 2013 and comes from Kenmore SHS. Mr McLaughlan is an experienced HOD and will join our Curriculum Leadership Team.
Ms Lisa Quintal is an English and Social Science teacher and comes to Wavell after serving four years at Mountain Creek SHS.
Ms Marnie Robinson is to join our English and Social Science team for 2013. Ms Robinson comes after many years of service at Aspley SHS and more recently Albany Creek.
Ms Stacey Searle has come from Miles SHS and has relocated to Brisbane. Ms Searle will join our Business and ICT Education team.

HPE Award

On Wednesday, 21 November HPE H.O.D. Mr Mick Baker, along with Hon Steve Dickson (Minister for Sport), Mr Dave Porter and Mr Paul Stanley, (pictured below) were awarded “The Best Practice in Health and Physical Education” award from the Australian Council for Health and Physical Education.

The award was in recognition of the outstanding effort and practice developed in the Rugby League Excellence Program, including the dedication to students’ achievement both “on and off the field,” and the implementation of a very specialised and successful Certificate course.

The program demonstrated the unique opportunities available when school communities undertake comprehensive programs that enhance the sporting and academic achievements of students.

Congratulations to the Health and Physical Education department, and to the boys involved in the program.

Stationery & Clothing Shops Hours

Monday, 10 December (Last trading day for 2012) (Sales of 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 – 10:30am 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: 3360 3390.

2013 RESOURCE SCHEME REMINDER

The following forms have been mailed home;
- Field Trip Form
- 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 text, library books and repay any outstanding fines for 2012 by the end of the school year.

Contact the school on 3350 0307 for further details.

Operation Christmas Present

This term, Operation Christmas Child Appeal was run again. The response to the challenge of creating shoeboxes full of special goodies to send to countries facing disease, famine and poverty was amazing. Throughout the week, Wavell’s school community donated 65 boxes that gave almost $500 to pay for the shipping of the boxes to their destination.
A big thank you to all who gave and contributed to the appeal.

Year 8&9 Alternative Program

Letters detailing activities were distributed Friday 23 November to students. There will also be at school activities.

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

Diary Dates

- Monday 10 December: Orientation Day for Year 7 students entering Year 8 in 2013
- Starts 9:00am in Hall
- Wavell Shops open for new Year 8 parents
- Bookshop 2:00pm-7:00pm
- Clothing Shop 3:00pm-7:00pm
- Year 11 Progress Reports issued in Library 10:00am-12 Noon
- Years 8 & 9 Alternative Program-Blue Fit Leisure
- Years 8 & 9 Alternative Program-Movie “ParaNorman”
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- Year 10 Progress Reports issued in Library 10:00am-12 Noon
- Final Day of school year-clean up activities
- Wavell Shops open 12 Noon-5:30pm
- Wavell Shops open 9:00am-12 Noon
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- Australia Day Holiday
- Years 8,9,11 Commence school today at 8:30am
- All Year Levels at school
- SRC Executive Meeting 10:45am in Conference Room
- Senior Sport Organisation-Teen 4
- ID Photographs Year 8 and new Students
- Presentation of Arts and Sports Captain Badges
- Student Resource Scheme Charges due