Dear Parents,

The weather has certainly provided a memorable start to the 2013 school year. I trust our families are safe and well following this extreme weather event and that all of our staff, students and parents are prepared for another great year of education at Wavell High. Our Senior students have engaged in three days of professional development in the week prior to school commencement; part of each teacher’s commitment to life-long learning. The focus in 2013 is on teaching practice. The school has adopted Marzano’s “Art and Science of Teaching” design questions and framework. Staff will continue working on their own teaching practices throughout the year.

Our Seniors of 2012 have undoubtedly maintained the very high standards expected and graduated with some excellent results and achievements. The impressive OP results include our three (3) OP 1 students; Tanya Chamberlain, Estelle Desribes, Santage Keighley and; the four (4) OP 2s; Josh Abrahams, Casey Chamberlain, Annette Mannion and Dannielle Stewart and the 74 percent OP 1-15 results. These results have enabled 93 percent of students to achieve a first round offer. Over 75 percent of these students achieved a first or second preference. There is no doubt that as the second and third rounds of university offers are finalized the number will be even higher. Well done.

I welcome our many new families and congratulate all for your excellent support in the presentation of students in their Wavell uniform. Our uniform is symbolic of the very high standards and expectations we have in all that we do and a measure of the pride students have for their school and themselves.

Our Year 8s have settled well into their new school. Seeing them transformed from their over forty (40) different primary school colours displayed in December at Orientation Day to the united group, in Wavell uniform on day one was impressive. Students were all busy at work from 9:30am on the first two days of school following brief periods of induction, evidence of our strong focus on learning. Today all students engaged in an Academic Monitoring session during their Wavell Development Program lesson. They have set individual goals for the academic year ahead. These goals will be revisited by each student at key points throughout the year.

We have a busy and exciting start to the year planned for February. Scheduled activities include; Musical auditions for this year's musical production, "Bye Bye Birdie"; the Inter-house Swimming Carnival at the Valley Pool; Prefect and School Captain Investiture; Welcome to Wavell - a fun after-school event for our Year 8s; camps for our Sports Excellence programs; Senior Pathways; Year 8 evenings for parents and the departure of our musicians for their trip to Theodore (in conjunction with the Kedron-Wavell RSL). The secret to success at school is to make every day count. Please ensure children are prepared and at school every single day in order to get the most out of the opportunities they will receive through their education at Wavell.

Parents are expected to ensure all school charges have been paid or payment plans are in place in order for students to have all of the required resources. Families in financial need should have received the first $420 of the $840 annual payment from the Federal Government to assist with these payments, uniforms and other school costs.

From the Principal

Top Scholars 2012

Congratulations to our top scholars for 2012.

Tanya Chamberlain - OP1 and Senior DUX 2012 is to study Bachelor of Engineering at University of Queensland. She has also been awarded a Queensland Government “Women in Male-based Jobs” scholarship and will receive $5,000 per year of study.

Estelle Desribes - OP1 will study a Bachelor of Science at University of Queensland.

Santage Keighley - OP1 will study a dual degree, Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Science at University of Queensland. Santage receives an Excellence Scholarship from the university of $6,000 per year for four years.

Joshua Abrahams - OP2 will attend University of Queensland to study a Bachelor of Engineering.

Casey Chamberlain - OP2 will commence study at University of Queensland. She is to complete a dual degree, Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts. Casey has received a Merit Scholarship from the university-$6,000 for her first year of study.

Annette Mannion - OP2 is to study a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at University of Queensland.

Dannielle Stewart - OP2 will study a dual degree, Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts at the University of Queensland.

From the Principal

Attendance

It is important that students attend school all day, every day.

• Parents are requested to communicate student absences by phoning the Absentee Line as soon as possible. If this is not convenient, please send a note to the Form Teacher on return to school.

• A note proforma has been included in the 2013 Student Planner. Helping us to keep accurate rolls will ensure attendance reports are accurate. These appear on Student Academic Report Cards and may have financial implications for some. Keeping the school advised of current home and mailing addresses and phone numbers is essential and especially important in the case of emergency. Cooperation is appreciated.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

Lao Tzu

Australia Day Lilley Concert

Our vocal students, singing group Rapport and soloist Tom Holtsworth entertained the crowds at the Lilley Australia Day Concert held at the Community Centre, Kedron Wavell RSL. Thanks to students and teachers for your great representation of your school at this important day. Pictured above our Vocal Quintet Rapport. Elaine Elevera, Teegan Kranenberg, Madison Kelly, Lauren Dawson and Daria Monakhova.

P & C Meetings

Tuesday 19 February 2013

AGM 7:00pm & General Meeting at 7:30pm in Assembly Hall - All Welcome

Year 8 Parent Evening

Wednesday 27 February 7:00pm in Assembly Hall

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

Pictured: Year 8 student, Mateo Dvorani with his class 8G.

The boys are among 287 Year 8 students enrolled at Wavell. Our thanks to parents for their efforts in seeing our new students so well prepared to commence their secondary studies. All Wavell students were in regular classes by 9:30am on each of our two commencement days this week, after receiving their timetables, calendars and prospectus. A rigorous program of four timetabled lessons took place each day. We have commenced the year with a full complement of teachers. Subject changes are to be finalised by Friday, 15 February.

Sun Safety

Our sports uniform includes a bucket hat, which is compulsory for all students. Students are required to wear this hat during outdoor activities. Sunscreen is available for student use from the Sports Centre. Students need to ensure that they use the sun protection available at Wavell High. They are also encouraged to drink lots of water on hot days and consider bringing a water bottle to school.

Religious Instruction

Instruction is provided to students at Wavell and includes a Year 8 program which runs for five to six weeks, a series of lessons for Year 9s (Term 3) and Year 10s (Term 2), as well as a Religious Assembly for all students each term. This is a non-denominational program provided by members of our local churches. Wavell also has a full time Chaplain, who provides support in religious, spiritual and ethical matters. Parents wishing their child not to participate in the Religious Instruction or the Chaplaincy Program are asked to forward a letter to Ms Bullen, Deputy Principal. Other arrangements will be made for your student.

Thank You

Thanks to volunteers, current and past students and parents, for assistance in the set-up and sales during our 2013 Book Week, and to those working in our shops. Thanks also to our patient customers during this very busy period. These services would not be possible without volunteers. Please consider joining us! Contact Noela and Tracys (Canteen); Virginia (New Clothing), Judy (Used Clothing) and Cheryl (Bookshop) on 3359 5126.

Reminder to Parents

Please observe parking regulations when dropping off or picking up from school. Safety is key!

Stationery & Clothing Shops Hours - Second Week of School 4 February 8:15 - 10:30am daily

Interschool Sport

Tuesday afternoons have officially become Junior Interschool Sport afternoon for the Central District. Year 8 and 9 teams from Wavell will regularly compete against either District schools. Sports on offer for boys and girls are AFL, Basketball, Touch and Volleyball.

Students will trial for teams next week. Selected students must have:
- Signed up
- Be in correct sports uniform including hat
- Be prepared to pay an interschool sports levy of $30 per season if selected
- If selected, return permission form by Thursday, 14 February regardless of travel arrangements
- Pay sport levy by Thursday February 21.

Interschool Sports Team Levy includes transport for the season, first aid, equipment, uniform variations if required and sunscreen. Personal sunscreen is highly recommended.

Students who choose intra-school sport or who trial but are not selected will play a variety of sports at school for free or at local venues at varying costs. Cost of local venues will be a maximum of $45 for the summer season.

Details of these will be available soon. For further information please contact Mrs Pass on 33500342.

Resource Hire Scheme 2013

All students who:
- had their application to join the Hire Scheme signed and returned;
- have made full payment of $240 or entered into a payment plan through the Registrar, Mrs Debbie Deaves;
- returned all books and resources from 2012;
- have a 2013 ID Card, will collect resources and textbooks next week.

Parents of students who are refused entry into the scheme may contact Mrs Debbie Deaves on 3350 0310 to find out what they are required to do in order to re-join the scheme in 2013.

Parents were expected to complete payment or arrange a payment plan by Friday 1 February. Students of parents who have not yet made full payment or payment arrangements will not receive relevant resources and texts provided by the scheme until this has occurred. Parents who are not in the scheme may request a Resource List from the office so they may purchase their own books and pay for relevant materials and resources.

Inter-house Swimming Carnival

This year’s Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday, 11 February at the Valley Pool. The program will proceed regardless of weather.

It is expected that all students attend the carnival in full sports uniform including correct sports shoes and are to wear the school hat.

A letter detailing the carnival was issued to students this week. Permission slips are due and money ($8.00) must be paid to the Office, by Thursday, 7 February.

On the day, students must report to school for roll marking in form at 8:50am. Students will then be transported to and from the venue by bus and will return to school by 2:40pm.

The program of swimming will commence at 10:00am. Students may bring lunch or money to buy “carnival food” at the small canteen. Spectators will be undercover for the day.

All parents are most welcome to attend and admission is free; however students are still required to pay $8.00 even if they are to go home with a parent.

Students, don’t forget your togs, towel and be prepared to have a swim! Please direct any questions to the Health and Physical Education Department Ph:3350 0342.

Further copies of the permission form may be downloaded from the school website.

Casual Vacancy

IT Technical Support (O03)

Approximately 21 hours per week, days/ hours negotiable, a casual position.

Rate of Pay: $27.89 to $29.59 per hour (depending on experience & qualifications)

Information Sheet on the school’s website: www.wavellshs.eq.edu.au

Email applications to: ande26@eq.edu.au

Closing Date: 6 February 2013

Absentee Phone Line

3350 0303