From the Principal

Dear Parents,

The vast array of co-curricular activities enjoyed by students at Wavell complements the high quality educational experiences provided.

Over the first few weeks we have seen auditions for this year’s School Musical “Bye Bye Birdie”; a great level of participation in the Inter-House Swimming Carnival which included the pre-carnival races; badges presented to our Year 9 Leaders, Student Representative Council Executive, Arts and Sports Captains and today on assembly, the Prefect and School Captain Induction. The Prefects have also been busy with their Valentine’s Day activities, delivered to students yesterday.

Meetings, monthly, over the first three weeks, I have been extremely impressed by the active engagement in learning witnessed during my daily classroom visits. Learning is the number one task at Wavell - all of the other artistic, cultural and sporting activities that add to the richness and depth of student development must always come second to the subjects students study each day.

Some slight adjustment to a small number of classes will occur early next week. This will ensure our classes are within the required class sizes of twenty-five for Years 11 and 12 and twenty-eight for Years 8, 9 and 10. This process has been made more challenging than usual with the reduction of one staff member for the same enrolment; brought about by the state government decision to withdraw the allocation of a “resource teacher number” to all state high schools. The resource teacher number was traditionally used at Wavell to reduce Year 8 class sizes, run some smaller subject areas and provide welfare support to students through the Year Co-ordinator positions. Thus some reduction in all of these areas of teaching support has occurred but hopefully through our careful planning the impact has been minimized. Our day eight enrolment was above our school cap, with 1,320 students enrolled and included 286 Year 8 students.

Upcoming parent meetings are a great opportunity to meet the School’s Administration team, teachers and other parents. They provide some excellent ways to get involved in your child’s high school education.

We look forward to meeting many new parents at the Year 8 Parent Evening on Wednesday, 27 February, to commence promptly at 7:00pm in the School Assembly Hall.

You may wish to consider joining me at the first P&C meeting and AGM to be held next Tuesday, 19 February at 7:00pm in A –Block. The P&C provide vital, much needed support to ensure our school continues to develop and prosper. Come along and join in; all key executive positions have already received a nomination. The hot topic on the agenda will be the proposed new Year 7 building and additional facilities to reduce the pressure on our classroom spaces. Preliminary conceptual plans have been developed by an architect under the direction of Education Queensland and has included school input. It is now less than two years before we will have Year 7 and Junior Secondary commence at our high school.

JJ Major,
Principal

World Challenge 2012

Last November twenty-three senior students embarked on an adventure to Namibia and Botswana as part of two World Challenge Expedition teams. Team one, accompanied by Ms Bencsevich began in Namibia, whilst team two, accompanied by Ms Bowker set off from Botswana. Team one project (as pictured) began with the construction of a netball court. Students enjoyed a safari in Chobe National Park and were lucky enough to visit many villages in Namibia and Botswana.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:
President: Sarah Sheppard
Vice President: Leah Baker
Secretary: Alicia Ganton
Treasurer: Tarryn Adendorff
P & C Representatives: Ashley-Hope Walker
Committee Members: Georgia Ferguson
Community Service: Georgina Tryphonas
Grounds: Aurora D’Bois-Molloy
Promotions: Adam Cunningham
Social: Caitlyn Schuhmacher

QATSIF 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 Dubois-Molloy, Joshua Fiuad, Daniel Fisher-Sandow, Zoe Franks, Lauren Harris, Bianca Hunt, Jhalm Leedy, Monica Le Sueur, Shari Saunders, Tarni Stabe, Timothy Stefanini, Max Tebby (pictured above), Jeziah Tillet, Bianca Wallis, Monique Watters and Matthew Yassa.

P & C AGM - Tuesday 19 February 2013, at 7:00pm, General Meeting at 7:30pm in the Admin Building
Stationery & Clothing Shop Hours - Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:15am - 11:15am

Our Inter-House Championships were held on Monday, 11 February at the Fortitude Valley Swimming Complex. The use of this venue enabled all students to be comfortably accommodated for the entire carnival, despite the hot weather. Thank you to both swimmers and spectators for your enthusiastic participation. Thanks also to our parents who came as spectators. It was great to see an invigorating whole-school event which maximised student participation, attendance and house spirit. The final results are as follows:

**HOUSE POINTS**

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**New Records** were set by:
- **Tess Hering**: F13yrs 100m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke
- **Jack Meineke**: M14yrs 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly
- **Georgia Cloudsley**: F14yrs 100m Breaststroke and 100m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke
- **Tahliena McInerney**: F16yrs 50m Freestyle
- **Rose Foster**: F16yrs 100m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 100 Backstroke, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke
- **Claudia Abbott**: F16yrs 100m Butterfly
- **Cameron Joyes**: M19yrs 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly

**Thanks** to the HPE staff who took on the major responsibilities for the championships. The District Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 19 February at Albany Creek.

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**Sports Achievement**

Avannie Lynch has been selected in the Australian Indigenous U14 Netball Team. Damon Weir made the 50m backstroke and butterfly finals at Chandler in the Brisbane Sprint Championships. Well done students.

See Mrs Hughes or Mrs Tore for permission forms.