Dear Parents,

On Friday, 15 February we celebrated the Induction of our school Prefects and Captains supported by parents, our P&C President, Mr Greg Rodgers and past School Prefect, Professor Julie Hides (nee Cooper).

Our 68 member Wavell Showband certainly set the scene with a strong performance under the direction of Mr Bell. We are delighted that Mr Bell is now well and has returned from his extended leave. A delicious morning tea was provided by our hospitality students, supported by their teachers, Mrs Darlington and Mrs Deery.

Our guest speaker Professor Julie Hides is currently Head of Physiotherapy at the Australian Catholic University, following a distinguished academic career at the University of Queensland. Professor Hides delivered a strong message to students about the need to make the most of every opportunity at school. It was pleasing to hear that the same great programs available to Julie in 1982 still exist and indeed are stronger at Wavell today. The academic, music and sporting programs she remembered with fondness included the opportunity for the Year 8s of 1982 to attend and participate in the Opening Ceremony of the 1982 Commonwealth Games and to meet the Queen. Julie also reminded students that leadership is an important personal attribute to nurture and encourage. The opportunity to develop personal skills such as leadership is an important aspect of the well-rounded education provided at Wavell. This is why students need to participate in as many activities as possible.

At the Induction, I spoke of the need to serve in leadership with the right “attitude” and that not only in leadership but everyday we need to live with a great attitude. I shared this piece – a favourite of mine by Charles Swindoll.

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is ten per cent what happens to me and ninety per cent how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes.”

Over the past few weeks we have inducted our Student Representative Council Executive, Arts, Sports and House Captains and Year 9 Leaders. I particularly wish our elected School Captains; Denezl Heketoa, Christen Johnson, Cameron Joyes and Ruby Russell, well for the contribution and service that they will provide in their leadership roles throughout this year. It has been a personal honour and a privilege for me to have been selected by our Region to assume the supportive role of Principal Coach. I will work with five other Principals and further develop my own leadership skills. This process will make a strong contribution to the public schooling system and support our own professional growth and development as Principal.

Life-long learning is not just something to be talked about – it is something that should be demonstrated by action. I have full confidence that the school will be in good hands during my brief absence over the next three weeks; Mrs Jennifer Bullen will be Acting Principal at Wavell, Mrs Maree Schuh will act as Deputy Principal and Ms Niki Hose will act as our Business and IT Curriculum Head.

I thank parents for their attendance at the P&C meeting last Tuesday. Congratulations to our incoming P&C Executive and Sub-Committee Executive team members. These roles are important and by assuming these positions the school will be provided with much needed ongoing support. It would be great to see some of our new parents at next month’s meeting. I encourage you to attend.

JJ Major, Principal

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**From the Principal**

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**CSIRO**

Extension science students in Year 10 were given the opportunity to understand more about DNA and its uses through an interactive workshop presented by CSIRO. The students extracted DNA from ‘BarleyMax’ barley and then ran the DNA through an electrophoresis gel to see if the ‘BarleyMax’ product was being used with permission. Pictured below: John Mosqueda, Kurt Mutafjev, Michael Johnson.

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**NAPLAN 2013**

On Tuesday, 19 February and Wednesday, 20 February, Year 9 students completed the first trial tests. Students gain valuable experience through this preparation program which equips them with test readiness. Feedback to individual students will guide future preparation. The next trials will be held on 19, 20 and 21 March. Attendance is vital for confident test performances in May. The support of parents is appreciated in order to ensure students are ready for the NAPLAN tests.

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**Our P & C Leaders for 2013**

We thank the following parents and friends of the school who have agreed to continue to serve us through leadership of the P & C. We welcome our new friends of the school who have agreed to continue to serve us through leadership of the P & C.

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**From the Principal**

**OPEN DAY SUNDAY 19 MAY 2:00PM – 4:30PM**

For prospective students and their parents.

An afternoon of information and structured activities to show what Wavell High offers.

Enrolment enquiries for all years welcome. Contact Mrs Jane Bedewi on 33508328.

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**P & C Meeting - Tuesday 19 March 2013, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building All Welcome**

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Welcome to Wavell

“Welcome to Wavell” has always been a great success with everyone involved and this year was no different! It is a chance for Year 8s to have fun and get to know each other, as well as for the Prefects to interact and play games with their form classes, with the support of the Form Teachers. Games varied from Chain Tag to Numbers but as always, Dodge Ball had the most enthusiastic participation. The brief sunshine added to student enthusiasm. Free food and drinks were supplied for everyone involved to re-boost their energy levels, before heading off to play the “awesome” Tug-of-War! Prefects unfortunately were not allowed to assist Year 8, but some kind souls couldn’t bear not to help. Special thanks to Mrs Hickman, Mrs Madden and the Year 9 Leaders for arranging a fantastic afternoon.

Musical 2013

Rehearsals for the ‘Bye Bye Birdie’ are underway with the cast working exceptionally hard learning songs and routines. Colorful, cute and just sweet enough, ‘Bye Bye Birdie’ is full of fun and excitement and is entertaining for all ages. Performance Dates: 1, 3 & 4 May, 7pm in the school assembly hall. Tickets will be on sale soon.

A reminder for cast members, signed permission forms and musical levies (deposit of $20) are now due. Full payment of the musical levy - due Thursday 28 March 2013.

Year 8 Camp 2013

Wednesday, 19 June until Friday, 21 June

The venue is Total Adventures at Nossad North Shore. The price for this year is $250. It is expected that all Year 8 students attend this camp. To pay or make a payment plan please contact Mrs Deb Deaves Business Services Manager Ph: 33500310.

Valentine’s Day

Our School Captains and Prefects assisted students to celebrate Valentine’s Day by delivering numerous gifts. These ranged from cards to hearts and roses. Many “romantic” items were presented by the Prefects to surprised and embarrassed students. The singing of romantic songs left a “lot to be desired”, but in the typical Wavell way, the Prefects did their best.

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Netball at Pomona

On a less than ideal day two classes of Year 9 netball girls travelled to Pomona to complete the annual mountain run. They ran through some newly formed creeks usually walking tracks and climbed up the very wet mountain. Thanks to Sunday Creek Outdoor Education Centre who facilitated the day and made sure conditions were safe. Despite the rain (or maybe because of it), the girls were in fantastic spirits and enjoyed the day immensely.

Teachers were impressed by the attitude of the girls and their overall team effort. The day was both physically and mentally challenging. Well done to all the Year 9 netball girls who attended.

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY – PRODUCTS - A CAUTION!

In ITC courses, students are required to complete a number of practical exercises. Once completed, students are permitted to take these items home. Parents need to be aware that the products are the results of a teaching exercise only. They do not and were not intended to conform to Australian Standards and should not be used for their normal practical purposes. Legal opinion suggests that parents could be under an onus to similarly warn any other party accordingly who might try to use the products.

Absence Phone Line 3350 0303

District Swimming

On Tuesday 19 February, thirty-three swimmers represented Wavell at the District Swimming Carnival. Wavell was successful again and won the day overall with 1710 points. Kedron and Sandgate came second and third respectively.

Congratulations to the following age champions: Tess Hering (1st – 13 girls), Savannah Vassilakis (1st – 15 girls), Rose Foster (1st – 16 girls), Claudia Abbott (1st – 16 girls), Katelyn Darlington (3rd – 17 girls), Jordan Abbott (2nd – 13 boys), Conor Sealy (3rd – 13 boys), Jack Meinecke (2nd – 14 boys), Sam Cloudsley (1st – 16 boys), Cameron Joyes (1st – 17 boys), Damon Weir (2nd – 17 boys).

We also had a number of swimmers who swam exceptionally well but as they only competed in a few events they did not rank for an age champion. Well done to Georgia Cloudsley, Selene Wootton, Gem Bryce, Matt Radel, Mikaela Ridge, Emma Goding, Tahlena McInerney, Ethan Richards and Ricky Wootton who all came first or second in the races that they participated in.

Immunisation Program:

Year 8 Hep B Dose 1 of 2 / (All Year 8 & Year 10 Boys) HPV Dose 1 of 3

9:00am Wednesday 13 March

Stationery/Clothing Shop Hours - Each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:15am - 11:15am