From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Another wonderful event was held at Wavell on Monday, 4 March. This was the Middle School Problem Solving Challenge with 65 teams competing, from twenty primary and secondary schools. Mrs Gerry Madden, our Middle Schooling Hod, provided exciting challenges in the Mathematics and Science areas for these high achievers from year 6 to year 9. Our students proved very competitive, with one of our Year 9 teams winning the day. Well done!

The Instrumental Music Tour to Theodore and Moura was again a big success, despite the challenges presented by the heavy rain. Special thanks are due to Ms Leanne Piggott, Ms Alyssa Jones and Mr Malcolm Bell and to the Kedron-Wavell RSL who sponsored the trip. Their concert in Theodore raised over $3000 for flood relief – a great community effort. I was delighted to receive a letter from Mrs Marion Hewitt from Theodore who wrote to personally commend our students on their good manners and exemplary behaviour.

Mid-Semester Progress Reports will be issued to students on Thursday, 28 March. Students will use their report to review their goals to work with your child and their teachers to maximize achievement for this Semester.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, 23 April from 3:30pm until 7:00 pm. Students will bring home information about PTO, the online booking system for appointments, with their reports. Bookings may be made from Monday, 15 April – the first day of Term 2. If you do not have internet access or have difficulties making bookings you may ring Mrs Maree Minter on 3350 0301, for assistance. I urge you to make bookings promptly as many teachers’ time slots fill quickly.

If a teacher becomes fully booked, please indicate an online request for teacher contact to enable you to discuss issues or to make an alternative time to meet. When parents and teachers work in close partnership, the very best academic outcomes are achievable. Teachers may sometimes request an interview if they consider it vital to speak directly with you. However, most parents initiate interviews, even if not requested by the teacher. Please capitalise on this opportunity to support your child’s learning.

Some suggestions for parents to consider:

• Your student, in most cases, should attend the interview with you.
• Ask how your student might improve his/her learning and results.
• Raise any concerns expressed by your student.
• Establish a relationship with the relevant teachers and maintain contact where necessary.

Some specific questions you might ask include:

• Is my student achieving to ability?
• Are homework, class work and assessment completed in a timely fashion?
• Has my student missed any classes other than those the school has been contacted about?
• Has any change in attitude or behaviour been evident?
• Is my student getting along with their peers?
• How can I monitor when tests and assignments are due?

No doubt you will have other questions not listed above. Finally, remember each interview is only ten (10) minutes in duration. If more significant issues need to be discussed it is best to make another time, suitable to both you and the teacher. Your co-operation in observing this time limit will be appreciated by both teachers and other parents.

It has been a great start to 2013 with many events still to round out the term. The Student Representative Council’s school dance will be conducted, with staff supervision, on Tuesday, 26 March. This always provides a great social outing for our students and it is important to note that entry is by pre-purchased tickets only - No ID card, No Ticket means No Entry. This is strictly enforced with no exceptions and no leave passes will be given out. Parents are asked to ensure that students are collected promptly at 10:00pm. The SRC Non-Uniform day will follow on Thursday, 28 March with details in this newsletter and in a letter home to parents. Participation is voluntary but requires adherence to a strict dress code and a donation to the SRC- otherwise, full school uniform should be worn. These two SRC events are the student body’s major fund raisers.

As this is the last newsletter for the term. I wish all our families and staff a safe and happy Easter break starting Friday 29 March.

J Bullen
Acting Principal

Middle School Problem Solving Day

Sixty teams of students from Years 6-9 eighteen schools were involved - fourteen primary and four secondary schools. Results:

Year 6 Winners - Everton Park Team 1 and Runners-Up - The Gap Team 1
Year 7 Winners - Nundah Team 1 and Runners-Up - Ascot Team 1
Year 8 Winners - Bracken Ridge Team 1 and Runners Up - Wavell Team 3
Year 9 Winners - Wavell Team 3 and Runners Up - Albany Creek Team 2.

Our Year 8 Team 3 came in as runners up and included: Sarah Parker, Josie Donovan, Charlotte Rudel, Emily Todd, Abbey Wighton. Year 9 Team 3 were winners and included: Harry Kettewell, Jack Meincke, Sean Nuguid, Mitchell DeZwart, Rylan Smith. (Pictured)

Wavell was honoured that Nundah State School Principal, Ms Deb Cox attended the day and presented trophies and medallions to winners and runners up. An exciting day of challenges, a great middle school event.

Middle School iReports

Issued to students on Thursday 28 March
Parent Teacher Evening
Tuesday, 23 April 2013, 3:30pm - 7:30pm
Booking details distributed with reports. Parents log on to “Parent Teacher Online” via the school website.

Bookings open: Monday, 15 April and close: 9:00am Monday, 22 April.
Families without internet access may like to utilise the free service provided by BCC libraries.
For further assistance: Mrs Maree Minter on 3350 0301.
We look forward to meeting with you!

Lions Competition

On Tuesday, 26 February two of our School Captains, Cameron Joyes and Ruby Russell competed in the Lions Youths of the Year at the Aspley Lions Club. Lions Youth of the Year is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. A high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement is sought in each of the candidates. The judging consisted of an interview with a panel of judges to discuss their achievements and aspirations, a five minute prepared speech on a subject of their choice and responses to two impromptu questions on community issues.

Both of our students performed very well and Ruby was selected to represent the Aspley Lions Club at the zone judging on Sunday, March 3. She once again did a great job but unfortunately will not continue in the competition.

Visitors of all ages attended the event.

Term 2 commences for all students. Monday, 15 April

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

On a very wet weekend, the Showband and Rapport Vocal Quintet travelled to Theodore and Moura to perform at the RSLs and Moura State School. Eighty millimetres of rain flooded the creeks and bridges and marooned us in Moura overnight, where we bunkered down in the Dawson coal miners’ accommodation. Finally we made it back to Theodore for a very successful concert on Saturday night, we were again cut off at Dalby with rising floodwaters on the way home. Thank you to Kedron-Wavell and Theodore RSLs for their support of our memorable tour.

Netball Super 7s

Middle School Netballers had their first taste of the Super 7s Netball Competition for 2013 when Wavell hosted the Term 1 Round of this competition on Friday, 8 March at Bradbury Park. Our students were commended for their great team spirit and great competitive effort. Well Done!

YEAR 8 CAMP 2013

Venue: Noosa North Shore
Date: 19-21 June
Cost: $250.00 all inclusive

Permission & Medical Forms and full payment or payment plan
Due: Wednesday 8 May
Camp letters have been distributed
Contact Mrs Deaves if you need to discuss a payment option on 3350 0310.

SRC NON UNIFORM DAY
Thursday 28 March - $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 or clothing or bring valuables.

BYE BYE BIRDIE
MUSICAL TITLES:
DATE: Wednesday, 1 May - Thursday, 3 May and Friday, 4 May –7:00pm in Hall
PRICE:$15 for Adults, $10 for concession.
PRE-SALE TICKETS: for cast members families
– Friday, 22 March.
GENERAL TICKET SALES: from Monday, March 25. Get in early to avoid disappointment.
• Adults and students are supervised voluntarily so courtesy is expected at all times.
• Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.
• Parents and staff are supervising voluntarily so courtesy is expected at all times.
• Only current Wavell High students are permitted to attend.
• Pre-purchased tickets and ID cards to be presented at the door.

School Dance: Theme “Decades”
Tuesday 26 March 7:00 - 10:00pm
• Red food will be on sale.
• There will be lucky door prizes and random give-aways.
• Tickets must be pre-purchased for $7.00 and are on sale until Monday, 26 March.
• Only current Wavell High students are permitted to attend.
• Pre-purchased tickets and ID cards to be presented at the door.

School Dance Rules 2013
• No ID, no entry, no arguments.
• Normal school rules apply.
• Parents and staff are supervising voluntarily so courtesy is expected at all times.
• Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.
• Parents will be contacted and you will be sent home if disciplinary action is necessary.
• A cloak room will operate – all bags will be checked prior to entry. No valuables are to be brought to the dance.
• Late entry will not be permitted – doors open at 7pm and close at 7:20pm.
• All students are expected to remain until 10pm.
• No food will be on sale but chewing gum is not permitted.
• Non-cooperative students, including anyone suspended in Term One, will not be permitted to attend.

Rugby League Tour

Teamwork, perseverance, work ethic, communication and mateship were the focus for the Year 9 Rugby League boys during this year’s pre-season team building activity. Friday, February 22 saw the entire Year 9 Rugby League cohort assemble at 7am for the bus to Pomona, home to Coorora Mountain. On turning into the small township of Pomona, the size of the mountain, and the daunting task ahead, struck home. The boys were to climb from the base to the summit as a team. During the climb to the top the boys learnt valuable lessons which they should transfer to the field. They realised they can push through the pain and achieve at a high level through hard work. The day finished with a well earned swim at Noosa before the bus ride home. Well done boys!

Sporting Representatives

Emily Gilbert and Savannah Vasilakis will play in the U15 Metropolitan North Netball Team in Mackay. Jaymie Lync and Taylor Mapusa were selected as shadow players. Jack Young will be representing Queensland at the National Junior Athletics Titles in Perth.

IMPORTANT
– Please remember to notify the school of any change of address or contact phone numbers or parent email addresses for your student.

Absentee Phone Line 3350 0303

Diary Dates

Sunday 17 March
• Year 12 Drama Zen Zen Zo Rehearsal in Hall 10:00am to 4:00pm
• Social Science Week at Wavell

Monday 18 March
• Year 9 Literacy and Numeracy Test Trial 2 Day 2 in Hall
• National ‘Closing the Gap’ Day

Tuesday 19 March
• Year 9 Literacy and Numeracy Test Trial 2 Day 2 in Hall
• SRC Executive Meeting in Conference Room 1:00pm

Wednesday 20 March
• Year 9 Literacy and Numeracy Test Trial 2 Day 2 in Hall
• Musical Rehearsal Q Block(12:00noon-5:30pm All students)

Thursday 21 March
• Year 9 Literacy and Numeracy Test Trial 2 Day 2 in Hall
• Musical Rehearsal in Hall-(1:00-5:30pm Years 10,11,12)(3:00-5:30pm All students)

Friday 22 March
• Year 12 Musical Theatre Production Night in Hall-7:00pm
• SRC Executive Meeting in Conference Room 1:00pm

Monday 25 March
• Year 12 QCS Practice Test in Hall & Cert 1 Work Ed Workshop

Tuesday 26 March
• School Dance in Hall
• Year 12 QCS Practice Test in Hall & Cert 1 Work Ed Workshop
• Year 10 Geography Ex Camp returns Stradbroke Island

Wednesday 27 March
• Year 12 Authority English ‘Shake n Stir’ in Hall Lesson 1
• Year 9 Science 1 Year 1 - Lesson 1-3
• SRC Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 28 March
• Year 12 College Placement Test in Hall - Day 2
• Year 12 College Placement Test in Hall - Day 3
• High School Musical Rehearsal Q Block(9:00am-12:00noon)

Friday 29 March
• Year 12 QCS Practice Test in Hall & Cert 1 Work Ed Workshop
• Year 10 Geography Ex Camp returns Stradbroke Island

Saturday 2 March
• Good Friday
• Term 2 commences for all students
• Musical Rehearsal in Hall(10:00-5:30pm Years 10,11,12)(3:00-5:30pm All students)
• SRC Non-Uniform Day

Your pattern recognition is impressive.