From the Principal

Dear Parents,

This year’s school musical “Bye Bye Birdie” has been a wonderful testament to the amazing talent of our students and the dedication of Wavell staff. The show has been directed by Head of The Arts, Ms Kate Bottoms, and produced by our Chaplain, Ms Sarah Erskine. This production has been driven by our hard working Arts faculty and has included the efforts of a wide number of staff from across the school: our creative set (Manual Arts and Visual Art teachers), assistance with costumes (Home Economics teachers) and management of ticket sales and Front of House (general teaching staff). The music for the production has been conducted by Ms Leanne Piggott with an outstanding band comprised of both past and present students and staff. I am sure tonight’s show and tomorrow night’s closing performance will be as superb as the Wednesday evening opening night. Thanks to the parents of our musical cast for your support of the production; ensuring your student attended the many Sunday and after school practices, your assistance with costuming and of course being part of the appreciative audience.

There are many school based activities that deliver an exceptional well-rounded education at Wavell High: the school musical, our sporting teams, leadership programs and most importantly academic opportunities. Our school programs will be showcased at Open Day on Sunday, 19 May. The afternoon will start promptly at 2.00 pm with a presentation by myself, key academic staff and student leaders. This is followed by student-led school tours and afternoon tea at 4.00pm. Open Day is an excellent opportunity to see all that Wavell has on offer to both our current and future students. At Open Day I will be proud to share the concept plans for our new Junior Secondary precinct. This will included twenty (20) classrooms and four (4) flexible learning spaces. Our Junior Secondary preparations will be outlined and include details for the enrolment of future Wavell High Junior Secondary students; Year 7s for 2014 and as well Year 7s and Year 8s for 2015. I am confident that our current Year 9s are well prepared and keen to do their very best in NAPLAN held in ten days time. We have some special rewards for those who show strong commitment and concentration in trying hard. We ask that all of students do their personal best.

Parents can help support their Year 9 student by following these tips:
1. Ensure a good night’s sleep each night before the tests – no late night TV, computer games or social networking. Reading a book or writing a short persuasive story would be a better option.
2. A healthy meal each evening, a solid breakfast (protein is brain food) and a healthy lunch are necessary.
3. Prepare all required equipment and have spare pens, pencils and a ruler.
4. Make sure they have a calculator for part of the Numeracy test on the Thursday.
5. Lots of encouragement without the pressure of expectation. Remember, the tests, while important to see how well students perform in literacy and numeracy, are not university entrance tests, nor do they impact on subject results.

Our NAPLAN testing is conducted by following these tips:

1. Prepare all required equipment and have lunch are necessary.
2. A good healthy meal each evening, a solid breakfast a better option.
3. It is important to see how well children perform in literacy and numeracy, are not university entrance tests, nor do they impact on subject results.
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Parents can learn more about the tests and what is involved in the NAPLAN web-site: www.naplan.edu.au

Wavell takes the NAPLAN tests very seriously and the results do assist us to identify aspects of literacy and numeracy in which students are deficit and in which areas they excel. It is however a bit of a stretch to say that the data is a major indicator of good or bad schools. While our data is consistently good it is not likely to be able to match it with the likes of the elite private schools where enrolment is based on capacity to pay up to $20,000 a year in tuition fees. Our averages in all tests are consistently above state and national averages in the context of enrolling a broad range of students with different levels of ability and from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. I am proud that our school is able to individualise programs to support our gifted academic students in extension classes and to also support the learning needs of a range of students with learning difficulties in our foundation classes and provide extra support through our Wavell Enrichment Program. Naturally we actively encourage ALL of our students to sit for the tests; not so for some schools. The impact of encouraging all students is that the less able students do reduce the published average result.

Wavell is so much more than NAPLAN results and OP scores. Wavell is about developing young people into wonderful adults who have learned to work cooperatively and excel in a multi-cultural context reflective of our society. This is done by providing a myriad of academic, sporting and cultural activities which enrich, extend, value and celebrate diversity. Please encourage your neighbours, family and friends who are looking for a great high school for their children to attend Open Day at Wavell on Sunday, 19 May from 2.00pm and concluding at 4:30pm.

Finally, I wish a happy Mother’s Day to all our mothers for Sunday, 12 May.

JJ Major
Principal

Parent Night

This term over 1200 interviews were conducted. If you missed this opportunity, it is appropriate to phone and discuss concerns.

Pictured : Mrs Cloudsley and Georgia in an interview with teacher Ms Puleo.

ANZAC Day Assembly

Our ANZAC Day memorial was conducted at both assemblies on Friday, 19 April. The official party included Mr Jason Woodford, MP Member for Nudgee, Mr Greg Rodgers, P&C President, Mr Greg Peake, Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub Branch Past President, Lt Colonel Jack Chipman (retired), Mrs Rae Whiston (mother of past student Mr Barry Whiston, KIA) and Warrant Officer Class 2 Shane Michell (7th Brigade Headquarters Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera). In attendance were past students and ex-Defence Force personnel. Mr Ron Biles, Mr Keith Cogzell, Mr Tony Curtis and Mr Allan Morrison, Mr Jeff Bowker, and Mr Allen Henderson. The ceremony included the Principal’s address and speeches by captains, Derryl Heketoe and Christen Johnson on the significance of ANZAC day. Lt Colonel Jack Chipman spoke about the battle in which Barry Whiston was involved in Vietnam and the events which led to his death. This was followed by “The Last Post” played by Anna McGregor, a minute of silence with, “The Ode”, read by captains, Cameron Joyes and Ruby Russell then “The Rouse”. The Concert Band and vocal group performed “The Vietnam Overture”. Both the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems were sung.

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P & C Meeting - Tuesday 21 May 2013, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building All Welcome

“Life is the sum of all your choices.”
Albert Camus

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 welcome for all year levels.
Contact Mrs Jane Bedewi on 33500328

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Canberra Trip

Last week five Year Twelve students Lauren Dawson, Tessa Dawson, Cameron Dodds, Richard Petersen and Ruby Russell went on a tour of Canberra. The tour centered around representing the school and Kedron Wavell Sub-branch RSL at the national ANZAC Day services. Despite the freezing conditions the students found it a memorable experience attending the Dawn and National services. They completed tours of the War Memorial; Parliament House and the National Science Centre. Wavell would like to thank the Kedron Wavell Sub-branch RSL, for their sponsorship of the tour and continued support of our students.

Hospitality Excursion

On Thursday, 21 March Years 11 and 12 Hospitality classes ventured to Fortitude Valley for the day to view establishments in the Hospitality sector. They arrived in the Emporium Precinct of shops and eateries off Ann Street, and had a wonderful morning tea and back of house tour by the Pastry Chef at Freestyle Tout Restaurant. Students could order a dessert and drink from the extensive menu. Plating and presentation of the elaborately decorated desserts was definitely a highlight of the excursion. By late morning we were walked furiously up Ann Street (to walk off our excesses) to our next venue, Cloudland Night Club. We were broken into smaller groups and had a guided tour through the many levels, bars, and lounge and dance areas. Following the Cloudland tour groups went into Chinatown and the Brunswick Street Mall and to the James Street area to the gourmet food outlets. Students’ behaviour and work ethic on the day were exemplary with bus etiquette outstanding.

Absenteephone Line
3350 0303

Shake and Stir

Late last term all Year 12 students studying Authority English were transported back in time to the Elizabethan era with a live, dynamic performance of two of Shakespeare’s well-known tragedies, Hamlet and Macbeth. To engage the students and present the plays in an accessible manner for all, local performers from the Shake and Stir Theatre Company bridged the 400+ year divide by explaining key scenes and situations, and moving between Shakespearean and modern verse to present characters, settings and events for all to enjoy. After many discussions with senior students the consensus seems to be - wow, what a performance!

Bye Bye Birdie

Don’t Miss the Final Performances!
Friday 3 May
Saturday 4 May
Assembly Hall, 7pm start
Tickets at door: $15 Adult $10 Student/Concession

Geography Camp

North Stradbroke turned on good weather for the Geography excursion for Year 10. Fifty students enjoyed the three day trip which included a visit to beautiful Brown Lake, a Surf Awareness Course, an Indigenous presentation and a walk around the northern tip of the island. Students were able to interview locals on their views about future development and gained first-hand experience of the problems associated with tourism and sand mining on the island. Pictured on board the ferry were Giselle Pickering and Milly Chen.

Special Provision for QCS

To all Year 12 students and their parents:
Any student sitting the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test who feels that a reason for special provision exists may apply for exemption or variation to the test conditions. Applications must be made in writing to QSA before Friday, 17 May and must include documentary evidence. For information and forms contact Miss Bencsevich, Mr MacPherson or Mr Turner.

Parent Nomination for School Council

The School Council invites parents/guardians of Wavell State High School students to be nominated as a parent representative on the School Council. There are two vacant positions, each for two years. For further information contact Returning Officer, Maree Minter on 3350 0301. All nomination forms must be returned to Maree Minter by Friday 17th May, 2013.

JJ Major, Principal
G Rodgers - President P & C Association

Rugby League
Home Coming 2013
Wednesday, 29 May at Shawsporiz
Games start at 2:00pm

Teen Dental Vouchers Years 11 - 12
The School Dental Program is accepting Teen Dental Vouchers from Year 11 and 12 students. If you have received a voucher you are able to use it within the school dental services. There are no gaps to pay and this includes a full course of general treatment. You are eligible for our care if you can answer yes to the four items listed below: If you have a current Teen Dental Voucher you are a current Health Care Card holder under 18 years of age and are currently enrolled in year 11 or 12. To make an appointment, please take your Health Care Card, Medicare Card and Teen Dental Voucher to any of the dental vans or clinics. Alternatively phone 1300 365 997 for an appointment.

REMINDER YEAR 8 CAMP 2013
Permission & Medical Forms and full payment or payment plan
Due: Wednesday 8 May
Camp letters have been distributed.
Contact Ms Hannah Buchanan BSM if you need to discuss a payment option on 3350 0310

Diary Dates

Saturday 4 May
• School Musical Night Performance in Hall-7:00pm
• Metropolitan North Trials Soccer Boys & Girls 15 & U

Tuesday 7 May
• Year 12 English Literature excursion to UQ
• Years 9 & 11 QDU Debating Round 3
• Music Excellence Concert 1 in Hall -7:00pm
• Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
• Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 10 May
• Year 11 Certificate III Children’s Services on the Job Placement-Day 1
• SRC Meeting G2-1:00pm
• Combined Shops Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Tuesday 14 May
• Year 9 National Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Program Test Day 1 in Hall
• Year 9 National Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Program Test Day 2 in Hall
• Music Excellence Concert 2 in Hall -7:00pm
• QCS Test closing date for special consideration applications
• Year 11 Certificate III Children’s Services on the Job Placement-Day 2

Thursday 16 May
• Chaplaincy Committee Meeting-2:15pm
• District Cross Country- Kedron SHS

Sunday 19 May
• Open Day 2:00pm-4:30pm

Monday 20 May
• District Cross Country- Kedron SHS

Tuesday 21 May
• Wavell PACE Community Meeting Wavell Heights SS
• Metropolitan North Trials Golf 19 & U
• Year 12 QCS & Cert I Work Ed Workshops - Lessons 1 & 2
• World Vision Global Leadership Convention-Invited SRC Representatives

Wednesday 22 May
• Metropolitan North Trials Baseball 14 & U, Basketball 15 & U
• P&C Meeting 7:30pm
• Year 10 Careers Expo in Hall-Lessons 1-3
• Ferny Grove Mathematics Team Challenge
• Year 12 & 11 Drama Theatre excursion to Animal Farm

Thursday 23 May
• SRC Non-Uniform Day
• QDU Debating Round 3 Year 8

Friday 24 May
• National Sorry Day Commemoration
• Year 11 Certificate III Children’s Services on the Job Placement-Day 3
• Instrumental Showcase Concert in Hall-7:30pm

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