Dear Parents,

Our annual Open Day last Saturday, 19 May drew a crowd of over 600 visitors. It was a great opportunity to showcase our talented students and their achievements and share our plans for Junior Secondary at Wavell, with Year 7 joining us in 2015. I am indebted to the staff and students for their commitment and time in preparation and for their presentations on the day. The extra hours put in by our dedicated support staff particularly our cleaners, facilities and grounds staff, ensured our school sparkled. We were also treated to a wonderful afternoon tea by our hard working Home Economics faculty and students. The pride of staff and students in their school is a clear measure of the connectedness of our school community and is a large contributor to Wavell’s continued success. Enrolment forms for siblings of current students are now due. Please submit these so that the number of external enrolments may be determined. Early enrolment is the key to securing a place at Wavell.

The Wavell Concert Band 1, so magnificent on Open Day, will feature tonight at our annual Showcase Concert along with Mrs Jones, Mr Bell and Ms Piggott. I am very proud of our instrumental students and their dedicated teachers.

My congratulations also go to our dance students, Miss Farrell and Mrs Call for their great results at the Brisbane Schools’ Dance Eisteddfod last Friday - securing a first place, a second place and a highly commended. Wavell’s NAPLAN testing of our 280 Year 9s ran smoothly last week. Hours of dedicated practice has paid off in spades. I would like to thank our dedicated Middle School NAPLAN team: Mrs Smeed (Deputy Principal), Mrs Mudden (HOD Middle Schooling), Ms Baker (AHOD English), Miss Neilsen (AHOD Mathematics) Miss Wallace (HOSES) and Mrs Edwards (Administrative Assistant), and all of our middle school teachers for supporting our students to achieve their best possible outcomes. These test results will be used at Wavell to diagnose areas for student development and areas for curriculum enhancement. I expect some good results from this year’s cohort – last year we again had results above or on National Average in all five categories of testing.

Currently the prime focus for all of our students should be to prepare for the end of semester exams. The block exam timetable has been released (available now on the school’s website) with exams for Years 11 and 12 only one week away and Years 8 to 10 assessment in two weeks. A good study plan, strong commitment and dedication to the task ahead will go a long way to ensure good results. I urge all students to submit all required work for the semester and therefore maximise their results. Students absent from exams must present a doctor’s certificate or a letter from parents explaining valid reasons for absence. This should be presented to Ms Bullen (Deputy Principal) to make suitable catch-up arrangements. Failure to complete assessment may lead to the withdrawal of a semester’s credit which has a serious impact on OP and QCE eligibility.

I remind all students and parents that Semester Two work will commence immediately following exams. Absent students will be expected to catch up in their own time. School does not finish for the semester until Friday, 21 June. Year 10s will be engaged in work experience for four days of their last week of term. This is a vital learning opportunity which will assist individuals plan future study and career pathways. Year 9 students have a compulsory Science Day and HRE sessions to participate in during their last week. Year 8 Camp will be held over the last three days of term.

Principal

From the Principal

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Michael Jordan

NAPLAN

The Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests were held on 14, 15 and 16 May. Students in Year 9 participated in five tests over the period. The Language Conventions test incorporated spelling, grammar and punctuation while the Numeracy test incorporated number, space and measurement and consisted of a calculator test and a non-calculator test. Well done to all students.

Open Day

Welcome to Wavell! Over 600 visitors attended our Open Day on Sunday 19 May. A varied program of activities was held. After the multi-media presentation, prospective students and parents visited fourteen faculty displays, where staff and students were on-hand to tell them about the school. Afternoon tea was served in the Silver Jubilee Courtyard by Hospitality students, while Instrumental Music students provided entertainment.

Mooting Competition

On Wednesday, 8 May three Year 12 Legal Studies students participated in the Bond University Mooting competition. Sarah Sheppard (Senior Counsel), Krisha Manosca (Junior Counsel) and David Marr (Solicitor) (pictured below), prepared their submissions to the High Court in the Case of Penelope v David. Students used legal precedent to make submissions to the judge in a case involving contributory negligence and driving. Students handled themselves professionally whilst under tough questioning from the judge. Students will find out soon if they are successful in progressing to the finals, but either way it was a fantastic learning experience for all involved.

Farewell

Mrs Jane Bedewi (pictured with Mr Major) has been a valued member of the Wavell Administration Support Team. We thank Mrs Bedewi for her contributions and wish her well with her future career plans.

Astrophysics

On Monday, 22 April, the senior physics and earth science students visited the newly updated Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium. The students reviewed the planetarium gallery and answered questions on Astrophysics and space. They then attended a presentation in the “Cosmic Skydome” where Dr Peter Firth took students to the outermost reaches of the galaxy, explained in detail cosmic red-shift and how astrophysicists have been able to accurately calculate the age of the universe. After the presentation a group of physics students were able to meet Dr Firth and ask questions about the study he undertook, and what it was like to be an astrophysicist.

Semester I Examinations:

These dates are inclusive:

- Year 12: 31 May – 14 June
- Year 11: 31 May – 12 June
- Years 8 9 & 10: 7 June – 11 June

P & C Meeting - Tuesday 18 June 2013, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building All Welcome
Debating News

Congratulations to all debaters in the Year 8, 9 and 10 teams who have all been successful in each winning one debate at the end of Round 2. Well done to Year 8: Josephine O'Donnell, Samuel Palley, Emily Todd and Lachlan Doyle. Year 9: Georgia Cloudsey, Sophie Morley, Emily Honor, Elizabeth Bennett. Emily Guest. Year 10: Giselle Pickering, Natasha Rath, Rhiannon Hassett and Brockton Coven. Good luck next round.

Career Day

As part of Year 10 Career Education students participated in a Careers Expo held at school on Wednesday, 22 May. Students were given advice and information from the Guidance Officers Mr Nathan Macpherson and Mr Luke Wallace and Senior Schooling. HOD Mr. Tiffany Byram about options available here at school and externally to complement their studies in Year 11 and 12. Students also participated in two break away sessions giving them the option of choosing between guest speakers from various universities, Brisbane North Institute of TAFE, Southbank TAFE, Skills Tech and Acclaim (specialists in Apprenticeships/Trainships), JMC (sound engineering) and Design College of Australia.

All students were invited to visit displays in the hall. The Careers Expo culminated with an exciting presentation from the Defence Force about the range of scholarships, study and employment opportunities open to these interested in a career with the Army, Navy or Air Force. Feedback from our Year 10 students has been very positive and students are getting excited about planning for their final years of school. The next event for Year 10 students is work experience, which will take place from Tuesday, 18 to Friday, 21 June. This is a very important experience for all students and is necessary for completion of their Certificate I in Work Education. In the coming weeks it is vital for students to confirm their employer’s details and their work experience agreements must be signed by parents, the employer and the school.

ACMA’s National Cybersmart Program

Presentations will be held on Tuesday 9 July, 2013
Wavell school assembly hall
Years 8 & 9 students: 11:45am – 12:45pm
Teaching Staff: 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Parent Presentation: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) delivers free internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students. Presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

The Cybersmart program aims to:
• Inform children, parents, teachers and library staff about cybersafety issues
• Educate audiences through information, resources and practical advice
• Empower children to be safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited cybersmart trainer. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Keren wins the Inter-House Cross Country

House Points: Keren-552, Alamein-516, Burma-473, Tobruk-459

Pictured: Keren and Alamein captains, Kelvin Baidon, Tarvia Lucas, Liam Moffatt, and Jessica Bates with Mr Turner (Deputy Principal).

Our Annual Inter-house Cross Country race was held on Thursday, 2 May. Participation was the key to another successful championship, and with over 85 per cent of students in attendance at this year’s event, it highlighted the enthusiasm Wavell students possess for engaging in physical activity. Congratulations to Keren House for winning a closely contested competition with only thirty-six points separating the first and second place getters.

Dance Eisteddfod

On Friday, 17 May our Wavell Dance Troupes and Excellence class, competed in the Brisbane Dance Eisteddfod. They placed: first - Junior Musical, second-Junior Jazz and Highly Commended-Senior Jazz. The standard of competition was very impressive on the day. Being involved in this large scale interschool dance competition was great experience for our Dance students, with high quality performances, and outstanding team spirit and behaviour. Congratulations team!

Basketball Success

Congratulations to our junior girls basketball team who won a close game 31-30 over Morayfield in Round one of the Year 9 Finals.

Reconciliation Week

Students today observed National Sorry Day. A day which reminds all Australians that the healing process with our first Australians is still ongoing and is part of the unfinished business of reconciliation.

Events include the commemorations at Kalinga Park and our participation at the Which Way Truth Carnival at Everton Park.

REMINDER

Students with brothers/sisters wishing to attend Wavell in 2013, please return the enrolment application form to G1 by Friday, 14 June.

IMPORTANT

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

Diary Dates

Sunday 26 June
Monday 27 June
Tuesday 28 June
Wednesday 29 June
Thursday 30 June
Friday 31 June
Saturday 1 July

• National Sorry Day
• SRC Executive Meeting in Conference Room - 10:45am
• Year 10 College Drama 6:00pm in hall
• Extended Form Meeting 8:45-9:05am for attendance checks
• Metropolitan North Cross Country
• Wavell SHS Home Coming Rugby League event-3:00pm start
• Years 9 & 11 QDU Debating Round 4
• Year 8 English (Nexus Arts) Author Visit-two talk sessions & workshops in Library
• Year 12 Semester 1 Examinations commence (31 May-14 June)
• Year 11 Semester 1 Examinations commence (31 May-12 June)
• Year 8 Inter-form Debating Round 1 - Lunch time
• SRC Meeting G2-1:10pm
• Year 10 & 12 QDU Debating Round 4
• Years 8,9 & 10 Semester 1 Examinations commence


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