

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
An exciting chapter for Wavell begins this week with the first stage of our new Junior Secondary precinct under way. To make way for the new building, the old K-Block demountable classrooms were demolished. The next phase sees the relocation of our I-Block classrooms to make room for a new twenty-four classroom building.

The past two weeks have seen many impressive performances in sport by Wavell students. Sixteen of our boys represented the Metropolitan North region which was recently crowned State Champions at the Queensland Open Schoolboys Rugby League Championships in Kingaroy. Three Wavell students; *Jayden Nikorima*, *Sonny Munroe* and *Brendan Frei* were selected in the Queensland team. Congratulations to all boys involved on a great effort. Also crowned State Champions were the Under 15 Netball Team with *Savannah Vasilakis* from Year 10 as captain of the Metropolitan North team.

Students are now attending to their important end of semester exams. I feel confident that all students have done the required preparation in class and at home to ensure success. The Year 12s are particularly focused on doing well, as this semester result will contribute heavily to final exit ratings. It is important that students put in the effort needed to ensure they achieve to the best of their ability. After exams, students will continue with work important for the next unit of study. It is essential that all students are in attendance.

Our Year 12s will complete their second QCS Test Practice following exams on Thursday, 13 and Friday, 14 June. This preparation is essential for students who wish to sit the QCS Test in September. A compulsory Certificate 1 in Work Education workshop will be run for Year 12 non-OP students. These students MUST attend in order to complete the certificate.

Report cards for all students will be POSTED home on the last day of term, Friday 21 June. The reports will be accompanied by booking information for the Parent Teacher Interviews - Tuesday, 16 July, 3.30 – 7.30pm.

I would also like to remind families to finalise outstanding school resource and text charges and subject levies before the end of term. Many families will soon receive the \$410 **Schoolkids Bonus** education payment from the Federal Government. This payment has been specifically intended to enable parents to meet their obligation to schooling costs. I expect any outstanding school contributions would be the first priority for these funds.

The final week of term involves many extra activities: Year 8 camp to Noosa, Year 10 work experience, and work experience for some senior certificate courses. Parents of Year 9 students should have received a letter detailing the Human Relationship Education program for form classes. Year 9 students will also be

involved in assessable tasks on the second Science Day, on Thursday, 20 June. This is a compulsory event for Year 9 students. School continues for all other students up to and including Friday, 21 June.

Wavell expects all students to be in full attendance and engaged in learning until the very last day of term. *Did you know that a student with even a 92 per cent attendance rate effectively loses one year of school over their entire 13 years of schooling?*

Parents are expected to support this requirement and that any legitimate absence is explained by a note or phone call to the school.

Peter Turner
Acting Principal

"Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open".

Sir James Dewar

Semester One Reports

Posted home

Friday, 21 June 2013

Your postal address must be correct to ensure reports are delivered!

Parent - Teacher Interviews

Tuesday, 16 July 2013, 3:30pm - 7:30pm

Booking details will be mailed with reports.

Parents log on to "Parent Teacher Online"

via the school website.

Bookings open: 9:00am Tuesday, 9 July

close: 9:00am Monday, 15 July.

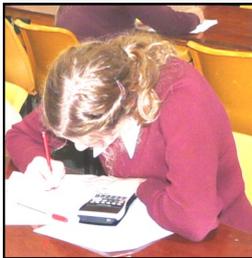
Families without internet access may like to utilise the free service provided by BCC libraries.

For further assistance:

Mrs Maree Minter 3350 0301.



Semester Examinations



Senior students commenced their examination block on Friday, 31 May. Students are reminded that the school expects diligence and application to these important pieces of assessment. The examination timetable is available in full on the school website. Any absence from scheduled exams must be communicated with *Mrs Bullen*, Deputy Principal in order to ensure examinations are rescheduled as soon as possible.

QDU Debating

Congratulations Year 9 debaters *Elizabeth Bennett*, *Sophie Morely*, *Emily Honor* and *Georgia Cloudsley*, who won their third debate on Wednesday night. They have now qualified to compete in the final rounds. Good luck to the Year 8 and Year 10 teams in their next debates. If successful they too will enter final rounds. Thanks to coaches for your time and guidance and also parents for support.

**Term 3 Commences
Monday
8 July 2013**

Inter-form Debating

The Year 8 Inter-Form Debating Competition is under way for another year! There are a record breaking fourteen teams all vying for the prestigious honour of being crowned winner. Following the humiliation of losing the Tug-Of-War to 8A, many form classes are putting in extra effort to ensure that honour is restored. The first debate started on Friday, 31 May with the controversial topic: 'School hours should be extended until 5pm in Australia'. This produced some thought provoking arguments! Eight of the successful teams will now go through to the next round, so stay tuned for the next debate on Friday, 19 July when teams will debate the topic: 'Books are better than television'.



Author Visit

Oliver Phommavanh, published children's author and stand-up comedian, travelled up from Sydney this week to meet with Year 8 students and inspire them with their creative writing efforts. His humorous talk had the students in stitches as he recounted funny events and imaginary situations, and described far-fetched characters. Interwoven were personal anecdotes of his own experiences growing up as the son of Thai parents in an Australian landscape – experiences that inspire his own writing. His published novels, 'Thai-Riffic', 'Con-Nerd' and 'Thai-Nomite' are stories that the students all know, and are sure to race off the library shelves in the coming days. Throughout the day *Oliver* also worked closely with a number of students, offering creative writing advice as the students attempted to put his tips into practice. A great day was had by all.

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.

Instrumental Music Showcase

All bands, ensembles and vocalists performed at the Instrumental Showcase Concert on Friday, 24 May. The evening, complete with supper, showcased the incredible musical talent of all our instrumental students. The concert was the culmination of a very busy semester, touring to Theodore and Moura in February and the school musical in May.



Collage Drama Night



The annual Collage Drama night showcases the talents of our Year 10 Drama students. The students worked cooperatively to devise, rehearse and present original theatrical pieces. *Miss Adams*' class presented "*Unsustainable*" a narrative based fiction set in 2050 where children have their imaginations removed. *Mr Crestani*'s class performed their play "*Randomania*," a collection of unusual stories. Both classes presented outstanding work, highlighting the exceptional talent of the Drama students at Wavell.

Drama Excursion

On Wednesday, 22 May Years 11 and 12 Drama students along with *Miss Battams* and *Miss Adams* travelled to QPAC to experience '*Animal Farm*', adapted by Shake & Stir theatre company. '*Animal Farm*', a multi-award winning physical theatre production, exceeded expectations proving to be a visual extravaganza enjoyed by both teachers and students alike.

Congratulations

Emma Nash, Year 12, graduated from the Australian Guild of Music with her letters (C.Mus.A) in piano. She was the youngest student ever to graduate from the Guild. Congratulations *Emma* on this outstanding achievement.

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.

District Cross Country

The weather turned on a great day on Monday, 20 May for the district cross country carnival. An excited team of approximately 70 students from Years 8 - 12 set off on a walk to Kedron High School at the start of period 3 to compete against 6 schools from across the district. On arrival our volunteer Sports Captains were placed around the course and on timekeeping duties and our competitors warmed up for their 3km, 4km or 6km run. Unfortunately, despite winning 5 of the 12 events, we narrowly lost the overall school honours.

13 Years: 1st - <i>Nandia Els, Jimi Lewis</i> 2nd - <i>Conor Sealy</i> 3rd - <i>Zach Guettler</i>	16 Years: 2nd - <i>Candice Champion</i>
14 Years: 1st - <i>Jamie Harten</i> 2nd - <i>Brandon Townend</i> 3rd - <i>Emily Honor, Joe Dale</i>	Open 1st - <i>Jack Young, Daniel Jebb</i>
15 Years: 2nd - <i>Nicholas Menesi</i>	

Metropolitan Finals

This Summer season for Metropolitan Finals we had five teams representing Wavell. The Open girls' touch football were eliminated in the quarter finals and Year 9 girls' basketball and Open boys' cricket in the semi-finals. However, we had two teams progress to the SEQ grand final. The Open boys' touch football team, led by representative players *Keith Inocencio* and *Schae Mawer* were tied at full time, so the game went to a sudden-death drop off format. Despite the best effort of the Wavell boys they went down by one try. The Open girls' softball team played Wellington Point in their grand final. Despite a big loss to the same team in the Golden Glove competition earlier, the Wavell girls refused to be intimidated. An outstanding team effort led by pitching-catching combination *Keely Hutchison* and *Olivia Day* got the Wavell girls across the line, 5-2! *Congratulations to All!*

Home Coming Game

Wednesday, 29 May saw Wavell High host Marsden High for its annual Rugby League "Homecoming" extravaganza at Shaw Sports. After being defeated in all grades the previous year, Marsden were out to redeem the 2012 results.

The night got off to a great start with the Year 8 team winning 40 - 8 and the Year 9s drawing 22 all in the next game. The Open 2 team contested a tight game and were narrowly defeated 18 - 22. The Year 10 team put in some great performances and won a nail biter 20 - 18.

The main game saw the Open 1 team score first against their cross town rivals, but Marsden replied with a converted try and the two teams went into half-time with the scores locked at six all. The Wavell team started the second half strongly and controlled the ball well to score the first. Continued composure by the side saw them score a total of six tries to the visitors' one and run out eventual winners 34 - 12. Thank you to the Junior Dance Troupe for their performance at half-time; they really spurred the players on.

REMINDER

Year 8 BCC Immunisation - Wednesday 12 June - 9:00am
 Chickenpox Dose 1 of 1 (All) - HPV Dose 2 of 3(All)

Diary Dates

Monday 10 June	•Queens Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 11 June	•School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday 12 June	•Year 8 BCC Immunisation (see details above)
Thursday 13 June	•Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm / Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Friday 14 June	•Year 12 QCS Practice Test and Certificate I Work Education Workshop in Hall
Monday 17 June	•Years 8,9,10 & 11 Semester Examinations conclude
Tuesday 18 June	•Year 8 Business/IT Day for Form Classes 8A,B & C-Lessons 1&2
Wednesday 19 June	•Year 8 QDU Debating Round 4
Thursday 20 June	•Years 8-11 normal classes resume
Friday 21 June	•Year 12 QCS Practice Test and Certificate I Work Education Workshop in Hall
Monday 8 July	•Year 12 Semester 1 Examinations conclude
Tuesday 9 July	•Year 11 Chemistry excursion - SIMTARS
Wednesday 10 July	•Year 9 Human Relationships Education-Form Classes 8D,E & F-Lessons 2&3
Thursday 11 July	•Year 12 normal classes resume
Friday 12 July	•Years 8-12 ICAS English Writing Competition-Lesson 1
	•Year 10 Certificate I in Work Education Workshop
	•Year 9 Human Relationships Education-Form Classes D,E,F & G
	•Year 8 Business/IT Day for Form Classes G,H,I & J-Lessons 1&2
	•SRC Executive Meeting Conference Room 10:45am
	•Combined Shops Committee Meeting 7:30pm
	•Year 10 Work Experience
	•Year 9 Human Relationships Education-Form Classes H,I,J & K
	•P&C Meeting 7:30pm
	•Year 10 Work Experience
	•Year 8 Camp departs for Noosa North Shore
	•Year 10 Work Experience
	•Year 9 Science Day 2 - Lessons 1&3
	•Year 10 Work Experience
	•Year 8 Camp returns
	•Semester Reports finalised for posting home
	•Year 8 'The Hunting Game' Brainstorm Productions in Hall-Lesson 4
	•Combined Shops Committee Meeting 7:30pm
	•ACMA CyberSmart Talks (details on page 1)
	•Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm / Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm
	•Year 12 Legal Studies excursion to the Supreme Court
	•Academic Monitoring in WDP/WTP-review of Semester 1 results
	•Year 12 QCS Feedback in Library-Lesson 2
	•Year 11 Certificate III Children's Services On the Job Placement - Day 4

Absentee Phone Line
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