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 Learning Precinct was dismantled.

The next phase sees the relocation of our 1-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; Savannah Vasilakis from Year 10 as captain of the Metropolitan North 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 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 Queensland team. Congratulations to all boys involved on a great effort.

Student 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, 21 June, 3:15pm. 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 Cloudsey, 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.

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: 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.

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. Intertwoven 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.

Term 3 Commences
Monday
8 July 2013
**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.

**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.

**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 Kaitlin Giovannini 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-catcher combination Keely Hutchinson 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.

**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 “Randomomia,” 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 Batatas 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.