From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Last week I spoke to our academic high achievers about why it is so vital that we encourage and nurture academic success. If Australia is to be internationally competitive it will be the bright young minds like theirs that will be needed to help Australia develop as a prosperous and successful nation. I also shared with these students a favourite piece of mine allegedly written by Bill Gates (Founder of the Microsoft Corporation). While it is somewhat American in its flavour and was written more than a decade ago, his eleven rules still stand up as some wise advice.

I thank Mr Farrell (Principal, Virginia State School) for his formal dinner invitation and the large number of parents, family and friends who attended to support these wonderful young achievers. My very special congratulations to the six Year 12 students who have managed to be recognised at the five ceremonies we have conducted since they were in Year 8 – Zoe Harvey, Teegan Kranenburg, Natalie Peinke, Ruby Russell, Sunny Van Den Berg and Tianzi Wardle.

I was delighted to attend the Queensland Training Awards Metropolitan Regional finals dinner at Portside on Friday, 2 August in the company of Joshua Whitehead (Year 12), his family, QBuild employers and Ms Byram (HOD Senior Schooling). At the dinner Joshua was named the Regional School-based Apprentice of the Year which was presented by Education Minister, Hon. John-Paul Langbroek. This is a wonderful achievement for Joshua and a great credit to his family, the school staff and his employer who have worked closely in support of him. In addition to his carpentry apprenticeship, Joshua has also completed his Certificate III in Business and Certificate I in Work Education at school. Special thanks to Mrs Minter (School based apprenticeship co-ordinator) and Ms Byram (HOD Senior School) for his nomination and support as well as his class teachers including Mrs Schuh (HOD Business) and her staff for his success within the Business faculty.

Next week on Tuesday, 13 August our Senior Formal will be held. I remind our Year 12s to enjoy the Formal but to also remember to respect themselves, their parents and their school in this celebration. The school does not endorse or support any post formal celebrations: private functions are the responsibility of parents. I do grant our Year 12s Tuesday as a day off classes to prepare, but I expect all Year 12 students to attend Monday, Thursday and Friday. There are so few days left until the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test and their final exams. Missing days between now and the end of the year has the potential to limit the results students will receive for their senior schooling. There are only ten school weeks remaining prior to the final senior block exams held in Term Four.

The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test is to be conducted in four weeks, on Tuesday, 3 and Wednesday, 4 September. Seniors must also focus on doing well in this test, as their efforts will determine our school’s OP results. The P&C, School Council and staff have been involved in discussions about applying to be an Independent Public School. There are some advantages to Wavell following this course including a greater flexibility in curriculum delivery and capacity to appoint teachers and other staff. You can read more about the program at the following link on Education Queensland’s web-site: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools/

The P&C, School Council and school management team with the overwhelming support of staff have endorsed Wavell High’s application for this opportunity. The pleasing results of Wavell’s Teaching and Learning Audit are now available to be viewed on the school’s website. This report adds strong support for our Independent Public School application.

I remind parents and students that the only holiday next week is Wednesday, 14 August – there is no longer an additional holiday; this occurred at Easter. All students are expected in attendance every other day unless advised otherwise by me.

J J Major
Principal

“Happiness is not a goal; it is a bi-product.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

Staff Farewells

Mr Barry Bradford (pictured right with Mr Major) has been the longstanding Head of Department of Industrial Design and Technology at Wavell. We wish Mr Bradford all the best for his retirement.

Ms Christine Anderson (pictured with Miss Buchanan, Mr Major and Mrs Deaves) has been a member of our valued cleaning team since 2001. Chrissie retired last Friday, we wish her well.

Ms Tiffany Byram, Head of Department Senior Schooling, has now taken family leave and will re-join Wavell in 2015. All the best.

REMEMBER
DNA Show Holiday Wednesday 14 August
School is on every other day!

Subject Selection Reminder for Years 9, 10 and 11 for 2014
Subject Selection is to be completed on-line by Friday, 23 August 2013.

Visiting Japanese Students

This week Wavell warmly welcomed our eighteen visiting students and two support staff (pictured below) from Suzuka High School, Japan. The Year 8 to 12 visitors have been busy participating in classes as well as learning about Australian culture. Thank you to the host families and our school buddies. Konnichiwa!

Metropolitan Regional School-based Apprentice of the Year

On Friday, 2 August Joshua Whitehead was presented the Metropolitan Regional School-based Apprentice of the Year Award by the Minister for Education, Hon. John-Paul Langbroek. Joshua will now proceed to the State Finals on Friday, 13 September. Joshua is a worthy winner of this prestigious accolade. Not only has he been working with QBuild since February 2012 as an Apprentice Carpenter, he has also completed a Certificate III in Business, Certificate I in Work Education and is on track to complete a Certificate III in Accounts Administration by the end of the year. Joshua is an excellent student and has attained great heights through a vocational pathway. We wish Joshua luck in the state finals.

P C Meet - Tuesday 20 August 2013, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building- All Welcome
Academic Excellence 2013

Congratulations to those students who received awards at our ceremony on Monday, 29 July.


Year 11: Claudia Abbott, Leah Baker, Rhianne Bolton, Candice Champion, Pippa Edwards, Sarah Edwards, Rose Foster, Brianna Hutchinsen, Millicent Mitchell, Michelle Morris, Cara Paglia, Catherine Rosenberg, Madeline Ryan, Rebecca Wilson, Rebecca Wood.


Home Economics Week

Another successful Home Economics Week commenced with breakfast by the canteen last Monday. Hot muro and mini muffins made for a warm start. Year 11 Hospitality students prepared and presented High Tea as a thank you to the Wavell Enrichment Program volunteers (pictured below). Friday saw the culmination of a busy week with students creative skills and talents put to the test with a cake decorating competition. The week focused on the well-being of students and our school community and offered an insight into the Home Economics program at Wavell.

Wavell Wins District Athletics

On Monday, 5 and Tuesday, 6 of August Wavell had over 80 athletes represent the school in the Central District Track and Field Carnival. On the back of a great team performance, Wavell was successful in defending our title and defeating our closest rivals by 400 points. The quality of the team effort was highlighted by the 4x100m relays that concluded the carnival. Despite strong competition, we were able to win three of the six relays, an excellent effort. Of particular note were the performances of the following individuals who won age champion for their respective age groups:

14 Years: Jamie Harten
15 Years: Taylor Mapussa
16 Years: Candice Champion
Opens: Daniel Jebb

Congratulations to all of the athletes who represented Wavell and teachers Miss Short, Mr Porter and Mr Crawford who assisted at the carnivals.

Toolkit 4 Schools

Five Year 10 students (pictured below) participated in the Toolkit 4 Schools program on Friday, 19 July. This program was designed to give students an insight into the working life of a tradesperson in the Electro Technology field. Students undertook practical activities, spoke to industry representatives and visited the Mysteryant facility.

Netball Update

Wavell’s Vicki Wilson netball team have now played and won four of their six Vicki Wilson Cup games. They have recorded wins against Albany Creek, Ferry Grove, St Paul’s and The Gap. Our team will play Sandgate on Wednesday, 21 August at Sandgate and their final game will be against Mt St Michaels on Monday, 26 August at Wavell. Well done to all girls involved!

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Sporting Representatives

Jovden Nikorma will tour England and France at the end of the year as part of the Open Schoolboys Rugby League team. Good luck. All Key performed at the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Sydney last month. She competed in the Queensland team as well as individual events. Well done.

Jayden Young has made the Under 17 Queensland School Sport Cross Country team and will be running in Launceston in late August. Congratulations.

Jesse Barrow has been selected to represent Metropolitan North in baseball and Aiden Schumacher is to play in the President’s team at the State Titles this month. Best wishes.

2013 University Date Claimers

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
- Sunday 11 August - Open Day, Nathan Campus
- Sunday 18 August - Open Day, Caboolture Campus
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
- Sunday 18 August - Open Day, Gatton Campus

COMBINED SHOP NEWS

Reminder all school shops are now in the one location, opened longer hours and 4 days a week.

Donations for clothing to be sold on.

Femail shop commission may be left at the shop.

Please ensure items are laundered and have your name and contact details attached.

DISCOUNTED ITEMS - all must go!
- Boys long sleeved shirts no logo sizes 22/24 only $8.00 ea (limited stock)
- Selected girls socks only $2.00 ea.
- Exercise books, folders and visual art folders.
- 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

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