Dear Parents,

The Year 12 Queensland Core Skills test conducted last week is a critical element in the allocation of OP scores to Wavell students. The cohort of OP 1 to 15 students who complete these tests will scale Wavell’s scores against those of students in other schools. I am confident we will see some great outcomes come December this year. It was pleasing to see our school recognised in the Courier Mail’s feature on the tests this year. Wavell High continues to encourage our students to aspire to an OP score and tertiary entry where their ability warrants this direction, and supports students with vocational qualifications where appropriate. Over 60 per cent of Wavell students are OP eligible and completed the QCS Tests. Some schools appear to have embarked on a strategy to reduce the number of OP eligible students to 30 per cent of their cohort in an attempt to increase the apparent percentage of OP 1-15 students. This practice runs the risk of damaging future opportunities for students and distorts the entire OP system.

The Year 12 destination data for 2012 is now available on the school website and you are encouraged to view the report. In summary:

- 54.5 per cent of students who completed Year 12 at Wavell in 2012 continued in some recognised form of education and training.
- The most common destination was university at 30 per cent.
- VET study accounted for 24.5 per cent of students (9 per cent at on-campus VET courses, with 4 per cent at Certificate IV level or diploma level).
- 15.5 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (10 per cent) or trainee (5 per cent).
- 45.5 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (31.5 per cent), seeking work (13 per cent) or neither studying nor in the labour force (1 per cent).

It was my pleasure to attend Nundah Fest on Sunday, 8 September where our fantastic Instrumental Music students and their teachers presented some crowd pleasing performances. Tonight, Wavell’s Annual Dance Night is to be held. This event provides an important opportunity for our dance students to showcase their talents with Senior Dance and Dance Excellence students assessed through this public performance. Wavell expects a large crowd and asks that audience members are considerate of our students during the public performance. Wavell expects a large crowd and asks that audience members are considerate of our students during the public performance.

Both students and teachers look forward to our end of term celebrations, in particular our recognition of the diverse cultures which contribute to the rich fabric of our school population. Next Wednesday, the NAIDOC and Multi-Cultural Concert will be held. The concert will feature our Indigenous and Polynesian dancers with traditional music and dance from some of our diverse cultural backgrounds. Entry to the lunch time concert is by gold coin donation.

Wavell Classics Day will be run by our Prefects, during extended lunch on Thursday, 19 September, and is the last significant event they will run prior to their final few weeks of high school lessons. The cohesion of our school is reinforced through these important social events and provides students with a chance to relax away from our usual focused learning environment.

55th ANNUAL SPEECH NIGHT

Wednesday, 23 October 2013
Assembly Hall - 7:30pm

Academic, Sporting and Cultural awards will be presented.
All parents are most welcome to attend.

“...there are things known and things unknown and in between are the doors.”

Jan Morrison

YEARS 8, 9 & 11
MID SEMESTER REPORTS AND ATTENDANCE REPORTS
Will be issued on Friday 20 September

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Battle for Australia

On Wednesday, 4 September Year 10 History students attended the 71st anniversary Battle for Australia Commemoration Service. This service honours those who served on land and sea and in the air in the South and South West Pacific campaigns of 1942-1945. Savannah Vasiliakas and Luke Kisaloff read the Ode and Reanna Letts and Cassandra Alford laid a wreath during the ceremony.

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Enviroweek

This year Wavell participated in Enviroweek where students and staff took on a variety of environmentally focused activities and challenges. Over 200 pledges to make simple changes to everyday habits were made during the week. Tuesday, 27 August saw the mass tree planting ceremony at the newly established Bush Tucker garden. This is a special initiative undertaken by Mrs Madden and Mrs Crawford, but were knocked out by the talents of Logan Spamer and Michael Mulo. The final was a hotly contested affair with Darcy Quinn and Mitchell Alldridge (pictured below) victorious.

Economics Competition

The Years 11 and 12 Economics students successfully competed in the University of Queensland and Queensland Economic Teacher’s Association competition held in July. The competition required students to answer a multiple choice test which covered core units of the Queensland Economics syllabus. Year 12 students Krystal Parde and Cameron Dodds both achieved distinctions and the majority of those who participated achieved a credit. Congratulations!

Biology Camp

The annual biology camp to Stradbroke Island was conducted on Thursday, 29 and Friday, 30 August. In great weather, the Year 11 students learnt about sand dunes, mangroves, perched lakes and sand plants. They can now identify Spinifex grass and Casuarina trees at long distances. Pictured below: Emilii Dyokula.

HPE Week

Another successful Health and Physical Education week concluded last Friday. Tuesday, 3 September saw the annual Excellence challenge. The Year 10 Rugby League boys opposed the Netball girls in a game of netball where the girls were clear winners 16-2. The winning team then took on the HPE staff. Led by Mr Baker, the staff took an early lead with some great mid court play by Ms Stanely and Miss Short. The girls fought back to finish the game with an 11 all draw. The inaugural Baker’s Badminton Bonanza was held on the Wednesday. 23 teams competed for the “Wrecked Racquet” Trophy. The staff were solidly represented by Mrs Madden and Mr Crawford, but

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Woooloowin State School Fete

Saturday 15 September 2013

Woodall community invited to attend.

Year 12 Graduation Day

FRIYDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2013

6:45am - Breakfast
at Kedron-Wavell Services Club

Tickets $17.00 per person
Available from the Student Office from Monday, 16 September to Wednesday, 6 November.

9:00am - 10:30am - Graduation Ceremony in Assembly Hall

All parents of Year Twelves are welcome.

Year 9 Science Day Reminder

Tuesday 17 September

Lesson 1, 2 and 3

Compulsory assessment for Year 9 Bearing shoes for the day

SRC Non-Uniform Day & Wavell Classic Day

Theme: “Zoo”

Thursday 19 September - $2.00

Normal Dress Standards apply

Students who wish to participate must:

1. Have their uniforms with them for subjects with specific requirements, e.g. HPE/HEC.
2. Wear or bring closed-in, leather-upper footwear for HEC/Manual Arts/Science. NO THONGS
3. Not wear clothing with inappropriate logos, wording or illustrations.
4. GIRLS – Must not wear midriff tops, which expose their flesh.
5. Students must not wear singlet tops.
6. DO NOT bring/wear expensive items of footwear/clothing or bring valuables on the day.

Important

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