**From the Principal**

Dear Parents,

I received some very pleasing outcomes just prior to the holidays; the 2013 Year 9 NAPLAN results. These results indicate that our students continue to perform similar to national averages and significantly above the state and similar high schools. This is a great team effort. Well done to students, staff and parents.

**NAPLAN Averages**

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The percentage of students above the national minimum standard is exceptionally pleasing. This shows very few students fail to meet the national minimum benchmark at Wavell.

**Percentage Above Minimum Standard**

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The 2012 destination data for Wavell Year 12 students confirms that university study remains the most dominant destination for our graduates (30% with an additional 6% deferring). The student response rate to the survey this year was 87.7%. I encourage all of this year’s graduates to complete the survey when contacted in May 2014.

**Main destinations of Year 12, 2012**

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<td>Full-time work</td>
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Not employed or training 1%

Full details of our NAPLAN results and Destination Data are located on the school web-site: www.wavellshs.eq.edu.au

This final term will complete the 2013 academic year. There are a number of celebrations to come. Year 12 students should have by now applied through QTAC for next year’s study options. Please see our Guidance Officer Mr Macpherson for advice on completing this important task and for information on available courses.

**Multicultural Concert**

On Wednesday, 18 September, our students presented a diverse variety of cultural items to a full audience of students, family and community members. Well Done!

**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.

**Year 9 NAPLAN Reports**

have now been posted home to the students’ mailing addresses supplied to the school.

**Staff Farewell**

Mr Mick Taylor (pictured with Mr Major) has been a long-standing member of the teaching staff at Wavell. We wish Mr Taylor all the best for his retirement.

**Prefects-Elect 2014**

Following the recently held elections, we are proud to announce the Prefects-Elect for 2014. Congratulations, we look forward to your representation in 2014.

Claudia Abbott, Kayla Adendorff, Tarryn Adendorff, Leah Baker, Cody Barnes, Rhianne Bolton, Lachlan Braunlein, Nathan Cammiss (absent), Samuel Cloudsley, Zachary Dawson, Elaine Elevera, Rachel Ellis, Rose Foster, Ashleigh Gilbert, Gus Griffin, Ryan Honor, Madison Kelly, Renea Logan, Daria Monakhova, Kirrily O’Donovan, Lysa’s Pallay, Catherine Roserberg, Jobird Ualesi and Lindsay Wighton.

**P & C Meeting - Tuesday 15 October 2013, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building - All Welcome**

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

Monday, 21 October
The Year 8 cohort gathered on Monday, 16 September to watch the Grand Final of the 2013 Inter-Form Debating Competition. 8A and 8E2 competed to be awarded with the debating shield. These two teams, as did all the students who participated in the heats, displayed the willingness to challenge themselves with public speaking. For many students this was their first experience debating. Mrs Peinke, Year 11 student Rose Foster and guest adjudicator Mrs Nerida Murray commented on the difficulty of the topic and were impressed by both teams’ commitment. The final result saw 8E2 come out on top to win the prestigious title. Thank you to all students and teachers involved in making this event a successful event.

Shakespeare Festival

On Saturday, 14 September, Sarah Kinmont, Eliza Morse and Teegan Kruenbarg competed in the Queensland Youth Shakespeare Festival, winning their respective categories of Music and Duo. They now move on to the State Finals held later in the month. Well done and good luck girls!

Dance Night

On Friday, 13 September, our students took to the stage in our Annual Dance Night. The evening was filled with energy and colour through the performances. Genres included hip hop, jazz and contemporary, all displaying a variety of themes. This evening would not occur without the hard work and dedication by the students and teachers, Miss Farrell and Mrs Call. Thanks to all who assisted with this successful event.

Musical Success

Year 12 student Yuliya Shkvarko recently received an A for her Grade 7 AMEB Vocal Exam. Yuliya has also auditioned for the Queensland Conservatorium and is awaiting confirmation. Congratulations!

China Trip

On Sunday, 22 September eighteen Years 11 and 12 Social Science students, accompanied by Ms Palevo and Ms Perkins, (pictured below) set off on a once in a lifetime trip to China. The group visited the Shanghai, Xian and Beijing regions including museums, historical sights and cultural exhibitions. Highlights of the week included a visit to a Shanghai high school to interact with Chinese students, climbing the Great Wall of China, marvelling at the grandeur of the Terracotta warriors, Tianenmen Square and The Forbidden City. The students also enjoyed the cultural differences (especially the food) and have now gained a much better understanding of our close Asian neighbour.

Netball Update

Wavell’s Vicki Wilson team achieved unprecedented results in the Cup this season. The team finished second in their pooled matches before progressing to the regional finals. The competition was tough as the team came up against St John Fisher College who finished top of their pool. Although leading throughout the first quarter, Wavell were unable to hold on to this lead for the remainder of the match. A fantastic season - Well done!

Olivia Vasilakis (pictured) has been awarded the Service to Netball trophy. Olivia inspired many of the Vicki Wilson matches as well as being a strong player and supporter of the netball program.

Sporting Representatives

Congratulations to Candice Champion, Taylor Mapusa, Nathaniel Reed, Cleo Sautia, Brenton Seno, Remy Separovich, Selene Wootten and Jack Young who have all been selected to represent Metropolitan North in Track and Field. Good luck!

SAFE SCHOOLIES 2013

Come along to a free seminar by the North Brisbane District Police Crime Prevention Unit on helping your school leavers to experience a Safe Schoolies. There will be guest speakers on hand to provide a variety of information including, Laws and Consequences, Rights and Responsibilities, common problems faced by students at Schoolies and strategies to celebrate safely.

Wednesday 16 October 2013
6.45pm
Kedron Wavell RSL, Hamilton Rd Chermside.

All are welcome to attend

Bookings are essential.
ph.: 3364 3313.
To book information please call

Diary Dates

Sunday 13 October • Dance & Drama Excellence Rehearsal in Hall – 10:00am-4:00pm
Monday 14 October • SRC Meeting in G2 – 1:10pm
Tuesday 15 October • Speech Night Rehearsal in Hall – 7:30pm
• School Captains & SRC President – M’ Tea & 2B
Wednesday 16 October • Year 12 CPR For Life Session 6 – 1:40pm-3:10pm
• Year 8 Dance Auditions in PA1 – 1:00pm-3:10pm
• Year 12 Guest Speaker in Hall – Lesson 2B
• Year 12 Art Graduation Exhibition in Hall & Library

Thursday 17 October • Year 12 Guest Speaker in Hall – Lesson 2B
• Year 12 Expo in Hall – Lunch
• Dance & Drama Excellence Rehearsal in Hall: 10:00am-4:00pm

Friday 18 October • Year 8 Dance Auditions in PA1 – 1:00pm-3:10pm
• Year 12 Guest Speaker in Hall – Lesson 2B
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Saturday 19 October • Year 12 Guest Speaker in Hall – Lesson 2B
• Year 12 Expo in Hall – Lunch
• Dance & Drama Excellence Rehearsal in Hall – 3:30pm-8:30pm

Absence Phone Line
3350 0303

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