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Wavell’s Year 7 Orientation Day to be held on Monday, 9 December will be a great opportunity for our new 2014 Year 8s to experience high school life for a day. We look forward to meeting all of our new students and welcome our new parents to join us for morning tea on the day. It always surprises me that some families leave enrolment until the last minute while most families enrol up to a couple of years in advance, sometimes late enrolment is unavoidable due to family circumstances or change in residence or choice of school. The late enrolments do cause us an issue with staffing and class formation. This year I have provisioned for an additional twenty places in Year 8 to account for this and to ensure maximum opportunity to enrol at Wavell for a great education. These late enrolments do need to be in by Friday, 6 December in time for Orientation Day on Monday, 9 December. If you know a family or friend with a child not yet enrolled or wishing to be part of the Wavell community in Year 8 for 2014 please ask them to collect an enrolment package (Phone our Enrolment Officer - Ms Lock 33500328) and return it to the main office promptly. Remember, despite false rumour that you must be in the catchment to enrol, three quarters of our enrolments do not live in catchment. Only 300 of our 1300 students live in our catchment.

J J Major, Principal

“Self-study, self-exploration, self-empowerment these are the virtues of a great education.”

Suman Rai

END OF SEMESTER REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be issued as follows:

Year 11 - Tuesday, 10 December from 10:00am - 12 Noon in E10
Year 10 - Thursday, 12 December from 10:00am - 12 Noon in E10
Years 8 & 9 - Thursday, 12 December at Assembly - 2:45pm

YEAR 7 INTO YEAR 8 ORIENTATION DAY

9 December 2013 8.45am - 3.00pm
Meet at Assembly Hall

2014 SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Days: 8, 9 & 11 - Tuesday, 28 January
Days: 10 & 12 - Wednesday, 29 January

Graduation 2013

Friday, 15 November was the final day for our Year 12 graduating students. Graduation commenced with a celebratory breakfast at Kedron Wavell Services Club. Guest speaker was Mr David Wright, who spoke eloquently about his post school achievements, and of the challenges that students are likely to experience in their adult lives. At school, the ceremony presented our seniors to an audience of proud family and friends. Speakers included Principal, Mr Major, Ms Jeffries (on behalf of teachers), Mr Hallam (on behalf of parents, Annaliese Trappett, Sanju Weerasuriya, Gillian Thompson, Jack Meincke and Daniel Michalowski.

Our Year 9 students performed very well in this year’s NAPLAN tests. In the first week of this term students who demonstrated outstanding results were congratulated on Junior Assembly with prizes, certificates and an overall trophy (thank you Mrs Madden). The NAPLAN teaching team spent a considerable amount of time reviewing these results and ensured that our student achievements were celebrated promptly with student efforts rewarded. Overall the top ten student performers were (in order);

Sarah Longford, Lien Naces, Caitlin Townsend, Sheryl Gabotero, Sophie Morley, Annaliese Trappett, Sanju Weerasuriya, Gillian Thompson, Jack Meincke and Daniel Michalowski.

Results on individual tests were also analysed and showed some excellent individual performances. Top for each test;

Reading – Cameron Davies; Writing – Sarah Longford and Lucy Florence; Spelling – Lien Naces; Grammar and Punctuation – Sarah Longford, Lien Naces, Caitlin Townsend and Sheryl Gabotero; Literacy Overall – Sarah Longford; Numeracy – Sean Naguid.

Some students made remarkable improvement on their NAPLAN scores when compared to their Year 7 tests, with the most notable improvement being an increase of an accumulated 623 points across all five tests. Wavell is very proud of our Year 9 cohort and appreciates the support from families to ensure students are confident in meeting the NAPLAN challenge. Well done to all!

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2013 NAPLAN

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Yuliya Shkvarko, recent Year 12 graduate, has been accepted into the Conservatorium of Music to study a Bachelor of Music in Classical Voice. Congratulations Yuliya - we wish her all the best!

On Monday, 11 November Year 11 Biology students experienced a hands-on application of their studies of disease and the immune system to detect food poisoning bacteria. Dr Peter Darbon from the SPARQ-ed program of the UQ Dunnigan and Translational Research Institutes directed students through the laboratory process used to detect salmonella in foods. Pictured above: Tahlena McInerney investigates.

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The Queensland Youth Shakespeare Festival provided an opportunity for students to focus their artistic endeavours in a creative competition. Drama Excellence students Sarah Kinmont, Teegan Kranenburg and Eliza Morse competed against 5000 students from schools across the state and won their heats. On Friday, 18 October the girls spent a day at the Powerhouse working with industry professionals before competing in the state finals. The girls each placed third in their categories and Eliza and Sarah were selected to perform in a Shake & Stir’s production of ‘The Tempest’ to be performed in January at the Powerhouse. Congratulations!

Biology

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