

From the Principal



Dear Parents,

The 2013 academic year has moved quickly towards conclusion with the graduation of our Year 12s last Friday, 15 November and the imminent departure of our Year 10 and 11 students next Friday, 29 November. This follows the conclusion of the current examination block and completion of final assessment. It is important that our Year 8 and 9 students remain focused on their studies until their exams and assessment concludes. They have three full school weeks still to come.

Wavell welcomes our new students on Monday, 9 December with our annual Year 7 Orientation Day. This day also marks the last day of formal lessons for our Years 8 and 9 junior students. They will then have the opportunity to engage in our alternate program from Tuesday, 10 to Thursday, 12 December. Attendance of students for these special days is traditionally strong and the school provides a range of at school activities and also some activities at external venues. Student participation in "out of school" activities is subject to an individual's good behaviour record. The last day of school, Friday, 13 December, is our annual clean-up day and while the school does remain open with supervision provided, we generally find only a small number of students attend.

Many of our contract teachers will complete their contacts on either Friday, 29 November or Friday, 6 December and teachers taking leave during these last two weeks are not permitted to be replaced. This is due to cost saving measures imposed by Education Queensland and will mean that some students will have a change of teacher for the last few lessons of the year prior to the commencement of the alternate program. This situation is beyond the control of the school and I offer my apologies for any disruption to learning. I am confident that our permanent teachers will work hard to ensure a smooth transition where this is necessary.

The tender for our new extensive learning facility for our Junior Secondary students (Year 7, 8 and 9) closes on Friday, 29 November, shortly after a building contract should be signed by Education Queensland Construction and preparations will then commence during the holidays. This is an exciting development for Wavell High and our students of the future. The building is planned for completion late next year and then open ready for our first intake of Year 7 in 2015. The building will consist of twenty-two classrooms, two science learning spaces, two open learning spaces, a large staff room, two offices for heads of faculty, a conference space, Junior Secondary toilets and a large amphitheatre in the middle of the three-storey, two-wing structure. Architectural plans and an update on our preparations for 2015 can be found by downloading our inaugural Junior Secondary newsletter launched last week by Mrs Madden, our dedicated Head of Department. The link is

http://publish.newsserv.com.au/epublisher/newsletter.php?id=214748446776&school=wavell_shs

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

Semester II Examinations Commence

Years 9 & 8 - 29 Nov to 4 December

Exam timetable available on school website

NAPLAN 2013

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 Nuguid*

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!*

YEAR 7 INTO YEAR 8 ORIENTATION DAY



9 December 2013
8.45am - 3.00pm

Meet at Assembly Hall

2014 SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Years 8, 9 & 11 - Tuesday, 28 January

Years 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), Emily Todd (Year 8 student) and, of course, captains Denzell Heketoa, Christen Johnson, Cameron Joyes and Ruby Russell who made their final speeches. Thank you to Mr Turner, Ms Mirchandani and Mrs Edwards for their efforts in making the day one to remember. Pictured: Christen Johnson, Denzell Heketoa, Mr David Wright, Ruby Russell and Cameron Joyes.



Music Success



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!*

TAFE Qualifications



Year 11 student *Kayla Adendorff* (pictured) has completed her Certificate III in Children's Services through the Brisbane North Institute of TAFE. Next year she hopes to further her education by studying an education subject through the START QUT program or continue studying her Diploma in Children's Services with TAFE. *Congratulations Kayla!*

2014 Sports Captains

It is with great pleasure that we announce the captains elect for sport in 2014. These students will hit the ground running next year with the Interhouse Swimming Carnival on 11, February. Congratulations to the following:

Sport Captains

Candice Champion, Fraser Harp, Ali Kay, Lachlan Braunlein

House Captains

Alamein-*Nyaradzo Chidzambwa, Cody Barnes*
Burma - *Emily Gilbert, Joshua Fauid*
Keren - *Tahlena McInerney, Riley Leota*
Tobruk - *Jessica Sleep, Christian Sapolu*

Biology



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 Darben* from the SPARQ-ed program of the UQ Diamantina and Translational Research Institutes directed students through the laboratory process used to detect salmonella in foods. *Pictured above: Tahlena McInerney investigates.*

Scholarship News

2012 graduate, *Tanya Chamberlain*, has been awarded an Anglo American Scholarship. *Tanya* currently studies a Bachelor of Engineering at UQ and will receive \$12,500 per annum during the remainder of her degree as well as gain access to lucrative vacation work programmes. *Well done Tanya!*

School Leavers Email Advice

At the end of Term 4, all school-provided email accounts will close for Year 12 students and other students who are leaving the state school system. Please ensure your child is aware that their school-provided email account will not work beyond the end of the school year and that they should ensure that they provide a personal email address to prospective employers or educational institutions. This is especially important for students enrolling in further education or training using the QTAC, TAFE or other online systems.

2014 I.D. Cards



Years 8 - 11 I.D. cards are available for collection from G1 upon the payment of \$7.00. This card is valid from October 2013 to January 2015

STATIONERY & CLOTHING SHOP HOURS

Monday, 9 December (Last trading day for 2013)
Combined Shops: 1:00pm - 5:30pm

January 2014

Tuesday, 21 January: 12noon - 5:30pm
Wednesday, 22 January: 8:15am - 11:15am
Thursday, 23 January: 8:15am - 11:15am
Friday, 24 January: 8:15am - 11:15am

First week of school from 28 January
8:15am - 11:15am daily

Second week of school from 3 February
8:15am - 11:15am daily

Volunteers Required for Shops

Helpers required in shops for Orientation Day and the week prior to school commencement.

Volunteer for 4 hours and get 10% off your bill.

Contact *Virginia Wootton* for details: Phone: 3359 5126.

Shakespeare Festival

The Queensland Youth Shakespeare Festival provided an opportunity for students to focus their artistic endeavours in a creative competition. Drama Excellence students *Sarah Kimmont, 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!*



P&C Combined Shops Committee Annual Dinner 3 December 2013

Venue: Geebung RSL at 6:30pm
All Volunteers Welcome
Contact: *Noela Tweedale* on 3350 0377

IMPORTANT

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

2014 RESOURCE SCHEME REMINDER

- All forms have been mailed home.
- Please return agreement forms before the end of Term 4, 2013.
- Payment forms due with payment by Friday, 31 January, 2014.
- Contact the school on 3350 0307 if you did not receive your form.
- Return texts, library books and repay any outstanding monies for 2013 by the end of the school year.

Absentee Phone Line

3350 0303

Used- Clothing Shop

School uniforms of a suitable standard (washed and ironed with no faded stains or mending please) are now being accepted for sale.



Diary Dates

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| Monday 25 November | •WSC Year 7 into Year 8 Orientation Transition Day 1 - Lessons 1 & 2A |
| Tuesday 26 November | •Year 11 QCS Practice Test - Lessons 1 & 2 |
| | •School Council Meeting 6:30pm |
| Wednesday 27 November | •Year 9 Leader Voting |
| Thursday 28 November | •Prefects-Elect & SRC Leadership Day |
| Friday 29 November | •Prefects-Elect Planning Day - 11:00am - 1:00pm |
| Monday 2 December | •Year 9 Drama performances at local Primary Schools |
| | •WEP Tutor Appreciation Event |
| Wednesday 4 December | •WEP excursion to Police Museum and QLD Museum |
| Thursday 5 December | •WSC Year 7 into Year 8 Orientation Transition Day 2 - Lesson 4 |
| | •SRC Non-Uniform Day |
| | •2014 SRC Planning Day |