

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
Wavell has started school with a great deal of optimism for the year ahead. We will see some exciting times with our new learning facility being built by Broad Constructions. The expected completion is the end of 2014. This building will form our Junior Secondary Precinct. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be based in our new building for their core classes; English, Mathematics, Science and Social Science. The building will feature twenty-two general classrooms, two Science classrooms, two flexible learning spaces and a range of open plan spaces for project work. I am sure we will have a facility which will provide a wonderful, rich learning environment for our junior school.

Our teachers were engaged in three days of professional development in the week prior to school commencement; part of each teacher's commitment to life-long learning. Our 2014 focus is once again on teaching practice. Last year Wavell adopted *Marzano's* "Art and Science of Teaching" design questions and framework and already we have seen a greater degree of consistency in teaching practice and quality across the school. Staff from our school and affiliate primary schools also had the opportunity to be engaged in a presentation by *Dr Michael Nagel* whose work: "Understanding the Developing Adolescent Brain" is internationally acknowledged. This will no doubt further support our teachers' ability to understand and cater for the different learning capacities of our students.

Our Seniors of 2013 achieved some excellent results and university placements. The impressive OP results include our three (3) OP 1 students; *Sunny Van Den Berg, Hayden Steel* and *Adam Cauchi* and the 83 per cent OP 1-15 results. These results are the best ever achieved at Wavell and the outcomes are impressive given the large percentage of students eligible for an OP (61% of 255 graduates). These results enabled 97 per cent of the 148 student applicants to achieve a first round offer. Over 78 per cent of our students achieved a first or second preference. There is no doubt that as the second and third rounds of university offers are finalised the impressive array of placements will be enhanced. The large number of non-OP students who have apprenticeships, traineeships, technical education placements and have successfully entered the work force is truly pleasing. *Well done.*

Welcome to our many new families and congratulations for presenting your students so well in their Wavell uniform. Thank you for your excellent support. Our uniform is a clear symbol of the very high standards and expectations that our school community has for all. It is a measure of the pride students have for their school and themselves.

Our Year 8s have settled well into their new school. It was impressive to see the transformation of the students; from the range

of different primary school colours (over fifty displayed at Orientation Day in December) to the united group neatly attired in their new Wavell uniforms on day one. Our strong focus at Wavell is on learning; evident on the first two days of school with our students busy in class by 9:30am after brief periods of induction. Today students in Years 9, 10, 11 and some Year 12s engaged in an Academic Monitoring session during their Wavell Development Program lesson. Next week Year 8 and the remaining Year 12s will complete this important goal setting task and personal reflection. Students set individual goals for the academic year ahead to be revisited by each student at key points throughout the year.

Wavell has a busy and exciting start planned for February. Scheduled activities include; our annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival; Prefect and School Captain Investiture; Valentine's Day fun; Welcome to Wavell - a fun after-school event for our Year 8s; camps for our Sports Excellence programs; Senior Pathways evening; Year 8 evenings for parents; and Instrumental Music scholarship auditions. The secret to success at school is to make every day count. Please ensure your children are prepared and at school every single day in order to get the most out of the opportunities available in their education at Wavell.

Parents are expected to ensure all school charges have been paid or payment plans are in place in order for students to have all required resources to maximize successful outcomes. Families are urged to please give generously to our Tax Deductible P&C Building fund - the bus shelter costing \$40,000 and additional shade structures constructed by the P&C for all students are yet to be paid for.

J J Major,
Principal

**"Luck is what happens when
preparation meets opportunity."**

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Dr Michael Nagel Visits

On Thursday, 23 January Wavell hosted a series of professional development sessions by *Dr Michael Nagel*. *Dr Nagel* is an Associate Professor in Education at the University of the Sunshine Coast. His areas of research include neurological development in children, early and adolescent development, cognition and learning and middle years of schooling.

Pictured below: Mr Nathan Macpherson, Ms Lee McGlynn, Senior Guidance, Ms Jenny Bullen, Dr Michael Nagel, Ms Lesley Anderson, Senior Guidance and Mr Jeff Major.



Top Scholars 2013

Congratulations to our top scholars for 2013.

Adam Cauchi and *Hayden Steel* - OP1 students will both study a Bachelor of Engineering. *Hayden* will attend University of Queensland. *Adam* is to study at Queensland University of Technology and has been awarded the Vice Chancellor Scholarship of \$20,000.

Sunny Van Den Berg - OP1 and Senior dux 2013 is to study a dual degree Bachelor of Law /Arts at University of Queensland.

Ruby Russell - OP2 will study a Bachelor of Engineering at Queensland University of Technology. *Ruby* receives a scholarship of \$6,000 over two years.

Yuliya Shkvarko - OP2 will study a Bachelor of Music at the Conservatorium through Griffith University.



Pictured above: Ruby Russell, Adam Cauchi, Sunny Van Den Berg, Hayden Steel and Yuliya Shkvarko.

Wavell congratulates all of our graduating students for their success at securing their place for tertiary study. The most popular fields of study selected by our 2013 graduates have been Society & Culture (e.g. Law, Economics, Psychology), Creative Arts, Science & Engineering and Health. Fifty-six students will attend Queensland University of Technology, twenty-three have been accepted to study at University of Queensland, twenty students will study at Griffith University and seventeen will go to Australian Catholic University. The rest of our students will study at a range of other universities.

Congratulations also to students who continue their apprenticeships and vocational training or start work. The Wavell community wishes you all the best in your future endeavours.

Attendance

It is important that students attend school all day, every day.

- Parents are requested to communicate student absences by phoning the Absentee Line as soon as possible. If this is not convenient, please send a note to the Form Teacher on return to school.
- A note proforma has been included in the 2014 Student Planner.

Helping us to keep accurate rolls will ensure attendance reports are accurate. These appear on Student Academic Report Cards and may have financial implications for some. Keeping the school advised of current home and mailing addresses and phone numbers is essential and especially important in the case of emergency. Cooperation is appreciated.

Welcome to 2014 at Wavell

Pictured: Year 8 student, Lucas Bell with his science class.



These students are among 248 Year 8 students enrolled at Wavell. Our thanks to parents for their efforts in seeing our new students so well prepared to commence their secondary studies. All Wavell students were in regular classes by 9:30am on each of our two commencement days this week, after receiving their timetables, calendars, planners and prospectus. We have commenced the year with a full complement of teachers. Subject changes are to be finalised by Friday, 7 February.



Year 8 Parent Evening
Wednesday 26 February
7:00pm in Assembly Hall

Australia Day Lilley Concert

The *Rapport Vocal Quintet* and *Tom Holsworth* (pictured below) performed for the Lilley Australia Day awards at the Kedron-Wavell Services club on Sunday, 26 January. Tears flowed as *Tom* sang "Tenterfield Saddler" and the girls finished to huge applause with a *Michael Jackson* medley.



Resource Hire Scheme 2014

All students who

- had their application to join the Hire Scheme signed and returned;
- have made full payment of \$260 or entered into a payment plan through the Registrar, *Mrs Debbie Deaves*;
- returned all books and resources from 2013;
- have a 2014 ID Card,

will collect resources and textbooks next week.

Parents of students who are refused entry into the scheme may contact *Mrs Debbie Deaves* on 3350 0310 to find out what they are required to do in order to re-join the scheme in 2014.

Parents were expected to complete payment or arrange a payment plan by Friday, 31 January. Students of parents who have not yet made full payment or payment arrangements will not receive relevant resources and texts provided by the scheme until this has occurred. Parents who are not in the scheme may request a Resource List from the office so they may purchase their own books and pay for relevant materials and resources.

Interschool Sport

Tuesday afternoons – lunchtime and Period 4 is Junior Sport afternoon for the Central District. All students will be catered for in a variety of sports. Selected Year 8 and 9 teams from Wavell will compete against other schools in the District on a weekly basis. Students who are not in Interschool teams will participate in a Wavell sport program. Sports on offer for boys and girls are AFL, Basketball, Touch and Volleyball.

Wednesday afternoon is offered for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to participate in Senior Interschool Sport. The sports available are: Basketball, European Handball, Softball, Touch Football and Volleyball.

Students will begin to trial for teams **next week**. Selected students must have:

- Signed up with the relevant teacher
- Be in correct sports uniform including hat
- Be prepared to pay an interschool sports levy of \$30 (Junior) or \$25 (Senior) per season if selected

If selected, return permission form and pay sports levy by Wednesday, 19 February regardless of travel arrangements.

The Interschool Sports Team Levy includes transport for the season if required, first aid, equipment, uniform variations if required and sunscreen. Personal sunscreen is highly recommended. When all interschool teams are filled, other sports options will be organised. Some of these may include sport at outside venues and will require payments to venues. Cost of local venues will be a maximum of \$45 for the summer season. Other sports offered at school will not involve any costs. Details of these will be available soon. For further information please contact *Mrs Pass* on 33500342.

Thank You

Thanks to volunteers, current and past students and parents for assistance in the set-up and sales during our 2014 Book Week, and to those working in our shops. Thanks also to our patient customers during this very busy period. These services would not be possible without volunteers. Please consider joining us! Contact *Noela* and *Tracey* (Canteen) or *Virginia* (Combined Shops) on 3359 5126.



Absentee Phone Line
3350 0303

IMPORTANT

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

Inter-house Swimming Carnival

This year's Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 11 February at the Valley Pool. The program will proceed regardless of the weather as the covered stands comfortably seat students.

It is expected that all students attend the carnival in full sports uniform including correct sports shoes and the school hat. A letter detailing the carnival was issued to students this week.

Permission slips are to be returned to the Form teacher by Friday, 7 February.

On the day, all students must report to school for roll marking in form at 8:50am. Students will then be transported to and from the venue by bus and will return to school by 2:45pm.

The program of swimming will commence at approximately 10:00am. Students may bring lunch or money to buy "carnival food" at the small canteen. Spectators will be undercover for the day. All parents are most welcome to attend and admission is free; however students are required to travel to the venue on the bus. Parents wishing to take their own child home from the venue **MUST** personally see the student's form teacher.

Students, don't forget your togs, towel and be ready to have a swim! The 25m events are fun. Please direct any questions to the Health and Physical Education Department Ph: 3350 0342.

Further copies of the permission form may be downloaded from the school website.

**INTER-HOUSE
SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
Fortitude Valley Pool
Tuesday, 11 February 2014
Permission forms due
to Form Teachers, by
Friday, 7 February 2014

Sun Safety

Our sports uniform includes a bucket hat, which is compulsory for all students. Students are required to wear this hat during outdoor activities. Sunscreen is available for student use from the Sports Centre. Students need to ensure that they use the sun protection available at Wavell High. They are also encouraged to drink lots of water on hot days and consider bringing a water bottle to school.

Reminder to Parents

Please observe parking regulations when dropping off or picking up from school.
Safety is key!

Diary Dates

Monday 3 February
Tuesday 4 February
Wednesday 5 February

Friday 7 February

Monday 10 February

Tuesday 11 February
Friday 14 February

- Dance Troupe Auditions 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- Senior Student Leadership Seminar - Kedron Wavell RSL
- Year 9 Leader Induction Day
- Dance Committee AGM 7:00pm / Music Committee AGM 7:30pm
- National Apology and QATSIF Scholarships Presentation
- Presentation of Year 9 Leader Badges
- Last day for subject changes
- Instrumental Music Scholarship Applications due by 3:00pm
- Years 11 & 12 Drama students *Grin & Tonic* Performance in Hall - Lesson 1
- Instrumental Music Scholarship Auditions
- Combined Shops Committee AGM in A Block - 2:30pm
- Inter-House Swimming Carnival: Valley Pool
- Prefect Investiture Ceremony: 8:50am (Lessons 1 & 2 swapped)
- Years 11 & 12 Hospitality Practices students assisting with Investiture: Lessons 1 & 2
- Prefects - Valentines Grams
- Red Food Day 1