Dear Parents,

The Queensland Government initiated review of the OP system, school based assessment and tertiary entrance has gathered rapid pace with the release of a paper by the reviewers from ACER – Geoff Masters and Gabrielle Matters titled “Preliminary Thinking and Options”. The review is intended to be concluded by July with the government to then make a decision on implementation later this year. I would encourage all parents and students, particularly parents with children in Year 9 or younger, to be aware of the proposals and contribute to the review.

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To read this paper in full and follow the review see: www.acer.edu.au/queenslandreview

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WEP is a program designed to:

- Help Year 8 students who have missed out on developing their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Provide an opportunity for students to “catch up” with their peers and achieve pride in their accomplishments.

Volunteers are needed to assist these Year 8 students. Are you interested in joining a team of kind, caring and genuinely concerned staff and tutors? Come to the tutor orientation on Thursday, February 20 at 9am in room H3. Please contact Wendy Ritchie by email write2@eq.edu.au or phone 3350 0334.

Aid for Africa

Rebecca Perkins, past Wavell student, recently volunteered at the school of St. Jude in Tanzania to help fight poverty through education. The Wavell community contributed in helping her raise over $5000 to build a science block for some of the poorest students in Africa. The children (pictured below) say thank you for helping to make a difference.

Queensland Learning and Development Clinic

The Queensland Learning & Development Clinic (QLDC) are leaders in Working Memory, Trauma, Autism, Reading, Learning, Speech, Language and Auditory Processing.

For information phone: 1300 651 704.

STUDENTS ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVER

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or guardian. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents. Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidents/injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance to cover for their child.

Wavell Enrichment Program

Can you spare one hour a week?

Keren Wins the Swimming

Our Inter-House Championships were held on Tuesday, 11 February at the Fortitude Valley Swimming Complex. Thank you to both swimmers and spectators for your enthusiastic participation. Thanks also to our parents who came as spectators. It was great to see an invigorating whole-school event which maximised student participation, attendance and house spirit. The final results are as follows:

**HOUSE POINTS**

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New Records were set by:

- **Georgia Cloudsley**: F15yrs: 100m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly
- **Jack Meinecke**: M15yrs: 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke
- **Rose Foster**: F15yrs: 100m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke
- **Samuel Cloudsley**: M19yrs: 100m Backstroke

Thanks to the HPE staff for organising the championships. The District Swimming Carnival will be on Tuesday, 18 February at the Valley Pool.

Get Started Initiative

- Encourages young people to participate in sport
- Vouchers to help with the cost of sporting fees (worth up to $150)

For information: www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame

Immunisation Reminder

**Thursday 13 March**: Chickenpox Immunisation - All Year 8 students

**Thursday 13 March**: HPV Immunisation - All Years 8 & Year 10 male students

**Monday 17 February**: Year 11 Summer Sports, Year 11 Rugby League Excellence

**Tuesday 18 February**: Senior Netball Excellence Camp

**Wednesday 19 February**: Senior Rugby League Excellence Camp

**Thursday 20 February**: Year 9 Rugby League Excellence Pomona Mountain Run

**Friday 21 February**: Year 9 and 10 Netball Excellence Camp

**Monday 24 February**: Senior Rugby League Excellence Pomona Mountain Run

**Tuesday 25 February**: Year 9 & 10 Girls Rugby League Excellence

**Wednesday 26 February**: Senior Netball Excellence Camp

**Thursday 27 February**: Year 10 Girls Rugby League Excellence

**Friday 28 February**: Year 9 Rugby League Excellence Pomona Mountain Run