Dear Parents,

The ninth annual Middle School Problem Solving Challenge Day was held on Monday, and was again an outstanding event. This enduring success is largely due to the leadership of our HOD Mrs Maddie and her small but dedicated group of support staff and students. The event saw 70 teams from twenty-three primary and high schools vying for prizes and trophies. The day provided exciting challenges in Mathematics and Science for high achievers from Year 6 to Year 9. We thank Mr Jason Woodforth, our local member for Nudgee, and Mrs Kim McNamara, Principal of Boondall, for assisting with prize presentations.

Only three weeks remain before Mid-Semester Reports are distributed to students on Friday, 4 April. I have encouraged students, as I often do at assembly, to think about their effort and behaviour if they are to achieve to their potential and receive the best report possible. These interim reports are based on class work and only one or two pieces of assessment. The reports aim to give parents and students valuable feedback on whether they are progressing well and where to work harder in order to achieve the very best Semester 1 Report.

Information regarding the online booking process for Parent Teacher Night interviews will be issued with Mid-Semester Reports. Parent Teacher Night will be held on Tuesday, 29 April (the second Tuesday after the holidays). The system will open at 8.00am on Tuesday, 22 April and close at 8.00am on Monday, 28 April. Please log on to the school website to make your bookings.

The last weeks of Term 1 signal a time to focus on the other special things which make a well-rounded education. While academic studies and achievement always come first, the opportunity to engage with cultural, sporting and social activities is essential. The Student Representative Council’s School Dance to be held on Tuesday, 1 April, and provides a great social outing for students. The dance is fully supervised by staff. It is important parents are aware that our extremely tight supervision of the night requires students to remember – no school ID, no pre-purchased ticket means no entry! This is strictly enforced with no exceptions and no leave passes will be issued.

On Thursday, 3 April there will be two exciting events for students. The first SRC Non-Uniform day for 2014 will be held. The details will be communicated to parents via a letter. There is a strict dress code to be followed for this non-compulsory event. These SRC activities are the students’ major fund raisers. The Talent Quest Final will be held in the evening on Thursday, 3 April and will showcase the winners of the many lunch time heats currently underway. The range and depth of Wavell students’ talent is always outstanding.

Over the last few weeks a number of students have been selected in regional sporting teams including softball, volleyball, baseball and swimming. I expect to see around 70 Wavell student representatives, across a broad range of sports at State Titles this year. The Wavell victory in the District Swimming Championships with a 1000 point margin has set us well on course to make 2014 another ‘threepeat’ with the Cross Country in Term 2 and Athletics in Term 3.

I encourage all parents to consider the latest information available on the MYSCSCHOOL website. This information contains updated data and was released two weeks ago. While I would never suggest that these sites give parents a good basis to compare schools fully, the site does offer some interesting data. It does provide some insight into the funding of schools. It is disappointing to see a number of local schools private and state with very low participation rates in the NAPLAN testing. One of these schools has as few as 73% sitting for those tests – clearly any comparison of averages with schools who have lower performing students not doing the tests is unreliable. I will leave parents to make up their own mind about the ethics of this behaviour.

I need to advise parents that there have been recent changes to the Education Act made by the Queensland Government. These include a change to suspensions without appeal - there can now be up to ten days instead of five; lunch time and after school detentions can be unlimited in length and Saturday detentions now become an option. At this stage Wavell High will not be using Saturday detentions due to costs and logistics. As a result there have been some very minor changes to our Code of Responsible Behaviour. The amended document has been presented to both the P&C and School Council for endorsement. The latest version of the school’s Code for Responsible Behaviour may be found on the school website.

J J Major, Principal

Student Representative Council

Year 12 student, Leah Baker, has been elected President of our Student Representative Council for 2014. Members of the Student Council (pictured) were presented with their badges during a special ceremony. We wish them well with their projects this year.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:
President: Leah Baker
Vice President: Kavirly O’Donovan
Secretary: Rachel Ellis
Treasurer: Lucy Chen
P & C Rep: Aurora DeBois-Molloy
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Community Service: Stephanie Lambert
Grounds: Aurora DeBois-Molloy
Promotions: Tarrryn Adendorff
Social: Devony Cleghorn

P & C Meeting - Tuesday 18 March 2014, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building. All Welcome

Melbourne Engineering Challenge
On Wednesday, 5 March thirty Year 9 AAP students attended the Science and Engineering Challenge at The University of Queensland. Activities included Bridge Building, Mission to Mars, Flight of the Navigator, the Dish and the Engineering Game. All students enjoyed their time at this event, gaining knowledge that will complement their studies. Pictured: Josephine Rogers and Joshua Macale.

UQ Engineering Challenge

Over seventy teams of students from Years 6 - 9 were involved in the Middle School Problem Solving Day on Monday, 10 March 2014. Wavell teams did well.

Year 6 Winners - Boondall State School
Year 7 Winners - Nundah State School
Year 8 Winners - Wavell State High School
Year 9 Winners - Craigslea State High School

Pictured: Mr Jason Woodforth MP, Madisun Graham, Alexandra Crabh, Alainyu Doyle, Olivia Pickering, Clare Friday, Ms Kim McNamara (Burswood Principal).
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### Clean Up Wavell Day

In keeping with a long tradition, Wavell did their bit for the environment on Friday, 28 February when they enthusiastically participated in Clean Up Wavell Day. Pictured with Mr Baker is Tyren Stuart of Year 9, who was rewarded for his efforts when he found a surprise piece of litter - a bottle containing a Westfield gift voucher. Congratulations to Aurora DuBois-Molloy and the SRC Grounds Committee who helped ensure that everyone knew what to do and dispersed the much appreciated hand sanitiser before classes commenced.

### 2014 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study, and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12. All our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/or phone 1800 068 587.

### Cultural Exchange

Volunteer to host an international high school student in 2014 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Help determine the future resilience, diversity and global awareness of your children and family. Carefully selected students will arrive in July 2014 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. For information visit www.scce.com.au or phone 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

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### 2014 Music Scholarship Program

Four students have been selected as recipients for the 2014 Music Scholarship, funded by the P&C. These students include Taylor Hayes (Year 8), Hannah Tyson (Year 9), Angelika Fontaine (Year 10) and Nicholas Holleran (Year 10) (pictured). The adjudicators were impressed with the standard of music shown by all applicants. Congratulations!

### League Excellence Camp

Rugby League Excellence students in Years 9 – 12 have completed their camps for 2014. All camps focused on developing team work skills in a challenging environment outside the students comfort zone. Senior Excellence students completed their three day camp involving running, canoeing and camping at Harry’s Hut in the Noosa Everglades. Year 10 students camped overnight at Booloombah Creek, whilst Year 9 students developed teamwork skills by climbing Cooroom Mountain at Pomona on the Sunshine Coast. Well done boys!

### Sporting Representatives

Thirteen students have been selected by Metropolitan North School Sport to compete in various events.

**Softball**
- Zara St Ledger
- Olivia Day

**Touch Football**
- Carl Jackson
- Dejzha Pene
- Ethan Quai
- Kyle Foxwell
- Jessica Sleep
- Rhianna Wilson
- Tatiana Leavai

**Triathlon**
- Nicholas Menesi

**Netball**
- Jaymie Lynch
- Savannah Vasilakis
- Emily Gilbert

### National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence – Friday, 21 March 2014

The focus is on bystander behaviour with students encouraged to:

- **Take a stand together** against bullying.
- Our Student Representative Council will launch our school action on Friday, 14 March. Wristbands will be available to support this day. Students will be able to wear these bands until Friday, 21 March.

### Congratulations

Kelly Warren recently competed at the Junior National Athletics Championships in Sydney. Well done!

### School Photograph Reminder

Prefects, SRC, Instrumental Music, Summer Sports in Hall Monday, 17 March. Formal Uniform to be worn and Photo Order Envelope required on the day.