Dear Parents,

Next week will be our final school week for Term 1. This term at Wavell has seen some great activities and student successes. Over the last week students are encouraged to become better individuals in the social and cultural life of our school.

The well supervised Student Representative Council Annual School Dance, with its Hawaiian theme, to be held on the evening of Tuesday, 1 April, should once again be a great night of social interaction for students. Please remember our strict rules; NO student ID, NO ticket means NO entry. These rules are part of why the school dance is a safe, enjoyable event for students and staff. The SRC Non – Uniform Day will follow for students on Thursday, 3 April.

On the evening of Thursday, 3 April, Wavell will see the finals of our biennial Talent Quest. This event will showcase some of the amazing talent of our students and staff. Our school community should expect a great program of evening entertainment.

Mid Semester Interim Reports will be issued to all students on Friday, 4 April. Students will receive their reports in their WDP/WTP lesson and undertake their personal academic monitoring. Students are to analyse their results, to review personal academic goals, and set strategies for their personal improvement for next term. Parents are reminded that these Mid Semester Reports are “progress” reports and are based on only one or two pieces of assessment. They will give students and parents an idea about whether individuals have applied themselves to their school work and are maximising their individual potential. The behaviour and effort ratings are very important in this review. If ’excellent’ and ‘very good’ is received for behaviour and effort, you can be assured that the individual student is trying their best. Our Parent Teacher interview evening will follow the Mid Semester Interim Reports and is to be conducted on Tuesday, 29 April from 3:30pm until 7:30 pm. All students are to bring home information about PTO; the online booking system for appointments with their Mid Semester Interim Reports. Bookings for Parent Teacher Evening may be made from 8:00am Tuesday, 22 April – the first day of Term 2. If you do not have internet access or have difficulties making bookings, you may ring the Principal’s Secretary on 3350 0301, for assistance. I urge you to make bookings promptly as many teachers’ time slots fill quickly. If a teacher becomes fully booked, please indicate an online request for teacher contact to enable you to discuss issues or to make an alternative time to meet. When parents and teachers work in close partnership, the very best academic outcomes are achievable. Teachers may sometimes request an interview if they consider it vital to speak directly with you. However, most parents initiate interviews; even if not requested by the teacher. Please capitalise on this opportunity to support your child’s learning.

Some suggestions for parents to consider:

• Your student, in most cases, should attend the interview with you.
• Ask how your student might improve his/her learning and results.
• Raise any concerns expressed by your student.
• Establish a relationship with the relevant teachers and maintain contact where necessary.

Some specific questions you might ask include:

• Is my student achieving to ability?
• Are homework, class work and assessment completed in a timely fashion?
• Has my student missed any classes other than those the school has been contacted about?
• Has any change in attitude or behaviour been evident?
• Is my student getting along with their peers?
• How can I monitor when tests and assignments are due?

No doubt you will have other questions not listed above. Finally, remember each interview is only ten (10) minutes in duration. If more significant issues need to be discussed, it is best to make another time suitable to both you and the teacher. Your co-operation in observing this time limit will be appreciated by both teachers and other parents.

During the term we have seen the first stage of our wonderful new Junior Secondary building take shape. There is a lot of work to be done to have it ready for 2015, but I am assured it is on target for completion by mid-October with final fit out and furniture installation during November. Our Junior Secondary students will have a high quality and rich learning environment.

Enrolment interviews for 2015 are progressing at a fast pace. I would request all families with children enrolling into Years 7 or 8 for 2015 to please have applications completed and returned to the school now. Sibling enrolment forms were distributed to a large number of students on Friday, 14 March. Open Day is to be held on Sunday, 18 May, and I expect a large volume of enrolments to be submitted after that date. The extra enrolments generated by having two year levels starting in 2015 means a large workload to process enrolments promptly and arrange follow up confirmation interviews. Please assist us by having your child’s enrolment completed now for 2015.

As the autumn vacation will commence on Saturday, 5 April, this is the last newsletter after that date. The extra enrolments generated by having two year levels starting in 2015 means a large workload to process enrolments promptly and arrange follow up confirmation interviews. Please assist us by having your child’s enrolment completed now for 2015.

We look forward to meeting with you!

J J Major,
Principal
Year 8, 9 and 10 debaters have completed the first round of the 2014 QDU Debating competition, with a very impressive win by our Year 9 team against Grammar, by three points. Well done to all students involved.

Year 8: Alalinya Doyle, Max Florence, Isabelle Carran
Year 9: Abbey Wighton, Josephine O’Donovan, Emily Todd, Charlotte Radel
Year 10: Sophie Morley, Emily Honor, Lucy Florence, Emily Guest

Urgently Required for Visiting Japanese Students
Arrival: Wednesday, 6 August 2014
Departure: Sunday, 17 August 2014
Attending school: Wavell High School
Host family requirements:
• No other Japanese person staying with the family
• Provide 3 meals per day
• Own bed, but can share a room with a host child
• Over 18s hold a Blue Card or willing to apply through us
• Safe travel to and from school

Families with children in ANY GRADES are welcome to host
Single Placement, Remuneration Provided
Australia Japan Study Program
Email: ajsp.ritsuko@gmail.com
Phone: 0421 744 339 (Ritsuko)
Website: www.ajsp.com.au

Inter-house Cross Country
Thursday, 1 May 2014
• All students to wear full sports uniform including the school bucket hat to school for the day. House colours may be added at school (ribbon, coloured vest - no hairspray)
• The school day will run as normal - form and all four lessons (shortened).
• Students will be dismissed at 3.10pm.

Netball Super 7s
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Sporting Representatives
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Metropolitan North School Sports teams.

Rugby League: Kyle Paterson, Matthew Gill, Zion Mathies Matthews, Kaleb Rongomoi, Reed Young, Owen Jones, Jordan Brown, Jake Wahlmsley, Harrison Smith, Ethan Quai, Brandon Townsend.

Touch Football: Iesha Power.
Hockey: Candice Champion.

School Photograph Reminder:
Years 8 & 9 Individual & Year Level Photographs in Hall Monday, 28 April. Formal Uniform to be worn and photo order envelope required on the day.

The Annual Year 8 Rugby League Toowoomba tour took place on Friday, 7 March. This was a great opportunity for our 2014 squad to represent the school and test their abilities against another strong Rugby League school. The day was a success and the boys should be congratulated on how they conducted themselves on and off the field.

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 1 April
• Year 11 Allied Health Students Work Experience until Friday, 4 April
• School Dance in Hall: 7:00pm to 10:00pm
• Red Food Day 2
• Year 9 Science Day 1: Lessons 1 - 3
• WSC Term 1 Reward Excursion
• Years 10 & 12 QDU Debating Round 2

Wednesday 2 April
• Year 9 Reading Workshop with Lindsay Williams: Half day (invited students)
• Years 11 and 12 Drama students Rehearsal: 2:00pm to 5:30pm
• Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
• Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm
• ANZAC Day Assembly - Junior in Lesson 1A, Senior in Lesson 2A
• ANZAC Day Ceremony at Kedron Wavell RSL: 9.00am
• ANZAC Day: Lessons 11 & 12 Drama students Rehearsal: 10.00am to 4:00pm
• School Photographs for Years 8 & 9 Individual and Year Level in Hall: 9:00am
• Year 11 BOM Marketing Excursion to Dreamworld

Thursday 24 April
• Year 12 ROM Excursions to XXXX Brewery
• Parent Teacher Interviews: 3:30pm to 7:30pm

Friday 2 May
• Year 11 Drama and Year 12 Drama students Rehearsal: 2:00pm to 5:30pm
• Year 9 & 12 Drama students Performance in Hall: Lessons 1 and 2
• Year 9 & 12 Drama students Workshop in Hall: Lessons 2 & 3
• Year 8 QDU Debating Round 2
• Inter-house Cross Country: Lessons 3 & 4

Wednesday 30 April
• Year 12 QCS Feedback in Library: Lesson 2
• Year 11 and 12 Cert III Early Childhood On the Job Placement: Day 1

Secondary Non Uniform Day
Thursday, 3 April - $2.00
NORMAL DRESS STANDARDS APPLY
Students who wish to participate must:
• Have their uniforms with them for subjects with specific requirements, e.g. HPE/HEC, Year 9 especially note that clothing must not hinder your involvement in sport.
• Wear or bring closed-in, leather-upper footwear for HEC/Manual Arts/Science. NO THONGS.
• Not wear clothing with inappropriate logos, wording or illustrations.
• GIRLS – Must not wear midriff tops, short shorts or ripped clothing which expose their flesh.
• Students must not wear singlet tops.
• DO NOT bring/wear expensive items of footwear/clothing or bring valuables.

Combined Shop Hours - Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:15am - 11:15am