

From the Principal



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 participants 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 Interim 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 issued for the term. I take the opportunity to wish all our families and staff a safe and happy Easter break.

J J Major,
Principal

“Dreams are the touchstones of our character.”

Henry David Thoreau

TJ Ryan Award

Congratulations to Ruby Russell, past Wavell School Captain for 2013. Ruby received a TJ Ryan Memorial Scholarship worth \$1000 which will be put towards University textbooks.

Matilda Award



Dance and Drama teacher, Mr Dan Crestani (pictured) was awarded ‘Best Actor in a Lead Role’ at the annual Matilda Awards. These awards celebrate the achievements of the Brisbane Theatre. This award recognises Mr Crestani’s role in the

Queensland Theatre Company and the Queensland Music Festival Collaboration, ‘1001 Nights’. Mr Crestani is an asset to the Wavell Arts Department as he brings industry experience as a professional Dancer and Actor to the classroom.

OPEN DAY SUNDAY 18 MAY 2:00PM – 4:30PM

For prospective students and their parents.

An afternoon of information and structured activities to show what Wavell State High School offers.

*Enrolment enquiries for all year levels welcome.
Contact Ms Sandra Lock on 3350 0328*

REMINDER TO YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Year 9 Science Day
Wednesday, 2 April Lessons 1 - 3

Leadership Students

Congratulations to the following students.

Liam Fryer and Aiden Schuhmacher have been nominated to be representatives of the Brisbane City Council Student Environmental Leadership Network (SELN). The SELN aims to develop young people as leaders, and is specifically designed to provide them with an opportunity to develop and implement environmental behaviour change projects in the school community. During this program, they will be supported to learn skills to identify environmental issues, and take ownership to develop, lead and implement change.

Sheryl Gabotero was nominated as the Wavell High representative for the Lord Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council. This Council provides a forum for young people to discuss issues that are important to them directly with the Lord Mayor and Civic Cabinet members.

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Parent Teacher Evening

Tuesday, 29 April 2014, 3:30pm - 7:30pm

Booking details distributed with reports.

Parents log on to “Parent Teacher Online” via the school website.

Bookings open: 8:00am Tuesday, 22 April and close: 8:00am Monday, 28 April.

Families without internet access may like to utilise the free service provided by BCC libraries.

For further assistance: Contact Mrs Maree Minter on 3350 0301.

We look forward to meeting with you!

**Term 2 commences for all students
Tuesday, 22 April**

QDU Debating

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: *Alainya Doyle, Max Florence, Isabelle Curran*

Year 9: *Abbey Wighton, Josephine O'Donovan, Emily Todd, Charlotte Radel*

Year 10: *Sophie Morley, Emily Honor, Lucy Florence, Emily Guest*

International Women's Day



With International Women's Day celebrated on Saturday, 8 March, the wonderful women of Wavell State High School

were invited to recognise this special event at a morning tea prepared by the students and staff of the Wavell Support Centre. The morning tea on Friday, 7 March saw teachers enjoy a scrumptious spread of sweet and savoury items as they mingled and enjoyed social time with colleagues. *Pictured: Mrs Stacey Searle and Ms Gabrielle Butt at the morning tea.*

You're Invited to the Talent Quest 2014!

Buy your tickets at the door
Students: \$4 Adults: \$5
6.30pm - 9pm in Hall

Food and Drinks \$1 - \$2.50
OVER 20 ACTS

including a surprise teacher act!
Lucky seat prize, audience vote,
Easter raffle
Don't miss it!

School Dance: Theme "Hawaiian" Tuesday, 1 April 7:00 - 10:00pm

- Red food will be on sale.
- There will be lucky door prizes and random give-aways.
- Tickets must be pre-purchased for \$7.00 and are on sale until Monday, 31 March.
- **Only current Wavell High students are permitted to attend.**
- **Pre-purchased tickets and current ID cards to be presented at the door.**



SRC NON UNIFORM DAY

Thursday, 3 April - \$2.00

NORMAL DRESS STANDARDS APPLY
Students who wish to participate must:

1. 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.
2. Wear or bring closed-in, leather-upper footwear for HEC/Manual Arts/Science. **NO THONGS.**
3. Not wear clothing with inappropriate logos, wording or illustrations.
4. **GIRLS** - Must not wear midriff tops, short shorts or ripped clothing which expose their flesh.
5. Students must not wear singlet tops.
6. **DO NOT** bring/wear expensive items of footwear/clothing or bring valuables.

Host Families

Urgently Required for Visiting Japanese Students

Arrival: Wednesday, 6 August 2014

Depart: 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

Sporting Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Metropolitan North School Sports teams.

Rugby League: *Kyle Paterson, Matthew Gill, Zion Matthes Matthews, Kaleb Rongonui, Reed Young, Owen Jones, Jordan Brown, Jake Walmsley, Harrison Smith, Ethan Quai, Brandon Townend.*

Touch Football: *Iesha Power.*

Hockey: *Candice Champion.*



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.



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.

Rugby League Tour



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.

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 be run as normal - form and all four lessons (shortened).
- Students will be dismissed at 3.10pm.

Netball Super 7s

On Friday, 7 March, six Wavell Netball teams from Years 8 and 9 travelled to Downey Park to compete in the Term 1 Super 7s tournament. This year the competition expanded to cover ten schools and thirty teams. Our Senior Netball Excellence class convened and ran the carnival, and assisted in coaching. Our Year 10 Netball class umpired on the day. The event ran very smoothly and Wavell managed to take out the first place position in Division 1. Wavell also placed in each of the other divisions. It was a superb day and a very fitting way to spend International Women's Day.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 Allied Health Students Work Experience until Friday, 4 April • School Dance in Hall: 7.00pm to 10.00pm • Red Food Day 2
Wednesday 2 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 9 Science Day 1: Lessons 1 - 3 • WSC Term 1 Reward Excursion • Years 10 & 12 QDU Debating Round 2
Thursday 3 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRC Non-Uniform Day • Talent Quest Final in Hall: 6.30pm • <i>Ross Henrick Memorial Seven's</i> Rugby League Competition • Mid Semester Reports issued, Academic Monitoring Review of Goals in WDP/WTP
Friday 4 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 Rugby League and Netball Excellence Camp departs: Lesson 2A • Year 8 English <i>'Shake & Stir'</i> performance in Hall: Lesson 1 • Year 9 Writing 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
Tuesday 22 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANZAC Day Assembly - Junior in Lesson 1A, Senior in Lesson 2A • ANZAC Day Ceremony at Kedron Wavell RSL: 9.00am • Years 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 • SRC Executive Meeting in Conference Room: 10.45am • Year 12 BOM Operations excursion to XXXX Brewery • Parent Teacher Interviews: 3.30pm to 7.30pm
Thursday 24 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 & 12 Drama students Rehearsal: 2.00pm to 5.30pm • Year 9 & 12 Drama students Performance in Hall: Lesson 1 • Year 9 & 12 Drama students Workshop in Hall: Lessons 2 & 3 • Year 8 QDU Debating Round 2
Friday 25 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 & 12 Drama students Rehearsal: 2.00pm to 5.30pm • Year 9 & 12 Drama students Performance in Hall: Lesson 2 • Year 8 QDU Debating Round 2
Sunday 27 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-house Cross Country: Lessons 3 & 4 • Year 12 QCS Feedback in Library: Lesson 2
Monday 28 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 and 12 Cert III Early Childhood On the Job Placement: Day 1
Tuesday 29 April	
Wednesday 30 April	
Thursday 1 May	
Friday 2 May	