

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
On Wednesday morning Wavell hosted a thank you breakfast to honour our many employers for successfully hosting our Year 10 work experience and certificate course students. It is a vital

educational opportunity for our students to have. This helps ensure students understand the work force and get some ideas of what to expect when they leave school or even after university. I was thrilled that Wavell was able to have Ms Rosemary Vilgan, CEO of QSuper and 2013 Australian Telstra Business Woman of the Year, to present a brief address in support of work experience. We thank Ms Vilgan for her support and important words of advice.

Next Monday afternoon, 4 August, I look forward to sharing afternoon tea with parents and family of the students who we recognise as our top five percent of academic achievers for Semester 1. To be in this elite group of academic achievers at Wavell is extremely challenging. This year our Year 10s had to achieve straight As to make the top five percent - such is the calibre of this cohort. While we celebrate and acknowledge many students at Wavell who excel in a vast array of cultural and sporting areas, it is academic achievement which is most special. We highlight this, because in our modern society academic achievement is not often celebrated in the media and certainly not as loudly as it should be. Our nation's achievements internationally in the arts and through sport are remarkable, but it is our academics who are needed to build our nation as a leader in innovation and technological development. These bright young minds will help ensure that we are not just a quarry for the rest of the world. To all those students who are to be recognised - well done!

I have reminded all of our students at assembly about how important it is to make a great start to the new semester, to refocus their goals through academic monitoring and where necessary, adjust courses to suit their talent and ability. Our Year 12s have shown that they are capable of matching some of the recent performances of past graduates with the best performance I have seen at Wavell in their last Queensland Core Skills Test practice. It would be easy to get complacent but I urge all Year 12s to strive for even better. There are now less than five weeks until this year's important QCS test to be sat on Tuesday, 2 and Wednesday, 3 September. The right attitude and continued improvement should see some great results for Wavell students when OPs are released at the end of the year.

Our Annual Athletics Carnival was run under a beautiful blue winter sky. The excellent organisation of the carnival ensured a great event with lots of fun and enjoyment. Congratulations to Burma house for an outstanding performance to win this year's title. Events like the athletics carnival are vital to the

fabric of a school and ensure students have opportunities to make memories that will last a life time. The social interaction between students, their fellow peers and their teachers is the vital glue that ensures students remain well connected to their school and fully engaged. This aspect of our sporting carnivals is as vital as the results for the day. On assembly today we congratulated our winners and age champions and wished them good luck in representing the school at District and Regional trials.

Wavell has found improved communication with our families through the increased use of e-mail contact regarding student absences and important updates and information. This seems to have paid dividends with improved attendance and great support for school information and our recent interview evening. I would urge all parents to ensure their e-mail address, as well as residential address, is regularly checked and updated with the school so that we maintain a strong connection and information flow to parents.

My best wishes to our Year 12s with their milestone event, the Senior Formal, to be held at Victoria Park Golf Club on Tuesday, 12 August.

J.J. Major,
Principal

Tertiary and Career Expo

The Wavell High Tertiary and Career Expo evening for Year 10, 11 and 12 students was held on Wednesday, 30 July. The aim of the expo was for parents and students to interact with various south-east Queensland tertiary providers including universities (ACU, Griffith, QUT, UQ, USC), private tertiary providers and employment services. This is the first time such an event was held at Wavell and it gave all students and parents a greater understanding of the post school options available for students. The information on offer will support their decision making in terms of the subjects they want to study in Years 10, 11 and 12.

The night also benefited Wavell students who are part of the World Challenge Trip to Cambodia and Vietnam. World Challenge students made sure there was plenty of food and drinks to guests attending with all proceeds going towards their trip expenses to Vietnam and Cambodia.

"There is no substitute for hard work."

Thomas A. Edison

Work Experience Breakfast

Work Experience is an important event on the school calendar and marks the beginning of Senior Schooling when Year 10 students have to make important choices about their subjects and learning paths. Through stronger partnerships with work providers participating so readily in the work experience programme, the school is able to help students make more informed choices about career options and what the world of work will require of them. To thank work providers, teachers and students who made this another great Work Experience week, a celebratory breakfast was held on Wednesday, 30 July to thank everyone involved. During the morning we had the honour and pleasure of hearing from Rosemary Vilgan, CEO of QSuper and 2013 Telstra Business Woman of the Year, (pictured with Ms Peinke, Mr Major and Year 10 students), as she shared her experiences of working in the business sector.



Vocational Student Prizes



Gemma Wood, Karina Parker and Joshua Whitehead (pictured) have been awarded an Australian Vocational Students Prize for 2013. Winners of this prize receive a certificate and \$2000. Gemma and Karina completed their Certificate III in Children's Services, whilst Joshua worked hard at his School-based Apprenticeship. These student prizes recognise the achievements of students who completed their senior secondary studies whilst undertaking a vocational education and training program.



SUBJECT SELECTION ADVICE EVENING
Wednesday 6 August
Assembly Hall

Year 8 - 6.30pm start
Year 10 - 7.30pm start

These are important opportunities for parents and students to obtain information and advice on subject selections for 2015.

Subject Selection is to be completed on-line by Friday, 22 August 2014.

Parent Teacher Night

On the night of Tuesday, 22 July over 560 interviews were conducted. If you missed this opportunity, it is appropriate to phone and discuss concerns. Thank you for working with the school; your support is appreciated.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND PARENTS
SET Plan Interview Day
Tuesday 19 August, 7:00am - 7:00pm

Ancient History Excursion

The Ancient History trip to Melbourne took place from Saturday, 19 till Monday, 21 July. Ten enthusiastic Year 12 students, accompanied by Ms Puleo and Mrs Perkins, had the opportunity to enjoy the historical and cultural sites of Melbourne. This included visiting the AZTECS: Conquest and Glory exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. The exhibition highlighted artefacts from the ancient city of Tenochtitlan, and included outstanding examples of sculpture, pictograms, glyphs and relief carvings.



'1984'

On Wednesday, 23 July, Senior Drama students visited QPAC to view live theatre to extend their artistic studies. '1984' is the latest show by 'Shake & Stir' Theatre Company and is a thought provoking play based on George Orwell's 1948 literary classic. Students were engaged by the powerful performance and are now critically analysing the live action in class.

Collage Drama Night

Year 10 Performance

FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST

School Hall at 6.30pm
All welcome to attend

Gold coin donation on entry

Appreciation Day

On Friday, 25 July the Annual System Administrator Appreciation Day was held to acknowledge and thank our valuable IT Support team of Philip Robinson and Joel Falknau. This team attends to a variety of school wide IT issues and they also keep up to date with the latest technologies that are being implemented at Wavell, including the new student print management system. A big thank you to Wavell's IT Support Team!

Wesley Mission Brisbane provide a service to connect young people and their families with access to low cost computer equipment. They do this by offering reliable, quality refurbished and personal computers at very low prices! Personal computers starting at \$99 and laptops from \$195. All computers sold include monitor and keyboard package with 12 month warranties. Rewired IT are also available to conduct computer repairs from as little as \$40 an hour. Please call the Rewired Team on 3865 2088 or email rewiredinfo@wmb.org.au

2014 University Date Claimers
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
• Sunday 3 August - Open Day, St Lucia Campus
• Wednesday 6 August - Open Day, Ipswich Campus
• Sunday 17 August - Open Day, Gatton Campus
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
• Sunday 10 August - Open Day, Nathan Campus

Athletics Carnival

The annual Track and Field Carnival was held on Thursday, 24 July in perfect weather for a day of athletic events. Wavell students should be congratulated on their behaviour, enthusiasm and house spirit that they displayed. Thanks to all the HPE staff for their professional organisation and the teaching and support staff for their above and beyond efforts. Special congratulations to the following students as there were four records broken on the day:

- 100m** 14yrs *Tarj Reed* (11.94)
- Discus** 14yrs *Cleo Sautia* (30.85m)
- Triple Jump** 16yrs *Selene Wootton* (10.45m)
- Javelin** 16yrs *Olivia Vasilakis* (32.22m)



HOUSE POINTS

Burma	3981	Tobruk	3406	Keren	3341	Alamein	3190
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AGE PLACINGS

GIRLS	First	Second	Third
13	Madison Graham	Tiara Villarin	Alexis Sae-Tieo
14	Nandia Els	Indianna Green	Emily Todd
15	Jamie Harten	Emily Honor	Kiani Brown
16	Savannah Vasilakis	Tyneisha Flanagan-Carr	Lillian Neal
Open	Candice Champion	Tarni Stabe	Brennah Brown
BOYS	First	Second	Third
13	Lucas Bell	Mark Tupuola	Jeremy Morrow
14	Nathaniel Reed	Steven Bent-Higginson	Kiu Nuku
15	Alex Dawson	Jared Wanoa	Nicholas Holleran
16	Harrison Green	Kalemb Hart	Friday Bangud
Open	Jack Miers	Marcus Israel	Lei Ah-Fa

The District Carnival will be held on Monday, 4 and Tuesday, 5 August. Good luck!

GIO Cup Queensland Quarter Final

Wednesday, 6 August 2014

Wavell Open I Rugby League Team v Ipswich SHS
Wavell SHS Oval
An after school hours game



Congratulations

Iesha Power, Year 10, was captain of the Metropolitan North Touch Football team at the State Titles. Iesha was voted 'Players Player' - a great ambassador for Wavell High.

Flip Circus

Year 8 and 9 students will have the opportunity to learn circus skills from the team from Flipside Circus. The eight sessions will run at school as part of Junior Sport during the recreation seasons beginning on Tuesday, 7 October - the first day of Term 4. The total cost of the sessions will be \$120. Payment must be completed by Tuesday, 26 August in order to confirm the program. Please contact Mrs Pass on 3350 0342 for more information.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Wavell is currently conducting the School Opinion Survey. Parent survey details were sent home with the eldest child on Monday, 21 July. Information will be used to ensure Wavell provides the best possible service to meet community needs. Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate in the online survey. Please complete the survey online by Sunday, 3 August.

Diary Dates

Monday 4 August	•District Athletics Carnival at Wavell SHS: Lessons 1 - 3 •Academic Excellence Ceremony in Hall: Lesson 4
Tuesday 5 August	•Year 9 Wavell Speaks Out Heats - Lunchtime •District Athletics Carnival at UQ: Full day
Wednesday 6 August	•Year 12 QCS and Cert 1 Workshop: Lessons 1 and 2 •Year 10 Wavell Speaks Out Heats: Lunchtime •Subject Selection Evening Years 8 and 10 •Dance Committee Meeting 7.00pm •Music Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 7 August	•Mathematics Competition in Hall (All Extension and Maths B students) •Year 11 Wavell Speaks Out Heats - Lunchtime
Friday 8 August	•Year 12 Wavell Speaks Out Heats - Lunchtime •Year 11 Cert III Early Childhood On the Job Placement - Day 9 •Year 10 Collage Drama Performance in Hall - 6.30pm
Sunday 10 August	•'Urban Upbeat Competition' Stage Band Performance at the Ekka
Monday 11 August	•Year 8 Wavell Speaks Out Heats - Lunchtime •Years 9 and 10 Business 'Market Day' •Combined Shops Committee Meeting in A Block: 2.30pm •Wavell Ski Trip departs for Year 9 - 11 students at 1.00pm
Tuesday 12 August	•Pre-Formal and Formal at Victoria Park Golf Course: 5.00pm - 11.00pm
Thursday 14 August	•Year 11 and 12 Geography students depart for Stradbroke Island (return next day)
Friday 15 August	•Religious Assembly •Year 11 Cert III Early Childhood On the Job Placement - Day 10 •Year 10 Netball Cougar Cup •VP Day at Kedron Wavell RSL - 11.00am (selected students) •Chaplaincy Committee Meeting - 2.15pm

Absentee Phone Line
3350 0303