Dear Parents,

This issue of the newsletter marks the beginning of a wonderful celebration of the many academic, cultural, sporting and social achievements. My congratulations go to the outstanding efforts of our students so well led by Mrs Led Whitmum. Year 8 and 9 students are able to collect their order for books as their clearances are finalised.

I have received the Queensland Core Skills test results for our Year 12 students. I am confident that the hard work and dedication of our students and staff will pay off with some good OP results to be released on Monday, 15 December. I wish our Year 12 students every success in their chosen fields of study or work next year.

In the next couple of weeks we can expect the Queensland Government to announce their proposed plans in relation to the ACER review of senior school assessment, the OP system and tertiary entrance in Queensland. Any announcement or changes will not impact on our current Year 10, 11 and 12 students. I am delighted to have been invited by the Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority (QCAA) to be a State representative on a task force which will advise the QCAA Board on the implications arising from the ACER report to determine a suitable response, and make recommendations on appropriate actions in response.

On Monday, 8 December I look forward to welcoming our incoming Year 7s and 8s for 2015. They will join our Year 9 students to make up as part of the Wavell State High School Junior Secondary component. All of our staffing, curriculum and learning learning areas are in place to ensure we have a great start with the two year levels joining us next year. Between the two year levels we have left our incoming students starting high school for the first time on Tuesday, 27 January 2015. I am hopeful of being able to provide our Year 7 and 8 students with a guided tour of our impressive new learning faculty and library on Tuesday, 8 December – Orientation Day. The building will be at practical completion stage, subject to certifier approval and will be opened to students next week. The building will house two general classrooms, two science rooms, two large collaborative spaces, two project space, a large amphitheatre and a parents’ and visitors’ welcome room.

Our Year 8 and 9 students will enjoy an alternate program in their years, with Year 8 and 9 students participating in a residential program at Wavell State High School on December 8. In December, 11 December with reports issued on Thursday afternoon. Those small groups that have missed us on Friday, 12 December will support our annual school swimming carnival on December 9. We aim to make this day a day to remember for our students and there is no penalty for students not in attendance on that day.

I thank the teaching community and our wonderful staff and students for their contribution to this year’s success and for their ongoing support of the school throughout the year. My very best wishes to our staff not returning who are all featured in today’s Christmas newsletter. I wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas.

J J Major
Principal

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2015 Teacher Appointments

Mrs Amanda Baker joins the Arts department as a Drama teacher with a background in Distance Education. She will teach Visual Arts.

Miss Tiffany Byram joins the Junior School (Year 1) Science staff for 2015. Mr Trevor Cox comes to us from Bracken Ridge S.S. to teach Mathematics and Science for 2015. Mr Geoff has come to Wavell from Brisbane Girls S.S.

Mr Nick Kennedy re-joins our HPE team after teaching at Kerin S.W.

Miss Rebecca Jones has joined our English faculty.

Mr Robert Puodziunas has re-joined Wavell after family leave in 2015.

Ms Griffith to the following staff members for their years of dedicated service and best wishes on your retirement.

Mr Malcolm Bell will retire from teaching at the end of 2015. He has served the school as a music teacher for thirteen years. Mrs Wendy Blair retired from her administrative duties last Friday after nineteen years of service at our school.

Mr Robert Pulcinella has been on leave for most of 2015 and now returned to teaching. Mr Pulcinella has been a long term member of our Visual Arts teaching staff at Wavell for thirty-seven years.

Ms Rhonda Starkey has been a member of our cleaning team since 2009 and has retired this term.

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Mrs Karen Jones, English and SOSE teacher, will take up a relief position at Wavell SHS in 2015. Mrs Susan Macdonald, a member of the Arts teaching staff, will take up a position at Brisbane School of Distance Education in 2015.

Mr Ben Thompson will be Acting Head of Year 9 at Everton Park for Semester 1, 2015.

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2015 End of Semester Report Cards

Report Cards will be issued as follows:

Year 11 - 9 December from 10.00am - 12 Noon in Library
Year 10 - 11 December from 10.00am - 12 Noon in Library
Year 9 - 9 December from 10.00am - 12 Noon in Library
Year 8 & 9 - 11 December from 10.00am - 12 Noon in Library

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2015 School Commencement

Years 7, 8 & 9: Tuesday, 27 January
Years 10, 11 & 12: Wednesday, 28 January

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ANZAC Prize 2015

Congratulations to Alastair Doyle, Samantha Ellis and Rhianon Huxor who have been selected as three of the seventy winners of the Queensland ANZAC Prize 2015. This prize entails a tour of Gallipoli and the Western Front which will be held from Wednesday, 22 April to Wednesday, 6 May 2015. These students will have extra preparation in history and language leading up to the opportunity is linked to student learning. Pictured: Mr Mayor with Alastair Doyle, Rhianon Huxor and Samantha Ellis.

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QMEA Trade Camp

A new and exciting opportunity in Brisbane saw fifteen students including Wavell State High School students participate in the new QMEA trade Camps. Make It Now in Trades (M.I.N.T) with Lennox’s and Sibeleco during October 2014. Wavell students, Party Kelly (Year 11) Jake Styles and Jordan Tran (Year 12), had their interest in a trade career inspired, as they participated in this week long program of scenario based training aimed at providing a range of skills within the context of underground mining. This concept includes completion of modules which cover skills such as risk assessment, use of hand and power tools, basic operational maintenance tasks and is highly valued by resources sector companies. The presentation open was followed by a range of opportunities and a tour of the Eagle Skills Tech Trade Training Centre.

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STATIONERY & CLOTHING SHOP HOURS

Monday 8 December – Last trading day of the year

 Combined Shops

Monday 8 December: 10.00am - 5.30pm

Tuesday 9 December: 10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10 December: 10.00am - 5.30pm

Thursday 11 December: 10.00am - 5.30pm

Friday 12 December: Closed

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Year 8 & 9 Alternative Program

Late: details of activities were distributed to students.

There will be school activities also run in the form of a school games and activities with report cards distributed on Friday, 19 December.

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NEB COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER

BOYD PARK FROM 3:30PM

The event will open with fun activities, the highlight being the carol singing at 6:30pm including a range of traditional and modern carols and performances from the NEB Band. For further information please phone 5386 5266