

## From the Principal



Dear Parents,  
I returned to Wavell last week after three weeks engaged in reviewing other secondary schools using the National School Improvement Tool. Continuous and consistent improvement is important work for all schools. I would like to thank *Mr Turner* for his work as Acting Principal and my Deputy Principals for their hard work in my absence.

A delightful way to start my term was to officiate at the "Academic Afternoon" for our top five percent achievers. It was a pleasure to have *Ms Ashleigh Millard* as our guest speaker; past Prefect and 2009 OP1 graduate. *Ashleigh* graduated from QUT last year and was named the top female Law graduate and won the KG Copp Memorial Prize and the Una Prentice Award. She now works for Coors, Chambers and Westgarth. She delivered a very inspiring speech which highlighted her personal turning point whilst in Year 10; when she made the connection between putting in extra personal effort and attaining goals. *Ashleigh* has the world at her feet, as will our high achievers if they honour the potential they have shown so far. In my speech, I emphasised the optimism held for their futures. I also took the opportunity to congratulate *Giselle Pickering* on her selection in the Australian Geography Olympiad team, and to wish her well for her two week trip to the International Competition in Russia. Other remarkable achievements of the last fortnight include:

- NAPLAN results and reports received. Wavell Years 7 and 9 students are at or above the national means and all areas exceed the nation in the number of students above the national minimum standard. These results for all schools are published by QCAA, see the website at [http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/publications/qcaa\\_stats\\_naplan\\_15\\_outcomes.pdf](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/publications/qcaa_stats_naplan_15_outcomes.pdf)
- Four hundred Wavell students competed in the Australian Mathematics competition.
- Our Year 10 Drama Collage Performance was held on Friday, 7 August. The two productions by *Miss Adams'* students and one by *Mr Crestani's*, showcased student talent and the potential of our Drama Excellence Program. *Well done!*
- Wavell won the District Athletics Competition by over 1000 points, with almost 100 students named for the forthcoming Metropolitan Regional Athletics trials.
- Our Year 8 Rugby League team are now the South East Queensland champions after their final, with a score of 24 to 20 points.
- The Open Rugby League team defeated Ipswich on Tuesday, 4 August by 28 to 16 points and were named as first ranked South East Queensland team. On Tuesday, 11 August they defeated St. Brendan's College, Yeppoon for a place in the National quarter finals, the score was 44 to 12.

- Our annual Year 12 Formal was another outstanding school event. Many proud parents and staff joined them to celebrate this significant milestone. Our Pre-Formal and Formal events were excellent and a credit to the work of our student run Senior Formal Committee, facilitated by our coordinators *Mrs Crawford* and *Mrs Bowker*.

- Our annual Ski Trip departed on Monday afternoon for the ski fields of Perisher.

- This week a group of netball students and teachers attended the World Cup in Sydney. The remainder of Term 3 is just as busy. The schedule includes our annual Literacy Olympics to be held on Monday; Student Education and Training Plan interviews for Year 10 students on Tuesday; followed by the Year 12 QCS Test; Regional Athletics; 2016 Prefect nominations; Rugby League and Netball finals and of course our end of term assessment and interim reports.

There are now only two and a half weeks until our Year 12 students sit the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test on Tuesday, 1 and Wednesday, 2 September. The main challenge for our senior students is to maintain a serious focus and to continue with a trend of improvement. Through this expected peak in performance, our Year 12s and our community should see the very good OP results our school has come to expect.

On Monday, 17 August our Junior School Literacy Olympics will be conducted. This event has been run for nine years and over that time has provided a range of opportunities for local primary and high school students (Years 5 to 8). In the spirit of friendly competition, the event gives students the chance to test their skills in a number of creative and challenging literacy activities. It is important that our school provides these opportunities for our best and brightest junior schoolers; to encourage and inspire achievement at the highest level. *Mrs Madden* along with a large group of student and staff helpers, work together to produce this high quality event. The leadership of our older students as judges and adjudicators is another highlight and further enhances their ability to work in an effective team environment.

Our annual SET Plan day will be on Tuesday, 18 August. This important day engages parents, Year 10 students and teachers to make individual education plans that support senior studies and maximize future opportunities. Students are encouraged to make aspirational yet achievable choices for their final two years of schooling. The success of this day is made possible through the partnerships of students, parents and teachers. Thanks must go to our Head of Department, *Ms Bryam* for the organisation of our SET Plan process.

JJ Major,  
Principal

*"We do not remember days; we remember moments".*

Cesare Pavese

## Senior Formal

On Tuesday, 11 August the Year 12s made their way to the Victoria Park Golf Club for the Formal extravaganza. It was a fabulous array of fashion and all students looked very mature in their evening attire. The experience for our young men and women was an important one; no longer can they be seen as children, they have moved forward and grown into adults of the future. *Thank you* to the organising committee and all staff who assisted for a great event! *Pictured: Suophaya Han, Maddison Crowe, Rhia Javier, Lachlan Little, Lacey Dowie, Kiki Faoagali, Josephine Lang, Cassandra Alford.*



## ENROLMENT 2016

- Do you know anyone wishing to attend in 2016?
- Have you a brother or sister planning to attend Wavell in 2016?

**Please submit 2016 Enrolment Applications as soon as possible to secure a place**

**Application Forms may be submitted to the school office or posted directly to the school**

*For further details please contact our Enrolment Officer Ms Sandra Lock on 3350 0328*

## Staff Farewells

*Mrs Gail Horne* has been a long-standing member of the teaching staff at Wavell and has taught at our school for the past twenty-five years. *We wish Mrs Horne all the best for her retirement.*

*Mrs Heather Dorrstein* has been a member of our valued cleaning team at Wavell since 1996. *Happy retirement, Heather.*

**YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND PARENTS  
SET Plan Interview Day in the Hall  
Tuesday 18 August, 7:00am - 7:00pm**

## REMINDER

**2016 SUBJECT SELECTION  
YEARS 8, 9 AND 10**

Subject Selection completed online by  
**Friday, 21 August 2015**



## Academic Excellence 2015

Congratulations to those students who received awards at our ceremony on Monday, 3 August.

**Year 12:** *Cassandra Alford, Samantha Almodiel, Brittany Casey, Alison Clarin, Emma Goding, Anna Leahy, Kurt Mahaffey, Sharni Morcom, Joshua O'Brien, Giselle Pickering, Savannah Richards, Selene Wootton.*

**Year 11:** *Madison Brook, Lucy Florence, Emily Guest, Emily Honor, Harrison Kettewell, Lydia Lai, Karla Leveque, Sarah Longford, Jack Meincke, Sophie Morley, Lien Naces, Rylan Smith, Juliet Tabualevu, Olivia Vasilakis, Joshua White, Jasmine Wood.*

**Year 10:** *Natasha Bordin, Andrew Doran, Christopher Edwards, Bianca Goding, William Idoine, Emily Jansz, Connor Lawrence, Josephine O'Donovan, Sarah Parker, Michael Plackowski, Siavash Saeedifar, Nandini Shelke, Emily Todd, Alanna Wilson.*

**Year 9:** *Aleksander Betschwar, Alainya Doyle, Imogen Foster Bauer, Madisun Graham, Madeleine Holmes, Gemma Kennedy, Isabel Langton, Ella McIvor, Jason Morcom, Lucy O'Donovan, Olivia Pickering, Caitlin Swan, Najla Syifa, Mereisi Tabualevu, Aubrie Warland, Toby Winters.*

**Year 8:** *Alex Babu, Maxene Crisostomo, Luka Dzakula, Declan Heffernan, Kasey Holleran, Maggie-May Hornigold, Lauren Hunt, Imogen Laud, Tina Ngo, Alana Segi, Faith Simpson, Shaleah Smith, Shantara Smith, Owen Taylor, Jessca Thomson, Isabel Tipace, Vienna Todd, Sophie Williscroft.*

**Year 7:** *Damon Bean, Clarice Bolton, Tim Brunckhorst, Connor Davis, Emily Dukes, Grace Eaves, Sarah Edwards, Ben Erkell, Aiyana Faunui, Emma Goffin, Ella Graham, Alexander Grose, Samuel Hudson, Ebony Marsh, Ashleigh Mattea, Charlotte Metcalf, Noel Naces, Samiksha Prasad, Mary Rojano, Liam Schultz, Caleb Sharie-Toplis, Liva Wood, Waldwynn Wuthrich.*

## WEP High Tea

A High Tea was organised for our volunteer tutors to show our appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful contribution they make to our students. Tutors are acknowledged for reaching the five year milestone with a Wavell pen set. Some tutors have been committed for more than ten years.



*Pictured: Guidance Officer Nathan Macpherson with Mrs Noelle Ogden and Mr Norm Clough*

## Start QUT

Congratulations to *Samantha Almodiel* who was awarded a Distinction in Semester 1 for her Accounting unit studied through QUT. *Samantha* has qualified for a Bonus Entry Rank and two QCE credit points. This program gives Year 12 students the opportunity to study one or two university units while still at school. Applications for Semester 1, 2016 are now open. For more details visit [www.qut.edu.au/startqut](http://www.qut.edu.au/startqut) or see our Guidance Officer.

## Field Study

On Thursday, 30 and Friday, 31 July, over fifty Year 10 Geography students enjoyed a field trip to North Stradbroke Island where they visited many of the natural sites including Cylinder Beach, Brown Lake and Myra Springs. The habitats and wildlife provided a great insight into understanding this unique environment and why preserving this for future generations is important. Students spotted whales, dolphins and turtles and were educated on the indigenous history of the island in a guided walk along the Goompi Trail. Students will use the field sketches, notes, photos and data gathered to form their geography report on the island's environmental management.



## District Athletics Champions

Well done to the following students who finished among the top four places for their age groups:

- 12 Years Boys:** *Corey Thomas* - first;
- 13 Years Girls:** *Raewyn Burt* - third;
- 13 Years Boys:** *Ethan Olsen* - first;
- 14 Years Girls:** *Madisun Graham* - second;
- 14 Years Boys:** *Lucas Bell* - third;
- 15 Years Girls:** *Indianna Green* - third;
- 16 Years Girls:** *Jamie-Lee Harten* - first;
- 17 Years Girls:** *Lillian Neal* - second;
- 17 Years Boys:** *Fotu Akauola* - first;
- Opens:** *Jack Lote* - second, *Marco Fonorito* - fourth

## Interschool Winter Sports

The winter sport season has produced some excellent results. Congratulations to the following teams who are District Champions:

**Seniors:** Boys Touch Rugby League Teams 1 and 2; Senior Boys Volleyball; Year 10 Netball; Senior Netball; Year 10 Girls Soccer; Senior Girls Soccer; Senior Girls Touch Rugby League. **Juniors:** Year 7 Girls Netball, Oz Tag and Volleyball; Year 8 Girls Netball; Year 9 Girls Netball and Division 1 Boys Soccer. Teams to play in the Metropolitan Finals include: Senior and Year 10 Netball and Soccer teams; Senior Girls Basketball teams and, as well, the winners of Junior Netball and Soccer will play in the finals. **Reminder:** Juniors to return their recreational sports selection form by **Tuesday, 18 August.**

## Rugby League



On Tuesday, 4 August, our Year 8 Red team won the elite Broncos Steve Renouf Shield, defeating Ipswich 24-20. Captain *Ethan Olsen* was named man of the match. They are the first Wavell team to win this competition since 2005. On Tuesday, 11 August our Open team defeated St. Brendan's College, Yeppoon. The score was 44-12. Well done and congratulations to both teams on an outstanding season!

**QParents:** Did you know? ...

- you can make payments
  - notify school about student absence
- To register, email the Business Services Manager on [bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au). For details, call 137468 or visit online at <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

## CHANGE TO BELL TIMES

Commencing Tuesday, 25 August and Wednesday, 26 August 2015  
Starting time: 8.50am Finishing time: 3.10pm

## Diary Dates

Sunday 16 August	•Senior Drama Rehearsal 10:00am - 4:00pm
Monday 17 August	•Years 7 - 11 Junior School Literacy Olympics: Lessons 1-3
Tuesday 18 August	•Year 10 Students SET Plan Meeting Day/Evening in Hall •Years 8 and 9 Dance Night Rehearsal: Lesson 4 •P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday 19 August	•Years 10, 11 and 12 Dance Night Rehearsal: Lesson 4 •Senior Drama Rehearsal: 1:00pm - 5:30pm
Thursday 20 August	•Year 12 Mathematics A and B Exams in Hall - Form, Lessons 1 and 3
Friday 21 August	•Senior Drama Technical Rehearsal: 1:00pm - 8:00pm
Sunday 23 August	•Kedron Wavell RSL Concert: 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door - \$10 adult/\$5 children
Monday 24 August	•Prefect Nominations due •Wavell Speaks Out Finals in Spirit Place, N Block: 6:30pm
Tuesday 25 August	•Years 7, 8 and 9 Dance Night Rehearsal: Lesson 4 •School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday 26 August	•Senior Drama Technical/Dress Rehearsal: 1:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursday 27 August	•Years 11 and 12 Dance Night Rehearsals: Lesson 4 •Senior Drama Production - Matinee: Lesson 4 (Year 10); Evening: 6:30pm
Friday 28 August	•Year 12 QTAC talk in Hall: Lesson 2B •Year 8 Inter-form Debating Semi-Finals at Lunch

**Absentee  
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