

### From the Principal



Dear Parents,  
Today we celebrated the final day for our 2015 graduate Year 12 students. The day started with breakfast at the Kedron Wavell RSL. This has become a great contemporary Wavell High tradition. This year as guest speaker was past student *Shane Doherty*; award-winning journalist, Vice President of the Queensland Parliamentary Media Gallery and one of the few modern day journalists to have worked across radio, television and print. *Shane* started as a cadet with the Daily Sun a few weeks after finishing Year 12 at Wavell High in 1983. In the thirty years since, *Shane* has worked all over the world and seen most of recent history from a front row seat. *Shane* has known every Premier since *Joh* and every Prime Minister since *Gough Whitlam* and is seen almost every night covering State Parliament for Channel 9. I thank our graduates and their parents for the great contribution made over the past five years and the dignity with which our Year 12s have concluded their schooling. My very best wishes to them all for a great life to come.

The departure of our Year 12s today and our Year 10 and 11 students next Friday signals that the school year is drawing to a close. The Years 7, 8 and 9 students will finalise their final exams in two weeks. On Monday, 7 December our very important Orientation Day for our new 2016 Year 7 students, will be held. Following this our current Year 7, 8 and 9 students will have the opportunity to be engaged in three days of alternate activities. They will receive their reports on Thursday, 10 December in Lesson 4. The school does remain open on the last day but traditionally only a small number of students attend – any student attending that day should wear their sports uniform as they will be assisting with staff setting up classrooms for 2016. There is no penalty for students who do not attend that last Friday.

Despite rumours that claim “students must live in the catchment area to enrol”, three quarters of our enrolments actually do not. Only 400 of our current 1500 students live in our catchment area. Therefore, if you know a family or friend with a child not yet enrolled or wishing to be part of the Wavell community in Year 7 for 2016, please ask them to collect an enrolment package. Please encourage them to phone our Enrolment Officer - *Ms Lock* 3350 0328 and return their application to the main office promptly.

Keep your eye out for the publication of next week's Northside Chronicle – Wavell State High School's excellence in public education feature will celebrate our outstanding student achievements across academic, cultural and sporting endeavours.

J.J. Major,  
Principal

*“It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.”*

*E.E. Cummings*

### 2016 SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

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

### BuySmart Competition

*Congratulations to Charity Power, Year 9, on receiving a highly commended award for her children's book - “Sophie the Saver” in the Queensland Government BuySmart Competition.*



Charity's work was chosen from over 600 state-wide entries. The entry Charity submitted was part of her work in the Advanced Academic Program. Pictured: *Charity Power* with *Ms. Yvette D'Arth* Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills at Parliament House.

### YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

Monday, 7 December 2015  
9.00am - 3.00pm  
Meet at our Assembly Hall

### Year 10 Study Skills

In October, Year 10 students attended the *Study Sensai* seminar run by Elevate Education. The seminar addressed the question: “What is study?” providing students with a road-map of valuable skills required to complete their senior courses. Some skills covered included: working consistently, note taking, how to break down information into its relevant parts, and making assessment items distinctive.

### END OF SEMESTER REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be issued as follows:  
**Year 11** - Tuesday, 8 December from 10:00am - 12 Noon in Library  
**Year 10** - Thursday, 10 December from 10:00am - 12 Noon in Library  
**Years 7, 8 & 9** - Thursday, 10 December Lesson 4 in Hall

### Semester Examinations

Senior examination blocks are now well underway with Year 12s now completed, Year 11s commenced on Monday, 16 November and Year 10s will start on Monday, 23 November.



Students are reminded that the school expects diligence and application to these important pieces of assessment. The examination timetable is available on the school website for all remaining examinations for Years 7, 8 and 9 who commence examinations next week. Any absence from scheduled exams must be communicated with *Mrs Bullen*, Deputy Principal in order to ensure examinations are rescheduled as soon as possible.

### Arts Captains 2016

*Congratulations to the 2016 Arts Captains (pictured below): Arts Promotions: Anikka Abelita, Heather Martin; Dance Excellence: Reagan Baildon Dance Troupe: Lucy Dale; Drama: Gillian Thompson, Brittany Iseppi; Film, Television and New Media: Lien Naces; Media Studies: Therese Gimenez; Music: Sarah Longford, Joseph Dale; Technical: Kyle White; Visual Art: Charlotte Taylor, Dana Williscroft*



### 2016 Junior Leaders



*Congratulations to all students who were selected as Junior Leaders for 2016: Tylah Baldwin, Alex Babu, Kate Bassingthwaighte, Luka Dzakula, Ayden Evangelista, Leon Guetiler, Declan Heffernan, Sanna Hickman, Lucien Hilleard, Maggie-May Hornigold, Imogen Laud, Carly Logan, Trent MacLennan, Emily Morley, Giselle*

*Oliver, Ethan Olsen, Mitchell Ryan, Phoebe Shaw, Faith Simpson, Shaleah Smith, Shantara Smith, Vienna Todd, Cooper Webster, Tarnee Wessling and Sophie Williscroft.*

## Shakefest Challenge

The final part of this competition involved the announcement of thirty students who have been selected to perform in Shake & Stir's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in January at the Powerhouse. Wavell students selected: *Gerick Leota Thomsen* and *Brittany Iseppi*. We are very proud of their achievement as they were selected from 150 finalists.

## 2015 Student Gift

This year, Prefects and the SRC have jointly gifted House Mascots and War-Cry Banners to help boost house spirit at Wavell. *Pictured: Alamein Mascot - "Al the Eagle" proudly waving the War-Cry Banner.*



### SRC NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thursday 3 December - \$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.

### STATIONERY & CLOTHING SHOP HOURS

Monday, 7 December (Last trading day for 2015)

Combined Shops: 2:00pm - 6:00pm

January 2016

Tuesday, 19 January: 12 noon - 5:30pm

Wednesday, 20 January: 8:15am - 12:15am

Thursday, 21 January: 8:15am - 12:15am

Friday, 22 January: 8:15am - 12:15am

First week of school: 27 January - 29 January

8:15am - 11:15am daily

Second week of school: 1 February - 5 February

8:15am - 11:15am daily

### Volunteers Required for Shops

Helpers required in shops for Orientation Day and the week prior to school commencement.

**Volunteer for 4 hours and get 10% off your bill.**



### Used-Clothing Shop Attention Year 12

School uniforms of a suitable standard (washed and ironed with no fading, stains or mending please) will be accepted for sale as soon as possible after Friday, 20 November.

## School Leavers Email Advice

At the end of Term 4, all school-provided email accounts will close for Year 12 students and other students who are leaving the state school system. Please ensure your child is aware that this account will not work beyond the end of the school year and they should provide a personal email address to prospective employers or educational institutions. This is especially important for students enrolling in further education or training using the QTAC, TAFE or other online systems.

## Instrumental Music Showcase



Last Friday, the Instrumental Music Program held their Showcase 2 Concert. There were some fantastic and inspirational performances by all groups: Concert Band 1 and 2, Junior Choir, Percussion Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, String Orchestra, String Quartet, Rapport Vocals and Stageband. It was truly a highlight in our performance calendar and it was a joy to see such a large and supportive crowd. Many thanks to all involved. Please contact *Mrs Alisa Jones* on [ajone55@eq.edu.au](mailto:ajone55@eq.edu.au) for Instrumental Music Program information.

### 2016 RESOURCE SCHEME REMINDER

- All forms have been mailed home.
- Please return agreement forms before the end of Term 4, 2015.
- Payment forms due with payment by Friday, 30 January, 2016.
- Contact the school on 3350 0309 if you did not receive your form.
- Return texts, library books and repay any outstanding monies by the end of the school year.

## World War I Challenge

In October, eight prefects and teachers took part in the 100km Challenge. Together students and staff tackled the gruelling course, starting early Saturday at The Gap and finishing Sunday afternoon at Woodford. This year the students were lucky to meet the descendants of the two soldiers for whom they carried bricks in honour of. Special thanks to Kedron Wavell RSL Sub-branch for their ongoing support. Thanks also to the support team; *Miss Steele* and parents. Wavell is incredibly proud of their joint effort as the walk was very challenging and something most had never attempted. *Congratulations to the participants: Gerick Leota Thomsen, Lachlan Quarmby, Savannah Vasilakis, Emma Goding, Bryson Morris-McGuire, Jason Bowker, Lucy Chen, Giselle Pickering,* and teachers *Mrs Donnelly, Ms Robertson, Mrs Pass and Mr Boaler.*



## Sports Captains 2016

It is with great pleasure that we announce the captains elect for sport in 2016. These students will hit the ground running with the Inter-house Swimming Carnival early next year. *Congratulations to the following students: Sports Captains: Olivia Vasilakis, Thomas Meincke, Georgia Cloudsley, Nicholas Holleran. House Captains: Alamein: Ceres Burke, Brayden Crowe; Burma: Emily Honor, Matthew Gill; Keren: Mikaela Ridge, Nicholas Menesi; Tobruk: Remy Separovich, Aiden Schuhmacher.* *Pictured: Sports Captains joined by House Mascots.*



### Student Absence Notifications

- Email via **QParents**
- Absentee phone line 33500303
- Email via [absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au)

### IMPORTANT

Please remember to notify the school of any change of address or contact phone numbers or parent email addresses for your student.

### Diary Dates

Monday 23 November	•Year 10 Semester II Examinations commence (23-26 November) •Years 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Band continues in Band Room - 3:10pm
Wednesday 25 November	•Publication of Year 12 Student Achievement Indicators for Tertiary Entrance
Thursday 26 November	•Years 10 and 11 Finalisation of Results Day •WSC Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Transition Day 1: Lessons 1 and 2A •Prefects-Elect, Arts, Sports Captains and SRC Executive Leadership Day
Friday 27 November	•Years 7, 8 and 9 Semester II Exams commence (27 November - 1 December) •Years 10 and 11 Final Day of School •Prefects-Elect Planning Day 11:00am - 1:00pm
Monday 30 November	•2017 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews - 8:00am to 4:00pm •Year 9 Drama students visit to local Primary Schools •Years 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Band continues in Band Room - 3:10pm
Tuesday 1 December	•2017 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews: 8:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday 2 December	•2017 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews: 8:00am-4:00pm •Years 7, 8 and 9 Examinations conclude
Thursday 3 December	•2017 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews: 8:00am-4:00pm •WSC Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Transition Day 1: Lessons 4 •SRC Non-Uniform Day; 2016 SRC Planning Day •Red Food Day 8
Friday 4 December	•2017 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews: 8:00am-4:00pm
Sunday 6 December	•Years 5,6,7,8,9 Instrumental Music Band Christmas Concert in Hall: 2:00pm-3:00pm