

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
I hope you enjoyed viewing the highlights of our achievements in the Northside Chronicle last week. Our school's 2015 Yearbook is a more detailed chronicle and a wonderful celebration of the many academic, cultural, sporting and social achievements. My congratulations go to the editorial team of staff and students so well led for the first time by Miss Megan Carlon. Year 7, 8 and 9 students are able to collect their ordered Yearbook once their clearance forms are finalised.

I have this week received the preliminary 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. These results will be released on Saturday, 19 December at 9:00am in Learning Accounts Online and will begin arriving in the post from Monday, 21 December. I wish our Year 12 students every success in their chosen fields of study or work next year.

On Monday, 7 December I look forward to welcoming our incoming Year 7s for 2016. We are expecting 276 Year 7 students in 10 classes to begin high school on Wednesday, 27 January 2016 as the Monday is now a flexible student free day and Tuesday is the Australia Day holiday. It will be a pleasure to greet our new students and their parents, provide a guided tour of our Junior Secondary learning facility and share morning tea.

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students will enjoy an alternative program from Tuesday, 8 December to Thursday, 10 December with reports issued on Thursday afternoon. Those very small numbers of expected students who join us on Friday, 11 December will support our annual school clean up in preparation for 2016. There is no penalty for students who do not attend on that day.

I thank the school community and our wonderful staff and students for their ongoing support. School commences for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students on Wednesday, 27 January while Year 10, 11 and 12 students commence on Thursday, 28 January 2016. I wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

S J Major,
Principal

Trade Skills Centre

During Term 4 this year construction commenced on the extension and refurbishment of our Industrial Technology and Design facilities to incorporate our new Trade Skills Centre.

This centre will include a new engineering machine shop containing new fixed engineering machines along with new welding facilities and a sheet metal working workshop for students to gain exposure to trade skills in preparation for a future in the manufacturing industries. To further enhance our students' trade career aspirations, we will be introducing Certificate II in Engineering Pathways in partnership with the Registered Training Organisation - SkillsTech.

The refurbishment will include a new theory classroom and an additional construction workshop for our new Industrial Skills subject offered to Year 11 in 2016.

Our new Trade Skills Centre is on track for completion in early 2016.



Retirement



Mr John Todd has been a valued member of our cleaning team since 2007. Mr Todd will take long service leave in 2016 before his official retirement. Wavell thanks Mr Todd for his many years of service maintaining our much used Assembly Hall.

Staff on Extended Leave

Mrs Eva Elia, Mathematics teacher will take long service leave in Semester 1.

Ms Tracy Buchanan and Ms Leil Whittingham both continue on maternity leave.

Mrs Sharon Flugge and Mrs Michelle Hinton, two members of our cleaning team will remain on sick leave for the commencement of 2016.

2016 Teacher Movements

Mr Brendan Barlow, is to return to Wavell after spending time at Bracken Ridge SHS as Acting Deputy Principal this semester.

Mr Mick Baker, Acting Health and Physical Education Head of Department will move to Redcliffe SHS to act in this position for 2016.

Mrs Karen Jones, English and SOSE teacher, who taught in a relieving capacity at Warwick SHS in 2015, has now attained a permanent appointment at Stanthorpe SHS.

Ms Julie Keating, Mathematics teacher, has now commenced a teaching position in China.

Mrs Amanda Chmielewski will join our Science staff for 2016. Mrs Chmielewski has relocated to Brisbane from Biloela SHS and more recently taught at Ormeau Woods SHS.

Mrs Elena Gower returns from long service leave to re-join our Social Science faculty.

Ms Sue Monteath will return to the Science faculty after working with the curriculum development team for Education Queensland.

Wavell welcomes our new and returning teachers. We wish those departing all the best in their new posts for 2016.

Contract Teachers

We thank all these teachers for their contribution to Wavell and efforts this year.

Returning for 2016:

Mr James Armstrong - French and English

Ms Tiffany Broad - Performing Arts

Mr Andrew Crawford - Science, Mathematics

Mr Tony D'Arcy - Mathematics

Ms Emma Hart - English

Mr Lee Matthews - Music and Social Science

Ms Rebecca Weir - Japanese and English

Mr Jay Wilkinson - Wavell Support Centre. Mr Wilkinson is now permanently appointed.

Ms Robyn Williams - Mathematics

Departing:

Mr Ross Bowerman has been a part of the HPE faculty during Term 4.

New for 2016:

Ms Leigh McCormick, comes from Gap SHS and will join our Mathematics teaching team.

Mr Michael Travers joins our Mathematics and Science faculty and Ms Lara Molloy will teach English and Social Science; both are graduates and eager to commence their career at Wavell. Welcome!

YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

Monday, 7 December 2015

9.00am - 3.00pm

Meet at our Assembly Hall



"A well-spent day brings happy sleep."
Leonardo da Vinci

END OF SEMESTER REPORT CARDS



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

2016 SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

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

Graduation 2015



Friday, 20 November was the final day for our Year 12 graduating students. The Graduation commenced with a celebratory breakfast at Kedron Wavell Services Club. Guest speaker Mr Shane Doherty (past Wavell student and Channel 9 reporter pictured with Mr Major and our School Captains), spoke eloquently about his post school achievements, and of the challenges that students are likely to experience in their adult lives. At school, the ceremony presented our seniors to an audience of proud family and friends. Speakers included Principal, Mr Major; Ms Kirby Short (on behalf of teachers), Mrs Karen Morcom (on behalf of parents), Maggie-May Hornigold, Zane Quadrio (Years 8 and 7 students), and, of course, captains Alison Clarin, Martin Lianna, Michael Johnson and Giselle Pickering who made their final speeches. Thank you to Mr Turner, Ms Crawford and Mrs Edwards for their efforts in making the day one to remember.

Energy4Me Workshop

Wavell students participated in the Energy4Me Workshop, held as part of the Unconventional Resources Conference and Exhibition. They undertook a wide range of activities that helped them understand what was needed to discover and extract oil. They were able to engage with their industry expert and find out about the diverse career paths available. Lastly, they visited the trade exhibitors and saw the equipment used to perform the tasks they had been investigating earlier in the day.



Christmas Concert
Years 5,6,7,8,9 Band and Orchestra
Sunday, 6 December
Commences 2:15pm in Assembly Hall
Free Entry - Raffle tickets for sale
Canteen will be open.

Clancestry

Taleatha Wright-Morgan in Year 7, has been invited to perform at Clancestry at QPAC in December. This prestigious weekend event is an Indigenous celebration of culture. Wavell is very proud of Taleatha to be representing her culture at such a young age!

Senior Leadership Day

On Thursday, 26 November the 2016 student leadership-elect team attended a 'Leading a Legacy' seminar run by Peer Power at the Kedron Wavell RSL. Prefects, Arts and Sports captains and the SRC Senior Executive came together to be challenged about leadership and to develop skills in order to build a greater school community in 2016. Apart from being a fun day, the team took part in hands-on learning experiences which took them out of their comfort zone. These are just some of their feedback comments.

"Though everyone is diverse in personality and characteristics, all the diversities add to create a valued leadership group, capable of accomplishing the hardest of goals. Thanks!"

"I learnt that when I put myself out and meet new people and show a genuine interest in their interests, it not only makes them comfortable but gives me a feeling of worth. Giving others a realisation of value gives me value."

"I learnt about some interests of people who I didn't know well. This will help bring the whole leadership group together. I loved how I learnt that I was dominant in the motivator quadrant."

"At first, the thought of this seminar and attending it with people that I see everyday but don't really talk to was daunting. However, I learnt that if I opened myself up more to interacting with them, then I won't miss out on getting to know some wonderful people and their ideas."



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.

Meet the Olympians



Thirty talented Year 9 students had the opportunity to listen to a presentation supported by the Queensland Olympic Council. Meagen Nay and Lara Davenport (pictured with students). These Olympic swimmers, spoke to students about their career in the world of swimming - the hard work and dedication, and the highs and the lows of training to be an Olympian. They told our students stories about the amazing food hall in the Olympic Village. Their overriding theme was to dream – to do anything to achieve that dream – and to not give up. Our students were entertained, inspired and excited to meet such high level sportswomen and all agreed the morning was very worthwhile.

Operation Christmas Present



Operation Christmas Child Appeal was run again this term. The response to the challenge of creating shoeboxes filled with special goodies to send to countries facing disease, famine and poverty was amazing. Throughout the week, the Wavell community donated forty five boxes, four garbage bags of soft toys and raised over \$450. *A big thank you to all who contributed to the appeal.*

STATIONERY & CLOTHING SHOP HOURS

Monday, 7 December (Last trading day for 2015)
Combined Shops: 1:00pm – 5:30pm

January 2016

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

Wednesday, 20 January: 8:15am – 12:15pm

Thursday, 21 January: 8:15am – 12:15pm

Friday, 22 January: 8:15am – 12:15pm

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.

Student Absence Notifications

- Email via **QParents**
- Absentee phone line 3350030
- Email via absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au

Sports Achievement

Jarrod Mann (graduated 2014) has been selected by East Arizona College for a Golf Scholarship. He has won his first tournament "The Arizona Desert Classic" with a two under par result, and is currently ranked thirty-third Junior College golfer in NCAA Division 2 and 3 Colleges. *A huge achievement!*

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 pay any outstanding monies by the end of the school year.

Years 7, 8 and 9 Alternative Program

Letters detailing activities were distributed to students. There will be at-school activities also run.

- **Tuesday 8 December:** Blue-Fit Leisure excursion
- **Wednesday 9 December:** At school games and activities
- **Thursday 10 December:** At school games and activities with report cards distributed on Thursday afternoon
- **Friday 11 December:** Clean Up Day

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Diary Dates

Saturday 5 December

Sunday 6 December

Monday 7 December

Tuesday 8 December

Wednesday 9 December

Thursday 10 December

Friday 11 December

Saturday 19 December

Monday 21 December

Tuesday 19 January

Wednesday 20 January

Monday 25 January

Tuesday 26 January

Wednesday 27 January

Thursday 28 January

Friday 29 January

- 2017 Junior Secondary Confirmation Interviews 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Years 5,6,7,8,9 Instrumental Music Band Christmas Concert in Hall 2:15pm
- Orientation Day for Year 6 students entering Year 7 2016 - From 9:00am in Hall
- Wavell Combined Shops open 1:00pm - 5:30pm
- Years 7, 8, 9 Alternative Program
- Year 11 Progress Reports issued from Library 10:00am- 12noon
- Years 7, 8, 9 Alternative Program
- Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm; Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- Years 7, 8, 9 Alternative Program
- Year 10 Progress Reports and Attendance Records from Library 10:00am - 12noon
- Years 7, 8, 9 Progress Reports and Attendance Records issued in Hall Lesson 4
- Final Day of School Year
- Senior Statements/QCEs and Tertiary Entrance Statements available online - 9:00am
- Senior Statements/QCEs and Tertiary Entrance Statements posted by QCAA
- Wavell Shops open 12noon to 5:30pm
- Wavell Shops open 8:15am to 12:15pm (these times until Friday 22 January)
- Flexible Student Free Day - School closed
- Australia Day Concert at Kedron-Wavell RSL
- Years 7,8 and 9 (Junior Secondary) commence school today at 8:50am
- Principal's Meetings in Hall for Year 9 L. 2A, Year 8 L. 2B, Year 7 L. 3A
- All Year Levels at school
- Staff and ID photographs for Year 7 in Hall
- Principal's Meetings in Hall for Year 12 L. 2B, Year 11 L. 3A, Year 10 L. 3B
- Student Resource Scheme charges due
- Presentation of Arts and Sports Captain Badges
- Academic Monitoring commences in WDP-Goal Setting : Years 8, 9, 10, 11
- Year 12 QCS meeting in Hall, Lesson 2B