Dear Parents,

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of our parents who have engaged with the life of the School through their attendance at a number of events. These include the Swimming Carnival, Prefect and School Captain Investiture, participation in our very popular Year 10 Pathways night which was held on Thursday, 18 February, our Year 7 parents for engaging with our Thursday morning Meet and Greet sessions, and also for attendance and support for our annual Year 7 ‘Welcome to Wavell’ afternoon on Friday, 19 February. Our Year 7 students’ transition has been a very smooth one for the great majority of our children – please connect with your child’s form teacher if you are having any concerns. I hope to see all of our year 7’s attending the camp scheduled in June – this is the culmination of our integration into high school. Given the number of parent events at school already, it is timely to remind all parents of the importance of us maintaining a good relationship with our neighbours. Please be mindful of not making excessive noise and ensuring cars are parked legally and not across driveways. This is also important at afternoon pick up times. It is usual, particularly at the start of the year, for police patrols of schools to ensure the safety of all concerned. Please do the right thing to avoid an unwanted fine.

On Friday, 12 February we celebrated the induction of our School Prefects and Captains supported by parents, our P&C President Mr Greg Rodgers, and past student of 1995 Mr Anthony Chisholm. Our magnificent Wavell Concert Band certainly set the scene with a strong performance under the direction of Mrs Alisa Jones. A delicious morning tea was provided by our Hospitality students who were supported by their teachers, Mrs Jo Darlington and Mrs Robyn Raftery. I extend well wishes to our elected School Captains, Ali Faalogo, Sheryl Gabetero, Brooke Hafner and Callum Match and our elected Prefects, They will make a great contribution and provide invaluable service in their leadership roles throughout 2016. On Thursday, 18 February our new and returning volunteer tutors for the Wavell Enrichment Program (WEP) gathered for morning tea. It is great to have a number of community members willing to support our students’ learning. These tutors will work with our Year 7 students, who need extra support with literacy and numeracy. These skills make a strong foundation for a successful life. I thank parents for their attendance at our first P&C meeting last Tuesday, 16 February and congratulations to our incoming P&C Executive and Sub-Committee Executive members. I encourage every parent to participate, either it is through the P&C, membership on sub-committee, volunteering at the canteen or uniform shop, assisting with a sporting team, donating to our building fund or as a WEP tutor. Your contribution makes a difference to Wavell and it is through your support that our students achieve great results.

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From the Principal

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

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NAPLAN 2016

On Tuesday, 16 February and Wednesday, 17 February, Year 9 students completed the first trial tests. Students gain valuable experience through this preparation program which equips them with test readiness. The next trials for Years 7 and 9 will be held on 15, 16 and 17 March. Attendance is vital for confident test performances in May. The support of parents is appreciated in order to ensure students are ready for the NAPLAN tests.

Building Fund Contributions

Thanks to the 98 families who have made their 2016 contribution to the building fund. Our total has now reached $5910, however further details in their classrooms throughout the year.

For Parents of Year 7 Students

“Meet and Greet” Morning Session

Thursday, 3 March, 8.15-8.45am - N Block

“Open Day”

Thursday, 11 March, 8.15-8.45am - Library

Further details - Mrs J. Hughes 3350 0313

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On Thursday, 18 February, the Senior Secondary team: Ms Bullen, Ms Griffiths, Mr Byrum and Mr Macpherson hosted the annual Senior Pathways Evening. Over 200 Year 10 students and parents attended to hear important topics such as SET Plans, QCE, School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships, along with key dates for the year. Information was presented on the Work Experience program and the Certificate One in Financial Services which all Year 10 students undertake. The presentation is now available on the school website.

On Monday, 22 February students in Years 11 were involved in Senior Study Seminars run by Elevate. Year 11 students were taught skills on how to study and the Year 12 students’ seminar, held on Monday, 8 February was aimed at time management. The focus of the seminars is to equip all senior students with the skills to cope with their studies and achieve the best results possible.

Further details in their classrooms throughout the year.

Senior Schooling

Our P & C Leaders 2016

We thank the following parents and friends of the school who have agreed to continue to serve us through the leadership of the P&C. Office Bearers:

President: Mr Greg Rodgers.

Vice Presidents: Mr Chris Logan and Mr Philip Russell.

Secretary: Mrs Jamie Ellis; and Treasurer: Mrs Ruby Penke.

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“Welcome to Wavell” has always been a great success with everyone involved and this year was no different! It is a chance for Year 7s to have fun and get to know each other, as well as for the Prefects to interact and play games with their form classes, with the support of the Form Teachers. Games varied from Chain Tag to Numbers but as always, Dodge Ball had the great afternoon. Thanks to Mr Francis, Mrs Hickman, Mrs Madden, the Year 9 Leaders and Prefects for arranging a great afternoon.

Indigenous News

Congratulations to our Year 11 2016 QATSIF scholarship winners: Karmelle Leone, Taylor Anderson, Wayne Tebby, Emma Tebby, Logan Firm, Ceforeran Villarain, Brianna Powell, Wonie Yasia. On Friday, 19 February, Wavell Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attended the Artie’s Academy and Broncos Mentoring Program launch. Special guests (pictured below) were Justin Hodges, Jharal Yow Yeh and Scott Prince.

Valentine’s Day

Our School Captains and Prefects assisted students to celebrate Valentine’s Day by delivering numerous gifts. These ranged from cards to hearts and roses. Many “romantic” items were presented by the Prefects to surprised and embarrassed students. The singing of romantic songs left “a lot to be desired”, but in the typical Wavell way, our Prefects did their best.

Student Personal Data Check Forms

To assist the school to effectively communicate to you, it is important that we have current email addresses. Forms have been sent home with every student, with an explanatory memo. Please return or email these to form teachers by Friday 3 March (even if no changes are made).

Change to Dates

Combined Shop Committee Meetings

- Meetings will be at 7pm prior to P&C Meetings
- Next meeting will be held on 15 March in A Block

Diary Dates

Monday 29 February
- School Photographs: Prefers, SRC, Junior Leaders, Instrumental Music, Summer Sports in Hall on Monday, 29 February. Formal Uniform to be worn and student ID card must be presented.
- SRC Executive Meeting Conference Room: 10:45am
- Years 9-12 Dance Workshops for invited students
- Year 9 QMEA Expand Your Mind - selected students
- Extended Form Meeting until 9:05am for Attendance Checks
- Year 9 and 11 QDU Debating - Round 1
- Year 7 Meet Our Elective Teachers’ Junior Secondary 8:15 - 8:45am
- Year 9 AAP Science and Engineering Challenge at University of Queensland
- Year 12B Writing Workshop in Library: 1, 1 and 2
- Religious Assembly
- Year 1 Rugby League Townsvillie Tour departs at Lunch
- Year 7, 8 and 9 Netball Super Severe Competition: Lesson 1B - 4
- Clean Up Wavell Day: L 4
- Year 9 U2B Writing Workshop in Library: L 1 and 2
- Year 13, 14 and 15 Rugby League Trials Aquinas College
- Talent Quest Rehearsal: 3:10 - 5:30pm
- Year 12 QCS and Certificate I Workshop: L 1 and 2
- Shake & Stir: Performance in Hall: Lesson 1 - Year 9 English; Lesson 3 - Year 11 English
- WCS International Women’s Day Morning Tea
- Year 12 Maths A and B Exam in Hall: Form, L 1 and 3
- Year 10 and 12 QDU Debating - Round 1
- Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- Music Committee 7:30pm
- Year 10 “Project Parent” Junior Secondary 8:15m - 8:45am
- Work Experience Preference form due
- Chaplaincy Committee Meeting: 2.15pm