

From the Principal



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 important 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 children – please connect with your child's form teacher if you are having any concerns. I hope to see all of our year 7s 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 Mutch* 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. Congratulations to our incoming P&C Executive and Sub-Committee Executive members. I encourage every parent to participate, whether 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.

J.J. Major
Principal

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

Nelson Mandela

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.

Our P & C Leaders 2016



We thank the following parents and friends of the school who have agreed to continue to serve us through leadership of the P&C. **Office Bearers:** **President:** *Mr Greg Rodgers*; **Vice Presidents:** *Mr Chris Logan* and *Mr Phillip Russell*; **Secretary:** *Mrs Janie Ellis*; and **Treasurer:** *Mrs Ruby Peinke*

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 1100 families are yet to contribute. With your assistance the P&C will be able to fund new seating for the assembly hall. Please make your tax deductible payment, of at least \$60 to our P&C Building Fund through the payment office or via QParent. This is our only P&C fund raising activity. Your contribution will be gratefully received and put to work for your students.



OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 15 MAY
2:00PM - 4:30PM

For prospective students and their parents. An afternoon of information and structured activities to show what Wavell State High School has to offer.

Enquiries for all year levels welcome. Please contact Ms Sandra Lock on 3350 0328.

School Captains and Prefects 2016

Congratulations to our School Captains for 2016: *Ali Faalogo*, *Sheryl Gabetero*, *Brooke Hafner* and *Callum Mutch* pictured below with: *Mr Peter Turner*, our local member for Nudgee, *Ms Leanne Linard*, *Mr Anthony Chisholm*, *Mr Jeff Major* and *Mr Greg Rodgers*. School Captains along with 2016 Prefects, were presented with their badges on Friday, 12 February by *Mr Chisholm*. We welcome our new school leaders and look forward to the contribution they will



make to the life and activities of our school this year. The Prefects for 2016 are: *Gloria Chui*, *Georgia Cloudsley*, *Brayden Crowe*, *Joseph Dale*, *Lucy Dale*, *Mitchell De Zwart*, *Samantha Ellis*, *Lucy Florence*, *Samuel Flynn*, *Emily Guest*, *Nicholas Holleran*, *Emily Honor*, *Harry Kettewell*, *Sarah Longford*, *Jack Meincke*, *Tom Meincke*, *Nicholas Menesi*, *Sophie Morley*, *Sebastian Sheikh*, *Caitlin Townsend*, *Olivia Vasilakis* and *Joshua White*.

Senior Schooling

On Thursday, 18 February, the Senior Secondary team: *Ms Bullen*, *Ms Griffith*, *Ms Byram* 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.

FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS

"Meet and Greet" Morning

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

"Project Parent"

Thursday, 11 March, 8.15-8.45am - Library

Further details - Mrs J. Hughes 3350 0313

Tony Ryan Visits Teachers

Wavell continues to grow the quality of teaching practice and professional dialogue to enhance learning experiences. On Tuesday, 23 February, *Mr Tony Ryan* (pictured below with staff), an Australian learning consultant, former teacher, writer and facilitator on educational practice presented some practical strategies to ensure pedagogical practice is abreast and supports students to maximise their learning outcomes. *Tony* has also been working with our teacher-coaches who have volunteered to lead our collegial process, working with peers to enrich the quality of teaching and learning in classrooms and across all year levels. No doubt your child will have teachers working together in their classrooms throughout the year.



Welcome to Wavell

“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 most enthusiastic participation. Free food and drinks were supplied for everyone involved to re-boost their energy levels, before heading off to play the “awesome” Tug-of-War! Prefects unfortunately were not allowed to assist the

Year 7s, but some kind souls just could not resist. Special 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: Kamelle Leone, Taylor Anderson, Wayne Tebby, Emma Tebby, Logan Finn, Ceferena Villarin, Brianna Powell, Wonie Yusia. 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 update and return these to form teachers by **Friday, 4 March** (even if no changes are made).

Change to Dates

Combined Shops Committee Meetings

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

Justice Studies

On Tuesday, 16 February, the Year 11 Certificate IV Justice Studies’ students visited Parliament House to observe the Queensland Government in action. After a brief tour, the students had the privilege of sitting in the public gallery for Question Time to listen to our Minister for Education, *Hon. Kate Jones* address issues regarding class sizes and Attorney General, *Hon. Yvette D’Ath* address the controversial lock out laws. Students had the opportunity to role play the passing of a Bill through State Parliament to help the theory of the passing of an Act feel a little more practical and relevant. It was truly a valuable educational experience for these students.



Religious Instruction

Instruction is provided to students at Wavell which includes a program for the Year 7s and 8s of two lessons a term as well as a series of lessons for Year 9s (Term 3) and Year 10s (Term 2). This is a non-denominational program provided by members of our local churches. Wavell also has a full time Chaplain, who provides support in spiritual, ethical and moral matters. Parents wishing their child not to participate in Religious Instruction or in the Chaplaincy Program are asked to forward a letter to *Ms Bullen*, Deputy Principal. Alternate arrangements will be made for these students.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN PRODUCTS - A CAUTION!

In ITD courses, students are required to complete a number of practical exercises. Once completed, students are permitted to take these items home. Parents need to be aware that the products are the results of a teaching exercise only. They do not and were not intended to conform to Australian Standards and should not be used for their normal practical purposes. Legal opinion suggests that parents would be under an onus to similarly warn any other party accordingly who might try to use the products.

A Taste of French



On Thursday, 18 February, Year 12 French students set off for the University of Queensland for the “Taste of French” experience. *Jasmine Wood, Sarah Longford, Lucy Florence, Brittany Iseppi, Lien Naces and Miftah Corsi* discovered what it would be like to be a French student at University. They took part in a Campus Exploration Race, and attended tutorials on a range of topics such as “Comparing French and Australian Foods”, “Problems Faced When Writing a Letter”, “Inventions and The Semiotic Structure of Rap” – all completely in French! Mixing with students from ten other schools, our students shone with enthusiasm as they learnt what University will be like for them next year.

District Swimming

On Tuesday, 16 February thirty swimmers represented Wavell at the District Swimming Carnival. As per usual, Wavell dominated in the pool and won the overall trophy with 2003 points. Congratulations to the following age champions; *Kyle Montgomery (M 13yrs); Tyler McInerney (M 15yrs); Tamara Wood (F 16yrs); Jack Meincke (M 17yrs)*.

Congratulations to all swimmers involved! Results of the Regional Swimming Carnivals held this week, will be in our next newsletter.

Sporting Representative

Congratulations to *Nicholas Menesi* Year 12 on his selection as team captain of the Metropolitan North Triathlon team. Nick placed eighth in Queensland.

Student Absence Notifications

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

School Photograph Reminder:



Prefects, 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.

Diary Dates

Monday 29 February	•School Photographs: Prefects, SRC, Instrumental Music, Summer Sports in Hall: L.1-3
Tuesday 1 March	•SRC Executive Meeting Conference Room: 10:45am •Years 9 -12 Dance Workshops for invited students •Year 9 QMEA Expand Your Mind - selected students
Wednesday 2 March	•Extended Form Meeting until 9:05am for Attendance Checks •Year 9 and 11 QDU Debating - Round 1
Thursday 3 March	•Year 7 ‘Meet our Elective Teachers’ Junior Secondary 8:15 - 8:45am •Year 9 AAP Science and Engineering Challenge at University of Queensland •Year 7 U2B Writing Workshop in Library: L. 1 and 2
Friday 4 March	•Religious Assembly •Year 7 Rugby League Toowoomba Tour: departs at Lunch •Years 7, 8 and 9 Netball <i>Super Sevens</i> Competition: Lesson 1B - 4 • <i>Clean Up Wavell Day</i> : L. 4
Monday 7 March	•Year 9 U2B Writing Workshop in Library: L1 and 2 •U13, 14 and 15 Rugby League Trials Aquinas College •Talent Quest Rehearsal: 3:10 - 5:30pm
Tuesday 8 March	•Year 12 QCS and Certificate I Workshop: L.1 and 2 • <i>Shake & Stir</i> Performance in Hall: Lesson 1 - Year 9 English; Lesson 3 - Year 11 English •WSC <i>International Women’s Day</i> Morning Tea
Wednesday 9 March	•Year 12 Maths A and B Exams in Hall: Form, L1 and 3 •Year 10 and 12 QDU Debating - Round 1 •Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm •Music Committee 7:30pm
Thursday 10 March	•Year 7 ‘Project Parent’ Junior Secondary 8:15am - 8:45am
Friday 11 March	•Work Experience Preference form due •Chaplaincy Committee Meeting: 2.15pm