

### From the Principal



Dear Parents,  
The remaining nine school days for the term will feature a number of culminating activities that include:

- assessment and report finalization when reports and information regarding parent-teacher night will be distributed through students at the end of week one next term. Students need to maintain full attendance and effort right through to Thursday 24 March;
- NAPLAN trials for Year 7 and 9 students and QCS test practice for our Year 12s;
- the Talent Quest on Friday 18 March at 7:00pm, the result of lunch time heats of Wavell talent that has been on show over the past two weeks. As the talent pool at Wavell is enormous, it was an extremely challenging task for organizers to narrow the field for the finals. It will be a great night – mark it in your diary;
- the School Dance on Tuesday 22 March should be a great social night as it is well supervised and a lot of fun. Remember, **NO pre-purchased ticket, NO school ID, NO entry** – this ensures safety for all. This is a red food event;
- the Year 12 Dance Excellence performance on Wednesday 23 March will feature our very talented senior dancers;
- our Non-uniform Day on the last Thursday of term is a Student Representative Council fundraising event towards a student initiated project for the year.

Our enrolment processes for 2017 are well advanced with a large number of students already enrolled and interviews with students and families conducted. Current students who have a sibling intending to attend Wavell in 2017 but yet to enrol were provided enrolment information at assembly today. I urge parents to please complete and return forms by the end of this term to enable us to adequately manage the out of catchment enrolments received. Open Day is on Sunday 15 May. Please encourage potential future students and their families to come and see what a remarkable educational experience Wavell High has to offer.

Several of my senior staff had the opportunity this week to visit a number of schools in Perth, Western Australia. These opportunities allow us to compare our progress against other jurisdictions particularly as we move our senior assessment to external assessment and ATAR tertiary ranks. We pride ourselves at Wavell on being ahead of the game just as we were with the introduction of Year 7 to high school. At that time I had several senior staff travel to Melbourne about three years prior to Year 7 commencing at high schools, as Victorian schools had been implementing this for several decades. I expect our team's study tour in Perth will ensure we are well prepared for our Year 9 students' entry into the new system in 2018.

I urge parents to please give generously to our tax deductible building fund – new chairs and large fans for our assembly hall will cost close to \$70,000 – this could be achieved if every one of our 1100 families gave \$60.

JJ Major,  
Principal

“The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery.”

~ Mark Van Doren

### Trade Skills Centre

Another exciting chapter at Wavell State High School starts as the newly developed Trade Skills Centre in B Block is very close to completion. The centre has now entered the practical completion phase of the building project which means we can finally start to access the centre in preparation for student use. This is evidenced by the installation and connection of the new machinery, and the decanting of our stored machinery and tools from containers in the school car park, which have now been relocated back into the new facility. Workplace Health and Safety line markings around all fixed plant have been completed and it is envisaged that students should be able to gain access to the facility within two weeks. The Industrial Technology and Design department is looking forward to many years of delivering high quality programs to our students using industry standard machinery.



### Building Fund Update

Families, please contribute at least \$60 towards our tax deductible Building Fund.

Payments can be made at our school office or via QParent.

Thank you to the 103 families who have already contributed.

**Term 2 commences for all students Monday, 11 April 2016**



### UQ Engineering Challenge

On Thursday, 3 March, a group of Year 9 Advanced Academic Program students (*pictured*) attended the Science and Engineering Challenge at the University of Queensland. Activities included Bridge Building, Mission to Mars, building a Bionic Hand, building a Catapult, building a Hovercraft and Electra-city. All students enjoyed their time at this event, gaining knowledge which will complement their studies. *Our team placed well overall!*



**Mid-Semester I Reports**  
issued to students on **Friday, 15 April**  
**Parent Teacher Evening**  
**Tuesday, 26 April 2016, 3:30pm - 7:30pm**  
*Booking details distributed with reports.*  
Parents log on to "Parent Teacher Online" via the school website.  
**Bookings open: 3:30am Friday 15 April and close: 9:00am Friday 22 April.**  
*Families without internet access may like to utilise the free service provided by BCC libraries.*  
For further assistance: Contact Mrs Maree Minter on 3350 0301.  
*We look forward to meeting with you!*

### 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.*

*Enrolment enquiries for all year levels welcome. Please contact Ms Sandra Lock on 3350 0328*

### Ancient History Excursion

Earlier this term, the Years 11 and 12 Ancient History students (*pictured with teacher Mrs Linda Puleo*) attended the "Medieval Power: Symbols and Splendour" exhibition at the Queensland Museum. Spanning the period AD 400 to 1500, this exhibition (sourced from the British Museum, London) provided an opportunity for the students to view historical artefacts such as precious gold, jewellery, seals, sculptures, stained glass and many other symbols of courtly life, alongside tools of war, objects of religious significance and humble items from everyday life in context. This will further their understanding of the important role of archaeology in the study of Ancient History.



## Computer Programming

A small group of our students are participating in a computer programming course run by Junior Engineers. This course runs one afternoon a week for 45 mins and covers advanced computer science and software programming. *Pictured below: tutor with students Luca Schmidhofer, Mitchell Ryan, Samuel Colbert and Andrew Darlington at the after school course.*



## Talent Quest

The 2016 Talent Quest, "Wavell's Got Talent" was launched to an enthusiastic crowd during lunch time in Week 5 with the final on Friday, 18 March at 7.00pm in the Assembly Hall. So far, the audience has been entertained by an amazing range of talent across all year levels. Who will win the title of Wavell's most talented? *Pictured: Jedidiah Samuehu*



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## Religious Instruction Update

This year instruction will be for Years 7 and 8 students at Wavell. The program runs for two lessons a term. 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. For any further questions, please contact Ms Bullen, Deputy Principal.

### SRC NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thursday, 24 March - \$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.

### School Dance:

Theme "Masquerade"

Tuesday, 22 March 7:00 - 10:00pm

- Red food will be on sale.
- There will be lucky door prizes and random giveaways.
- Tickets must be pre-purchased for \$7.00 and are on sale until Monday, 21 March.
- Only current Wavell High students are permitted to attend.
- Pre-purchased tickets and current ID cards to be presented at the door.

## Rugby League Excellence Camp

Nearly 150 boys from Years 9 to 12 braved adverse conditions and extreme challenges to traverse the foothills and waterways of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. The activity allowed groups to develop great leadership, teamwork and conflict resolution skills. The challenge also required students to endure new levels of physical fatigue and the loss of creature comforts. The behaviour and effort of our students has improved every year. Special thanks to the Principal of Sunday Creek Outdoor Education Centre and his staff for running these great camps. The boys are certainly fortunate to be working with such highly skilled people. The time has come to start playing football. *Let the games begin!*



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## Clean Up Wavell Day

In keeping with a long tradition, Wavell did their bit for the environment on Friday, 4 March when they enthusiastically participated in *Clean Up Wavell Day*. Year 7 student, *Abbie Chandler* was rewarded for her efforts when she found a surprise piece of litter - a bottle containing a Westfield gift voucher.

## Wavell BYOx Program

If you are interested in having your student participate in the Wavell SHS BYOx Program, please visit our webpage [www.wavellshs.com.au](http://www.wavellshs.com.au) Navigate to the BYOx Program information through "Quicklinks" (bottom right-hand section on home page) and read all the program information and procedures for joining our program.

## AFL Queensland Schools Cup

Two Wavell High teams have proudly participated in the inaugural AFL Queensland Schools Cup. This state-wide competition is for boys and girls. Close to 400 teams have nominated for this year's competition. Our junior team finished their day with one victory against Kedron (25-7), while our senior team ran out winners in both of their matches, defeating Aspley 94-8 and Kedron 53-21. The seniors have made it through to round two of the competition, where they will take on other regional winners. *Congratulations boys!* Both teams represented Wavell proudly, showing a high level of team spirit and sportsmanship, not to mention some excellent footballing skills.

### School Photograph Reminder :



Years 7, 8 and 9 Individual; and Year Level on **Thursday 14 April** in Hall at 9:00am. **Formal Uniform** to be worn and **Photo Order Envelope** required on the day.

### IMPORTANT

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

### Student Absence Notifications

- Email via **QParents**
- Absentee phone line 3350030
- Email via [absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au)

## Diary Dates

Monday 14 March	•NRL Development Primary School Challenge: Years 11 and 12 RL Excellence Students •SRC Meeting in Spirit Place: 1:10pm •Talent Quest Rehearsal: 3:10 - 5:30pm
Tuesday 15 March	•Years 7 and 9 Literacy and Numeracy March Trial Day 1 •Combined Shops Committee Meeting: 7:00pm; P&C Meeting: 7:30pm
Wednesday 16 March	•Years 7 and 9 Literacy and Numeracy March Trial Day 2 •Years 11 and 12 Drama excursion 'Sound of Music': L. 3 and 4 •Year 8 QDU Debating - Round 1
Thursday 17 March	•Years 7 and 9 Literacy and Numeracy March Trial Day 3 •Years 11 and 12 Hospitality excursion to Hospitality Venues •Talent Quest Technical Rehearsal in Hall: 12noon - 6:00pm
Friday 18 March	•National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence; Presentation of SRC Badges •Talent Quest Rehearsals: L. 2B - 4 •Talent Quest Finale in Hall - 7:00pm
Monday 21 March	•Year 12 QCS Practice Test in Hall and Cert 1 Workshop: All day •SRC Executive Meeting in Conference Room: 10:45am
Tuesday 22 March	•Year 12 QCS Practice Test in Hall and Cert 1 Workshop: Form - L. 3 •WSC Term 1 Reward Excursion •School Dance in Hall: 7:00pm - 10:00pm, a red food event •School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 23 March	•Year 9 Science Day 1: L. 1 - 3 •Year 12 English Authority students: 'Shake & Stir' Performance in Sports Centre: L. 1 •Year 12 Dance Production Night in Hall: 6:30pm •Year 9 and 11 QDU Debating Round 2
Thursday 24 March	•SRC Non-uniform Day •Years 7 and 8 Rugby League and Netball Excellence Super Clinic departs: L. 2A •Multicultural Dancers at Nundah SS (Harmony Day): Morning Tea - Lunch
Tuesday 12 April	•Year 8 English and Years 11 and 12 Drama students: 'Shake & Stir' Performance in Hall
Wednesday 13 April	•Year 11 and 12 Drama Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 5:30pm •Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm; Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Friday 15 April	•Mid Semester Reports issued •Academic Monitoring Review of Goals -Years 7, 8, 10 and 12 in WDP and WTP classes