

From the Principal



Term One at Wavell was extremely busy with a full range of academic, cultural and sporting excellence on show. In addition, Wavell was proud to host a visit by *Hon Annastacia Palaszczuk* MP, Premier and Minister for the Arts; *Hon Kate Jones*, Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism and Major Events and *Ms Leanne Linard*, MP Nudgee; QCAA



CEO *Mr Chris Rider* and *Mr Brian Short*, Chair of QCAA. The Premier and her delegation visited a senior Biology class and then conducted a press conference to announce the shape of Queensland's new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems. The new senior assessment process will comprise of both internal and external assessment – with a total of four pieces per subject. In 2019, Year 12 summative assessment will include a weighted external assessment. Across Maths and Science subjects, external assessment will have a weight of fifty percent. In other subjects, the external assessment piece will be weighted twenty-five percent. In 2019, subjects will be scaled to produce an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, known as an ATAR. This means that in 2019, the ATAR will replace the OP score. This year the QCAA will commence the process of writing new syllabus documents and trial of external assessment for some Year 11 subjects. Wavell is well placed to shape and support the introduction of this new system, to be introduced from 2018; for students currently in Year 9. Our Principal, *Mr Jeff Major* is a member of the QCAA Senior Secondary Assessment Steering Committee and is also on the Measurement Group sub-committee focusing on the ATAR; Wavell teachers and students will be involved in the QCAA trial of external assessment in Chemistry and Mathematics B; our teachers are part of QCAA Senior Syllabus expert writing teams (English Extension - *Ms Melinda Bowker*, French - *Mr James Armstrong*; Geography - *Mr Brett Dascombe* and Legal Studies - Social Science Head of Department, *Mrs Jasmin Donnelly*) and as well our Science Head of Department *Ms Alison Pound* who is a member of the Learning Area Reference Group - Science. For further details, read QCAA document in 'Top news' on <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te>.

MID SEMESTER 1, 2016 RESULTS

Year	Achievement %					Behaviour %					Effort %				
	A	B	C	D	E	EX	VG	S	NA	U	EX	VG	S	NA	U
7	20	40	32	7	1	63	27	9	1	0	50	34	14	2	0
8	26	36	31	6	1	50	32	16	2	0	41	38	18	3	0
9	21	38	32	8	1	59	28	12	1	0	45	34	17	4	0
10	22	38	29	9	2	56	30	12	2	0	38	36	19	7	0
11	17	33	37	11	2	55	33	11	1	0	36	38	18	8	0
12	22	36	31	10	1	58	30	10	2	0	38	38	17	7	0

Mid Semester assessment was completed during the last weeks of Term 1 with interim progress reports issued to students today. These reports showed some very pleasing results. Students are currently involved in personal academic monitoring designed to encourage them to shape their own learning and progress. Students are able to log on to OneSchool either at school or at home to complete academic monitoring. Parents may wish to review this with their student at home.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, 26 April from 3.30pm until 7.30pm. Information about this is attached to the Mid Semester Report. I urge you to book promptly as many teachers' time slots fill quickly. If you are unable to secure an appointment, contact the teacher to either make a suitable meeting time or discuss issues over the telephone. The best outcomes are achieved when teachers, parents and students work together as a team. Wavell continues to demonstrate a commitment to corporate leadership with Education Queensland. Over the next three weeks, our Principal, *Mr Jeff Major* will be visiting schools on the central Queensland coast, leading an Education Queensland School Review team. These teams of experienced Principals spend time reviewing school practices and provide valuable feedback to enable schools to continue to grow and positively develop. I am honoured to serve the school community as Acting Principal with *Mrs Gerry Madden* as Acting Junior Secondary Deputy Principal. *Mr Peter Turner*, our Senior School Deputy Principal has accepted a six week acting position as Senior Campus Principal at Stretton State College with *Mr Brendan Barlow* acting in the role of Senior School Deputy Principal. Wavell will again be pleased to showcase our wonderful school to prospective families at our annual Open Day on Sunday, 15 May from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. Please encourage interested families and friends to attend and experience what makes Wavell such a great choice for high school. Wavell has a diversity of programs and opportunities for the full range of student abilities and a great vision for the future. Enrolment interviews for 2017 are now progressing at a fast pace. As we are expecting a large volume of enrolment applications after Open Day, we request all families with children enrolling into Year 7 for 2017 to please have applications completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

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Constitutional Convention

Matarley Hutchinson, Nadia Morrison and Elizabeth Bennett (pictured below) represented Wavell SHS and Queensland at the National School's Constitutional Convention held over three days in Canberra. The Wavell students discussed many topical issues with other students from all over Australia. One of the main topics was whether education should be a federal or state responsibility which apparently sparked much heated debate between the states!! The girls also visited other sites around Canberra and mixed with Federal politicians including Wavell's Federal Representative in Canberra, the *Hon. Mr Wayne Swan MP*. It is great to see the youth of today being so active in society and having their views heard!



ptO 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: 3:30pm 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!

Building Fund Update

Thank you to the 125 families who have made their 2016 contribution to the building fund. Our total has now reached \$7555. Many more 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. As this is our only P&C fund raising activity, your contribution would be gratefully received.



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

Kedron-Wavell ANZAC Day March
 Monday 25 April, 2016
 Leaves from Burnie Brae Park, Chermiside at 7:30am marching to Kedron-Wavell RSL. Students

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure."
 Colin Powell

Year 9 Science Day

Year 9 students who took part in Science Day used the day to apply their knowledge of heat transfer and experimental design to investigate house insulation. Students then used this knowledge to explain why certain house designs suit particular climates and purposes. (Pictured above: Riva Johnson)



Talent Quest

Congratulations to all students who performed in "Wavell's Got Talent" last term. The finale was a wonderful night of entertainment which included amazing solo singers, impressive dancing and some great group numbers. Highlights of the night included an explosive opening act by the Teachers' Band (Mr Elliott, Mr Crestani, Mr Cox, Mr Travers, Mr Lee, Ms Piggott, Chappy Sarah, Miss Broad and Mrs Cull); and another crowd pleaser performed by Mr Bryce and Sanju Weerasuriya. Thanks to all involved. The winners on the night were: **1st Place** – Abby Hooper (Year 11); **2nd Place** – Dance Excellence group (Year 11 and 12); **3rd Place** – Sanju Weerasuriya (Year 12); **4th Place** – Drama Troupe – Matilda Medley (Years 7 to 12); **Highly Commended** - Erin Russell (Year 12); **Highly Commended** - Caitlyn Ymbong and Joshua Macale (Year 11); **Best New Talent** - Jedidiah Samuelu and Samuel Faamoana (Years 7 and 8)

Wavell's Enviro Club

A group of fifteen students and teachers belonging to the newly formed Wavell Enviro Club decided that they wanted to help clean up our local creek and surrounding parkland areas to be part of the 26th Clean Up Australia Day effort. They teamed up with the local Girl Guides who were coordinating the site and by the end of the morning a collection of litter mainly made up of plastic was bagged up and ready for recycling. The best find was made by Mr Drago and his team who retrieved four tyres from the creek which will now be used by the Girl Guides in their outdoor activities. The morning was a good investment for a cleaner, greener Wavell Heights.



IMPORTANT

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

Expand Your Mind



Fifteen Year 9 students participated in the Year 9 Expand Your Mind program competing against other QMEA schools. Students participated in a copper extraction, a robot navigation activity modelled on Gladstone harbour and a catapult challenge. The students enjoyed the challenges of the day and we won the Catapult challenge and the Teamwork challenge. (Mrs Amanda Chmielewski pictured with some of our students with their models)

Rugby League - Year 7s

Wavell's Year 7 Blair and Year 7 Copley teams made the bus trip up the range to take on St Mary's for the annual Toowoomba Tour. Both teams performed strongly in the trial with two hard fought matches. The boys are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and teamwork on the day! Wavell's Year 7 Inglis and Year 7 Nikorima teams played in an NRL 9-a-side challenge at Morayfield taking on teams from around the South East. While Year 7 Nikorima showed steady improvement throughout their games, it was the Year 7 Inglis team (pictured) who won the carnival. Congratulations boys, our first silverware for 2016!



IWD

Annaliese Trappett (our QMEA Ambassador) with Year 11 students Maryann Kang and Mattea Hart (pictured below) attended the Queensland Resources Council International Women's Day Awards ceremony at the Brisbane Convention Centre. They were impressed by the diversity of occupations available within the Resources industry and were inspired by the presentation by Li Cunxin, the Artistic Director for the Queensland Ballet.



AFL Queensland Schools Cup

Congratulations to the Wavell Senior AFL team who defeated Hillbrook Anglican College 68 to 15 in Round two of the **AFL Queensland Schools Cup**. A very strong performance from start to finish, which included great support of our new boys from the more experienced players. We look forward to our Round three Qualifying Final at Burpengary in July. Go Wavell!

Netball Scholarships

Congratulations to this year's Netball Scholarship winners: Jacqueline Yorston, Kura Pokoati (Senior); Madisun Graham, Madison Ward (Year 10); Kalin Franks, Kheley Marie (Year 9)

Student Absence Notifications

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

COMBINED SHOPS : STOCKTAKE SALE

Footy Shorts \$17, Maroon/White Footy Socks \$4. Woollen Blazers SPECIAL \$50 first in, limited sizes. Still in need of Used Clothing - school uniforms of a suitable standard will be accepted for sale on consignment.

Diary Dates

Monday 18 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 7-11 Problem Solving Challenge in Hall: L. 1-3 • Year 11 Business Management excursion to Dreamworld • SRC Meeting in Spirit Place: 1:10pm
Tuesday 19 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wavell Rugby League - Mental Health Round (Years 7, 8 and 9) • Combined Shops Committee Meeting in A Block: 7:00pm • P&C Meeting: 7:30pm
Wednesday 20 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 10 and 12 QDU Debating - Round 2 • Wavell Rugby League - Mental Health Round (Year 10, Open 2 and Open 1)
Thursday 21 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-house Cross Country - L. 3 and 4
Friday 22 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANZAC Day Assembly: Junior: L. 1A; Senior: L. 2A • Year 12 QCS Feedback: L. 2B
Tuesday 26 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Interviews: 3:30pm - 7:30pm in N Block • Year 7 UTB Writing Workshop in Library: L1 and 2 • Years 11 and 12 Cert III Early Child. Educ. and Care On the Job Placement - Day 1 • School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday 27 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wavell SHS "Homecoming" Rugby League Event • Year 9 UTB Writing Workshop in Library: L1 and 2 • Year 8 QDU Debating - Round 2
Thursday 28 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrumental Music Primary Day Camp: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday 29 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 9 and 11 Academic Monitoring Review of Goals: During WDP • Year 12 QCS Feedback - L. 2