

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
Our annual Open Day was held on Sunday, 15 May and drew a crowd of over 800 visitors. It was a great opportunity to showcase our talented students and their achievements. I am indebted to the staff and students for their commitment and time in preparation and presentations on the day. The extra hours put in by our dedicated support staff led by *Mrs Deaves* our Business Service Manager (including our cleaners, facilities and grounds staff) ensured our grounds and facilities sparkled. We were also treated to a wonderful afternoon tea by our hardworking Home Economics faculty, *Mrs Raftery*, *Mrs Darlington* and students. The pride of staff and students in their school is a clear measure of the connectedness of our school community and a large contributor to Wavell's continued success. Enrolment forms for siblings of current students are now due. Please submit these promptly so that the number of external enrolments can be determined. Early enrolment is the key to securing a place at Wavell.

The Wavell Band Stage Band directed by *Mrs Jones* performed magnificently as did our Junior Choir directed by *Mr Matthews* and *Mrs Cull* and our Vocal Quintet and Strings directed by *Mrs Piggott*. I am very proud of our instrumental and vocal students and their dedicated teachers.

NAPLAN testing of our over 400 Year 7 and Year 9 students ran smoothly last week. I would like to thank our dedicated Junior Secondary NAPLAN team: *Mrs Smeed* (Deputy Principal), *Mrs Madden* (HOD Junior Secondary), *Ms Baker* (A/HOD English), *Ms Neilsen* (HOD Mathematics), *Miss Wallace* (HOSES) and our Junior Secondary teachers for supporting our students to achieve their best possible outcomes. These test results will be used at Wavell to diagnose areas for student development and curriculum enhancement. I expect some good results from this year's cohort – last year we had results above National Average in all five categories. I was advised last week that Wavell was selected in 2015 to be showcased for the work we have accomplished to achieve consistently high Year 9 reading results in NAPLAN, and the impressive gains in student results in reading from Year 7 to Year 9. The work done by staff and the leadership of *Ms Baker* (HOD English) is to be commended. This case study is to be published shortly.

Currently the prime focus for all of our students should be to prepare for the end of semester exams. The block exam timetable has been released (available now on the school's website) with exams for Years 11 and 12 only two weeks away and Years 7 to 10 assessment in three weeks. A good study plan, strong commitment and dedication to the task ahead will go a long way to ensure good results. I urge students to submit all required work for the semester and therefore maximise their results. Students absent from exams must present a doctor's certificate or a letter from parents explaining valid reasons for absence. This should be presented to *Mrs Bullen* (Deputy Principal) to make suitable catch-up arrangements. Failure to complete assessment can lead to the withdrawal of a semester's

credit which has a serious impact on OP and QCE eligibility. I would remind all students and parents that Semester Two work will commence immediately following exams. Absent students will be expected to catch up in their own time. School does not finish for the semester until Friday, 24 June. Year 10s will be engaged in work experience for four days of their last week of term. This is a vital learning opportunity which will assist individuals plan future study and career pathways. Year 7 Camp will be held over the last three days of the term. Year 11 students will revisit their Student Education and Training Plans for the last two days for term and will attend an academic performance meeting during one of these days. The new Senior assessment plan for our current Year 9s is well underway. Wavell has a dozen staff involved in the preparations on syllabus writing teams, syllabus advisory groups and in marker and assessment writing training. I am also engaged as the State School Principal on the steering committee for the Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority (QCAA). I believe our high level of engagement will ensure students and parents will be well informed and prepared for the changes. Our Year 11 students will be trialling external exams in Mathematics B on Wednesday 1 June and in Chemistry on Thursday 2 June. Although these assessments are very important, the results which are due in early term 3, they will not impact directly on their Year 12 results or OP outcomes. Junior secondary students will complete their Mathematics exam during a common time; Year 8s on Monday, 13 June; Year 9s on Tuesday, 14 June and Year 7s on Wednesday, 15 June. All other junior semester assessment will be completed in normal timetabled classes.

My best wishes to our Senior Dance Troupe with their performances at today's Brisbane Dance Eisteddfod finals and to our Instrumental Music students for tonight's Showcase Concert commencing at 7pm. The Junior Dance Troupe will compete next Thursday, 26 May.

J J Major,
Principal

"Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers."

Steven Spielberg

Open Day

Welcome to Wavell! Well over 800 visitors attended our Open Day afternoon on Sunday, 15 May. A varied program of activities was held. After the multi-media presentation, prospective students and parents visited fourteen faculty displays, where staff and students were on-hand to discuss aspects of the school. Afternoon tea was served in the Silver Jubilee Courtyard by Hospitality students, while Instrumental Music students provided entertainment.

Pictured: Students, parents and teachers interacting at our Science Faculty Display



NAPLAN 2016

The Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests were held on 10, 11 and 12 May. Students in Years 7 and 9 participated in five tests during this period including the Language Conventions Test and the Numeracy Test which consisted of a calculator and a non calculator test. *Well done students!*



STEM Career Choice

Wavell students will be participating in research to help understand what influences subject choices in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Students in Years 7 to 10 will undertake a short survey in class during this term. A more detailed letter will be sent home with students after the survey is completed. A parent survey will be emailed at a later date. Our participation in this survey has been approved at all levels. Any queries please contact Mrs Pound on 3350 0364.

Canberra Trip



On Friday, 22 April, *Samuel Flynn*, *Samantha Ellis*, *Emily Honor*, *Sophie Morley* and *Joseph Dale* (pictured) attended the Kedron Wavell RSL Canberra trip. They spent four days visiting many attractions including Parliament House, and the National Museum of Australia. On ANZAC Day, students attended a very moving dawn service, and attended the national ceremony to watch former and current service men and women march, and listened to an address by the Prime Minister, *Mr Malcolm Turnbull*. They enjoyed visiting our nation's capital and gained a deeper understanding of our history and the ANZAC spirit. Wavell thanks Kedron Wavell RSL for their sponsorship of the tour and continued support of our students.

Semester 1 Examinations

These dates are inclusive:

Year 12 5 June → 15 June
Year 11 5 June → 15 June
Year 10 10 June → 14 June



Junior Secondary → In-class assessment except;

Year 9 Maths exam - Tues, 14 June, Form, L1
Year 8 Maths exam - Mon, 13 June, Form, L1
Year 7 Maths exam - Wed, 15 June, Form, L1

Debating

QDU Debating: Students have been very busy in many successful debates with teams entered in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 competitions, with Year 7 commencing shortly. They have debated on a range of topics and all have put forward strong arguments. Well done to all the following students: **Year 8:** Keegan Cross, Grace Eaves, Lauren Hafner, Jade Jose and Ellen Mulrooney; **Year 9:** Kate Bassingthwaite, Apryll Crowl, Emily Morley, Michaelah Pringle, Faith Simpson and Isabelle Wood; **Year 10:** Shequera Boyd, Alexandra Crabb, Alainya Doyle, Thomas Stephens and Ofa Vaomotou; **Year 11:** Deanna Chapman, Ehlan Andrews, William Idoine, Donn Macawili, Emily Todd and Ceferina Villarin

Year 8 Inter-Form Debating: Competition is underway for another year! There were twelve teams debating each other this year, vying for the honour of being crowned Year 8 Form Class Champions. The first debate was on Friday, 13 May, with the challenging topic 'That commercial television networks should be required to broadcast the same amount of women's sport as men's sport'. There was an impressive turn out, with many students present to support their form class friends. Special thanks to the Senior School students who adjudicated on the day, and coached the teams in preparation for the debates. The successful form classes 8A, 8B, 8H1, 8H2, 8E and 8J will now go through to Round 2 in Term 3!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SHOWCASE CONCERT 1

Friday 20 May - Assembly Hall;
Commences at 7:00pm

All Bands and Ensembles Performing
All Welcome to Attend
Entry: Gold Coin

Fundraising Sausage Sizzle from 6:00pm

Any questions please contact:

Alisa Jones at ajone55@eq.edu.au

Multicultural Concert

On Thursday, 5 May, our students presented a wide variety of cultural items to a full audience of students, family and community members. There were a number of performances from a variety of cultures around the world which featured our most talented students, making it a delightfully entertaining production.



Thank you P&C

The long jump pits are now ready for action. Thanks to our P&C for their support.



Languages @ Wavell Week

A huge range of activities took place for Languages @ Wavell Week. Students interested in Japanese could take part in Origami and Calligraphy sessions, as well as the announcement of the long-awaited Anime contest winner. For those with an appetite, we had German Pretzels and homemade French Cookies on sale, as well as Japanese sushi. The major event of the week is the (ongoing) participation in the Language Perfect World Championships which ends at 5:00pm on Thursday, 26 May, where points can be earned for work done in any foreign language by any student, in school or at home. There is still time to join in and help Wavell take on the world! The Languages' Classrooms in N-Block have been full to bursting with students taking part at lunchtimes! Last year's results, which we're aiming to beat, had us placed fifth in Queensland, fourteenth in Australia and seventeenth in the world. *Come on Wavell!*

School Dance

The SRC School Dance was held in the last week of Term 1. This year's theme was "Masquerade". Students who attended this social event are to be commended for their excellent behaviour. Thanks also to teachers and parents who assisted on the evening.



Student Absence Notifications

- Email via **QParents**
- Absentee phone line 3350 0303
- Email via absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au

IMPORTANT

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

Diary Dates

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| Monday 23 May | •Year 12 Drama Evening excursion to Laboite Theatre: 6:30pm
•Music Scholarship applications due: 3:00pm |
| Tuesday 24 May | •Extended Form to 9:05am for Attendance checks
•Years 11 and 12 Cert III Early Childhood Ed and Care On the Job Placement - Day 5 |
| Wednesday 25 May | •Year 10 Careers Expo in Hall: Form to Lesson 3
•Ferny Grove Mathematics Team Challenge for selected students
•Year 10 Collage Drama Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 7:00pm |
| Thursday 26 May | •National Sorry Day
•BCC Immunisations - 9:00am for Years 7 and 8 students HPV Dose 2/3; Chickenpox
•Brisbane Dance Eisteddfod - Junior
•Year 9 and 11 QDU Debating - Round 4 |
| Friday 27 May | •National Sorry Day Commemoration on Assembly
•National Reconciliation Week - 27 May to 3 June |
| Monday 30 May | •Music Scholarship Auditions
•Year 10 Collage Drama Technical Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 8:00pm
•SRC Executive Meeting Conference Room 10:45am |
| Tuesday 31 May | •School Council Meeting: 6:30pm |
| Wednesday 1 June | •Year 11 Mathematics B students External Assessment Trial
•Years 10 and 12 QDU Debating - Round 4 |
| Thursday 2 June | •SRC Non-Uniform Day
•Year 10 Collage Drama Performance: 6:30pm
•Year 11 Chemistry students External Assessment trial |

Netball

On Friday, 13 May four teams from our junior netball program competed at the Super Sevens Netball Tournament at Bradbury Park. Congratulations to all teams for making it to the finals! A big thank you to our senior netball girls who helped assist in coaching and umpiring. *Well done Wavell Netball!*



Metropolitan Finals

The following teams have participated in the Metropolitan Finals; **Volleyball** - Our *Open Boys* were narrowly defeated by Kelvin Grove however our *Year 8 Boys* won their match against Kelvin Grove. Unfortunately, they lost the next final to Mansfield; **Basketball** - Our *Year 9 Girls* were defeated by St James while our *Year 8 Girls* won their match against Mansfield; **Touch Football** - *Open Boys, Open Girls, Year 10 Girls, Year 8 Girls and Year 7 Girls* teams have all progressed to Round Two of the finals.

Building Fund Update

Thank you to the 172 families who have made their 2016 contribution. Our total has now reached \$10,312. The P&C has supplied the new chairs for our assembly hall and is hopeful that families will make the further contributions necessary to pay for the new furniture. Look out for invoices coming home next week to enable families to contribute to the Building Fund. This is voluntary and tax deductible. If you are unable to contribute this year, please advise our Business Services Manager on bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au

