

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
 This week Wavell took a step into the future with the trial of external exams for our Year 11 Mathematics B and Chemistry students. I am confident students have been well prepared to do their very best and we will share results once they are received early in Term 3. The current Year 9 students will be the first to undertake external assessment as part of their senior studies in 2018 and 2019. Information will be provided to students and families as the new system develops. Academic performance is a strong feature of schooling at Wavell and our prime focus. We are also a school which nurtures talent in the arts and sport with some outstanding success. The Senior and Junior Dance Troupes, under the leadership of dance teacher *Miss Farrelly* had some great results at the recent Brisbane Dance Eisteddfod achieving two highly commended, a seventh place, a second place and two first places. I would like to congratulate all students, teachers and parents involved in the competition and thank them for their many hours rehearsing. Music at Wavell continues to thrive. This was clearly evident with the recent Showcase Concert and success at Fanfare. Showcase had very entertaining acts which highlighted the fantastic talents of our music students and teachers. I would like to offer my congratulations to the hardworking Music Committee parents for their smooth organisation of the night. Sincere thanks go to the Instrumental Music teachers – *Mrs Jones, Ms Piggott, Mrs Baldwin, Mr Mitchell* and the work of *Ms Cull* and *Mr Matthews* for their expert tuition and preparation of our emerging Junior Choir.

Twelve students have been recently named in Queensland School Sporting teams to compete at upcoming State Championships; *Zoe Lockton* - Squash; *Eddie Blacker, Kaleb Hart, Kyle Patterson* - Rugby League 18 yrs; *Jack Meincke* - Swimming; *Josh James* - Rugby League u/15 (M); *Fonua Matangi, Zac Brookes, Manese Kaho* - Rugby League u/15 (W); *Tiarne McDonald, Josephine Anderson* - AFL; and *Harry Kettewell* - Hockey. I wish these students well in their respective competitions. I am sure Wavell will see further cause for celebration as the sporting calendar progresses. With more state sporting carnivals yet to be held, we should see more Wavell students selected to represent Queensland. Last week, Year 10 students participated in a highly effective Careers Day. Students interacted with members from a wide range of professions and trades to assist them to make informed decisions as they continue to plan their senior school career pathway. Thank you to the Year 10 staff for their expert organisation of the day.

All students and teachers are now in exam mode. I am confident students are well prepared to do their best. The Year 12 results achieved will contribute towards the seniors' exit results and form a large part of the assessment used to rank students within their subjects later in the year. It is important all students continue to aspire and achieve the best possible academic outcome. Year 12 students continue after the exams on vital work to ensure they are best placed academically at exit

from secondary school. It is essential that all are in attendance. Our Year 12s will complete their second and final QCS Practice Test following the exams on Monday, 20 and Tuesday, 21 June. This is fundamental preparation for students who wish to sit the actual QCS Test in Term 3. There is also a compulsory Certificate 1 workshop for Year 12 non-OP students which students MUST attend in order to complete the certificate.

Report cards for Years 12, 10, 9, 8 and 7 students will be posted home on the last day of term - Friday, 24 June. **Year 11** students are required to attend a **personal Academic Review** where they will receive their report card and discuss their progress in their first semester of senior studies. Reports will be accompanied by booking instructions for the Parent Teacher Interviews which will be conducted on Tuesday, 19 July from 3:30pm until 7:00pm. The final week of Term 2 involves many extra-curricular activities: Year 7 Camp to Noosa North Shore, Year 10 Work Experience, and Work Experience for some Senior Certificate courses. Year 9 students will be involved in a further assessment task conducted at our second Science Day on Thursday, 23 June. This assessment day is a compulsory event for all Year 9 students. School continues for all students up to and including Friday, 24 June. Please remember to ensure your child understands that *every* day at school counts. I expect all students to be in full time attendance and engaged in learning until the very last day of term. Parents are expected to support this requirement and any legitimate absence explained by a note, phone call to the school or notification via Q Parent. Lastly, congratulations to *Tom Stephen*, Year 10 recently elected as a student representative for our School Council.

J J Major,
 Principal

"Procrastination is the thief of time."

Edward Young

Year 10 Career Day

Year 10 Career Education has included a Careers Expo held on Wednesday, 25 May. Students were given advice and information regarding available options at school and externally, to complement their studies in Years 11 and 12. All students attended a variety of presentations from a range of guest speakers including those

pictured below; Chappy Sarah, and past students Jason Bowker and Adam Blair



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 for the block Mathematics exam;

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

TJ Ryan Award

Congratulations to Giselle Pickering 2015 School Captain who has recently received a 2016 TJ Ryan Highly Commended Award for her academic achievement.



Bond Mooting Competition



Pictured: Legal Studies students Joshua White, Kaitlyn Marsh and Raven

Ettridge who participated in Bond University's annual mooting competition on Friday, 29 April. The competition challenged students to prepare, articulate and defend complex arguments and introduced them to the courtroom environment. The students demonstrated outstanding advocacy skills and an excellent understanding of the law as they remained cool, calm and collected whilst being questioned by each of the judges. The students are grateful to the university for this experience.

Semester One Reports

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 - posted home
 Friday, 24 June 2016

Your postal address must be correct to ensure reports are delivered!

Year 11 Reports issued at
 personal Academic Review Interviews -
 Thursday, 23 June and Friday, 24 June

Parent - Teacher Interviews

Tuesday, 19 July 2016, 3:30pm - 7:00pm
Booking details will be mailed with reports. Parents log on to "Parent Teacher Online" via the school website.

Bookings open: 9:00am Monday, 11 July
 close: 9:00am Monday, 18 July
 For further assistance contact,
 Principal's secretary 3350 0301.
We look forward to meeting with you!



Reconciliation Week

Our theme for assembly last week was reconciliation. A reminder for all Australians that the healing process with our first Australians is still ongoing and is part of the unfinished business of reconciliation.

Pictured below at the Bronco's event; Nadia Morrison Year 11, Mr Paul White CEO, Aunty Ruth, Ms McDade and School Captain, Ali Faalogo.



Term 3 Commences
Monday, 11 July 2016



Senior Biology

Earlier this term, a group of Year 11 Biology students visited UQ's Integrated Pathology Learning Centre as part of their Biology unit on Disease. The presenters enabled students to see the difference between a wide range of healthy and diseased tissues and appreciate the role of pathologists in understanding diseases. Many of the students appreciated this chance to see the work that happens in the variety of medical fields that they are hoping to study.



Language Perfect!

Over 240 Wavell students took part in the annual on-line competition, Language Perfect, and competed against schools from all over the world: New Zealand, the United States of America, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Incentives for students included the opportunity to win some major prizes, but most students seemed to want to take part simply to take on the world (and perhaps to cheer on their friends!). Ultimately, we finished in thirteenth position in the world – which is a major triumph. We were second in Queensland for our cohort size, and eighth in Australia. Students answered over one and a quarter million questions, spending nearly 6700 hours of time learning vocabulary. Every student deserves our gratitude, however special recognition should go to our top three scorers: *Aiyana Faumui, Nashtaya Han, Jade Jose*

Showcase Concert and Fanfare



Our Instrumental Music Program was highlighted at the Showcase Concert on Friday, 20 May. It was a fantastic event under the direction of *Mrs Jones* along with teachers *Ms Piggott, Ms Baldwin* and *Mr Mitchell*. The event showcased the diverse talents of our Instrumental Music Program and also included our Junior Choir under the direction of *Mr Matthews* and *Mrs Cull*. Well done to all students and teachers!

On Monday, 30 May our Instrumental Music students competed in the Fanfare Competition at The Gap High. Student performances were strong and teachers were proud of their competitive performances. Our Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Big Band and Percussion groups won gold. *Well done!*

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.

Market Day



Pictured above: the Perfect Pavs in action. Market Day was a huge success with twenty-seven wonderfully decorated stalls. The music and crowd added to the carnival atmosphere. Each group is congratulated for their efforts in developing their loan application, business plan, marketing campaign and stall. The year level winners for the best stall display are;
Year 9 - Perfect Pavs (*Kalin Franks, Kyden Smith, Shantara Smith and Shaleah Smith*)
Year 10 - Island Coolers (*Myleah Tabualevu, Bernadette Laumoli, Carmyne Nelson*)
 Year 11 Certificate III Business students led by *Brittany Craig* must be congratulated on organising this event. The sausage sizzle stalls were very successful as *Zac Tronc* secured sponsorship from Woolworths at Nundah. Profits from the day went towards the SRC charity and the Wavell Chaplaincy Fund.

Dance Eisteddfod Success

Our Senior and Junior Dance Troupes competed in the Brisbane Dance Eisteddfod on Friday, 20 and Thursday, 26 May. Wavell achieved some excellent results including first place for two dances; 'Bathing Beauties' (Junior), 'Haunted House' (Junior), second place for 'School Days' (Senior), seventh place for 'Cannibal' (Junior) and Highly Commended for both 'Milkshake' (Senior) and 'Victorian Ghosts' (Senior). The large scale competition was a great experience for our Dance students who demonstrated exceptional professionalism and team spirit. Special thanks must go to the dance committee who assisted with the beautiful costumes. *Congratulations and well done to Miss Farrelly and the dancers.*

Queensland Sport



Congratulations to the following students on their selection in Queensland teams. We wish them all the best for the National Titles.

AFL: *Josephine Anderson, Tiarne Macdonald;* **Hockey:** *Harrison Kettewell;* **Rugby League (18 yrs):** *Eddie Blacker, Kalemb Hart, Kyle Paterson;* **Rugby League**

u15: *Zachary Brooks, Joshua James, Manase Kaho, Fonua Matangi;* **Squash:** *Zoe Lockton;* **Swimming:** *Jack Meincke.* *Congratulations* also to *Tyronza Minute* who played for the Metropolitan North U19 Volleyball team for the win at the State Championships and *Atria Gin* who captained the Metropolitan North U19 Netball team at the State Titles.

Building Fund Update

Over 220 families have now contributed to the P&C Building Fund, the total is now \$13,367. We need all families to assist by making their contribution. Invoices have been sent home. Please remember that this contribution is tax deductible. For further information, please contact our Business Services Manager at bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au



Diary Dates

Monday 6 June	•Year 12 Semester 1 Examinations commence (6 June - 15 June) •Year 11 Semester 1 Examinations commence (6 June - 15 June)
Tuesday 7 June	•10th Annual Building Hope Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner, Kedron Wavell RSL •2017 Junior Secondary Enrolment Interviews •Pre-Formal and Formal tickets go on sale
Wednesday 8 June	•2017 Junior Secondary Enrolment Interviews •Years 11 and 12 Drama Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 5:30pm •Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm; Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 9 June	•2017 Junior Secondary Enrolment Interviews
Friday 10 June	•Year 10 Semester 1 Examinations commence (10-14 June) •2017 Junior Secondary Enrolment Interviews
Tuesday 14 June	•ICAS Writing Competition Library Annex : L4 (selected students)
Wednesday 15 June	•Year 10 normal classes resume •Years 11 and 12 Drama Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 5:30pm •Year 7 QDU Debating – Round 1
Thursday 16 June	•Years 11 and 12 normal classes resume
Friday 17 June	•Music Tour departs for Melbourne