

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
All students and teachers are now finalising exams and reports for Semester 1 with our students well prepared and confident in order to achieve their best. The Year 12 results attained will contribute towards their Senior Exit results and form a large part of the assessment used to rank them within their subjects later in the year. It is important for all students to continue to aspire and strive to achieve their best possible academic outcome. The preparation and effort of each student is what makes the difference.

Our continued emphasis on student effort and high academic expectations are major factors that ensure great outcomes for our Wavell students. After exams there is vital work for our Year 12 students aimed to ensure each student is best placed on their exit from secondary school. Our Year 12s will complete their second QCS Test Practice on Monday and Tuesday. This is fundamental preparation for students who wish to sit the QCS Test in Term 3. There is also a compulsory Certificate 1 Workshop for non-QCS Year 12 students over these two days. Student attendance is essential for all.

Report cards for students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will be posted home at the end of next week and will be accompanied by booking information for the Parent Teacher Night on Tuesday, 19 July from 3.30pm to 7.30pm. Year 11 students will all receive their reports when they attend their academic review meeting next Thursday, 23 June or Friday, 24 June. Year 11 students and parents should by now have their individual appointments.

Details on the School Opinion Survey will be included with the mail out of reports. Wavell is genuinely interested in feedback from families and your effort to complete the online survey would be appreciated.

Almost one-third of parents have now registered for QParent. I encourage all parents to take up this opportunity to allow access to your student's information on line. This includes the ability to print all past report cards, register change of details, view absences and pay school fees. See QParent <https://qparents.qld.edu.au> or contact our Business Services Manager, Mrs Deaves at ddeav1@eq.edu.au if you require further assistance to register.

As Term 2 ends so follows the end of the financial year. I would like to remind families to contribute to our tax deductible P&C Building Fund and to finalise any outstanding resource charges and subject levies. Year 12 students will not be able to purchase School Formal tickets until this is done. The Formal is an optional activity for Year 12 students.

We have many exciting school activities for the final part of term including our Music Tour to Melbourne which departed yesterday, Year 7 Camp, Year 10 Work Experience, and "on-the-job" work placement for some senior Certificate courses. Year 9 students will be involved in compulsory assessable tasks on our second Science Day to be conducted on Thursday, 23 June.

Please ensure your child understands that every day at school counts with school continuing for students up to and including Friday, 24 June.

Parents are expected to support this requirement and any legitimate absence needs explanation by a note, phone call to the school or explanation via QParent. Please note however that for Year 11 students, Term 2 studies will be completed next Wednesday, 22 June with academic reviews conducted on Thursday, 23 June and Friday, 24 June.

Enrolment for Year 7 at Wavell in 2017 is very strong and currently, all but full. Please ensure any outstanding enrolment forms are submitted immediately. We are currently taking enrolments for Year 7 in 2018 and 2019 with interviews for 2018 to be conducted in Term 4. School tours are available on request by phoning our Enrolment Officer, Ms Lock on 3350 0328.

I wish all our students, staff and families a safe and enjoyable winter break from the end of next Friday. School will resume on Monday, 11 July.

Principal
J J Major

"Songlines: The living narrative of our nation"
NAIDOC 2016 Theme



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!

Excursion to Planetarium

Earlier this term, the Year 12 Physics students visited the Planetarium as part of their Physics unit on Space. They viewed the simulation of the ever-changing night sky and were fascinated by the materials which explored our relationship with space exploration. *Pictured below are Dennis Ding, Karl Hoeft-David, Cameron Davies, Brendon Nguyen*



Semester Examinations

Students concluded their examination block this week. Most students demonstrated the diligence and application to these important pieces of assessment expected by the school. Any absence from scheduled exams should have been communicated with Ms Wallace, Acting Deputy Principal. Please ensure any missed examinations have been rescheduled with teachers and completed as soon as possible.



NAIDOC Week

In 2016, Wavell State High School will present its first stand alone NAIDOC Week celebrations with a number of activities including; "naming the CEC Room" with a language name; tree planting; traditional games at lunchtime on oval; Indigenous music show at lunchtime; themed assemblies on Friday 15 July and enhancement of our school website to include our Indigenous focus. NAIDOC stands for the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee established in 1974 and responsible for the many NAIDOC events. The genesis of NAIDOC goes way back to the early 1920s when people power galvanised at a "civil rights" gathering in Sydney in 1938, the very first in the world, to discuss the political position and future of Australia's First Peoples. This movement spawned further political movements that led to the 1967 Referendum and the inclusion of Aboriginal people in Australian society officially being counted in the Census, and the Australian Government establishing policies and programs directly for Aboriginal people. NAIDOC is the peak event on the Indigenous Calendar and incorporates a National Ball held at different venues across Australia. This year it will be in Darwin. There are also local, state and national NAIDOC Awards to acknowledge people's hard work and success in the community. NAIDOC is themed every year with a national poster competition and the winning entry receives National recognition and a cash prize of \$5000. NAIDOC historically is an important event in our shared history and should be known by everyone. This Year's Theme is "Songlines - The Living Narrative of our Nation". An explanation of this cultural concept will be presented at the Junior and Senior Assemblies together with a showcase of cultural talent by our own Indigenous students and others.

**Term 3 Commences
for all students
Monday, 11 July 2016**

QDU Debating

Wavell students from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 have done commendably well at the end of this year's Queensland Debating Union competition, with two teams narrowly missing out on moving into the finals. Students have worked tirelessly with teachers to proudly represent the school at these debates. Thanks to *Miss Lee* and *Miss Hart*. A special thanks to all parents and families who have supported and attended these debates - your presence was appreciated by your children and the teachers.

Year 10 Collage Drama

The annual Collage Drama Night showcased a range of talented students from the Year 10 Drama classes. The audience was entertained with regular laugh out loud moments from *Mr Crestani's* light hearted political satire and were taken to the Oscars, Paris and the Sahara in *Miss Adams'* class performance. *Congratulations* to all performers, Junior Drama Troupe, Drama Excellence students and our Tech Crew for collaborating on the night to create some great moments and memories.



Wavell Stock Market Success

Congratulations to Year 12 Economics students *Lachlan Lowndes* and *Ashlie-Jade Hodges* who "made" over \$4000 in ten weeks playing the Australian schools Stock Market game. Coming 78th overall, they were surprised how easy it was to make money on the stock market and were thankful for studying economics to give them the edge! *Lachlan* and *Ashlie* have been reversing the trend of other student investors by actually making money.

Tax Deductible Contribution

Thanks to our 245 families who have contributed to the P&C Building Fund. The total is now \$14732. We need all families to assist by making their contribution.

Make sure you remember to make your contribution before 30 June to claim a tax deduction for the current financial year.

Please contact our Business Services Manager at

bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au
For further information.



Environmental Leadership

Year 10 students, *Alainya Doyle* and *Lucy O'Donovan* (pictured below with *Chloe Houston*, *BCC Green Heart Coordinator*) were selected to represent Wavell in the Student Environmental Leadership Network earlier this term at the Brisbane City Council Library. This network brought together students from all over Brisbane. Throughout the year, students involved will undertake to complete a project centred on the environment.



SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Wavell is currently conducting the School Opinion Survey. Parent survey details will be mailed home with Semester One Report Cards on Friday, 24 June. Information will be used to ensure Wavell provides the best possible service to meet community needs. **Parents and guardians** are encouraged to participate in the online survey. **Please complete online by Friday, 29 July.**

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.

Girls' Rugby League

Congratulations to our Rugby League girls' teams who performed admirably this term. **Under 14 girls**, although a non competitive division with no trophy presented, our team won all four games defeating Springfield Central, Earnshaw, Morayfield and Mabel Park. **Under 16 girls** (pictured below) were crowned 2016 champions and retained their trophy won last year by winning all four games and defeating Springfield Central, Caboolture, Ipswich and a combined Barbarians team. **Under 18 girls** *Igary Yusia*, *Kersal Johnson* and *Christina Tagalao* competed in the Barbarians team and finished runners up. *Overall a great performance by the girls!*



Rugby League

Congratulations to Wavell's Year 7 team *Blair* who defeated *Bray Park* 50 to 4; and Wavell's Year 7 team *Copley* who defeated Wavell's Year 7 team *Inglis* 42 to nil.

Sporting Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to play for Metropolitan North sporting Teams: **Netball:** *Chloe Mirrielees*; **Rugby League:** *Solomon Fangupo*, *Ali Faalogo*, *Alex Gill*, *Christopher Faagutu*, *Edward Finau*, *Kallum Weatherall-Stacey*, *Nathaniel Ah-Leong*, *Tahrell Feaveai*, *Tory Bath*, *Tyrell Waaka Rhind*; **Soccer:** *Jason Morcom*; **Touch Football:** *Jake McMahon*

IMMUNISATION REMINDER

Wednesday, 13 July at 9.00am: Boostrix Dose 1/1
All Year 7 and Year 8 students

Diary Dates

Monday 20 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 QCS Practice Test and Certificate I Workshop in Hall • Year 10 Work Experience Preparation - L. 1 and 2A
Tuesday 21 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 QCS Practice Test and Certificate I Workshop in Hall • Year 10 Work Experience commences • Music Tour returns from Melbourne • Combined Shops Committee Meeting in A Block 7:00pm • P&C Meeting in A Block 7:30pm
Wednesday 22 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Earth Science Fieldwork (Mining) to New Acland Mine • Year 7 Camp departs for Noosa
Thursday 23 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 11 and 12 RL Excellence Sport and Recreation Clinic - Everton Park • Year 11 Report Cards issued and Academic Review Day 1 • Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 24 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 9 Science Day 2: Lessons 1 - 3 • Year 11 Report Cards issued and Academic Review Day 2 • Year 10 Work Experience concludes • Year 7 Camp returns from Noosa at 2:00pm • Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Semester Reports finalised for posting home
Saturday 25 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnam trip departs and returns 7 July
Monday 11 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 Brainstorm Production in Hall: Lesson 4
Tuesday 12 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 and 12 Cert III Early Child Educ and Care on the Job Placement - Day 6 • Year 12 Legal Studies excursion to the Supreme and District Courts
Wednesday 13 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCC Immunisations 9:00am - All Year 7 and 8 students Boostrix Dose 1/1 • Years 11 and 12 Drama Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 5:30pm • Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm; Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 14 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Meetings: Lesson 3B • Years 10, 11 and 12 Visual Art excursion to GOMA
Friday 15 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAIDOC Week Celebrations • Academic Monitoring - Years 7, 9, 10 and 12 in WDP/WTP • Year 11 QUT Student Economics University Day excursion