

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
We look forward to sharing afternoon tea with invited students, their parents and families at the Academic Excellence Ceremony next week on Monday, 1 August.

These academic achievers were in the top five percent for Semester One this year. Our special guest this year is *Mr Ray Johnston*, Assistant Regional Director. This special afternoon is devoted to the celebration of these students' achievements in the most important focus here at Wavell, academic excellence. While we are extremely proud of our sporting and cultural excellence, the achievement of academic success deserves highest praise from the school community. These bright young minds are the future of our community and it is therefore necessary to encourage and celebrate academic achievement on the highest level. They are to be commended for their hard work, diligence and persistence with their studies – congratulations to all students and their proud families!

Term 3 is a vital and exciting time for our Year 12 students. The Formal is now less than two weeks away on Tuesday, 9 August – I look forward to sharing this very important milestone with students and staff and the Pre-formal Function with parents. Once the Formal celebrations are completed it is vital seniors return their focus to the very important Term 3, final assessment tasks. On Tuesday, 30 and Wednesday, 31 August, our Year 12 students will sit the all-important Queensland Core Skills Tests. The performance on their last QCS practice test indicates our Year 12 group should exceed the excellent performances of past graduates so long as they deliver on the test days. They are well prepared and should face this important challenge with confidence.

Our annual Athletics Carnival held last week was a tremendous success. This year saw an enhanced level of house spirit with a renewed passion shared by both our students and teachers. Last week our House Captains built house spirit through house meetings highlighting their mascots and war-cries. The social interaction between staff, students and peers on these special days is vital part of school life. It is the glue that ensures our students remain well connected to their school and are positively engaged. House spirit is as vital to the carnival as the athletics results for the day. Congratulations to our winning house Tobruk and good luck to all of the students who will now represent Wavell with pride at upcoming District and Regional Trials.

Wavell has continued to make a concerted effort this year to develop strong communications with families through increased use of e-mail contact by teachers and parents. This improved communication seems to be paying dividends by the great support shown towards our last Parent Teacher Night. I would urge all parents to ensure their contact details are regularly checked and updated with the school; e-mail addresses, home and postal addresses and very importantly your family's key mobile phone contacts. This will ensure we can maintain a strong connection and information flow to parents. Please consider registering on QParent. This program provides increased and immediate access for all families.

This week Wavell has moved to implement "same day text messaging" to parents regarding student non-attendance at form meeting, therefore it is vital your mobile phone contact details are accurate. I would like to remind parents that you will receive a text message even if you have previously advised of an absence or if your child is involved in a sport, cultural activity, work placement, TAFE day, university day or any other activity which would require students not to be at Form Meeting. If we waited to reconcile rolls with these many activities, parent phone calls and email messages, we would not be able to text message until the end of the school day.

It is important for parents and students to attend the upcoming Years 8 and 10 Subject Selection Evening, next Wednesday, 3 August. Your attendance will show your keen interest in their future and as well help you to be informed as much as possible in order to support your child to make good selections for Year 9 and 11 studies. The most critical decisions are for our Year 10 students. Senior schooling choices will greatly influence the next stage of their life beyond school. The current Year 10 cohort of students will be the last to graduate with the OP system.

JJ Major
Principal



"Citius, Altius, Fortius"

Olympic Motto

Parent Teacher Night

This term over 848 interviews were conducted. If you missed this opportunity, you are welcome to phone to discuss concerns. *Pictured below: Teacher, Ms Piggott with Amelia Brown and her mum, Ms Brown.*



RNA Exhibition Holiday
10 August 2016

Year 10 Careers Day

Monday, 18 July was an important day for Year 10 students. This day was part of the pathways program designed to assist subject selection for secondary school and study beyond. Students listened to presentations from Curriculum Heads of Department where the range of subject choices was explained. Curriculum books were distributed and students received information about the SET Plan process and Subject Selection Evening, to be held on Wednesday, 5 August, starting at 7:15pm for Year 10 students and parents.

QUT STEM Camp

Congratulations to *Mark Loy, Michael Plackowski and Wonie Yusia* who have been selected to attend the QUT Vice-Chancellor's STEM Camp. They will join a select group of high achieving students from around the state for a five day camp in the spring vacation. This camp will provide them with engaging and inspirational research experiences in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. They will get a taste of first-year university life, and work together with other Year 11 students, as well as academics and university students, in an intensive and hands-on research project.

Year 9 Science Day

To complete their unit on Earthquakes and Plate Tectonics, Year 9 students recently participated in a Science Day. They investigated the relationship between the frequency of shaking and damage done to buildings. They undertook an experiment and then analysed the data to explain why in particular earthquakes some buildings remain intact whereas some are destroyed. Students are to be commended for their work ethic.

SUBJECT SELECTION ADVICE EVENING
Year 8 - 6:45pm and Year 10 - 7:15pm
Wednesday 3 August in the Assembly Hall
These are important opportunities for parents and students to obtain information and advice on subject selections for 2017.
Subject Selection is to be completed online by Friday, 19 August 2016

SET PLAN INTERVIEW DAY
For Year 10 students and parents
Tuesday 16 August, 7:00am - 7:00pm
In the Assembly Hall

Legal Studies Excursion

On Tuesday, 12 July our Year 12 Legal Studies students visited the Supreme and District Court complex. They undertook research for their major assignment and were shown how to complete effective legal research and had access to quality legal databases in the Supreme Court Library. Topics explored included; animal rights, removal of provocation as a defence for murder and police powers. Students observed various cases in the courts. Overall, the day was an enjoyable mix of theory and practice, research and field experience.



Trip to Vietnam and Cambodia

An enthusiastic group of Social Science students set off to discover the mysteries of South East Asia over the winter vacation. The trip centred around three areas: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Hoi An in Vietnam; and Siem Reap, Cambodia. The tour aimed to highlight the geographical, political and historical aspects of the regions. Each area offered unique experiences, fabulous food and interesting sites. From the urban landscape of Ho Chi Minh City to the solitude of the My Son temples and the beauty of Hoi An, students were able to experience life in Asia. A highlight of the trip was the Vung Tau region and our visit to the Long Tan Memorial Cross where we acknowledged the ANZACS in this, the 50th anniversary year of the Battle of Long Tan. Students also visited a Buddhist orphanage, a day on the Mekong River, the Cu Chi tunnels used by the Viet Cong, a cooking class and the spectacular temples at Angkor Wat. Thanks go to the Kedron/Wavell RSL Sub Branch for their support for this trip.



Creative Generation

Six Wavell students successfully auditioned for a place *Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage*, Queensland's largest youth performing arts event. These students were involved in an intensive rehearsal process that involved working with industry professionals. The event was held at the Brisbane Convention Centre and culminated in four shows, over two days to audiences of 8,000 people. Students involved were: *Jasmine Prosper*, Year 9 - massed choir; *Michaelah Pringle*, Year 9 - massed choir and drumline; *Imogen Laud*, Year 9 - massed choir; *Pearl Brensell*, Year 7 - massed choir; *Edward Pitt*, Year 7 - drumline; *Jessica Thomson*, Year 9 - massed dance. *Congratulations students.*

GOMA Excursion

On Thursday, 14 July our senior Visual Art students (*pictured below*) participated in an all-day excursion to the Gallery of Modern Art and the Queensland Art Gallery. Students were amazed by the many large format artworks in the *Cindy Sherman* exhibit, one of America's pre-eminent photographers. *Creative Generations*, a selection of outstanding artworks by senior students from across the state was also inspirational for Year 12s in particular, as they create their final practical folios for the year.



Free Dental Check-Up at Mobile Dental Clinic
Years 11 and 12 students.
Monday to Thursday between 8am to 4pm.
Phone 0418 737 490. Conditions apply.

Tobruk - 2016 Athletics Champions

The annual Track and Field Carnival was held on Thursday, 21 July. We were blessed with wonderful weather for our day of athletic events. Wavell students should be congratulated on their behaviour, enthusiasm and house spirit. Thanks to our teachers and support staff for their efforts above and beyond. Congratulations to Tobruk for taking out the award. *Pictured: Mr Major and House Captains; Aiden Schuhmacher and Remy Separovich with Sports Captain; Olivia Vasilakis.*



HOUSE POINTS

Tobruk 5440 Keren 4848 Burma 4565 Alamein 3103

AGE PLACINGS

| GIRLS | First | Second | Third |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 12yr | Bridget Morrissey | Manamea Nelson | Lily Hall |
| 13yr | Koha Campbell | Selena Loose | Mikayla Hausler |
| 14yr | Sally Leapai | Raewyn Burt | Ellen Mulrooney |
| 15yr | Madison Graham | Roma Waqa | Alexis Sae-Tieo |
| 16yr | Emily Todd | Josephine O'Donovan | Lisa Fry |
| Open | Jamie Harten | Emily Honor | Lauren Ellis |
| BOYS | First | Second | Third |
| 12yr | Kallum Stacey | Keirren Tran | Tory Bath |
| 13yr | Corey Thomas | Flynn Stewart | Dalton Collins |
| 14yr | Jayde Williams | Ethan Olsen | Farani Pritchard-Malaki |
| 15yr | Challis Tupuola | Manase Kaho | Lachlan McGuigan |
| 16yr | Tarj Reed | Dejzha Pene | Jack Armstrong |
| Open | Brayden Crowe | Reed Young | Jared Wanoa |

Special congratulations to the following students as there were fifteen records broken on the day: *Kallum Stacey, Bridget Morrissey, Selena Loose, Chelsea Lambert, Chloe Mirrielees, Jeremy Morrow, Arasi Leaga, Keirren Tran, Sally Leapai, Cleo Sautia and Dekoda Wakefield.*

Our District team will now compete at the District Carnival on Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 August. *Good luck to all our athletes!*

2016 University Date Claimers

QUT OPEN DAYS

- Sunday 31 July, 9am-3pm - Gardens Point Campus
- Sunday 31 July, 9am-3pm - Kelvin Grove Campus
- Sunday 21 August, 9am-2pm - Caboolture Campus

UQ OPEN DAYS

- Sunday 7 August, 9am-3pm, St Lucia Campus
- Sunday 21 August, 9.30am-3pm, Gatton Campus

Student Absence Notifications

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

Sporting Representatives

Congratulations on selection in the Metropolitan North Teams; **Touch Football 13-15 Yrs;** *Caleb Madders, Rugby 11-12 Yrs; Nathaniel Ah-Leong, Tory Bath, Soccer 13-15 Yrs; Jason Morcom, Cross Country 10-12 Yrs; Bridget Morrissey, 13-19 Yrs; Nicholas Menesi.*

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

Sunday 31 July

- Years 11 and 12 Drama Production Rehearsal: 10am-2pm
- SRC Meeting in Spirit Place 1:10pm

Monday 1 August

- Academic Excellence Ceremony in Hall - L. 4
- District Athletics Carnival at Wavell SHS: L. 1-3

Tuesday 2 August

- Year 8 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat
- Years 7-12 ICAS English Competition in Library: L. 4
- Year 11 and 12 Early Childhood Job Placement - Day 8
- District Athletics Carnival at UQ: Full Day
- Years 11 and 12 Drama Tech Rehearsal: 12noon - 6pm

Wednesday 3 August

- Work Experience 'Thank You' Breakfast in Hall: 7:00am
- Year 9 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat
- Subject Selection Evening Yr 8-6:45pm, Yr 10-7:15pm - Hall
- Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 4 August

- Year 10 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat
- Years 11 and 12 Early Childhood Job Studies Placement - Day 1
- Years 11 and 12 Drama Production Matinee for Year 10 Drama students: L.3
- Years 11 and 12 Drama Production Evening in Hall: 6:30pm
- Year 7 QDU Debating - Round 2

Friday 5 August

- Years 7, 8 and 9 Netball Super Seven's Competition: L. 1B - 4
- Year 11 Talk "Why the QCS Matters" in Hall: L. 2B
- Year 11 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat

Monday 8 August

- Wavell Ski Trip departs for Years 10 and 11: 1:00pm
- Year 12 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat

Tuesday 9 August

- Pre-Formal and Formal at Victoria Park Golf Course: 5:00pm - 11:00pm
- Year 7 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat
- Years 11 and 12 Early Childhood Job Placement - Day 9

Thursday 11 August

- Year 8 Energy for Future - Selected Students

Friday 12 August

- Year 10 Netball Cougar Cup

Saturday 13 August

- Wavell Ski Trip Returns

Goal
\$38,500

\$20,000 Raised

P&C Building Fund