

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
After completion of Wavell's quality preparation program, our Year 12s will face this year's Queensland Core Skills test, on Tuesday, 30 and Wednesday, 31 August.

This test will be used by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority to scale our school results and assist in the calculation of OPs our students receive at the end of the year. Our students should ensure they rest and eat well over coming days and arrive at school with clear heads and a positive approach, ready to tackle the four sub-tests. I am confident our extensive student preparation program will ensure some of the best results seen at Wavell.

The QCS testing program for Year 12 students will be implemented only three more times, including this year. This system has served us well over the past twenty-four years but like all systems, the need to adapt and change with the times is required. The overhaul of the Senior Assessment and Tertiary Ranking system will be finalised and in place for our current Year 9s as they enter Year 11 in 2018. These students will graduate in 2019 under a new system which will incorporate a revamped internal assessment system and include one piece of external assessment for each subject undertaken. The combination of the school assessment and external assessment will contribute to the calculation of an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) and will provide an easy comparison to that provided to students in other states of Australia. This rank will take the place of the current OP for tertiary selection. I have had the privilege of representing Queensland State School Principals on a Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) steering committee which has been focused on the development of implementation plans for the new system. Wavell teachers have already embraced the new system with seven of our senior staff engaged as syllabus writers, on subject advisory committees and are accredited markers of external assessment. I am confident the new system developed for Queensland students will be world class. Parent information sessions are planned for early next year to ensure parents of students in Year 10 in 2017 are fully aware of what will occur and how the curriculum will change.

Parents can read more on the QCAA website: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-smr-assessment-te>
Leadership is a strong and integral component of student development at our school. Year 11 nominations for 2017 Prefect positions closed on Monday, 22 August and the Year 9 Junior Leader positions closed today, Friday, 26 August. Twenty-five Year 11 students and a similar number of Year 8 students will be selected as Prefects-elect and Junior Leaders-elect. The selection of students for these prestigious positions is based on the outcome of student and staff votes, individual application information and checks on school records. These positions are very highly valued by students and indeed our school community. Those selected must exhibit the highest of Wavell standards and be the role models we expect of our school leaders. Students who miss out on selection are encouraged to look to other leadership roles available within our school including sporting and cultural captain positions, student representative council executive and committee positions and form class captain. My best wishes to all nominees.

Dance Night is now only two weeks away and I am sure we are in for another wonderful evening of performances. The quality of the evening and shining performances are assured by the many hours of dedicated practice by students and extra time by staff, particularly *Miss Farrelly*.


Subject selection has now been completed by students in Years 8, 9 and 10 for Year 9, 10 and 11 in 2017. Thanks to parents for your support with this important process. Deputy Principal, *Mr Turner* will now commence the timetabling process, using the student preferences to establish the best possible range of subjects available for 2017. It is inevitable that a few of the elective subjects on offer may not run due to lack of interest and in a small number of cases, subjects may need to run at the same time. When this occurs the Guidance Officers, *Mr Macpherson* and *Dr Steele* or Deputy Principal, *Mr Turner* will meet with affected students to discuss options available and assist them reselect a subject.

I urge all students to stay focused on the academic performance over coming weeks with only three weeks until the end of term, when Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 students will receive mid-semester progress reports.

JJ Major
Principal

"If you love what you do, you will never work another day in your life."

Confucius

**JUNIOR SECONDARY**
Pre-Commencement
Parent Information Evening
Year 7 - 2017
Monday, 12 September 2016
Commencing at 7:00pm
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights
2017 Enrolment Applications are now due
For further details, please contact our
Enrolment Officer Ms Lock on 3350 0328

Field Study



On Thursday, 25 and Friday, 26 August over fifty Year 10 Geography students enjoyed a field trip to North Stradbroke Island where they visited many of the natural sites including Cylinder Beach, Brown Lake and Myora Springs. The habitats and wildlife provided a great insight into understanding this unique environment and why preserving this for future generations is important. Students spotted whales, dolphins and turtles and were educated on the indigenous history of the island in a guided walk along the Goompi Trail. Students will use the field sketches, notes, photos and data gathered to form their geography report on the island's environmental management.

Wavell Speaks Out

Congratulations to all participants and finalists for this year. Students from all year levels have competed in heats speaking on a broad range of interesting and thought provoking topics. The finals saw three students from each year level compete. A very engaging evening was had by all. Congratulations to our winners (*pictured*). *Zac Byrne-Henderson* (Year 7), *Keegan Cross* (Year 8), *Audrey Moore* (Year 9), *Georgia Cloudsley* (Year 12), *Alainya Doyle* (Year 10) and *Emily Todd* (Year 11). Thank you to *Sophie Morley* for her duties as Chairperson.



Year 10 SET Plans

On Tuesday, 16 August, 268 Year 10 students and their parents participated in the development of a Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan. The students identified interests, abilities, ambitions and with help from teachers and parents, selected subjects and courses aligned with their learning goals. *Thank you* to all for your active participation.

Art and Science of Teaching

On Thursday, 11 August, our teachers were involved in a twilight professional development session which focused on further development of our whole of school pedagogical framework. Wavell's framework is based on the model researched and developed by the Marzano Institute, *The Art and Science of Teaching*.

The evening session investigated ASOT Design Question 8: *What will I do to establish and maintain effective relationships with students?* or in other words; be firm, be fair and be funny.

Wavell values the establishment and maintenance of effective relationships with students. We believe teachers should be enthusiastic about their subjects, use humour where appropriate, and be balanced in their views about students. Positive and appropriate relationships between teachers and their students leads to enhanced classroom interactions and learning opportunities.

Wavell teachers use the ASOT framework as a tool to reflect on their personal teaching practices and a guide for their continued pedagogical growth. Teacher reflection may involve a range of activities including; peer-coaching, observation of lessons, video recorded lesson segments for later discussion and individual teacher journals. Teachers use these reflections as a basis for their regular professional conference with their Head of Department.

Parents interested in *The Art and Science of Teaching* may like to read more by visiting the website - <http://marzano-institute.com.au/about-the-art-science-of-teaching/>

YEARS 7, 8, 9 & 11
MID SEMESTER PROGRESS REPORTS
AND ATTENDANCE REPORTS
Will be issued on Friday, 16 September, 2016

Year 12 Physics

Earlier this year, our senior physics students visited Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. *Dr Jye Smith*, Principal Medical Physicist guided students through the Nuclear Medicine Department and *Dr Patrick Eastgate* showed students around Radiology. Students observed how X-Ray, CT, MRI and SPECT scanners work and also learnt about growth in the medical research industry and current developments. Students also heard about the professional study required for a career in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine.

Naomi Price Workshop

On Thursday 18 August, *Naomi Price* (finalist in *The Voice Australia 2015*) conducted an intimate masterclass for group of talented vocalists from Years 7 to 12. *Naomi* worked one-on-one with each student, providing them with techniques to further enhance their skills. This was a one-off opportunity for students to receive professional advice from one of Australia's leading musical theatre performers.



Wavell In Concert



On Sunday, 14 August our instrumental music students and their teachers presented an entertaining afternoon of exceptional musical performances to a large crowd at Kedron Wavell RSL. Thanks also to the Queensland Wind and Brass for their special guest performance. The groups received extremely positive feedback from the audience who were impressed by the standard of our students and the overall professionalism of the concert. *Congratulations* to all involved. On Sunday, 11 September, our music students will also perform at the Nundah Village Street Festival from 10:10am to 10:40am. *Pictured on left: Music Captains, Sarah Longford and Joseph Dale.*

Visual Arts Finalists



Year 11 Visual Art students *Isabella Small* and *Brittany Craig* (pictured above) have been selected as Finalists in this year's Brisbane Festival Photography Competition. Their images will be exhibited in September at Metro Arts where the overall winner will be announced and feature on one of Goa's electronic billboards. *Isabella* and *Brittany's* works have been uploaded on the Brisbane Festival Facebook page for a public vote. The image with the most 'likes' will win the People's Choice Award. Please go online and support our student entries.

Rugby League Update

On Tuesday, 16 August both our Year 7 Red and Year 9 Red teams unfortunately were defeated in their respective Grand Finals. Our Year 8, Year 10 and Open 1 teams all made the semi finals of their respective competitions. *Congratulations on great results in these tough competitions!*

Metropolitan Sports Finals

Results for finals played this week: **Netball** - Year 10 and 9 teams defeated Northside; **Rugby League** - Year 8 Boys were defeated by North Lakes 24-22. *Good luck to the following teams for next week's finals;* **Basketball** - Open Girls, **Netball** - Open, Year 8 and Year 7, **Rugby League** - Open, Year 10, Year 9 and Year 7, **Soccer** - Open Boys, Open Girls and Year 10 Girls. **Track and Field** regional results; *Keiren Tran*, Year 7 - 1st 100m; *Bella Separovich*, Year 8 - 2nd Discus; *Jayde Williams*, Year 9 - 1st Shot Put, 2nd Long Jump; *Madisun Graham*, Year 10 - 2nd Shot Put; *Jamie-Lee Harten*, Year 12 - Finalist 100m. *Well done!*

Netball Update

Our Year 10 team placed fourth in the Cougars Cup played last Friday, 19 August. The Vicki Wilson Cup Open team finished top of Pool A and will now contest the regional final against Kedron on Wednesday, 31 August at 4:00pm in Wavell's Sports Hall. *Good luck!*

DANCE NIGHT

9 September 2016
in Assembly Hall
7:00pm Start
\$5 entry fee - All Welcome!



Interschool Chess Tournament

Earlier this month, eleven students represented Wavell in our first interschool chess tournament at Anglican Church Grammar School. More than 200 students from more than twenty Brisbane secondary schools took part. Wavell enjoyed plenty of success on the day, with *Grant Berthier*, Year 9, winning the A-Grade competition (7 wins), *Brendan Hogarty*, Year 8, winning the B-Grade competition (6 wins, 1 draw) and *Samuel Taylor*, Year 7, winning a merit award in the B-Grade competition (5 wins, 2 losses). Wavell students enjoyed the experience and are commended for their conduct at our first tournament.

2016 YEAR BOOK

Secure your copy!
Full payment required by Friday, 16 September 2016

MACHINERY FOR SALE BY TENDER

Our metalworking facility is selling eleven items of equipment. Full details of equipment for sale by tender may be found in our eNewsletter. Please contact *Mr Bruce McLauchlan* on 3350 0319 to arrange an inspection of items. **Closing date** for tender submissions is **Friday 9 September 2016 at 4pm.**

YEAR 12 QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS TEST

Tuesday, 30 August and Wednesday, 31 August

- TEST TIPS**
- Get a good night's sleep
 - Keep hydrated and eat well
 - Make sure you have all your equipment ready (Check equipment list - kits available for \$11 at bookshop)
 - Don't panic! We have prepared you well
 - Breakfast from 7.45am outside the hall



CHANGE TO BELL TIMES

Commencing Tuesday, 6 September and Wednesday, 7 September 2016
Starting time: 8.50am Finishing time: 3.10pm



School Photograph Reminder:
Winter Sports, Schools of Excellence and Cultural in Hall on **Monday, 5 September:**
Formal Uniform to be worn and student ID card must be presented.

Diary Dates

Monday 29 August	•Year 7 Author visit: Lesson 1-Talk; Lesson 2 and 3 - Writing Workshop	
Tuesday 30 August	•Years 9 and 10 Dance Night Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 6:00pm •Year 12 QCS Test Day 1 in Hall (Writing Task, Multiple Choice)	Goal \$38,500
Wednesday 31 August	•Badminton Bonanza Comp: Lunch •Years 11 Dance Night Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 6:00pm •Year 12 QCS Test Day 2 in Hall (Short Response, Multiple Choice 2) •Year 10 Certificate 1 completion day •Year 12 Dance Night Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 6:00pm •Junior Leader Voting	\$20,737 Raised
Thursday 1 September	•Years 9 and 10 Dance Night Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 6:00pm	
Friday 2 September	•Year 12 QTAC Talk in Hall: L. 2B •Dance Production Technical/Dress Rehearsal:L.3, 4 & Lunch - 7:00pm	
Monday 5 September	•Year 10 Business Extension students Ecoman: All Day •Years 9, 10, 11 Dance Night Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 6:00pm	
Tuesday 6 September	•Year 10 Business Extension students Ecoman: All Day •Dance Production Technical/Dress Rehearsal Yrs 7, 8, 9: 1:00- 5:00pm •Dance Production Technical/Dress Rehearsal Yrs 10, 11, 12: 3:30 - 8:00pm	
Wednesday 7 September	•Year 12 English Literacy excursion to University of Queensland •Battle for Australia Commemoration - Selected Year 11 students: L.1-3 •Year 10 Business Extension students Ecoman: All Day	
Thursday 8 September	•Year 7-11 Literacy Olympics in Hall: L.1-3 •Year 11 and 12 Geography Biodiversity Field Trip	
Friday 9 September	•Dance Production Evening in Hall: 7:00pm •Junior Leaders 2017 announced •Years 11 and 12 Geography Biodiversity Field Trip	

P&C Building Fund