

### From the Principal



Dear Parents,  
My congratulations to our Year 12 students for their effort on the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test conducted last week. This is a critical element in the allocation of OP scores to Wavell students. The cohort results on these tests will scale Wavell scores against those of students in other schools. Wavell High continues to encourage our students to aspire to achieve an Overall Position (OP) score and tertiary entry where ability warrants this direction and supports other students with vocational qualifications. Currently nearly 60 per cent of Wavell students are OP eligible and sit the QCS Test. The second component in the OP calculation is student subject results – all Year 12 students should aim to be ranked in each of their academic subjects as high as possible by performing to the best of their ability in their last assessment pieces. The Year 12 destination data for 2015 is available on the school website. I encourage you to view the report. Unfortunately the response rate to the survey is well down on previous years with only 77 per cent of the 2015 graduates responding, making comparative data very difficult.

Our on-field performances across a variety of winter sports has been outstanding. Wavell has had fourteen teams competing in the Metropolitan Finals over the past two weeks, with details in this newsletter. The Netball Excellence program has had outstanding success this season and highlights the worth of our school's program. Wavell Netball teams have been finalists across all year levels 7, 8, 9 and 10 and Open at metropolitan level and our Vicki Wilson Cup team are now state finalists. Well done to all students and coaches for their individual contributions to the success of our teams.

The final week of Term 3 at Wavell embraces a range of culminating performances and engaging activities for students. Tonight the annual Dance Production Night will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their talents, with senior Dance and Dance Excellence students assessed on their public performance. We expect a large audience and remind parents and students to be considerate of our students during the show. Our Year 8 Inter-Form Debating Grand Final will be held on Monday, 12 September in Lesson 4. At 7:00pm on Monday, 12 September we will hold a pre-commencement Year 7 2017 Parent Night. Our Year 9 students will be involved in their third Science Day on Tuesday, 13 September in Lessons 1, 2 and 3. This is an important compulsory day of experiments, scientific reporting and assessment. The Prefects' annual Classics Day has a "Disney" theme and is to be held on Thursday, 15 September. It is a non-uniform day full of lunch time activities and will include a wide variety of games, rides and red food. Normal lessons will run on the day and the usual non-uniform day dress code applies.

Our school term will conclude on Friday, 16 September with the release of Mid-Semester Progress Reports for Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 students. Please help us reinforce the importance of school attendance. Every day counts – all students are expected to be in full time attendance until 3pm next Friday.

In addition to these events, our Prefects-Elect and Junior Leaders Elect for 2017 will be declared next week. The voting and selection for these positions has been highly contested. Students who unfortunately do not gain a Prefect or Junior Leader role are encouraged to make their leadership and service contribution through other opportunities which include Student Representative Council Executive and Cultural and Sport Captain positions. Election for the four School Captain positions will follow speeches given early next term. All Prefects-Elect will be presented to the school community on Speech Night, Wednesday, 26 October along with the announcement of our 2017 Captains. Junior Leaders will receive badges early in Term 1 of 2017.

Our Year 12 students must ensure their QTAC applications for university are submitted prior to the holidays. Late fees apply from October. Our Guidance Officer, *Dr Steele* is available to provide advice and assistance with applications. I wish our students and staff a safe and restful September vacation commencing at the end of next week. School will resume for Term 4 on Tuesday, 4 October after which a very short five weeks will follow before our Year 12s tackle their final exams. Students in other year levels need to remain focused for the longer term ahead.

J J Major  
Principal

*"Character is who you are under pressure, not who you are when everything's fine."*

Ritu Ghatourey

### QCS Test

*Congratulations to our Year 12 cohort for completing the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test last Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to teachers for preparing students for the test and assisting on the two days. Thank you also to Mrs Edwards, Administrative Assistant for her hard work. The QCS test results will be used by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) in the calculation of OP scores. Pictured below: Year 11 students served breakfast to Year 12s prior to the QCS.*



### JUNIOR SECONDARY Pre-Commencement Parent Information Evening Year 7 - 2017

Monday, 12 September 2016  
Commencing at 7:00pm  
Assembly Hall

### Senior Economics Excursion

Last week, the Year 11 and 12 Economics students experienced a day at QUT Gardens Point campus attending the annual Student Economic Day. They listened to lectures about economics including the issue of tax evasion from multi national companies operating in Australia and the implications of this to the Australian economy. Students also had the opportunity to participate in real time simulation, traded on stock markets and explored the amazing number of opportunities open to economics degree graduates. Despite the golden rule in economics that there is no such thing as a "free lunch", students did enjoy one provided by the QUT. *Pictured below: Angelika Fontaine, Claudia Short, Ashlie-Jade Hodges, Phoebe Knight, Remy Separovich, Nadia Achberia*



### 58th ANNUAL SPEECH NIGHT

Wednesday, 26 October 2016

Assembly Hall - 7:30pm

Academic, Sporting and Cultural  
awards will be presented.

All parents are most welcome  
to attend.



### Trade Training Centre Opened

Our new facilities were provided by a federally funded grant and has provided the school with an industry standard environment for senior industrial design and technology students. The Trade Training Centre was officially opened on Wednesday, 7 September.

*Pictured below: Year 11 Furnishing student, Jordan Albassit with the Hon Mr Wayne Swan and P&C President, Mr Greg Rodgers.*



### TERM 4 COMMENCES

Tuesday 4 October 2016

Reminder : Public Holiday  
Monday 3 October 2016



### YEARS 7, 8, 9 & 11 MID SEMESTER REPORTS AND ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Will be issued on Friday, 16 September, 2016

### Simon Higgins Visits Wavell

Brisbane author, *Simon Higgins* visited Wavell last week to speak with the Year 7s about the inspiration he has found in Japanese culture for his successful teenage fiction series. Throughout the day a number of Year 7 students participated in writing workshops which explored the technique of storytelling by unlocking the imagination and experimenting with the written word.

### Robotics Workshop

As part of Science Week, on Friday, 26 August eleven staff from Wavell High School, Wavell Heights, Nundah and Virginia participated in a Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) Robotics workshop run by *Dr Damien Kee*. *Dr Kee* is an independent technology education expert who lead activities based around the Lego Mindstorms EV3 Robots to illustrate how robots may be embedded into our curriculum. *Pictured: Mr Jardine, Dr Kee, Ms Hargreaves, Ms Monteath, Ms Martineau, Mr Young, Mr Campbell, Mrs Searle, Mr Boaler*



### Wavell Ski and Snowboard Trip 2016



Twenty five Wavell students enjoyed a week in a harsh environment learning new skills on this year's Ski and Snowboard Trip to Perisher. Seventeen snowboarders and eight skiers tested themselves and learnt some very valuable life lessons along the way. Time management, personal organisation, perseverance and responsibility were key to personal safety and enjoyment of these new winter sports. *Pictured: Josephine O'Donovan, Brittany Craig, Joshua Potts, Graydon Marshall and Abbey Wighton.*

### Vicki Wilson Success!

*Congratulations* to the Vicki Wilson Cup Netball team with their strong win against Kedron, 39-22 last week. They played well as a team and were outstanding as a defensive unit and forced the other team to turn the ball over several times. They are the first Wavell team to qualify for the state-wide final series which will be held at Coomera in early October. *Good Luck!*



### Sporting Representatives

*Zoe Lockton* (Year 11) represented Queensland Schools Squash in a triangular against New South Wales and New Zealand in Palmerston North, New Zealand in August. She was then selected to represent Australia against New Zealand in the Trans-Tasman Cup 2016. *Well done, Zoe!*

*Bridget Morrissey* (Year 7) represented Queensland in the National Athletics Titles in Canberra. She placed fifteenth in Australia, and was the fastest twelve year old in the Under 14s event and third fastest Queensland. *Bridget* was proud to represent Wavell on a national stage.

### Sports Finals

*Congratulations* to our **Open Netball** team for their convincing win against Clairvaux, with the final score 36 -25. The team will now progress to final round next week. *Good luck girls!* Despite the best sporting efforts of our students, our other teams did not perform as strongly in their respective games. Our **Open Girls Basketball** played Brisbane Adventist; Years 7 and 10 **Netball teams** played against Cavendish Road; Year 8 Netball played Camel; Year 9 Netball versed Clairvaux. **Rugby League** finals also unfortunately resulted in losses, Year 7 played against Cavendish Road; Year 8 versed North Lakes; Year 10 against Clairvaux. The Year 10 Girls **Soccer** team versed Cavendish Road, our Open Boys team played Kelvin Grove and our Open Girls played against Albany Creek. *Well done to make the semi-finals, teams!*

### AFL Schools Cup

Wavell were defeated by Mountain Creek in the state semi-final (senior male) played at Maroochydore. To make it to the state semi-finals was a fine achievement. *Congratulations boys on your efforts throughout the year.*

### MUSIC DATE CLAIMERS

**Nundah Village Street Festival**  
Sunday, 11 September 2016  
10:10am to 10:40am  
**Percussion Gala**  
Assembly Hall - 7:00pm  
Wednesday, 14 September 2016

### 2016 YEAR BOOK

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

### WAVELL CLASSICS SRC NON-UNIFORM DAY

Theme: "Disney"  
Thursday 15 September - \$2.00  
**NORMAL DRESS STANDARDS APPLY**  
Despite the theme, toy weapons such as guns, rifles, or bows and arrows are not welcome at school.

#### Students who wish to participate:

- MUST have their uniforms with them for subjects with specific requirements, e.g. HPE/HEC.
- MUST wear or bring closed-in, leather-upper footwear for HEC/Manual Arts/Science. NO THONGS
- MUST NOT wear clothing with inappropriate logos, wording or illustrations.
- GIRLS - MUST NOT wear midriff tops, which expose the flesh.
- MUST NOT wear singlet tops.
- MUST NOT bring/wear expensive items of footwear/clothing or bring valuables on the day.

### MACHINERY FOR SALE BY TENDER

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

### DANCE NIGHT

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

### YEAR 12 GRADUATION DAY

**FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2016**  
6:45am - Breakfast  
at Kedron-Wavell Services Club  
Tickets available from the Student Payment Counter until Friday, 4 November 2016  
8.45am - Graduation Ceremony  
in Assembly Hall  
All parents of Year 12s are welcome.

### IMPORTANT

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

### Student Absence Notifications

- Email via **QParents**
- Absentee phone line 3350 0303
- Email via [absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au)

### Diary Dates

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|------------------------|--|
| Sunday 11 September    | •Nundah Festival - Stage Band: 10:10am   |
| Monday 12 September    | •Graduation Breakfast tickets go on sale   |
|                        | •Year 8 Inter-Form Debating Grand Final in Hall: L.4                             |
|                        | •Year 7 2017 Parent Night in Hall: 7:00pm  |
| Tuesday 13 September   | •2017 Prefects-Elect Announced   |
|                        | •Nominations open for School Captains 2017                                       |
|                        | •Year 9 Science Day 3: L. 1 - 3  |
|                        | •SRC 40 Hour Famine Concert in the Hall at lunch time                            |
| Wednesday 14 September | •Percussion Gala in Hall: 7:00pm   |
| Thursday 15 September  | •Wavell Classics Day   |
|                        | •SRC Non-Uniform Day: Red Food Day 6   |
|                        | •WSC Term 3 Rewards Day event  |
| Friday 16 September    | •Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 Mid-Semester Reports issued and Academic Monitoring in WDP |
|                        | •Years 7 and 8 Rugby League and Netball Super Clinic: L. 2-4                     |
| Wednesday 5 October    | •Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal in Hall: 1:10pm                                    |
|                        | •Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal: 3:30pm-5:30pm                             |
| Thursday 6 October     | •Music Extension Chamber Concert in Hall: 7:00pm                                 |

Goal \$38,500

\$20,926 Raised



P&C Building Fund