

From the Principal



Dear Parents,

I had the great privilege of attending this year's prestigious Queensland Certificate of Education Awards conducted by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority last Saturday. Year 12 graduate and School Dux of 2016 *Harrison Kettewell* was awarded as one of the top thirty four academic achievers across all Queensland private and state secondary schools – he was ranked tenth. *Harry* was one of our six OP 1 students in 2016 and has earned a scholarship to study medicine at Griffith University. This was a very proud moment for his family, friends and myself. *Harry* acknowledged his family and teachers for their contribution to his success.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of our parents who have engaged with the life of the school through their attendance at a number of events. These include the Swimming Carnival, Prefect and School Captain Investiture, participation in our very important Year 10 Pathways Night which was held on Thursday, 16 February, our Year 7 parents for engaging with our Thursday morning Meet and Greet sessions, and also for attendance and support for our annual Year 7 'Welcome to Wavell' afternoon on Friday, 17 February. Our Year 7 students' transition has been a very smooth one for the great majority of children. Please connect with your child's form teacher if you are having any concerns. I hope to see all of our Year 7s attending the camp scheduled in June which is the culmination of their integration into high school. Given the number of parent events at school already, it is timely to remind all parents of the importance of maintaining a good relationship with our neighbours. Please be mindful of keeping excessive noise to a minimum and ensuring cars are parked legally and not across driveways. This is also important at afternoon pick up times. It is usual, particularly at the start of the year, for police patrols of schools to ensure the safety of all concerned. Please do the right thing to avoid an unwanted fine.

On Friday, 10 February we celebrated the induction of our School Prefects and Captains supported by parents, our P&C President *Mr Greg Rodgers*, and past student and prefect of 1992 *Mrs Donna Field*. Our magnificent Wavell Concert Band certainly set the scene with a strong performance under the direction of *Mrs Alisa Jones*. A delicious morning tea was provided by our hospitality students who were supported by their teachers, *Mrs Jo Darlington* and *Mrs Robyn Raftery*. I extend well wishes to our elected School Captains, *Jedidiah Fesolai*, *Connor Lawrence*, *Josephine O'Donovan* and *Emily Todd* and our elected Prefects. They will make a great contribution and provide invaluable service in their leadership roles throughout 2017.

On Thursday, 16 February our new and returning volunteer tutors for the Wavell Enrichment Program (WEP) gathered for morning tea. It is great to have a number of community members willing to support our students' learning. These tutors will work with our Year 7 students, who need extra support with literacy and numeracy. These skills make a strong foundation for a successful life. I thank parents for their attendance at our first P&C meeting last Tuesday, 21 February.

Thank you to our P&C President, *Mr Rodgers* for his continued support and Sub-Committee Executive members. We are still seeking parents to join the P&C Executive. I encourage every parent to participate, whether it is through the P&C, membership on sub-committees, volunteering at the canteen or uniform shop, assisting with a sporting team, donating to our building fund or as a WEP tutor. Your contribution makes a difference to Wavell and it is through your support that our students achieve great results.

The team of four current and former school principals who conducted our four day school review completed their work in the school yesterday. I look forward to sharing the outcome of this review with the whole school community once their report is finalised prior to the Easter holidays. The anecdotal feedback is extremely positive and the report will assist in our Quadrennial School Review process this year which will see the development of our 2018 to 2021 Strategic Plan.

J.J. Major,
Principal

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

John F Kennedy

OPEN DAY SUNDAY 21 MAY 2:00PM - 4:30PM

*For prospective students and their parents.
An afternoon of information and structured activities to show what Wavell State High School has to offer.*

Enquiries for all year levels welcome. Please contact Ms Sandra Lock on 3350 0328.

Our P & C Leaders 2017



We thank *Mr Greg Rodgers* for his continued commitment to serve us as President of the P&C. We are still seeking parents to serve as

Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please contact *Mr Jeff Major* to discuss the duties if you are able to assist.

Building Fund Contributions

This year our P&C aims to raise funds through parent contributions towards our Tax Deductible Building Fund to build the much needed AV platform for the Assembly Hall. Please help to reach our goal and support our school improve. Make sure to donate at least \$60 per family to the Parent Building Contributions Fund which can be paid via our Payment Office or QParent.

School Captains and Prefects 2017



Emmett, Brigitte Freeme, Lisa Fry, Nashtaya Han, Natalie Imeson, Lauren Kelly, Cheuk Lau, Mark Loy, Arvince Pagunsan, Harold Quillantang, Josephine Rogers, Nicholas Rogers, Siavash Saeedifar, Ceferina Villarin, Kyle White, Abbey Wighton and Alanna Wilson.

Senior Schooling

On Thursday, 16 February, the Senior Secondary team: *Mrs Madden*, *Ms Griffith* and *Ms Byram* hosted the annual Senior Pathways Evening. Our Year 10 students and parents attended to hear important topics such as SET Plans, QCE, School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships, along with key dates for the year. Information was presented on the Work Experience Program and the Certificate I in Financial Services which all Year 10 students undertake. The presentation is now available on the school website. On Thursday, 16 February students in Years 11 were involved in Senior Study Seminars run by *Elevate*. Year 11 students were taught skills on how to study and the Year 12 students' seminar, held on Monday, 13 February was aimed at time management. The focus of the seminars is to equip senior students with skills to cope with their studies and achieve the best results possible.

NAPLAN 2017

On Tuesday, 14 February and Wednesday, 15 February, Year 9 students completed the first trial tests. Students gain valuable experience through this preparation program which equips them with test readiness. The next trials for Years 7 and 9 will be held on 21, 22 and 23 March. Attendance is vital for confident test performances in May. The support of parents is appreciated in order to ensure students are ready for the NAPLAN tests.

PROJECT PARENT - Year 7
Thursday 2 March at 8:15-8:45am
in the Library. RSVP - phone 3350 0313

YEAR 7 PARENT WORKSHOPS

Presented by
Metropolitan Behaviour Support Services
Thursday at 8.45 - 10.45am in Library

- 2 March - **PASTA for Teenagers**
- 9 March - **Practicing PASTA**
RSVP email mmint7@eq.edu.au

Art and Science of Teaching

Our school-wide teaching methods and practices are informed by the research based framework developed by *Dr R. Mazano*. This includes nine Design Questions for teachers to use. Each year we develop an ASOT action plan to focus our teaching and learning. Our recent professional development focused on **Design Question 3**; *What will I do to help students practice and deepen their understanding of new knowledge?* and **Design Question 4**; *What will I do to help students generate and test hypotheses about new knowledge?* This united approach is to improve consistency of our school wide pedagogy. Teachers are also engaged in reflection including peer coaching for improvement.

Kickstart Music

The instrumental music program started with our KICKS day on Saturday, 4 February. It was a great way for our students to meet each other and interact in the music environment by coming together for a day of ensemble rehearsals and activities. Thanks to our senior leaders for assisting on the day. Any questions contact Mrs Alisa Jones on ajone55@eq.edu.au

Indigenous News

Congratulations to our Year 11 2017 QATSIF scholarship winners: Julia Angeles, Renes Blankett, Shequera Boyd, Joseph Dowse, Mitchel Dowse, Gwendolyn Gorogo, Jenalee Myers, Shakyra Riley, Ajani Salam, Darmalsh Saunders, Nathaniel Te Tau, Tiara Villarin and Steven Ware. Wavell Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have also attended the Artie's Academy and Broncos Mentoring Program launches.

Welcome to Wavell



"Welcome to Wavell" has always been a great success with everyone involved and this year was no different!

It is a chance for Year 7s to have fun and get to know each other, as well as for the Prefects to interact and play games with their form classes, with the support of the Form Teachers. Games varied from Chain Tag to Numbers but as always, Dodge Ball had the most enthusiastic participation. Free food and drinks were supplied for everyone involved to re-boost their energy levels before heading off to play the "awesome" Tug-of-War! Prefects unfortunately were not allowed to assist the Year 7s, but some kind souls just could not resist. Special thanks to Mr Francis, Mrs Hickman, Mrs Gould, volunteer parents, the Junior Leaders and Prefects for arranging a great afternoon.

Valentine's Day

Our School Captains and Prefects assisted students to celebrate Valentine's Day by delivering numerous gifts. These ranged from cards to hearts and roses. Many "romantic" items were presented by the Prefects to surprised and embarrassed students. The singing of romantic songs left "a lot to be desired", but in the typical Wavell way, our Prefects did their best.



Student Absence Notifications

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

Student Personal Data Check Forms

To assist the school to effectively communicate to you, it is important that we have current email addresses.

- Forms have been sent home with every student, with an explanatory memo.
- Please update and return these to form teachers by Friday, 3 March (even if no changes are made).

Bugsy Malone



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The Musical

The show has been cast and rehearsals are now underway for our 2017 musical *Bugsy Malone*. Congratulations to the following students who have secured a lead role:
Bugsy Malone: Nathaniel Te Tau; **Blousey Brown:** Caitlin Swan and Dione Kierulf; **Fat Sam:** Ehlana Andrews and Stella Peterson; **Knuckles:** William Gilbert; **Captain:** Samantha Wood; **Smolsky O'Dreary:** Gemma Kennedy; **Tallulah:** Brigitte Freeme and Tegan Fraser; **Dandy Dan:** Charles Platt and Tyler McInerney; **Fizzy:** Katelyn Simpson and Sophie Kierulf. Term 1 Rehearsal Schedule has been distributed. Student contract and permission forms are due to Chappy Sarah by Friday, 24 February; Musical Levies due Friday, 31 March.

Religious Instruction

Instruction is provided to students at Wavell which includes a program for the Year 7s and 8s of two lessons a term as well as a series of lessons for Year 9s (Term 3) and Year 10s (Term 2). This is a non-denominational program provided by members of our local churches. Wavell also has a full time Chaplain, who provides support in spiritual, ethical and moral matters. Parents wishing their child not to participate in Religious Instruction or in the Chaplaincy Program are asked to forward a letter to Mrs Madden, Acting Deputy Principal and alternate arrangements will be made.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN PRODUCTS - A CAUTION!

In ITD courses, students are required to complete a number of practical exercises. Once completed, students are permitted to take these items home. Parents need to be aware that the products are the results of a teaching exercise only. They do not and were not intended to conform to Australian Standards and should not be used for their normal practical purposes. Legal opinion suggests that parents would be under an onus to similarly warn any other party accordingly who might try to use the products.

QParents: To register email the Business Services Manager - bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au or for further information call 137468 or visit: <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

IMPORTANT

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

Netball Excellence Camp

On Monday, 13 February, the Year 10 girls joined the Senior girls for the first time on a three day camp to Harry's Hut. These girls are a very inclusive group with a strong leadership core. Looking forward to the year ahead with this fantastic cohort!



District Swimming

On Tuesday, 14 February our swimmers represented Wavell at the District Swimming Carnival. As per usual, Wavell dominated in the pool and won the overall trophy with 2126 points. Congratulations to the following age champions; Matilda Coombes (2nd-12 girls); Hector Langkilde (2nd-12 boys); Jye Bennion (3rd-12 boys); Noah Montgomery (1st-13 boys); Ashleigh Mattea (2nd-14 girls); Carly Wilson (3rd-14 girls); Kyle Montgomery (1st-14 boys); Brianna Thompson (1st-16 girls); Imogen FosterBauer (3rd-16 girls); Joshua Low (1st-16 boys); Tamara Wood (1st-17 girls); Caleb Oliver (3rd-17 boys); Hayley Sands (3rd-18 girls). Congratulations to all swimmers involved! Thirty two Wavell swimmers were selected for Regional trials, held this week. Results will be in our next newsletter.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

This international award is an exciting youth development program offered to students at Wavell from 14 years and comprises three levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level involves participation in a Skill, Adventurous Journey, Physical Recreation and Community Service element. Students in Years 10 to 12 can earn credits towards their QCE. The awards are recognised by tertiary institutions and may help to secure a job. Please contact Wavell's Award Leader, Mrs Raftery or rraft4@eq.edu.au or visit the website www.dukesaward.qld.gov.au

Diary Dates

Sunday 26 February	• Musical Rehearsal 10:00am - 4:00pm
Monday 27 February	• SRC Executive Meeting 10:45am • Musical rehearsal 3:30 - 5:30pm
Tuesday 28 February	• Year 11 Cert IV Crime and Justice Excursion to Parliament House: L.1-3
Wednesday 1 March	• Year 7 Netball Excellence Day • Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm • Years 9 & 11 QDU Debating - Round 1
Thursday 2 March	• Year 7 "Project Parent" 8:15 - 8:45am • Year 7 Parent Workshop 8:45 - 10:45am PASTA for Teenagers • Year 7 Writing Workshop in Library: L.1 & 2 • Year 9 AAP Science & Engineering Challenge UQ
Friday 3 March	• Religious Assembly • Years 7, 8 & 9 Netball Super Seven's Competition: L. 1B - 4 • Clean Up Wavell Day: L. 4
Sunday 5 March	• Musical Rehearsal: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Monday 6 March	• School Photographs Prefects, SRC, Instrumental Music, Summer Sports in Hall: L. 1-3 • Year 9 Writing Workshop in Library: L. 2 & 3 • Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm
Tuesday 7 March	• Year 12 QCS & Certificate I Workshop: L. 1 & 2 • 'Shake and Stir' Performance in Hall: Year 11 English: L. 1
Wednesday 8 March	• Year 12 Mathematics A & B Exams in Hall: Form, L. 1 & 3 • WSC International Women's Day - Morning Tea • Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm • Years 10 & 12 QDU Debating - Round 1
Thursday 9 March	• SRC Non-Uniform Day • Year 7 Parent Workshop 8:45 - 10:45am Practicing PASTA • Dance Workshops Year 10: L. 3; Year 9: L. 4
Friday 10 March	• Year 10 Work Experience Preference Form due • Chaplaincy Committee Meeting: 2:15pm