

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
Our enrolment processes for 2018 are well advanced with a large number of students already enrolled and interviews with students and families conducted. Current students who have a sibling intending to attend Wavell in 2018 but yet to enrol were provided enrolment information at assembly today. **It is vital that parents complete and return forms by the end of this term** to enable us to adequately manage the out of catchment enrolments received. We will not be able to enrol 335 students into Year 7 for 2018 as we did this year. The enrolment management plan we have in place requires that I enrol on average about 280 students per year level. The total school capacity is a little over 1700 students. Once the half cohort currently in Year 10 graduates at the end of 2019 we will again be at full capacity in 2020.

This year the Wavell Open Day is on Sunday 21 May. Please encourage potential future students and their families to come and see what a remarkable educational experience Wavell High has to offer.

Last Sunday afternoon I had the pleasure of being at the "Lions Youth of the Year" district final. School Captain, *Emily Todd* competed at this level, following her excellent performance at the local club level the previous week where she was named both best public speaker and overall winner. *Emily* was an outstanding ambassador for our school. She was named as the best public speaker in this round and has progressed to the Regional final. We are very proud of her achievement and wish her well tomorrow.

Our school review conducted during week five was extremely encouraging and affirming with reviewers providing a brief report to staff on the Thursday afternoon. The review report has now been received and is available to our whole community via the school website. Staff were very much affirmed for the work being done in our school, with only small recommendations in regards to continuing our work towards improved teaching practice and provision of quality student feedback. The school culture, use of data to inform practice, teacher reflective practice, development of high performing teams and great strategic partnerships were all highlighted by the reviewers as excellent practice. It was pointed out by the review team that we have used the GONSKI funding extremely well and targeted this funding to areas of greatest need. The employment of four additional teachers, additional teacher aide time, CEC hours and professional development for staff, which includes our literacy coach, will not be able to be sustained unless the federal government commits to ongoing funding. This concern is not unique to Wavell.

Last week the 1239 principals across Queensland met for the bi-annual Director General's Principals' Conference. The focus on evidence-based practice was highlighted. This produces the biggest impact on student learning. The work of *Professor John Hattie* was the stand-out presentation of the three days. His research on the teaching practices which produce the greatest effect for student learning is internationally recognized. I also enjoyed the presentation of *Mr John Nottingham*, a

principal and education researcher from the United Kingdom, in relation to similar work. He emphasised how expectation has a very big effect on outcomes. I will certainly be using some of this evidence-based practice to continue to build on the great work already evident at Wavell, to continue improvement in student outcomes.

Our school community continues to seek funding to provide Wavell's outstanding Performing Arts programs with facilities to further support our teachers in the provision of the excellence Wavell is renowned for and to reach an even higher standard of excellence. I would commend the work done by our Head of Department, *Ms Kate Battams* and the community campaign being managed by *Mrs Suzy Freeme*. Please continue to support this project in whatever way you can. The plans developed for our Performing Arts complex are available for viewing on our school website in QuickLinks. It is hoped that this vision becomes a reality in the near future. In the meantime, I encourage all parents to give generously to the tax deductible Building Fund so that we may continue to improve our existing performance facilities in the school hall.

J.J. Major,
Principal

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."

Robert Louis Stevenson

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.**

QMEA Expand Your Mind

Year 9 students travelled to Alexandra Hills to participate in this year's Expand Your Mind Program. Wavell students had a very successful day with winning teams in all three challenges, Coin Toss, Robotics and the Chemical



Analysis. The students certainly expanded their minds as they worked their way through the challenges with assistance from their industry mentors from Hastings Deering and learnt about possible future career paths.

Mid-Semester 1 Reports

emailed on **Thursday, 30 March**

Parent Teacher Evening
Tuesday, 2 May 2017, 3:30pm - 7:30pm
Booking details will be sent as a bulk email to all families.

Log on to "Parent Teacher Online" via the school website.

**Bookings open: 3:30am Tuesday 18 April
and close: 9:00am Friday 28 April.**

Families without internet access may like to utilise the free service provided by BCC libraries.

For further assistance:

Contact Mrs Maree Minter on 3350 0301.

We look forward to meeting with you!

Computer Programmers

Thirty students are currently involved in a programming course which is based on the use of Microsoft Small Basic. This is an after school activity conducted on Wednesday afternoons for forty-five minutes by the company Junior Engineers. Each week the students complete a number of challenges and build their programming skills.

SRC Executive 2017

Congratulations to our SRC Executive:

President: *Emily Jansz*

Vice President: *Maria Mataafa*

Junior Vice President: *Eva Wood*

Secretary: *Jesse Cossgrove*

Junior Secretary: *Mary Rojano*

Treasurer: *Ofa Vaomotou*

P&C Representative: *Dione Kierulf*

Community Service: *Madelyn Trappett*

Grounds: *Lucy O'Donovan*

Promotions: *Emma Tebby*

Social: *Alainya Doyle*



Tour of Parliament House



On Tuesday, 28 February, students in Year 11 studying the Certificate IV in Crime and Justice visited Parliament House to observe the Queensland Government in action. After a brief tour, the students had the privilege of sitting in the Legislative Assembly for a very lively Question Time. Students had the opportunity to enhance their

knowledge in the passing of a Bill through State Parliament. They also had the opportunity to speak with our local member for Nudgee, *Ms Leanne Linard* who introduced us to *Dr Anthony Lynham*, Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines. Overall, the students found it both an informative and interesting day.

Downfall Creek

Senior Geography classes completed a field trip last Thursday to Downfall Creek. They commenced from the school and completed the day at Raven Street Reserve. The aim of the trip was to look at the creek and the areas surrounding it, focusing on the effects of erosion and human development. The data collected included use of the data probe to measure water quality and the school drone and will form the basis of a senior geography report. It was a day well spent gathering data for this year's major piece of assessment.

Lions Competition



Congratulations to one of our School Captains, *Emily Todd*, pictured with our Principal, *Mr Jeff Major*, for being awarded Best Speaker in the Aspley Lions Club competition. *Emily* spoke extremely well in both the impromptu and prepared speech section. Her command of her prepared speech was outstanding. She has progressed to the

Regional Final to be held on the weekend.

SRC Clean Up Wavell Day

In keeping with a long tradition, Wavell did their bit for the environment on Friday, 3 March when they enthusiastically participated in *Clean Up Wavell Day*. Year 7 student, *Jordan Turk* was rewarded for his efforts when he found a surprise piece of litter - a bottle containing a Westfield gift voucher.



School Dance: Theme "Neon"

Tuesday, 28 March 7:00 - 10:00pm

- Red food will be on sale.
- There will be lucky door prizes and random give-aways.
- Tickets must be pre-purchased for \$7.00 and are on sale until Monday, 27 March.
- **Only current Wavell High students are permitted to attend.**
- **Pre-purchased tickets and current ID cards to be presented at the door.**

2017 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2016. The *Next Step* survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study, and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12. All our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or phone 1800 068 587.

Bugsy Malone



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The Musical

Rehearsals continue, sets are under construction and the costume team are busy at work. Thanks to the ongoing dedication and creativity from the students and staff, this year's musical is shaping up to be something very special. **The costume team are seeking parent volunteers to assist with sewing costumes.** Please contact *Ms Megan Carlon* via email mcarl24@eq.edu.au **Important Reminders:** Term 1 and Term 2 Rehearsal schedule has been distributed to students. Please note there will be rehearsals on Monday, 17 April (Easter Monday) and Monday, 1 May (Labour Day). Student contracts, permission forms and levies are now due.

Art Excursion

On Tuesday, 21 February our Year 11 and 12 Visual Art students spent an enjoyable and inspiring afternoon taking in *Sugar Spin*, a very diverse exhibition celebrating GOMA's tenth birthday. Pictured below are students *Aubrie Warland* and *Emily Moorhead* preparing for fun, as they interact with Carsten Holler's *Left/Right Slide* installation.



International Women's Day

With International Women's Day celebrated on Wednesday, 8 March, the wonderful women of Wavell State High School were invited to recognise this special event at a morning tea prepared by the students and staff of the Wavell Support Centre. The morning saw teachers enjoy a scrumptious spread of sweet and savoury items as they mingled and enjoyed social time with colleagues.

Rugby League Camp

On Wednesday, 15 February the Senior Rugby League Excellence class departed for its annual outdoor education camp in the upper Noosa River National Park. The three day, two night camp conducted in partnership with Sunshine Coast Environmental Education Centre explored the core values of the program. The camp was a valuable exercise in developing strong bonds amongst the students for the busy year ahead.

Regional Swimming

On Tuesday, 21 and Wednesday, 22 February, Wavell had twenty three students compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Lawnton Aquatic Centre. *Congratulations* to all competitors! We wish *Kyle Montgomery*, *Luke Fazio*, *Brianna Thompson* and *Tahlia Pitt* good luck for when they next compete for Metropolitan North at the Queensland Swimming Championships in late March.

Sporting Representative

Congratulations to *Christina Hauveia* selected in the Samoa Women's Volleyball Development Squad currently playing in the Asian Girls U18 Championship in Chongqing, China.

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 us reach our goal. Ensure to donate at least \$60 per family to the Parent Building Contributions Fund which can be paid via our Payment Office or QParent.

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

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>

Diary Dates

Sunday 12 March	• Musical Rehearsal: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Monday 13 March	• SRC Meeting in Spirit Place: 1:10pm
	• Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm
Wednesday 15 March	• Extended Form Meeting until 9:05am - Attendance Checks
	• Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm
	• Year 8 QDU Debating: - Round 1
	• Dance and Music Committee Meeting: 7:00 and 7:30pm
Thursday 16 March	• Year 12 Hospitality Excursion all day - Hospitality Venues
Friday 17 March	• National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
	• Presentation of SRC Badges
	• Bronco's Mentoring Program for senior ATSI students: 11:15am - 12 noon
	• Year 12 Musical Theatre Technical Rehearsal in Hall: 3:30 - 8:00pm
Sunday 19 March	• Musical Rehearsal: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Monday 20 March	• SRC Executive Meeting in Conference Room: 10:45am
	• Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm
Tuesday 21 March	• Years 7 and 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 1: Form, L.1 and 2
	• Combined Shops Committee Meeting in A Block: 7:00pm
	• P&C Meeting: 7:30pm
Wednesday 22 March	• Years 7 and 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 2: Form and L. 1
	• Year 12 Drama excursion to QTC: L. 3 and 4
	• Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm
	• Years 9 and 11 QDU Debating Round 2
Thursday 23 March	• Years 7 and 9 NAPLAN Trial Test Day 3: Form and L. 1
Friday 24 March	• Year 12 Musical Theatre Night Production in Hall: 7:00pm