

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
AMAZING NEWS!

We received wonderful confirmation this week with an announcement by the Hon *Kate Jones*, Minister for Education that Wavell has been allocated \$6 million to build a Performing Arts Complex. I would like to thank our local MP *Ms Leanne Linard*, our P&C led by *Mr Greg Rodgers*, our parent group led by *Mrs Suzy Freeme*, Head of the Arts *Ms Kate Battams* and our wonderful students and staff for their enthusiasm and hard work in achieving such a wonderful outcome for our school.



Next week will be our final school week for Term 1. This term at Wavell has seen some great activities and student successes. Over the last week students are encouraged to become participants in the social and cultural life of our school. The school musical rehearsals are in full swing. I can't wait until May for this year's performance of "Bugsy Malone". The musical theatre performance tonight by our senior excellence students was performed to peers and parents to great applause. I anticipate a great performance tonight by students under *Miss Farrelly's* direction. Wavell High is truly a great school for students with talent in the performing arts with students well supported by very talented and dedicated music, dance and drama teachers.

The well supervised Student Representative Council Annual School Dance, with its "Neon" theme, to be held on the evening of Tuesday, 28 March should once again be a great night of social interaction for students. Please remember our strict rules: NO student ID, NO ticket means NO entry. These rules are part of why the school dance is a safe, enjoyable event for students and staff.

Mid-Semester Interim Reports will be emailed home on Thursday, 30 March. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will review their reports in extended form lesson and begin their personal academic monitoring. Students are to analyse their results, to review personal academic goals and set strategies for their personal improvement for next term. Parents are reminded that these Interim Mid-Semester Reports are "progress" reports and are based on only one or two pieces of assessment. They will give students and parents an idea about whether individuals have applied themselves to their school work and are maximising their individual potential. The behaviour and effort ratings are very important in this review. If "excellent" and "very good" are received for behaviour and effort, you can be assured that the individual student is trying their best. Our Parent Teacher interview evening will follow the Mid-Semester Interim Reports and is to be conducted on Tuesday, 2 May 3:30pm until 7:30pm. All interviews will be conducted in our Junior Secondary building, N Block. Bookings for Parent Teacher Evening may be made from 9:00am Tuesday, 18 April. I urge you to make bookings promptly as many teachers' time slots fill quickly. If a teacher becomes fully booked, please indicate an online request for teacher contact to enable you to discuss issues or to make an alternative time to meet. When parents and teachers work in close partnership, the very best academic outcomes are achievable.

Teachers may sometimes request an interview if they consider it vital to speak directly with you. However, most parents initiate interviews, even if not requested by the teacher. Please capitalise on this opportunity to support your child's learning. Some suggestions for parents to consider:

- Your student should attend the interview with you.
 - Ask how your student might improve his/her learning and results.
 - Raise any concerns expressed by your student.
 - Establish a relationship with the relevant teachers and maintain contact where necessary.
- Some specific questions you might ask include:
- Is my student achieving to ability?
 - Are homework, class work and assessment completed in a timely fashion?
 - Has my student missed any classes other than those the school has been contacted about?
 - Has any change in attitude or behaviour been evident?
 - Is my student getting along with their peers?
 - How can I monitor when tests and assignments are due?
- No doubt you will have other questions. Finally, remember each interview is only ten minutes in duration. If more significant issues need to be discussed, please make another time suitable to both you and the teacher. Your co-operation in observing this time limit will be appreciated by both teachers and other parents.

Enrolment interviews for 2018 are now progressing at a fast pace. I would request all families with children enrolling into Year 7 for 2018 to please have applications completed and returned to the school now. Sibling enrolment forms were distributed to a large number of students on Friday, 10 March. Open Day is to be held on Sunday, 21 May and I expect a large volume of enrolments to be submitted after that date. Please assist us by having your child's enrolment completed now for 2019. As the autumn vacation will commence at the end of next week, this is the last newsletter issued for the term. Please ensure your children are in full time attendance until then – make every day count. I take the opportunity to wish all our families and staff a safe and happy Easter break.

J.J. Major,
Principal

"Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment, full effort is full victory." Mahatma Gandhi

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 - 3350 0328**

QMEA Breakfast

As a part of Women's Day Celebrations, Year 11 Wavell students attended the Queensland Resources Council/WIMARQ International Women's Day Breakfast thanks to our partnership with QMEA. The girls were inspired by *Turia Pitt's* story of survival and re-creation following severe burns sustained while competing in an ultramarathon in Western Australia. The winners of the various awards presented a picture of the diversity of opportunity within the mining sector. *Pictured below: Alainya Doyle, Hannah Jones, Madisun Graham, Alexandra Crabb.*



STEM4KIDS



Pictured: Mr Daniel Rea from QMEA with Sanna Hickman, Audrey Moore, Lauren Hunt and Rebekah Inglis. Earlier this term extension Year 10 Science classes participated in the QMEA Program, STEM4KIDS. Activities included how to make the perfect drink in two minutes, water quality testing and bore hole analysis. They were also able to hear the career paths of chemical engineers from BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) and Glencore and gain insights into the job application process from Glencore's Human Resources Manager. These experiences will help students as they gain information about career paths before Work Experience and SET Planning.

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: 9:00am 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!

Engineering Challenge



On Thursday, 2 March, thirty two Year 9 AAP students travelled to the University of Queensland for the annual Science and Engineering Challenge.

Competing against seven other schools from North Brisbane, students participated in a range of activities across the day which tested their scientific, technological, engineering and mathematical skills. A highlight of the day was coming together to test (under different weights) the bridges that a team from each school had built from basic materials across the day. It was pleasing to see that Wavell's was one of the lightest and most successful bridges on the day. Overall, it was a wonderful day for students to be challenged and learn more about opportunities in the science and engineering fields.

Term 2 commences

for all students

Tuesday, 18 April 2017

NAPLAN 2017

On Tuesday, 21 March, Wednesday, 22 March and Thursday, 23 March our Year 9 and Year 7 students completed trial tests. Students gain valuable experience through this preparation program which equips them with test readiness. Parent support in ensuring student attendance is much appreciated as these trials are vital for confident test performances in May. Your continued support is appreciated in order to ensure students are ready for the NAPLAN tests on 9, 10 and 11 May.



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to Imogen Foster Bauer on achieving a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Imogen is the first Wavell student to achieve this prestigious award. We commend her for her hard work and applaud her achievement. Well done!

French Fundraisers

As part of ongoing fundraising towards a potential European Languages' Trip in 2018, Senior French students contacted local companies for donation of prizes. Tickets were sold with enthusiasm over Christmas and the start of Term 1. *Congratulations* to students including: *Caitlin Swan, Clare Priday, Kiani Turner and Maya Proctor*, ably supported by prefect *Arvince Pagusan* and French Language Captain *Nabilah Abang Momi*. All worked well as a team to sell the tickets. Our thanks also to the generous businesses who donated prizes: *Lutèce Bistro and Wine Bar, C'est Bon Restaurant and Le Bon Choix*. Prizes were drawn in front of an enthusiastic staff meeting and winners have been notified. Our thanks to the family members, friends and colleagues who supported the students' efforts and watch out for future events!

"Bullying. No Way!" - for further tips:

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/RespondingToBullying/Parents>

- **How parents and carers can respond** if your child talks to you about bullying
- **Keeping calm** to help avoid more distress to your child
- **Things you could say** - 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school'
- **Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do!**



The ITD department have a surplus supply of dog kennels built by Year 12 students. These dog kennels are a quality product and can be purchased for a bargain price \$100 each. If you are interested please call the ITD staffroom on 3350 0319 or email *Mr Bruce McLauchlan* bmcla4@eq.edu.au



IMPORTANT

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



BugsyMalone
The Musical

Make sure you purchase tickets for our upcoming musical production.

Performances - Assembly Hall at 7:00pm - Wednesday 3, Friday 5 & Saturday 6 May.

Purchase tickets online (link on school website)

Online sales open Tuesday, 18 April.

Adults \$16

Concession/Student \$11

Family tickets \$50 (2 adults, 2 children)

"World Book" WebWorld Book

Looking for accurate and reliable information? The school has now subscribed to World Book WebWorld Book encyclopaedia online: Click on the World Book icon on the student intranet page to access this reliable source.

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>

Positions Vacant - Casual/Relief Cleaners

Email *Deb Deaves* on bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au

Netball Super Sevens

On Friday, 3 March all six teams qualified for the semi-finals. Four teams were successful and progressed to the finals. *Congratulations* to Wavell Teams 1, 2 and 6 who were undefeated in their division. Thanks to our Senior Netball Excellence girls for their organisation and management of the event, with some girls also responsible as team coaches. Some quality netball was on show for all to enjoy.

Metropolitan Representation

Congratulations to the following students on selection in the Metropolitan North Teams: **Squash** Boys 15 Yrs & U - *Eric Lockton*; **Squash** Girls 19 Yrs & U - *Zoe Lockton*; **Baseball** 15-18 Yrs - *Jesse Barnes* and **Softball** Girls 13-19 Yrs - *Madison Graham*. *Good luck at the State Titles!*

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.

Student Absence Notifications

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

School Photograph Reminder:



Years 7, 8 and 9 Individual; and Year Level on **Thursday 30 March** in Hall at 9:00am. **Formal Uniform** to be worn and **Photo Order Envelope** required on the day.

Diary Dates

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| Sunday 26 March | • Musical Rehearsal: 10:00am - 4:00pm |
| Monday 27 March | • Year 12 QCS Practice Test in Hall & Cert 1 Workshop: All day |
| | • Year 11 Business Management excursion to Dreamworld |
| | • Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm |
| Tuesday 28 March | • Year 12 QCS Practice Test in Hall & Cert 1 Workshop: All day |
| | • WSC Term 1 Reward excursion |
| | • School Council Meeting 6:30pm |
| | • School Dance in Hall: 7:00 - 10:00pm/Red Food Day 2 |
| Wednesday 29 March | • Year 9 Science Day: L. 1 - 3 |
| | • 'Shake & Stir' Hall: Year 12 Authority English: L. 1 |
| | • Year 12 Industrial Skills Outdoor Construction (Group A) |
| | • Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:30pm |
| | • Years 10 & 12 QDU Debating - Round 2 |
| | • Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm |
| | • Mid Semester Reports emailed |
| Thursday 30 March | • Year 12 Industrial Skills Outdoor Construction (Group B) |
| | • Senior Netball Excellence Trial Day: L.1 & 2A |
| Friday 31 March | • Years 7, 8 & 9 Academic Monitoring in WDP - Review Goals |
| | • Years 11 & 12 Physics excursion to Large Hadron Collider Exhibit at Qld Museum |
| | • Junior Netball Excellence Trial Day: L. 3 & 4 |
| | • Years 7 & 8 Rugby League Superclinic: L. 2 - 4 |
| Monday 17 April | • Musical Rehearsal: 10:00am - 5:00pm |
| | • Dance Troupe Rehearsal: 9:00am - 5:00pm |
| Tuesday 18 April | • Combined Shops Committee Meeting in A Block: 7:00pm |
| Wednesday 19 April | • Shake & Stir in Hall: Year 8: L.1; Year 11 Drama: L.1 |
| | • Musical Rehearsal 3:30 - 7:00pm |
| Thursday 20 April | • Inter-house Cross Country L. 3 & 4 |
| | • Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5:00pm with Band; 5:00 - 7:00pm without Band |
| Friday 21 April | • ANZAC Day Assembly: Junior: L. 1A; Senior: L. 2A |
| | • Years 10 & 12 Academic Monitoring Review of Goals - WDP/WTP |
| Sunday 23 April | • Musical Rehearsal 10:00am - 5:00pm |
| Monday 24 April | • Years 7 - 11 Problem Solving Challenge in Hall: Form - L.3 |
| | • SRC Meeting Spirit Place 1:10pm |
| | • Musical Rehearsal: 3:30 - 7:00pm |
| Tuesday 25 April | • ANZAC March - meet at Burnie Brae Park at 7:30am |
| | • Vocalists & Bugler ANZAC Day Ceremony at Kedron Wavell RSL 9:00am |
| Wednesday 26 April | • Wavell Rugby League 'Livin' Mental Health' Round (senior competition) |
| | • Year 9 Writing Workshop in Library: L.1 & 2 |
| | • Year 8 QDU Debating - Round 2 |
| | • Musical Rehearsal 3:30 - 5:30pm |
| Thursday 27 April | • Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 Visual Art excursion to Qld Art Gallery & QUT: All day |
| | • Year 7 Writing Workshop in Library: L.1 & 2 |
| | • Wavell Rugby League 'Livin' Mental Health' Round (junior competition) |
| | • Wavell Advanced Development Squad Team Building Day |
| | • Musical Technical Rehearsal: 9:00am - 7:00pm |
| Friday 28 April | • Year 11 Academic Monitoring Review of Goals: WDP |
| | • Year 12 QCS Feedback - L.2 |