

## From the Principal



Dear Parents,  
This year's ANZAC day was another clear sign that the history and significance of the ANZAC tradition is clearly embedded in our culture and identity as a nation. It defines to a very large part who we are - proud and compassionate people. Wavell has clearly marked our commitment and engagement with the ANZAC spirit and the values encouraged and inspired. Wavell honours our service men and women at our annual special assembly, through our magnificent mural in Spirit Place, our service roll board on the back wall of our hall, our ANZAC memorial garden, through our classroom history lessons, participation at Kedron Wavell services on ANZAC day, participation of a number of our leaders at the Canberra ANZAC services and through our school name and houses that honour battles involving Earl Wavell. I was extremely proud of the very large number of students and staff at this year's Kedron Wavell morning service and march.

This year's middle school Problem Solving Challenge was on Monday. We hosted over 70 teams of students from local primary and high schools. Mr Francis (A/HOD - Junior Secondary) and his team ensured a great day for students.

This year's musical "Bugsy Malone" is well rehearsed and ready to stun audiences. Our dedicated staff and students have toiled hard over the last three months on Sundays and after school for many hours to produce a show worthy of a Wavell production. Please show your support by attending one of the performances commencing at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 3 May, Friday, 5 May or Saturday, 6 May. A number of our local primary schools will join us for the matinee on Wednesday, 3 May.

I am confident that our current Year 7 and 9 students are well prepared and keen to do their very best in NAPLAN on Tuesday, 9 May until Thursday, 11 May. We have prepared our Year 7s as well as possible since commencing high school, however, to be fair, much of the learning will have occurred in Year 6. The true test for us will be the 2017 Year 9 results which will show us how well these students, who were the first Year 7 students at Wavell, have progressed in their literacy and numeracy skills from Year 7 to Year 9. We will have some special rewards for those students who show strong commitment and concentration to do their best. Parents can help support their Year 7 and Year 9 student by following these tips:

- Ensure a good night's sleep before the tests - no late night TV, computer games or social networking. It would be better to read a book or write a short persuasive story or narrative;
- Healthy meals are a necessity - a full evening meal, a solid breakfast (protein) and lunch;
- Prepare all required equipment and have spare pens, pencils and a ruler;
- Ensure they have a calculator for part of the numeracy test on the Thursday;
- Lots of encouragement without the pressure. Remember the tests, while important to see how well students perform in literacy and numeracy, are not university entrance tests, nor do they impact on subject results. Wavell takes the NAPLAN tests very seriously and the results assist us to identify aspects of literacy

and numeracy in which students are deficient and in which areas they excel - this feeds into our teaching practices. Our tests show consistency above state and national averages in the context of enrolling a broad range of students with different levels of ability and from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. I am proud that our school is able to individualise programs to support our gifted academic students in extension classes and to also support the learning needs of a range of students with learning difficulties in our foundation classes and through our Wavell Enrichment Program. Naturally, we actively encourage ALL our students to sit for the tests; not so for some schools where it appears creating a perception of getting good results by removing less able students from the testing program appears to be the game played. Wavell is so much more than NAPLAN results and OP scores. Wavell is about developing young people into wonderful adults who have learned to work cooperatively and excel in a multicultural context reflective of our society. This is done by providing a myriad of academic, sporting and cultural activities which enrich, extend, value and celebrate diversity. Our outstanding outcomes over many years speak for themselves.

Please encourage your neighbours, family and friends who are looking for a great high school for their children to attend Open Day at Wavell on Sunday, 21 May from 2:00pm and will conclude at 4:30pm. I will be pleased to showcase our programs, extensive facilities (including plans for our new Performing Arts Complex) and resources through our students and staff. Wavell has a diversity of programs and opportunities for a full range of student abilities. All sibling enrolment forms should have now been returned as our enrolment process and interviews are well advanced. There will be limits around numbers of out of catchment enrolments this year due to our large Year 7 group this year. Please make this a priority if not yet completed by returning enrolment forms before Open Day.

J.J Major,  
Principal

## Post Secondary Awards



In March, Brooke Hafner, 2016 School Captain, received a QUT Scholarship for \$30 000 over four years. Brooke is undertaking a Bachelor of Medical Imaging. Our 2016 Dux,

Harrison Kettewell, has been awarded a TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and scholarship. This prestigious award is in recognition of his all round achievement in Secondary School for 2016. Congratulations Brooke and Harrison!

"Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude."

Ralph Marston



**Parent Teacher Evening**  
Tuesday, 2 May 2017, 3:30pm - 7:30pm  
Bookings have now closed.

Please contact Mrs Maree Minter on 3350 0301 if you need to cancel or amend your booking. We look forward to meeting with you!

## Constitutional Convention

Ceferina Villarín represented Wavell SHS and Queensland at the 22nd National School's Constitutional Convention held over three days in Canberra. Students explored 'Indigenous Australians and the Constitution'. After hearing from a panel of experts and consideration of issues delegates voted in a mock referendum.

## 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

## ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

Our ANZAC Day memorial was conducted at both assemblies on Friday 21 April. The official party included The Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham (MP, Member for Stafford), Ms Leanne Linard (MP, Member for Nudgee), Mr Greg Rodgers (P&C President and School Council Chair), Mr Ken Roma (President of the Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub Branch, retired member of the Royal Australian Engineers), Mr Barry Krywood (Ceremonial Coordinator Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub Branch, Warrant Officer Class 1, Army Reserve Member Royal Australian Artillery), Mr Greg Peake (Past President of the Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub Branch, Royal Australian Armoured Corps - Cavalry, Vietnam 68-69 and 70-71) and Major Lilliebridge (Retired, Kedron - Wavell Services Sub Branch - Royal Australian Armoured Corp. 1984). In attendance were past students and parents: Mr Ron Biles, Mr Jeff Bowker, Mr Russell Brady, Mr Allen Henderson and Mr Tony Curtis. The ceremony included the Principal's address and speeches by captains Jedidiah Fesolai-Toahua and Josephine O'Donovan on the significance of ANZAC Day. Mr Greg Peake gave an address to the students, and the "Last Post" was played by Maryann Kang. A minute silence followed, with "The Ode" read by captains Connor Lawrence and Emily Todd, then "The Rouse". The Symphonic Wind Ensemble conducted by Mrs Alisa Jones played "Risk Everything for a Dream". The New Zealand anthem was sung by past captain Elaine Elevera and the Australian anthem was led by our vocal trio.



## Problem Solving Challenge



On Monday, 24 April, 280 keen and eager young minds from across Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 congregated in the hall to work in a teams challenge of Maths, Science and Technology. Students in the middle years from local primary and high schools competed in both written and practical tasks. Points were allocated for each task, from which the champion teams were awarded. Wavell was represented by four Year 7 and four Year 8 teams, with two of our Year 7 teams finishing as Champions and Runners Up respectively. A big thank you needs to go to the forty Year 9, 10 and 11 students who acted as judges and helpers on the day. Staff from other schools commented on the excellent work done by these students as they ensured the day ran smoothly. Thanks also to our parent helper, Mrs Bolton, for her assistance on the day.

| Year | Winner                | Runner-Up                |
|------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 5    | Kedron State School 1 | McDowall State School 2  |
| 6    | Nundah State School 2 | Boondall State School 2  |
| 7    | Wavell High School 3  | Wavell High School 4     |
| 8    | Kedron High School 2  | Sandgate District High 1 |

### NAPLAN Reminder

Testing for all Year 7 & 9 students Tuesday, 9 May to Thursday, 11 May 2017.

## Musical Theatre Night



At the end of Term 1, senior dance students presented an evening of performances based on musical theatre productions. Students choreographed their own dances and taught these to their peers. The evening was even more special as our community celebrated the recent announcement that our Performing Arts Complex will become a reality.

## School Dance



The SRC School Dance was held in the last week of Term 1. This year's theme was "Neon". Students who attended this social event are to be commended for their excellent behaviour. Thanks also to teachers and parents who assisted on the evening.

### IMPORTANT

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

## Keren Wins the Inter-House Cross Country

Our Annual Inter-house Cross Country race was held on Thursday, 20 April. Over 80 percent of students attended this year's event which highlighted the enthusiasm Wavell students possess for engaging in physical activity. Congratulations to Keren House for a decisive win and to our Age Champions and athletes who came in the top fifteen of their age groups. Pictured: Principal Mr Jeff Major with Keren House Captains, Zoe Lockton and Sebastian Macak with the Cross Country Shield.



**House Points: Keren - 1419 Tobruk - 1063 Burma - 1008 Alamein - 952**

### AGE PLACINGS

| BOYS  | First             | Second           | Third               |
|-------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 12    | Harrison Newham   | Solomon Platt    | Kynan Wildin        |
| 13    | Robert Hawgood    | Amos Forbes      | Thomas Duffy        |
| 14    | Caleb Madders     | Dalton Collins   | Max Campbell        |
| 15    | Blake Walsh       | Timothy Newsome  | Matthew McCormack   |
| 16    | Leonard Greenidge | Eli Meincke      | Jason Morcom        |
| 17    | Logan Finn        | Zachary Guettler | Michael Plackowski  |
| Open  | Lochlan Griffiths | Kacey Murphy     | Matthew Aust        |
| GIRLS | First             | Second           | Third               |
| 12    | Kyla Collins      | Matilda Coombes  | Jayda Robinson      |
| 13    | Bridget Morrissey | Leila Wood       | Charlie Dale        |
| 14    | Lani Raghavan     | Ella De Silva    | Lina Gilfrich       |
| 15    | Ellen Mulrooney   | Kyanalee Coleman | Leah Scholes        |
| 16    | Georgia Lynch     | Lucy O'Donovan   | Allamanda Heath     |
| 17    | Jacoba Solloway   | Alexia Barnett   | Josephine O'Donovan |
| Open  | Emily McIntosh    | Sarah Parker     | Brianna Powell      |



**Bugsy Malone**  
The Musical

Make sure you purchase tickets for our upcoming musical production.

Performances -  
Assembly Hall at 7:00pm  
Wed 3, Fri 5 and Sat 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)

## Metropolitan Representation

Congratulations to the following students on selection in Metropolitan North Teams:  
**Swimming** - Luke Fazio, Kyle Montgomery, Tahlia Pitt and Brianna Thompson.  
**Basketball** - Mikayla Hausler and Kalista Niu.

## 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](mailto:absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au)

## Diary Dates

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Sunday 30 April  | • Musical Rehearsal: 10:00am - 5:00pm   |
| Monday 1 May     | • Labour Day Holiday  |
| Tuesday 2 May    | • Musical Rehearsal: 10:00am - 5:00pm   |
| Wednesday 3 May  | • Dance Troupe Rehearsal: 9:00am - 5:00pm   |
| Thursday 4 May   | • Parent Teacher Interviews: 3:30 - 7:30pm N Block                                  |
| Friday 5 May     | • Years 11 & 12 Cert III Early Child Edu & Care On the Job Placement - Day 1        |
| Saturday 6 May   | • School Council Meeting 6:30pm   |
| Monday 8 May     | • School Musical Performance: Matinee 12:00pm; Evening 7:00pm                       |
| Tuesday 9 May    | • Years 9 & 11 QDU Debating - Round 3   |
| Wednesday 10 May | • Year 10 Geography Camp to Stradbroke Island                                       |
| Thursday 11 May  | • Year 12 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students DATSIP visit in Library: L.3 |
| Friday 12 May    | • Year 10 Geography Camp returns from Stradbroke Island                             |
|                  | • School Musical Evening Performance: 7:00pm  |
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|                  | • District Cross Country Carnival (Kedron SHS)                                      |
|                  | • SRC Executive Meeting in Conference Room: 10:45am                                 |
|                  | • Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN Test Day 1   |
|                  | • Years 11 & 12 Cert III Early Child Edu & Care On the Job Placement - Day 2        |
|                  | • Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN Test Day 2   |
|                  | • Years 10 & 12 QDU Debating - Round 3  |
|                  | • Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm; Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm                    |
|                  | • Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Test Day 3  |
|                  | • Bronco's Mentoring Program for senior ATSI students: 10:00 - 11:15am              |
|                  | • Religious Assembly  |
|                  | • Chaplaincy Committee Meeting - 2:15pm   |