

## From the Principal



Dear Parents,  
We look forward to sharing afternoon tea with invited students, their parents and families at the Academic Excellence Ceremony next week on Monday, 31 July.

These academic achievers were in the top five percent for Semester One this year. Our special guest at this event is *Ms Leanne Linard*, Member for Nudgee. This special afternoon is devoted to the celebration of these students' achievements in the most important focus here at Wavell, academic excellence. While we are extremely proud of our sporting and cultural excellence, the achievement of academic success deserves highest praise from the school community. These bright young minds are the future of our community and it is therefore necessary to encourage and celebrate academic achievement at the highest level. They are to be commended for their hard work, diligence and persistence with their studies – congratulations to all students and their proud families!

Term 3 is a vital and exciting time for our Year 12 students. The Formal is just over two weeks away on Tuesday, 15 August. I look forward to sharing this very important milestone with students and staff and the Pre-formal Function with parents. Upon completion of the Formal celebrations, it is vital seniors return their focus to the very important Term 3 final assessment tasks. On Tuesday, 29 and Wednesday, 30 August, our Year 12 students will sit the all-important Queensland Core Skills Tests. The performance on their last QCS practice test indicates our Year 12 group should exceed excellent performances of past graduates, providing they deliver on the test days. They are well prepared and should face this important challenge with confidence.

Our annual Athletics Carnival held last week was a tremendous success. A great deal of house spirit was again displayed this year. The House Captains built this enthusiasm through house meetings highlighting their mascots and war-cries. The social interaction between staff, students and peers on these special days is a vital part of school life. It is the glue that ensures our students remain well connected to their school and are positively engaged. House spirit is as vital to the carnival as the athletics results for the day. Congratulations to our winning house Tobruk and good luck to those students who will now represent Wavell with pride at upcoming District and Regional Trials. Day 1 of the trials will be hosted here at Wavell High on Monday, 31 July followed by Day 2 on Tuesday, 1 August at the UQ athletics track. Wavell has continued to make a concerted effort this year to develop strong communications with families through increased use of e-mail contact by teachers and parents. This improved communication seems to be paying dividends by the great support shown towards our last Parent Teacher Night. I urge all parents to ensure their contact details are regularly checked and updated with the school; e-mail addresses, home and postal addresses and very importantly, your family's key mobile phone contacts. This will ensure we maintain a strong connection and information flow to parents. **Please consider registering on QParents.** This program provides increased and immediate access for all families. Wavell was a trial school for this initiative and we are

now into our third year but still only about 40 percent of families have embraced this powerful tool for communication with the school.

It is important for parents and students to attend the upcoming Years 8 and 10 Subject Selection Evening on Wednesday, 9 August. Your attendance will show your keen interest in their future as well as help you to be as informed as possible in order to support your child to make good selections for Year 9 and 11 studies. The most critical decisions are for our Year 10 students. Senior schooling choices will greatly influence the next stage of their life beyond school. The current Year 10 cohort of students will be the last to graduate with the OP system.

J.J. Major  
Principal

*"As you live, so you are. As you imagine, so you become."*

Amy Hetzel



**Farewell  
Afternoon Tea  
for Ms Jennyfer Bullen**

**Monday, 7 August 2017  
3.30pm - 5.00pm  
Wavell Assembly Hall**

**Cost: \$25.00**

(includes refreshments and contribution to a gift)

**RSVP: Maree Minter 3350 0311  
by Monday, 31 July 2017**

## Year 10 Careers Day

Monday, 17 July was an important day for Year 10 students. This day was part of the pathways program designed to assist subject selection for secondary school and study beyond. Students listened to presentations from Curriculum Heads of Department where the range of subject choices was explained. Curriculum books were distributed and students received information about the SET Plan process and Subject Selection Evening, to be held on Wednesday, 9 August, starting at 7:15pm for Year 10 students and parents.

**SUBJECT SELECTION ADVICE EVENING  
For Years 8 and 10**

**Wednesday 9 August in the Assembly Hall**

These are important opportunities for parents and students to obtain information and advice on subject selections for 2018.

**Subject Selection is to be completed  
online by Friday, 18 August 2017**

**SET PLAN INTERVIEW DAY  
For Year 10 students and parents  
Tuesday 22 August, 7:00am - 7:00pm  
In the Assembly Hall**

## Life After School

Our two female OP1 students from 2016 have enjoyed their first semester of study at the University of Queensland; *Emily Guest* (Bachelor of Environmental Management-Honours) and *Jasmine Wood* (Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts). They were happy to offer some words of advice to our current seniors. *Emily* and *Jasmine* both offered advice on the importance of mental health and the need for a stress reliever in your life. Whether it be to exercise, read or play video games, it is vital to set aside time to focus on your interests.

*Emily* implores students to always pursue their own interests to stay motivated. *Jasmine's* advice on selection of QTAC preferences is not to worry too much about it; *"many degrees at University are quite flexible and there are a huge variety of courses to choose from."*

Study at university is very busy. *Emily* recommended using online calendars to organise both personal and university commitments. *Jasmine* suggested students take breaks from study, and have other things in their life besides school, like hobbies and friends.

*Jasmine's* advice is to, *"do the best you can while you have the opportunity to, because there's so much more to look forward to and you don't want to have any regrets because you slacked off or were too 'cool' to care about your grades."*

*Emily* stated *"remember if you're willing to put in the hard work, mixed with a little bit of fun, you will reap the rewards."*

## Ancient and Modern History Trip

The Ancient/Modern History trip to Melbourne took place from 15-17 July. Nineteen enthusiastic Year 11 and 12 students, accompanied by *Ms Puleo* and *Mrs Robertson*, had the opportunity to enjoy the historical and cultural sites of Melbourne. Over the three days the group visited the newly renovated Shrine of Remembrance, the *Love and Sorrow Exhibition* at the Melbourne Museum and *Gods, Myths and Mortals*, an exhibition on loan to the Hellenic Museum from the *Benaki Museum of Athens*. Students enjoyed the novelty of *very* cold weather, trams, Italian and Greek restaurants, shopping in the Melbourne CBD and the vibrant Victoria Markets. *Congratulations* to all students for their exemplary behaviour throughout the weekend!



## NAIDOC Celebrations



Last week Wavell celebrated our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures through a series of organised activities. On Tuesday, a QATSIF morning tea was held in the Anduna Yumba room and senior students attended the AIME program at Mt Gravatt. Lunchtime music workshops were conducted by *Robbie Miller*, AIME Program Manager, and a drum workshop held by *Namila Davui*. A celebratory BBQ was held on Thursday with students able to sample crocodile, emu and kangaroo. *Scott Prince* and *Justin Hodges* also visited. Our assembly on Friday explored the "Languages Matter" NAIDOC theme and was supported by dancer *Taleatha Morgan-Wright* and our Junior Choir. Thanks to all for their support with special acknowledgement to *Aunty Moira Bligh* and *Aunty Cathy Fisher*. Pictured: *Scott Prince* with *Kurtis Anderson* and *Caleb Sae-Tio*.



## Parent Teacher Night

This term over 740 interviews were conducted. If you missed this opportunity, you are welcome to phone to discuss concerns. *Pictured below: Teacher, Mr Crestani with student Finn Aukeela and her mother, Ms Kym Barron*



## 2017 UNIVERSITY - OPEN DAYS

**QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**  
 • Sunday 30 July, 9am-3pm - Gardens Point Campus  
 • Sunday 30 July, 9am-3pm - Kelvin Grove Campus  
 • Sunday 20 August, 9am-12pm - Caboolture Campus

**UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND**  
 • Sunday 6 August, 9am-3pm, St Lucia Campus  
 • Sunday 20 August, 9.30am-3pm, Gatton Campus

*Year 10 Collage Drama Night*  
 Friday, 4 August 2017  
 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
 Assembly Hall

## Pierre de Coubertin Award

The Pierre de Coubertin Award recognises secondary school students who demonstrate values which are consistent with the Olympic Movement through participation in sporting activities. *Congratulations to Madisun Graham on her award - a high achieving academic student and sportswoman.*

## Netball Tour

In June, nineteen netball students travelled to Melbourne for our 2017 Netball Tour. They stayed in the heart of Melbourne close to the Queen Victoria Markets, a central location for activities. Wavell played games against Caulfield Grammar and Maribyrnong College - both schools with outstanding reputations in Netball and part of the Girls Sport Victoria network. Maribyrnong proved too strong for us with several state players standing out from their team. Our seconds also put in a courageous performance in their game. Our Caulfield Grammar game was very competitive up until the end. Caulfield put on a lovely afternoon tea after the conclusion of our games. The team spent time at the MCG and National Sports Museum, visited the Collingwood Magpies training facilities and went to Phillip Island and watched the penguin march.



## 2017 Early School Leavers Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 during 2016. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what these young people are now doing. Between July and August, students can expect to receive an invitation 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. Telephone toll free on 1800 068 587 or visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/)

## Tobruk - 2017 Athletics Champions

Our Inter-House Track and Field Carnival was held on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 July. We were blessed with some wonderful weather for our days of athletic events. Thank you to both competitors and spectators for your enthusiastic participation. *Congratulations to Tobruk for once again taking out the championship. Pictured: Mr Major and Sports Captains; Ricky Wootton and Jacqueline Yorston with Tobruk mascot.*



Special *congratulations* to the following students as there were eleven records broken on the day: *Jeremy Morrow, Magda Ibrahim, Kyla Collins, Andre Martinez, Kajsa Shield, Cleo Sautia, Ashley Sherlock, Amy Hunt, Imogen Zanella and Yunto Lee.* Our District team will now compete at the District Carnival on Monday, 31 July and Tuesday, 1 August. *Good luck to all our athletes!*

### HOUSE POINTS

Tobruk 5821	Keren 5294	Burma 4110	Alamein 3082
<b>AGE PLACINGS</b>			
<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
12	<i>Kyla Collins</i>	<i>Imogen Zanella</i>	<i>Matilda Coombes</i>
13	<i>Julia Temo</i>	<i>Bridget Morrissey</i>	<i>Chloe Mirrielees</i>
14	<i>Lina Gilfrich</i>	<i>Annika Solloway</i>	<i>Taleatha Wright-Morgan</i>
15	<i>Ellen Mulrooney</i>	<i>Sally Leapai</i>	<i>Mya Brown</i>
16	<i>Madisun Graham</i>	<i>Madison Ward</i>	<i>Lucy O'Donovan</i>
Open	<i>Josephine O'Donovan</i>	<i>Emily Todd</i>	<i>Jacoba Solloway</i>
<b>BOYS</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
12	<i>Ashley Sherlock</i>	<i>Yunto Lee</i>	<i>Andre Martinez</i>
13	<i>Marley Fisher</i>	<i>Keirren Tran</i>	<i>Kallum Stacey</i>
14	<i>Corey Thomas</i>	<i>Baydon Harvey</i>	<i>Tyson Randle</i>
15	<i>Ethan Olsen</i>	<i>Jayde Williams</i>	<i>Blake Kennedy</i>
16	<i>Manase Kaho</i>	<i>Mark Tupuola</i>	<i>Marly Saunders</i>
Open	<i>Kacey Murphy</i>	<i>Nathaniel Reed</i>	<i>Jack Armstrong</i>

## Sporting Representatives

Congratulations to the following students on their Metropolitan North Team selections; **Rugby** 11-12yrs: *Sam Dickie, Solomon Platt*; **Soccer** Boys 10-12yrs: *Kynan Wildin*, 13-15yrs: *Mitchell Goding*; **Touch Football** Boys 13-15yrs: *Tory Bath, Amos Forbes, Cain Franks, Caleb Madders and Corey Thomas*; **Touch Football** Girls 13-15yrs: *Raewyn Burt*. *Congratulations to other students selected in Queensland teams; Cross Country: Bridget Morrissey; U13 Hockey: Robert Hawgood and Cooper Punch; Oztag: Dre Pakeho*

### Student Absence Notifications

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

### QParents:

Email the Business Services Manager on [bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au) to register. For further information call 137468 or visit: <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

### Diary Dates

Sunday 30 July	• Year 10 Collage Drama Rehearsal 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Monday 31 July	• Year 10 Collage Drama Technical Rehearsal 3:15pm - 7:00pm • District Athletics Carnival at Wavell: L. 1-3 • Academic Excellence Ceremony in Hall - L.4 • SRC Exec Meeting in Conference Room: 10:45am
Tuesday 1 August	• Year 10 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat • Years 11 and 12 Cert III CEC On the Job Placement - Day 8 • ICAS English Competition in Library: L.4 • Years 7, 8 and 9 Dance Night Rehearsal: Lunch and L.4 • District Athletics Carnival at UQ: Full day
Wednesday 2 August	• Year 9 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat • Years 10, 11 and 12 Dance Night Rehearsal: Lunch and L.4 • Years 11 and 12 Drama Rehearsal: 3:30pm-5:30pm
Thursday 3 August	• Year 10 Collage Drama Rehearsal: 3:15pm-5:00pm • Years 10, 11 and 12 Music excursion QSO: 11:30am • Year 8 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat • Years 11 and 12 Early Childhood On the Job Placement - Day 1 (mandated) • Years 11 and 12 Drama Rehearsal: 11:50am-7:00pm
Friday 4 August	• Year 7 QDU Debating - Round 2 • Years 7, 8 and 9 Netball Super Seven's Competition: L. 1A - 4 • Year 11 Talk "Why the QCS Matters" in Hall: L. 2B • Year 11 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat • Year 10 Collage Drama Night: 6:30pm-8:00pm
Sunday 6 August	• Years 11 and 12 Drama Rehearsal: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Monday 7 August	• Year 7 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat
Tuesday 8 August	• Year 12 Wavell Speaks Out! Heat • Years 11 and 12 Cert III CEC On the Job Placement - Day 9 • Years 7, 8 and 9 Dance Night Rehearsal: Lunch and L.4 • Years 11 and 12 Drama Technical Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday 9 August	• Subject Selection Evening Years 8 and 10 in Hall: 7:15pm • Years 10, 11 and 12 Dance Night Rehearsal: Lunch and L.4 • Years 11 and 12 Drama Rehearsal: 3:30pm - 5:30pm • Dance Committee Meeting 7:00pm; Music Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 10 August	• Years 11 and 12 Early Childhood On the Job Placement - Day 2 (mandated) • Senior Drama Production - Matinee L.3, Evening: 6:30pm in Hall
Friday 11 August	• Year 10 WEX Celebration in Hall: 11:00am - L.2B