

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
 Wonderful News! Our Performing Arts Complex building has been awarded to Dickenson's. The start-up meeting occurred this morning and we should have our building up and running for the second half of 2018. The dream of our whole school community is fast becoming a reality and will provide a facility worthy of the talent that is evident at Wavell in our Performing Arts. I would like to extend my thanks to our parents who lobbied so hard for this facility, *Ms Kate Battams*, our Head of Performing Arts for her hard work in developing concept plans and *Ms Leanne Linard* our local member who supported our cause with such vigour. The facility will provide a theatre to seat 500 people, and music, dance and drama spaces for our talented students and staff. I would urge families to continue to support the P&C tax deductible building fund so that we can enhance the sound and lighting fit-out well beyond the scope of works to be provided.

I spoke to students at last Friday's assembly about the importance of taking up opportunities and fully committing to school. There are many activities available at Wavell that encourage student participation at the highest level. This enables students to build lasting memories of a great high school experience and ensures connection. The last couple of weeks are great examples of the remarkable achievements and successes of Wavell students and has included many events:

- Celebration of academic achievement at our annual Semester 1 "top five percent" at the annual "Academic Afternoon Tea". It was a pleasure to have *Ms Leanne Linard*, Member for Nudgee, as our guest speaker.
- Over 400 Wavell students competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition under the leadership of *Ms Neilsen*, our Head of Mathematics.
- Welcoming a 10 day visit from our Japanese students.
- Our wonderful Drama Excellence production of "Midsummer Nights' Dream". This was an outstanding production undertaken with the support of Shake & Stir Theatre Company and our drama teachers; *Ms Adams* and *Mr Crestani*.
- The District Athletics Carnival with Wavell winning by over 400 points, and eighty students named for the forthcoming Metropolitan Regional Athletics trials.
- Our Vicki Wilson Netball team defeated Southern Cross, Sandgate and St John Fisher. They now progress to the quarter finals.
- Our Open First Rugby League team made it to the Broncos South East Queensland semi-finals however Keebra Park proved too strong a team for Wavell to progress further.
- Year 8 and Year 10 Subject Selection Night on Wednesday, 9 August supported by our Heads of Faculty and a full house of parents and students. Students are reminded to have back up subjects for when clashes of lines occur as is the case each year.

NAPLAN results and reports will be posted home next week. Overall a great result achieved by our students. Wavell Years 7 and 9 students are at or above the national means in nearly all areas and above or equal to the national minimum standard in all areas of the test. Our results show we also exceed State and Like school means by a considerable margin. Our Year 9 writing results were particularly noteworthy as was our 100% above National Minimum Standard in Year 9 numeracy. These results for all schools have been published by QCAA. (See table below)

YEAR LEVEL	DOMAIN	MSS – Mean Scale Score (Average for students)				NMS – National Minimum Standard %		
		Wavell	Like Schools	QLD	Australia	Wavell %	QLD %	Australia%
7	Reading	545	526	531	545	96.3	90.3	93.9
	Writing	502	485	491	513	87.8	82.1	87.9
	Spelling	551	533	539	550	97	91.3	93.2
	G&P	547	523	529	542	93.6	86.8	92.3
	Numeracy	555	533	541	554	99.4	94.3	95.4
9	Reading	582	559	565	581	95.2	87.2	91.8
	Writing	563	514	523	552	87.3	69.3	81.5
	Spelling	586	565	571	582	93.6	88.8	90.5
	G&P	589	559	565	574	92.8	84.9	89.3
	Numeracy	590	571	578	592	100	95.8	95.8

We are now half way through Term 3 and there is still much more to come, including: The annual Year 12 formal next Tuesday, the annual ski trip to Perisher next week, Year 10 Student Education and Training Plan interviews, Wavell Speaks Out finals, Regional Athletics, Literacy Olympics, 2018 Prefect nominations, 2018 Junior Leader nominations, Netball finals, the Prefect run Classics Day, and of course, our very important end of term assessment and interim reports.

In addition, there are now only two and a half weeks until our Year 12 students sit the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test on Tuesday, 29 and Wednesday, 30 August. The main challenge for our senior students is to maintain a serious focus and to continue with a trend of improvement. Through this expected peak in performance, our Year 12s and our community should see the very good OP results our school has come to expect.

Our annual SET Plan day will be on Tuesday, 22 August following on from last Wednesday's subject selection evening. This important day engages parents, Year 10 students and teachers to make individual education plans that support senior studies and maximize future opportunities. Students are encouraged to make aspirational yet achievable choices for their final two years of schooling. The success of this day is made possible through the partnerships of students, parents and teachers. Thanks must go to our Head of Department, *Ms Byram* for the organisation of our SET Plan process.

J J Major,
 Principal

Life After School

Daniel Michalowski has undertaken his first year of study at the University of Queensland this year after achieving an OP1 at Wavell in 2016. *Daniel* is studying a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours). *Daniel* highlighted three things that he has enjoyed since starting university; the freedom and responsibility he has in terms of making his own decisions and being treated like an adult; the level of challenge and interest *Daniel* finds within the course; and the flexibility that he has found in his new life which has allowed him to time manage and become a tutor for many Wavell students, hold down casual employment and enjoy his own interests.

Daniel reports that the intensity of University study means that time spent with friends and loved ones is limited. He says "the best courses come with the most challenging workloads."

Daniel offers the following advice to our current Year 12 students; make an effort to keep your friends from high school as they are invaluable in the new world you face beyond school; work on study habits whilst at school so the step to university is not as daunting; and lastly "choose a course that makes YOU happy, find something that you will find interesting to study."

"We are what we repeatedly do.
 Excellence therefore is not an act, but a habit"
 - Aristotle

REMINDER

2018 SUBJECT SELECTION

YEARS 8, 9 AND 10



Subject Selection
 completed online by

Friday, 18 August 2017

Farewell Ms Bullen



On Monday, 7 August the Wavell School community farewelled beloved Deputy Principal, *Ms Jennyfer Bullen* after a long and illustrious career in education encompassing the roles of teacher, English Head of Department and Deputy Principal,

since 1974. *Jenny* has been on staff at Wavell since 1999 and her contribution to education was honoured at the farewell with speeches from current staff and former colleagues, keen to share stories of her dedicated time as a colleague and friend.

Pictured: *Ms Bullen* with Principal, *Mr Major*

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

RNA Exhibition Holiday
16 August 2017

Academic Excellence 2017

Congratulations to those students who received awards at our ceremony on Monday, 31 July.

Year 12: *Natasha Bordin, Jesse Cossgrave, Macklin Emmett, Anais French, Bianca Goding, William Idoine, Emily Jansz, Ryan Johnston, Josephine O'Donovan, Michael Plackowski, Nicholas Rogers, Siavash Saeedifar, Emily Todd, Noah Van Den Berg, Alanna Wilson*

Year 11: *Julia Angeles, Alexandra Crabb, Alainya Doyle, Madisun Graham, Meg Milton, Jason Morcom, Charles Platt, Sarah-Jane Smith, Caitlin Swan, Najla Syifa, Mereisi Tabuavevu*

Year 10: *Alex Babu, Maxene Crisostomo, Kasey Holleran, Maggie-May Hornigold, Lauren Hunt, Georgia Lynch, Tina Ngo, Alana Segi, Faith Simpson, Shaleah Smith, Shantara Smith, Genevieve Van Wersch*

Year 9: *Clarice Bolton, Keegan Cross, Connor Davis, Emily Dukes, Grace Eaves, Sarah Edwards, Ella Graham, Lauren Hafner, Samuel Hudson, Gwyneth Jones, Jade Jose, Camron Lopez, Ashleigh Mattea, Charlotte Metcalf, Niloofar Molavi, Kyle Montgomery, Noel Naces, Carly Wilson, Liva Wood, Waldwynn Wuthrich*

Year 8: *Molly Bell, Sneha Biju, Nimue Bradley, Cassie Carlson, Ailis Crowl, Ella De Silva, Danielle Heffernan, Alexis Hudson, Dusty Kendall, Tracy Lau, Sean Nicolas, Caitlin Nicolson, Simone Nicolson, Isabella Pearce, Emily Phillips, Francesca Platt, Lani Raghavan, Charlotte Reid, Emily Sullivan, Chloe Todd, Hannah Viney, Juliana Zumbo*

Year 7: *Summer Bradley, Summer Burgess, Stuart Carrier, Makayla Chilton, Hayden Cooper, Sam Dickie, Olivia Doyle, Priya Drago, Arthur Fitness, Jericho Ibasco, Ethan Jones, Heavenly Lologa, Keely McConnell, Phoebe Morley, Harrison Newham, Braxton Santos-Cowan, Cara Schmidhofer, Ashley Sherlock, Matthew Speechley, Felicity Swan, Rosie Synot, Arwen Talty, Phoebe Trentepohl, Jordan Turk, Manaia Watene, Jada Whalley, Imogen Zanella*

2017 UNIVERSITY - OPEN DAYS

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
 • Sunday 20 August, 9am-12pm - Caboolture Campus
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
 • Sunday 20 August, 9.30am-3pm - Gatton Campus

Year 12 Physics Excursion



On Monday, 24 July, our senior physics students visited the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital as part of their Nuclear Medicine unit. They were presented with a talk by nuclear medical physicist *Dr Jye Smith*, who explained the real-life physics behind the technology found in Australian hospitals, and how these technologies ensure the most effective diagnosis and treatment of patients. Students were given a tour of the hospital, gaining insight into the everyday practices of medical personnel. *Dr Smith* also shared his experiences and advice about study requirements to pursue a career in this industry.

2017 YEAR BOOK

Secure your copy!

Full payment required by Friday, 15 September 2017

Professional Development

Earlier this term, the teaching staff attended a presentation by *Dr Cameron Brooks*, a lecturer at the University of Queensland, on the research undertaken by the Science of Learning Research Centre regarding the high impact effective feedback has on student outcomes. The result of this presentation cemented a range of feedback strategies already in use in our classrooms and highlighted the importance of establishing a sustainable feedback model. Further professional development opportunities for the whole staff in quality teaching practices will continue early in 2018.

Brainstorm Production

Earlier this term, Year 7 students attended a Brainstorm Production. This presentation addressed common concerns for young teenagers including personal threats, rumours, insults, and dealt with issues surrounding text messaging and social websites. These topics will be explored in Form classes in Term 3.

WEP High Tea



Twenty five wonderful volunteer tutors were recognised for their generous contribution to the Wavell Enrichment

Program at a special High Tea. Their efforts towards helping our Year 7s are always appreciated and valued. *Special thanks to Mrs Raftery* and the Year 11 Hospitality students for creating a "top notch" morning tea.

Support Staff

Wavell celebrated Support Staff Week with a breakfast, coffee van and cake for our Administration Officers, Cleaners, Community Education Councillor, Computer Technicians, Schools Officers, Science Officers and Teacher Aides. *Thank you* to all of our support staff. Wavell is proud to have such a wonderful and dedicated team on board.

This week, we also acknowledge the dedication shown by *Mr Michael Boyle* who celebrates 25 years as a cleaner here at Wavell. This milestone was celebrated at our breakfast.

Netball Excellence Trivia Night

Thank you to the many parents and staff who supported our Trivia Night on Friday, 28 July and the many businesses who donated prizes. The event was a great success. Please visit Wavell's Netball Facebook page for auction items closing at midnight on Friday, 18 August.

District Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our athletes who participated in the District Carnival last week. Wavell celebrated an outstanding win by over 400 points. Eighty of our students have qualified to compete at the Metropolitan Regional Carnival. *Good luck to all athletes!*

Sporting Representative

Congratulations to *Mikayla Hausler* on her selection in the Metropolitan North Team for 13-15yrs Girls Basketball.

Viola Success

Congratulations to Year 9 student, *Gwyneth Jones* on completing her Grade 7 AMEB Exam on Viola, receiving an A grading. *Gwyneth* also plays in the second Queensland Youth Orchestra. *A great achievement!*

Japanese Students Visit

On Tuesday, 1 August, seven Japanese students visited Wavell from Fujisawa Shoryo High School. They enjoyed attending classes with their buddy students and Wavell students had the opportunity to speak Japanese with them. *Thank you* to our Wavell host families.



Student Absence Notifications

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

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

Diary Dates

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| Sunday 13 August | • RSL Instrumental Music Performance 4:00pm - 6:00pm |
| Monday 14 August | • Wavell Ski Trip departs for Years 10 and 11 at 1:00pm |
| Tuesday 15 August | • SRC Meeting in Spirit Place at 1:10pm |
| Thursday 17 August | • Pre-Formal and Formal at Victoria Park Golf Course at 5:00pm-11:00pm |
| Friday 18 August | • Years 7, 8 and 9 Dance Night Rehearsal: Lunch and L.4 |
| Saturday 19 August | • Year 11 Earth Science Coolum Trip - Geological Mapping |
| Monday 21 August | • Subject Selections 2018 close |
| Tuesday 22 August | • Religious Assembly; Chaplaincy Committee Meeting - 2:15pm |
| Wednesday 23 August | • Junior Leader 2018 nominations open |
| Thursday 24 August | • Wavell Ski Trip returns |
| Friday 25 August | • Wavell Ski Trip returns |
| Saturday 26 August | • Prefect Nominations Due |
| Sunday 27 August | • Wavell Speaks Out! Finals in Spirit Place - 6:30pm |
| Monday 28 August | • Year 10 Students SET Plan Meeting Day / Evening in Hall |
| Tuesday 29 August | • Years 7, 8 and 9 Dance Night Rehearsal in Dance Room - Lunch & L. 4 |
| Wednesday 30 August | • Years 11 and 12 Cert III CEC On the Job Placement - Day 10 |
| Thursday 1 September | • Combined Shops Committee Meeting 7:00pm; P&C Meeting 7:30pm |
| Friday 2 September | • Years 10, 11 and 12 Dance Night Rehearsal - Lunch and L.4 |
| Saturday 3 September | • Extended Form Meeting 8:45am-9:05am for Attendance checks |
| Sunday 4 September | • Year 12 Mathematics A and B Exams in Hall - Form, L. 1 and 3 |
| Monday 5 September | • Years 11 and 12 Early Childhood On the Job Placement - Day 3 (Mandated) |
| Tuesday 6 September | • Year 10 Netball Cougar Cup |
| Wednesday 7 September | • Year 8 Inter-Form Debating Semi-Finals (Lunch) |
| Thursday 8 September | • Junior Leaders nominations due |