

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
Our school's 2017 Yearbook is a detailed chronicle of the many wonderful academic, cultural, sporting and social achievements celebrated throughout the year. My congratulations go to the editorial team of staff and students so well led by *Miss Tiffany Broad*. Year 7, 8 and 9 students are able to collect their ordered Yearbook once their clearance forms are finalised.

I have this week received the preliminary Queensland Core Skills test results for our Year 12 students. I am confident that the hard work and dedication of our students and staff will pay off with some sound OP results. These results will be released on Saturday, 16 December at 9:00am in Learning Accounts Online and will begin to arrive in the post from Monday, 18 December. I wish our Year 12 students every success in their chosen pathways next year.

On Monday, 4 December I look forward to welcoming our incoming Year 7s for 2018. We are expecting 300 Year 7 students in eleven classes to begin high school on Monday, 22 January 2018. The Australia Day holiday will be on Friday, 26 January. It will be a pleasure to greet our new students and to share morning tea with parents this coming Monday.

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students will enjoy an alternative program from Tuesday, 5 December to Thursday, 7 December with reports issued on Thursday afternoon. Those very small numbers of expected students who join us on Friday, 8 December will support our annual school clean up in preparation for 2018. There is no penalty for students who do not attend on this day.

I thank the school community and our wonderful staff and students for their contribution to this year's success and ongoing support. School commences for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students on Monday, 22 January 2018 while Year 10, 11 and 12 students commence on Tuesday, 23 January 2018.

Enrolment for Year 7 is now closed except to local catchment students – we do have a small number of places available in some other year levels – particularly Year 11. Please see the school website or letters sent home with students for uniform and stationary shop times. I would like to thank our school community for their strong support throughout 2017 and wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

On behalf of our school community I extend our thoughts and prayers to *Ofa Vaomotou's* (Year 11 student) family and friends following her tragic passing last Sunday.

J J Major,
Principal

"Forever is composed of nows."
Emily Dickinson

END OF SEMESTER REPORT CARDS



Report Cards will be issued as follows:

Year 10 & 11 - Thursday, 7 December posted home

Years 7, 8 & 9 - Thursday, 7 December Lesson 4 in Hall

Deputy Principal Appointments



Congratulations to *Mr Brendan Barlow* and *Mrs Gerry Madden* in their appointments as Deputy Principals. *Mr Barlow* and *Mrs Madden* have both made great contributions to the school as the former Heads of Department for Health and Physical Education since 2008 and Junior Secondary since 2005 respectively, as well as in their roles as acting deputies in the past year. *We wish them every success as they continue to contribute to our school.*



YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY
Monday, 4 December 2017
9.00am - 3.00pm
Meet at our Assembly Hall

2018 Teacher Movements

Wavell wishes our departing teachers all the best in their new posts for 2018.

Ms Carmen Aquilina returns to Craigslea SHS. *Mrs Sue Cull* will transfer to Bundaberg SHS. *Mrs Akenese Humphreys* returns to Corinda SHS. *Mr Nathan MacPherson* will be Guidance Officer at Kelvin Grove State College.

We welcome our new teachers for 2018.

From Northern Beaches SHS, *Mrs Kate Turner* will join our Science and Mathematics teaching teams. From Goondiwindi SHS *Ms Courtney Walls* will teach Social Science and Languages. *Ms Gail Stroppiana* our new Guidance Officer will join *Mrs Jocelyn Pearce*. Continuing as acting Heads of Department for 2018 are *Ms Tara Griffith* in Senior Secondary and *Mr Trevor Jardine* in Information Technology.

Teachers on Leave 2018

Teachers on extended leave in 2018;

Mrs Julie Foster (Social Science and English); *Mrs Elena Gower* (Social Science); and *Mr Lee Matthews* (Social Science and Arts). *We wish these teachers all the best.*

Contract Teachers

We thank all of our contract teachers for their contribution to Wavell and their efforts this year. Returning for 2018; Mr Ben Colley (Health and Physical Education); *Mr James Downey* (Maths and Science); *Ms Chantal Hargreaves* (Wavell Support Centre); *Ms Britney Lambert* (Health and Physical Education); *Miss Kate Samios* (Social Science and English); *Ms Georgina Tiley* (Social Science and English); *Mr Myles Trundle* (Arts); *Miss Julia Waldmann* (Mathematics); and *Ms Rebecca Weir* (Japanese, Social Science and English).

Departing; *Mrs Veronica Piercy*, *Miss Erin Rounsevell*, *Mr Steven Smythe*, and *Ms Jacqueline Uremovic*. *Thank you to these long term contract teachers for their work at Wavell.*

New for 2018; *Mrs Birgit Alves-Stein* (Languages, Social Science and English); *Mr Joseph Greer* (Health and Physical Education and Maths); *Mr Liam O'Donoghue* (Music and Arts); and *Mr Guy Williams* (Languages, Social Science and English). We will also be joined by graduate teachers; *Miss Lauren Aitkenhead* (Business and Maths); *Mr Jake Thompson* (Business and Science); *Miss Chelsea De Araujo* (Social Science and English); *Mr Reid Evans* (Social Science and English). *Wavell welcomes our new and returning contract teachers. We wish those departing all the best in their new posts for 2018.*

Ancillary Staff



Ms Chris Larder has been an Administration Officer at Wavell since April 1986. *Chris* is retiring after 31 years service at Wavell. *We wish Chris all the best in her retirement.*

Mr Adrian Onvlee our Schools Officer Grounds since 2009 will assume a new position in grounds and sports maintenance. *Mr Joshua Hayward* our IT Technician will commence study in medicine at Griffith University in 2018. *We wish Adrian and Josh all the best in their future endeavours.*

Vale - Ofa Vaomotou
2018 Prefect and SRC Vice President
Sadly Missed
06/05/2001 - 26/11/2017



Graduation



Friday, 17 November was the final day for our Year 12 graduating students. The Graduation commenced with a celebratory breakfast at Kedron Wavell Services Club. Guest speaker *Ms Naomi McCarthy* (nee *Castle*, past Wavell student and Olympic Gold Medallist) pictured with *Mr Major*, *Mr Barlow* and our *School Captains*, spoke eloquently about her post school achievements, and of the challenges that students are likely to experience in their adult lives. At school, the ceremony presented our seniors to an audience of proud family and friends. Speakers included our Principal, *Mr Jeff Major*, *Mr Brett Dascombe* (on behalf of teachers), *Mr Craig Todd* (on behalf of parents), *Olivia Doyle* (on behalf of Year 7 students), and of course, captains *Jedidiah Fesolai*, *Connor Lawrence*, *Josephine O'Donovan* and *Emily Todd* who made their final speeches. This year a live stream of the Graduation was organised by *Mr Turner* and our IT staff. Thank you to *Mr Barlow*, *Ms Crawford* and *Mrs Edwards* for their efforts in making the day one to remember.



2018 SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Years 7, 8 & 9: Monday, 22 January
Years 10, 11 & 12: Tuesday, 23

Our New Kitchens

Our new home economics kitchens feature a gas powered and an electric kitchen respectively, as well as a fully refurbished food preparation area. The kitchens were renovated with industry grade stainless steel as well as professional appliances. Keeping with modern times, the kitchens now feature cameras that stream live through the projectors, so that no matter where students are sitting in the room they will be able to see what's happening on the demonstration table. *We look forward to working in the new kitchens next year!*



2018 I.D. Cards



Years 8 - 12 I.D. cards are now available for collection from G1. This card is valid from September 2017 to January 2019.

Act for Kids

This year the Arts Captains, led by *Ms Carlon* and *Mrs Piggott*, ran a lollipop stall and raffle on Classics Day. The profits totalling \$300 were then donated to Act for Kids to help ensure that all children live a life free of abuse and neglect. *Well done to our Arts Captains!*



Years 7, 8 and 9 Alternative Program

Letters detailing activities were distributed to students. There will also be at-school activities.

- **Monday 4 December** Years 7, 8 and 9
Normal school day, formal uniform
- **Tuesday 5 December**
Year 7 Blue-Fit Leisure excursion
Year 8/9 Art Gallery/Museum Excursion
Years 8/9 At-school activities
- **Wednesday 6 December**
Year 7 At-school activities
Year 7 Art Gallery/Museum Excursion
Years 8/9 Blue-Fit Leisure excursion
- **Thursday 7 December:** Years 7, 8 and 9
At-school activities with report cards distributed in assembly L4B
- **Friday 8 December:** Clean Up Day



Used-Clothing Shop Attention Year 12

School uniforms of a suitable standard (washed and ironed with no fading, stains or mending please) will be accepted for sale as soon as possible after Friday, 17 November.

Senior Leadership Day



On Thursday, 23 November student leadership-elect team attended a 'Leading a Legacy' seminar run by Peer Power at the Kedron Wavell RSL. Prefects, Arts and Sports Captains and the SRC Senior Executive came together to be challenged about

leadership and to develop skills in order to build a greater school community in 2018. Apart from being a fun day, the team took part in hands-on learning experiences which took them out of their comfort zone. *We wish our Senior leadership team the best in their endeavours in 2018!*

Pen Pals from France

In our Senior French class this year, we have been lucky enough to have a student on an exchange from France - *Perrine Crusson*. This has enabled us to set up a pen pal scheme with *Perrine's* home school in Brittany in the north of France. Wavell students in Years 8 through to 12 carefully drafted some letters of introduction last month, and this week we were happy to receive our first batch of responses! Students have shared their school email addresses, so future communication will be much faster - especially as lots of the French students have included their Snapchat and Instagram details, so global communication becomes a reality for our 21st century French learners. *Vive la France et Vive l'Internet!*



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COMBINED SHOP HOURS

Monday, 4 December (Last trading day for 2017)
3:00pm - 5:30pm

January 2018

Tuesday, 16 January: 12 noon - 5:30pm
Wednesday, 17 January: 8:15am - 12:15pm
Thursday, 18 January: 8:15am - 12:15pm
Friday, 19 January: 8:15am - 12:15pm

First week of school: 22 January - 25 January
(closed Friday 26 January)
8:15am - 11:15am daily

Second week of school: 29 January - 2 February
8:15am - 11:15am daily

Volunteers Required for Shops

Helpers required in shops for Orientation Day and the week prior to school commencement.
Volunteer for 4 hours and get 10% off your bill.

OParents: 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>

2018 RESOURCE SCHEME REMINDER

- All forms were posted home in October.
- **Participation Agreement forms are now due.**
- **Payment is due by Thursday, 25 January, 2018**
- Please phone 33500340 if you did not receive your forms or wish to make a payment plan.
- All textbooks and library books must be returned and any outstanding accounts finalised by the end of the school year.



Kids Helpline

We are here for you any time, any reason.
Call us for free anytime on 1800 55 1800

IMPORTANT

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

Diary Dates

Saturday 2 December
Monday 4 December

Tuesday 5 December
Wednesday 6 December
Thursday 7 December

Friday 8 December
Friday 15 December
Saturday 16 December

Tuesday 16 January
Wednesday 17 January
Monday 22 January

Tuesday 23 January

Wednesday 24 January
Thursday 25 January

- Orientation band and string workshop in hall: 8:00am-4:00pm
- Orientation day for year 6 students entering year 7 in 2018: 9:00am
- Wavell combined shops open: 3:30pm - 5:30pm
- Years 7, 8, and 9 Alternative Program
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- Years 10 and 11 semester II reports mailed home
- Years 7, 8, and 9 semester II reports and attendance records issued in hall: L4
- Final day of school year
- Senior Statements/QCEs and Tertiary Entrance Statements posted by the QCAA
- Senior Statements/QCEs and Tertiary Entrance Statements available online from Student Connect Website: 9:00am
- Wavell Shops open 12 noon - 5:30pm
- Wavell Shops open 8:15am - 12:15pm (these times until Friday 20 January)
- Years 7,8 and 9 (Junior Secondary) commence school today at 8:50am
- Principal Meetings in Hall for Year 9 L. 2A, Year 8 L. 2B, Year 7 L.3A
- All Year Levels at school
- Principal Meetings in Hall for Year 12 L.2B, Year 11 L. 3A, Year 10 L. 3B
- Year 7 ID Photographs in Hall: L1-2A
- Student Resources Scheme Payments due
- Presentation of Arts, Languages and Sports Captain Badges.