

From the Executive Principal



Dear Parents,
Today in our school assembly, we commemorate ANZAC Day as a very important acknowledgement of the sacrifice made so that we can live in a free and democratic society. The history and significance of the ANZAC tradition is 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 a strong commitment and engagement with the ANZAC spirit and the values encouraged and inspired. Today we honour our servicemen and women at our annual special school assembly. Several past Wavell students who have served, will also join with us for this important service. 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, our school's name and houses that honour battles involving *Earl Wavell* and continued participation at Kedron-Wavell services on ANZAC Day, are testament to our commitment and respect. I invite our students and staff to join with us at the Kedron-Wavell Sunday morning services and march.

This year's middle school Problem Solving Challenge held yesterday and so well coordinated by *Mrs Free*, our Junior Secondary Head of Department, supported by a dedicated team of staff and students, was enjoyed by over eighty teams of students from local primary and high schools. It was an inspirational day.

Next week we will hold our annual Cross Country event. All four lessons will be run as shorter lessons and it is vital all students are in full attendance and participate in the afternoon run. Students may run or walk but being part of this important school event contributes to the culture and engagement of students in the full life of school. It is vital for the modern generation of young people to maintain their health and well-being through regular exercise to minimise screen time. My thanks in advance to our house leaders, teachers and PE staff, in particular *Mr Porter* who is co-ordinating the event. I look forward to a great team who will be selected to compete in the District Cross-country at Kedron on Thursday, 6 May - this is our year!

Our much anticipated school musical, *'Matilda'*, will be performed in our Performing Arts Centre early in Term 3. I know how much time, effort and energy is expended by students and teachers to put on a great show and experience for our community. I urge parents to ensure students are fully committed to the expected rehearsals over coming weeks. Students not in attendance will let the team down and can not expect to maintain their roles.

Next week, Wavell will undertake its four yearly full school review. The review team led by *Mr Alan Smith* will be considering how well Wavell has progressed since our last review in 2017. I am confident they will see that we have built further on what was an impressive review outcome last time. The outcomes of this review will form the basis of the next four year Strategic Plan for the school. 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, 16 May from 1:45pm to 4:00pm. I will, along with students and staff, be pleased to showcase our programs and extensive facilities including our Performing Arts Centre, junior secondary precinct, sporting facilities and resources. 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.

I would like to advise the Wavell High community that I will be commencing extended leave from Monday, 31 May. After forty one years with Education Queensland and almost fifteen years as the Principal of Wavell SHS, it is time to take some leave before I finalise my retirement plans. I have been given a great privilege to have taught across Queensland in metropolitan, regional and remote communities and to have served as Principal at Bracken Ridge High (1999 to 2006) and Wavell High (2006 to 2021). Education is such an important life's work and I leave with a sense of great satisfaction and pride. A process was conducted by the Regional Director at the end of last term and I am pleased to advise that the acting Executive Principal at Wavell High commencing on 31 May will be *Ms Elizabeth (Liz) Foster*. *Ms Foster* has been the Principal of MacGregor High for the last five years and previously Deputy Principal at Kelvin Grove State College. She brings a great deal of experience and is acknowledged as a high performing experienced Principal from a large secondary school setting. *Ms Foster* was chosen from a quality field of applicants and Wavell High will be a great fit for her. I know she is extremely excited to be the ninth Wavell High Principal. When you get the opportunity, please welcome her to the Wavell family.

JJ Major

*"Setting a goal is not the main thing.
It is deciding how you will go about achieving
it and staying with that plan."*

Tom Landry

- **ANZAC Day Public Holiday**
Monday, 26 April 2021
- **Labour Day Public Holiday**
Monday, 3 May 2021

World Science Festival

Our Year 11 UQ Science Ambassadors and successful applicants from Years 7 to 10 had the opportunity to attend the World Science Festival in Brisbane. Students attended the Science of Change, Life and Explosions workshop where they saw three chemists perform a number of experiments followed by a Q & A with the Girls in Tech. Tech Girls are a superheroes panel of scientists and STEM ambassadors. This was a great opportunity for students to ignite and embrace their passion for science.



Parent Teacher Evening
Tuesday, 27 April 2021
3:30pm - 7:30pm

Bookings have now closed.

*Please contact Ms Sandra Lock on 3350 0333
if you need to cancel or amend your booking.*

We look forward to meeting with you!

Remember to practice social distancing.

*If you feel unwell, please stay at home and contact
the school on 3350 0333 to cancel your interviews.*

Language Perfect

Another strong year for Wavell in the Language Perfect World Championships. Well done to all of our students whose combined efforts meant that Wavell came 21st globally (out of 1,894 schools) and 2nd in Queensland. Particular congratulations to our Junior Champion; *Matilda Bell* (Year 9) who acquired over 14,000 points and our Senior Champion; *Wendy Liao* (Year 10) (pictured below) who acquired over 29,000 points and ranked 15th globally. We look forward to celebrating these achievements next term with presentations of certificates and medals on assembly and a pizza party.



OPEN DAY

WAVELL HIGH SCHOOL

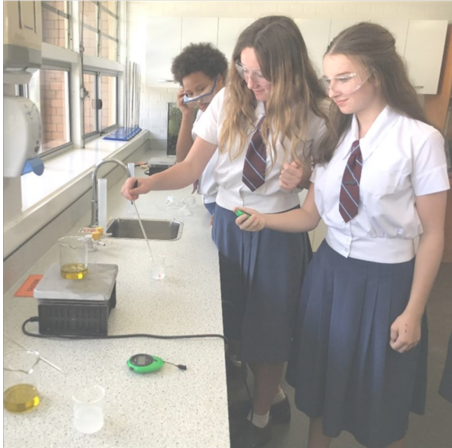
Sunday 16 May 2021
1:45pm to 4:00pm

Register your attendance via

www.wavellshs.eq.edu.au

Year 9 Science Day

Year 9 science students finished off Term 1 with Year 9 Science Day. This involved students working with their teachers across lessons 1 to 3 to complete an inquiry based task on specific heat capacity. They were required to work through a theory component, a practical investigation component and then evaluate their scientific findings. Students did a fantastic job across the day and showed some outstanding science skills.



French Excursion

At the end of last term, thirty French language students from Years 9 to 12 spent a wonderful morning enjoying part of Brisbane's French Film Festival. A quick bus ride into the Valley took them to the Palace Centro Cinema to watch "Poly" – a gorgeous French film about a young girl who rescues an abused pony from a circus. Comic policemen and villainous circus clowns led by an evil ringmaster all start a pursuit as Poly and Cécile make their escape across the beautiful French countryside. A range of emotions swept over us all as we were gripped by this exciting tale. With thanks to teacher, Ms Walls for her excellent organisation – let's get booked in for next year!



2020 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2020. The *Next Step* survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study, and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12. All our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. We encourage these students to take part. For more information, please phone 1800068587 or visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/

Year 12 Drama

Year 12 Drama students were entertained by three visiting actors from Shake & Stir Theatre Co. who presented the dystopian classic text on stage in the modern adaptation of *George Orwell's '1984'*. There were plenty of twists and turns in the action and students were once again impressed with Shake & Stir's signature strategy of using arresting visual and audio elements to great effect.



Student Personal Data Check Forms

To assist the school to effectively communicate with you, it is important that we have current email addresses.

- Forms have been sent home with every student, with an explanatory memo.
- Please update and return memo to form teachers asap (even if no changes are made).

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS
Roald Dahl's
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

JULY 14TH - 17TH 2021
TIX ON SALE TERM 2

Year 9 Rugby League

On Friday, 26 March our Year 9 Rugby League Excellence students ventured to Project 180 for their annual excellence camp. The focus of the day was to further reiterate key values and characteristics that sit in line with our program's ethos of great young people. The group were exposed to both physically, mentally and socially challenging situations varying from distance running, high-intensity interval sessions, to public speaking. These activities served an integral purpose in guiding the Year 9 students to further understand the importance of being a well-rounded person and to always aim for success both on and off the field. The take home message for the day was "How you do anything, is how you do everything."



INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, 29 April 1:00pm-3:00pm

- All students to wear full sports uniform, including the school bucket hat.
- House colours may be added at school (ribbon, coloured vest, etc - **no** hairspray)
- The school day will be run as normal
 - Form and all four lessons (shortened)
- Students will be dismissed at 3:10pm

Sporting Representative

Congratulations to the following students selected in Metropolitan North teams: **AFL** Girls Under 15 Yrs: *Sienna Trentepohl*; **Basketball** Open Girls: *Tae'rani Gorogo*; **Football** Open Girls: *Ella De Silva*

Diary Dates

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| Sunday 25 April | • ANZAC Day March at Kedron-Wavell RSL: 7:30am |
| Tuesday 27 April | • Parent Teacher Interviews in N Block: 3:30pm-7:30pm |
| Wednesday 28 April | • Year 9 U2B Literacy Workshop: L. 1 and 2 |
| | • Years 11 and 12 Certificate of Early Childhood Placement Day 2A |
| | • Year 11 QDU Debating: Round 3 |
| | • Musical Rehearsal: Lunch - 5:00pm |
| Thursday 29 April | • Inter-house Cross Country: Lunch - 3:00pm (L. 1 - 4 shortened) |
| | • Year 7 U2B Literacy Workshop: L. 1 and 2 |
| | • Years 11 and 12 Certificate of Early Childhood Placement Day 2B |
| | • Year 9 QDU Debating: Round 3 |
| Friday 30 April | • Year 11 Geography Field Trip to West End/Fortitude Valley |
| Monday 3 May | • Dance Troupe Rehearsal: 9:00am-5:00pm |
| Tuesday 4 May | • School Council Meeting: 6:30pm |
| Wednesday 5 May | • Years 10 and 12 QDU Debating: Round 3 |
| Thursday 6 May | • Central District Cross Country Carnival at Kedron SHS |
| | • Senior Rugby League Excellence Camp departs |
| Friday 7 May | • Year 10 Work Experience own placement cut-off |
| | • Senior Rugby League Excellence Camp returns |
| | • Vicki Wilson Netball Camp at Mt Coolum |