24 June 2016

Message from the Principal

Week 11 is finally here and what an amazing Term 2 it has been.

So much has happened. In April, we commemorated our Anzacs with a special Anzac Ceremony and in mid-May we welcomed friends and families to step inside and see our supportive school community with the hosting of Open Day. Following on from that, we held NAPLAN testing across Junior Secondary, our Annual Athletics Carnival, Osprey Cups across various sports, our annual Chaplaincy Trivia Night, Student Leadership Day, Cancer Council’s Biggest Morning Tea hosted by our LEOS and the incredible Ma Baker’s Tonic Theatre Restaurant. As we reach the halfway mark of this school year, let me just say how proud I am of our school. Our collective commitment to continual improvement and a high expectations culture is evident throughout the school – every day is an opportunity for all of us to AIM HIGH and achieve our personal best!

Speaking of aiming high, we are delighted to open our doors to a panel of reviewers from the Department of Education Queensland in early July. At the start of Term 3, our school will be undergoing a routine review. The purpose of this this review is not to rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years and a final report will be made available to parents and the community on the school’s website. I’m looking forward to this opportunity to showcase our achievements and high performance culture.

As students prepare for a two-week break, I encourage everyone (including parents) to take a well-deserved rest and prepare for Terms 3 & 4; particularly our Seniors who have numerous assessment milestones to conquer prior to graduation.

Before returning next term, please take a moment to discuss with your child the importance of student attendance. Now more than ever, attendance is critical to ensure optimal student outcomes and to make certain students don’t fall behind in their schoolwork. More about the importance of making every day count is discussed further below in our June newsletter. Please be part of our commitment to ensure our student attendance rate is 95% or above for the remainder of this year.

Lastly, a reminder to all parents that we are hosting sporting trials in the 1st and 2nd week of Term 3 for prospective Year 7 students with great athletic potential looking to enrol in our school in 2017. More information is noted below and on our school website. Year 7 enrolment applications are also still open for those looking for their child’s destination high school of choice in 2017. Please contact our Enrolments Officer, Mrs. Joanne Morley at jmorl0@eq.edu.au to request an Enrolment Pack and details of our three excellence programs.

On behalf of all the team at Wellington Point State High – I wish you all a relaxing break. See you all on Monday, 11 July 2016 for the commencement of 3rd Term. #aimhigh
**Key Dates**

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**Dream of an Excursion**

**Thrilling High Velocity Physics**

Recently the Year 11 Physics class visited the Dreamworld Theme Park at the Gold Coast. The excursion is designed for students to better comprehend the Physics that underpins the operation of different attractions. On the day, students completed a field booklet which constitutes a component of the assessment for this term of Physics. While at Dreamworld, students were able to evaluate several rides by taking measurements and analysing their associated forces. As a whole, the experience provided an opportunity for students to develop valuable insights into the application of Physics and Engineering concepts.

One of the activities is to measure and analyse the acceleration changes of the Claw ride. The claw is a pendulum like ride pictured below. The data is collected using accelerometers while on the ride and then charting this data using analysis software back at school.

Class teacher Dr. Bill McGeachie said:

“The Dreamworld excursion is the highlight of the year for our Year 11 students. They always finish their tasks and calculations as quickly as possible so they can enjoy more free time at the end. It only goes to show what students are capable of achieving when given the correct incentive.”

**FANFARE state music competition 2016**

Congratulations to the Concert Band, conducted by Miss Jess Steffen, and Strings Ensemble, conducted by Miss Julie Schmidt, who both received a Silver certificate for Fanfare on Monday 23rd May.

Both groups competed against other schools in the area and state. Only one gold certificate was awarded the whole day, so silver is an amazing achievement and shows just how strong music is here at Wellington Point. Many strangers commented on how good our groups were sounding and said they thought we both were one of the best groups on the night. Well done team! We are all so proud of your effort!

The next competition will be for the band at the Redlands Eisteddfod in early August, at Capalaba College and the Strings on 25th July at the Cleveland Baptist Church.

**Muffin Madness**

Year 8 students were channelling their inner Masterchef as they created an array of healthy muffins as part of their assessment. Judging by the look and smell of these delicious tasty treats – perhaps we need to open a gourmet breakfast cart at the school?! Well done to all students.

**ESAP / Touch & Basketball Trials**

Taking Place in Mid-July

Prospective Year 7 students in 2017 are invited to take part in our Elite Sporting Achievers Program (ESAP) Trials, as well as our Touch Football and Basketball Trials. Students with athletic potential are welcome to come and try out for either. Even children living out of catchment can apply to attend our school if accepted into our sporting excellence programs. The ESAP Trials will take place on Thursday, 14 July 2016 between 3.30 and 4.30pm at Wellington Point State High Sports Hall; the
Basketball & Touch trials will take place on Monday, 18 July 2016 between 3.30 and 4.30pm at Wellington Point State High Sports Hall and Lower Hall. Interested applicants are asked to wear sports attire and shoes – drop-off is suggested at the Sport Hall carpark on Anson Road. For more information, please contact Mr. Murray Hutton on 3820 4275 or email ESAP@wellpoinshs.eq.edu.au. Information about ESAP and the Application Forms can also be viewed on our school website under ‘Excellence Programs.’

Make Every Day Count

Student Attendance Target of 95%

It is important that children are at school, all day, every day. It’s not OK to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment or simply spend time at home. Children need to attend school all day, every day.

Students with irregular and poor attendance often struggle at school and the value they receive from their education is greatly diminished as a result. Schools within the region are taking the issue seriously, improving, monitoring and following-up students who stay away from school and ensuring that the programs and classroom teaching practices engage all students.

Student absence is not an issue which can be dealt with solely by the school. It requires the support of parents and the community if it is to be successfully addressed. Please help...make every day count!

![July Sporting Trials](image)

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Read more about regular attendance here:

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Make Every Day Count

Ma Baker’s Tonic

That’s a wrap!

This month our wonderful students took to the stage with our Theatre Restaurant production of Ma Baker’s Tonic. We opened to rave reviews for the acting, singing, dancing, lighting, sound, costuming, staging and hospitality and couldn’t be more proud of our students. Here’s what some parents and audience members had to say:

“What a fabulous evening tonight!!! The talent at the school is just gob-smackingly amazing!!! Such great acting, dancing, singing, lights, music, food!! It was a very professional performance and everyone involved should be very proud!! Will be talking about this for years!!!”

“A HUGE congrats to you and your amazing staff, students and all involved on putting on such a professional and enjoyable musical. No doubt you are all catching up on the many hours lost in preparation however from the results it was very well worth the time invested.”

“Excellence is the usual standard for H Block staff and students and they have once again exceeded themselves. Fabulous evening, you all did a brilliant job.”

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“This was such an amazing show last night! I encourage everyone to go along and see this spectacular school production. Congratulations to everyone involved.”

“I wanted to add a HUGE congratulations to you, the amazing staff you work with and the beautiful students you inspired for this year’s production. What a production it was!”

With such a huge production and the added complexity of a theatre restaurant, there are many members of the Ma Baker team to thank.

- Encore Artists for the Hollywood photography exhibition and centre pieces
- Ms Perry and her year 12 Hospitality class for the delicious dessert platters
- Mrs Beale for Ma Baker’s distillery, the Ritzy sign, programs and menus
- Ms Wallace for the photography, tickets and posters
- Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Beale for leading the dinner service
- Our volunteer wait staff and helpers: Bryson Ali Hausia, Georgia Clarkson, Divya De Silva, Kellie Harvey, Taylor Kaddour, Courtney Speak and Callum Watson
- Robyn McCallum for ticket sales
- Chris in the canteen for lending her space and equipment
- Our wonderful and patient cleaners for the added mess
- Parents for pickups, drop-offs, help with learning lines and costumes
- Mrs K, Mr King, Mrs Mac, Miss Townshend, Ms West, Miss Z, for their dedication, guidance, creative input and support
- Most importantly: our student performers and crew members for a wonderful show!

The production has certainly inspired many new students to audition for Encore, so we’ll experience a boost in numbers next semester. Teachers have new projects planned for students, some of whom will also welcome selected year 5 and 6 students to develop leadership skills and give our future students a taste of the programs. Stay tuned for updates about our semester 2 projects, performances and exhibitions.

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**The Wiz**

Our friends at ROCKIT productions are about to put on an amazing performance and performing arts students are invited to audition! *THE WIZ* is being brought to life with ROCKIT Productions, the home of Musical Theatre Training in the Redlands! Based on THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ, this Hit Broadway musical is a contemporary retelling of the classic story with a dazzling score of Rock, Pop, Gospel, and Soul. With a weekly dose of singing, dancing, and acting, each fun filled rehearsal is run a positive, encouraging, and stress-free environment and open to all students. For more info, simply head to… the link below and click on the REDLANDS tab!

http://www.rockitproductions.com.au

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**Biggest Morning Tea**

**Fundraising over Coffee**

Wellington Point State High School took part in Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday, 2 June 2016, with morning tea provided by our school’s very own LEOs Club. This was an opportunity for teachers and staff to get together, raise money for a worthy cause and enjoy tasty treats, including lamingtons, carrot cake, bickies and a very popular Maltese Slice. Thank you to our LEOs and to all staff who donated in support of this worthy cause.

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**Saver Plus**

**What is Saver Plus?**

Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running matched savings and financial education program. To help with the cost of education, Saver Plus can provide up to $500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop – matching your savings dollar for dollar.

To be eligible, you need to:

- Have a Health Card or a Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child at school now or starting next year
- Have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

For more information, contact David Smit – Saver Plus Coordinator at david.smit@thesmithfamily.com.au or call (07) 3115 6202.
What’s Not Going on in Your Teenagers Bedroom

Trippe P Parenting Tips

Is your teenager getting enough sleep? The answer is - probably not. Is that a cause for concern? Probably yes!

Studies suggest that many teens get no more than 6 ½ hours of sleep during weeknights, although recent research suggests they probably need over 9 hours! No wonder the weekends function as catch-up times, with teens getting up late in the morning after trying to pay off some of their sleep debt.

Read more about the importance of sleep in teenagers at the link below:


Who are School Chaplains?

SU QLD chaplains, or ‘chappies’, provide spiritual and emotional support to school communities. They are in the prevention and support business: helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness, to drug abuse, depression and anxiety. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis, and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in school communities. The name of our School Chappy at Wellington Point State High School is Cate Struijk. Cate is based in our Senior Schooling Hub in Block C. If you would like to contact our School Chappy Cate, please email: cstru0@eq.edu.au.

Basketball Madness

June’s Osprey Cup

Inter-school Basketball Competition at Wellington Point State High

Soccer Camp

Happening in the Holidays

Sports camps Australia are holding soccer camps in early July at Redlands College. A junior Development and Advanced Program is on offer to interested children between the ages of 6 and 19. For more information or to book a spot, call 1800 753 127.
News from the Senior Schooling Hub

The Senior Schooling Hub has lots of news and updates concerning Tafe and University courses, along with other key details for young job seekers.

Sorry Day

National Sorry Day is an annual event that has been held in Australia on 26 May, since 1998, to remember and commemorate the mistreatment of the country’s indigenous population. Below are some photos from a commemoration held with members of our community in the Redlands.

Girls Club

Redlands Psychologists in Weippin Street Cleveland are facilitating a Girls Club for 10 – 13 year olds. Conducted by Registered Psychologist Natalie Muldoon, girls will learn how to build resilience, social confidence and friendships. The next upcoming program will start in early August.

News from our LEOs Club

Term 2 Update

It has been yet another great term for the LEOs club of Wellington Point Sate High School. Throughout the course of Term 2, the WPSHS LEOs Club has raised an incredible amount of money for charities across Australia. The term got off to a great start with the sausage sizzle at the Lions open day, raising $150 donated to medical research. Another event which the LEOs club took part in this term was the Redlands Relay for Life, which also managed to be an excellent fundraiser for the Cancer Council, raising an amazing $1300!

Yes we did more, an incredible fundraiser this term which we also did was Live Below The Line. Live Below The Line is a fundraising campaign to raise awareness of poverty in Australia and encourage people to take action in order to support those living in poverty. The amazing participants who lived on $2 a day for 5 days raised over $900! Athletics day and the WPSHS school open day also meant a great opportunity for fundraising and to promote the work our LEO Club does. All together $500 was raised and donated to LIONs Hearing Dogs Association. Additionally, a thank you to all of the staff who came along to the Biggest Morning Tea, $300 was raised and donated to Cancer Council. Congratulations to the LEOs club for another great term of fundraising, and most importantly thank you for supporting us and being a part of an amazing team!