29 July 2016

Message from the Principal

The second half of the year is underway and we are in fifth gear as we power forward in delivering great student outcomes. I encourage all parents/carers/students to carefully plan and prepare for the remainder of this Semester, particularly our seniors, who will be taking on assessments/exams that will shape their future.

At the end of Semester One, we had a changing of the guard in terms of our Leadership team. Two valued and respected Deputies, Grant Stephens and Katrina Baydon left our school to take on new roles where their skills and expertise were needed. In their place, we welcome Mr. Terry Moran, who has more than 20 years’ experience in Teaching and Education. Terry has held numerous leadership positions with the Department of Education concerning schoolwide literacy and numeracy programs, senior curriculum management and data driven improvement. He is also a part time Mathematics lecturer at the University of Queensland. Please join me in welcoming Terry, who will add tremendous value to our school as we continue on a path of continual improvement.

As some of you may have seen via facebook or through personal contact, Wellington Point State High underwent a Full Review at the start of this term – conducted by the Department of Education & Training. This was an opportunity for reviewers to meet with our stakeholders and see first-hand some of the many positive improvements that have taken place since the last Review some four years ago. A detailed assessment of our School is now publicly available on our website. I encourage everyone to take a look and celebrate our successes collectively.

Thank you to all parents/carers who took part in our Parent/Teacher interviews on 25 July 2016. This was an opportunity for families to take stock of their child’s academic and behavioural performance, and refocus on areas that require more effort and attention for the remainder of this year. The earlier start time and longer duration received plenty of positive feedback as it enabled parents who work evenings/night shift to attend and connect with teachers. As a school, we are committed to catering to all learners; yet it takes determination and effort from everyone to ensure personal success. Please do not hesitate to speak with your child’s teachers’ or Year Coordinator for advice on how you can play an active role in optimising your child’s high school experience.

Lastly, a reminder of two important upcoming events. We are hosting a Year 7 enrolment afternoon on Monday, 1 August 2016 from 3.30 – 5.30PM for those families whose child is commencing at our school in 2017. Year 7 enrolment applications are also still open if you are yet to make a decision regarding your child’s future high school of choice. 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. Later that evening, we will also be holding a Seniors Pathway night for Year 10 students who are considering what subjects and pathways they wish to pursue in 2017.

As we knuckle down for yet another busy term, let’s continue to aim high! We are well on our way to achieving our vision to become the destination high school of choice.
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Year 7 Enrolment Afternoon

Monday 1 August 2016

A reminder to all parents/guardians and friends who are looking for the destination high school of choice for your child. On Monday, 1 August 2016 between 3.30 and 5.30pm, we are holding an Enrolment Afternoon for prospective Year 7 families in our School Library. Come and meet the Principal, our Year 7 Deputy, Head of Junior Secondary and several of our key Year 7 staff. This is an opportunity to understand more about the start of high school, our curriculum and inclusive school community. Parents/guardians are also welcome to collect Enrolment packs and make enrolment interview bookings on the spot. Our School Captains will also be providing a tour of the school grounds. Come and join us in the School Library starting at 3.30pm sharp!

Come and Enrol for 2017

Exploring future pathways

NAIDOC Assembly

On 21 July 2016, Wellington Point State High School held a special Assembly to commemorate NAIDOC week. NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Celebrating the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

100% Student Attendance

We are delighted to recognise the effort and commitment of these Year 12 students (pictured below) who achieved 100% Attendance in Semester 1 of 2016. Their determination to make every day count proves that our overall attendance target of 95% is achievable. A reminder to all parents/carers and students that 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.

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!

100% Attendance

Year 10 Pathway Evening

Monday 1 August 2016

As students move into Senior Secondary, there are a number of learning pathways and subject options to explore. As a school, we cater to all learners, from the very academic, to those who prefer a more vocational pathway; including the option of apprenticeships and traineeships. On Monday, 1 August 2016, our school be hosting a pathway evening from 5.30pm – 8pm so that Year 10 students can receive more information and details about the options available to them. A large range of subject displays and pathway options will be on show in the School Library, followed by presentations held in the Sports Hall (MPS) between 6.30 and 7.30pm. Mark your diary and come along for this important evening that will shape your child’s future in Senior Secondary.
**Sausage Sizzle Friday**

**Our LEOs put on a great BBQ**

It was the perfect day, with perfect weather, on our favourite day of the week…. Friday to enjoy a satisfying sausage sizzle. Our Leos did a fine job at sizzling and serving hundreds of scrumptious snags wrapped up in a blanket of fresh bread, sautéed onions and the all-important tomato sauce. Over $400 was raised for a local pet charity, helping to give back to those worthwhile causes in our local community.

![LEOs Sausage Sizzle](image)

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**Art Speaks Japanese**

**Are you a Japanese student who enjoys doing art? Well this is the opportunity for you.**

This year our school is participating in a competition called ‘Art speaks Japanese.’ Art speaks Japanese is a national art competition hosted by the Japan Foundation for high school students studying languages. To enter the competition, students must create an artwork inspired by the stimulus provided.

Last year, students in ENCORE visual art entered the competition, with some amazing results. Special mention winners were awarded to Rebecca Hannam and Morgan Devey, in year 12. Rebecca created an artwork which contrasts the traditions of Japanese culture to the modern world, it is titled ‘Now and Then’. Morgan used watercolour to depict a koi fish in water, which was inspired by UKIYO-E prints. Both of their works can be viewed on the following website:


This year, if you are studying Japanese in any year level, you have the chance to enter!! If you would like a permission form, please see Mrs Beale in H block, or Miss Yoshino in I block. There will also be workshops to help any students involved in weeks 3-10, every Thursday from 3-4pm!

We hope to see a lot of people get involved in this fantastic opportunity!

Thank you!

**By Stephanie Barton**

*Year 10 Japanese Student | ENCORE Member*

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**Oishii!**

**Making Obento**

Students in year 10 Japanese Class are learning about Japanese Obento – traditional Japanese lunch boxes with a creative twist. With the help of Japanese teacher Ms. Yoshino, students are taking the time to appreciate food and the art of cooking, creating lunch boxes that are colourful, nutritious and creative. Making penguins from rice and seaweed or sausage Octopus are just some of the fun food elements students have the chance to create. Great work year 10!

![The art of making Obento](image)
Free Self-Defence Class

Boom Boom Pow!

Brisbane City Council is sponsoring a free 6-week Self-Defence Program for women. Even though it has already commenced (21 July) – there may still be time to join in. Classes are held on Thursdays 7pm – 7.45pm. This free course takes place at 40 Molle Road, Ransome. To pre-register, email ohori@sabreconstructions.com.au or call Cathy 0414 408 320

Message from P&C

A note from P&C President
Michelle Towns

A big thank you to everyone who comes along to our P&C meetings or volunteers at the canteen — and to the amazing staff who run our One Stop Shop. We appreciate everything you do to support our students and the school community. It couldn’t happen without you.

Just recently, our P&C donated $10,000 to the school to enable the production of great new signage in and around the school, including the impressive reception wall in Administration. What a great first impression this makes for the school! We also donated $1,000 towards the school’s Chaplaincy that provides free breakfast and snacks on BASE afternoons. We are so happy to be able to help contribute to this great school community for the benefit of our students.

If you’d like to get involved in our community we’d love to see you at our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 30 August at 5pm in the Admin building. To volunteer in the canteen please contact Chris on 3820 4225. Thanks again.

Michelle Towns

Ski Trip 2016

Fun on the slopes in New Zealand

Kia ora! During the first week of the June /July holidays, 33 students and five teachers flew out of Brisbane bound for a week of fun and excitement in the ski fields of New Zealand. Students spent the week living in the Alpine town of Methven, nestled at the base of the Southern Alps. Throughout the time students experienced the thrills and challenges of skiing and snowboarding on Mt Hutt, as well as the speed of jet boating. In addition to high adrenalin activities, students also experienced some of the great New Zealand culture in the form of the Antarctic Centre and the world famous Cookie Time Factory.

Although the snow cover was not as great as in previous years, students were treated to some light snow flurries and soft on-trail skiing and boarding with picture perfect ‘blue bird’ days. This made some of the many falls that come with learning much more bearable.

The students were a credit to themselves and the school. They took each fall as a challenge, continually smiling, rising and in the end conquering the slopes of Mt Hutt. Students showed great maturity and enthusiasm to make every part of the trip such a memorable and enjoyable experience. Their ability to come together as one ‘Wello’ family was a pleasure to watch and be a part of.

The ski trip is a fantastic opportunity to experience a challenging sport, learn about the New Zealand Culture and create lasting friendships.

Information about the proposed 2017 New Zealand Ski Trip will be available soon. Listen for announcements in the notices and newsletter.

Mr Walter
Ski Trip Coordinator

Trip of a lifetime in New Zealand

July in Pictures

P&C Helping to Build a Great School Community

Non-Uniform Day on Friday 5 August 2016

The school welcomes all students to wear Jeans on Friday, 5 August 2016 as part of Jeans for Genes Day – a fundraiser to aid genetic research for children.
This means, all students have the opportunity to take part in a non-uniform day with the following guidelines:

- Gold coin donation must be brought
- No rips, holes or visible skin through jeans
- Minimum of knee length jeans
- No leggings, stockings or jeggings
- Shoulders must be covered
- No midriffs or low cut shirts are permitted
- No inappropriate or offensive slogans and images
- Any closed in shoes can be worn on the day (Converse, Vans, Canvas Shoes, Boots etc.)

Non-uniform day on 5 August 2016

Dance Night

Wellington Point State High School is hosting their very own Dance Night on Wednesday, 24 August 2016 at 6.30pm in the School’s Osprey Theatre. Entry is $5 with tickets sold at the door. Featuring choreographed dance work by our own students, come and enjoy a night of music, dance and fun!

Come and Dance the Night Away

Sign up for QParents and Win!

Two x $50 Woolies Vouchers to be Won

A reminder to all parents/carers to sign up for QParents in the month of August! QParents is an all-inclusive app that makes communication with the school easy. Anyone who signs up for QParents in the month of August will be in the running to win one of two $50 Woolies vouchers. QParents is the perfect mobile tool to access your child’s report cards online, pay school invoices, notify the school of your child’s absences and more. To register, you will need your child’s Student ID that is on their School Identification Card or printed on their class timetable. Everyone new to sign up requires a special invitation code that was emailed to all parents/carers. If you didn’t receive this via email, please contact the school on 3820 4222.

Visit the link below to find out more.
https://qparents.qld.edu.au/

Integrating IT in the Classroom

App-tastic!

In the month of July, teachers participated in a professional development meeting to learn new ways to use ICT in the classroom. ‘Showbie’ was one of the apps teachers looked at and for Science and HPE teacher, Ms Natassia Jarzynski, it was love at first sight!

“I had so many ideas running through my head as to how this could remove barriers in my science classroom. Just recently, my year 10 science class completed a mini prac report in their books. They did the work and did it well, but they didn’t appear energised. Today we conducted another experiment - however this time I asked them to follow the same scientific report format, however do it through book creator and upload to ‘Showbie’. As soon as they signed on to Showbie, they could see the prac report template right away on their ipads. They used book creator to put together each section of the report and include photos of the experiment set up, the experiment in progress and their results.

What I like most about this as a teacher is whenever they upload anything into their file in ‘Showbie’ I can see it right away and have the option to give written or verbal feedback on their piece right from the app or my computer; plus I am able to highlight sections and voice record a comment rather than type it out.

I feel like this has removed so many barriers especially for their final assessment which requires them to complete the experiment in class but finish the prac report at home. No teenager wants to write everything in their book just to retyp
it out, or worse, type it on the school computers and not be able to access it at home. This way they will be able to use the ipads to take photos and notes of their experiment, upload to ‘Showbie’ and access on any device with internet connection. The best part is, is I can add parents to see their child’s folder so they know exactly what is due and when plus they can see the progress made and any comments on drafts made by the teacher. What better way to strengthen the connection between school and home!

I also believe I am helping set my students up for future success especially as many of my students wish to do some sort of science degree, engineering or nursing at University. As part of my university degree we completed an experimental investigation however everything was recorded in an electronic journal. If they have the experience using technology and using it well they will have many more opportunities to excel in the future!

News from the Senior Schooling Hub

The Senior Schooling Hub has lots of news and updates concerning Tafe and University courses, upcoming Open Days at various Queensland universities, traineeships, and other key details for young job seekers. For more information, please click on the following link:

Need for Feed

After-School Cooking Program

An education program to minimise the risk of developing Diabetes, the Need for Feed program is a school-based cooking program to promote the importance of healthy eating. Our Home Ec department is looking to recruit interested participants in this 8-week program to be run outside of school hours within the school’s Home Ec department. The course is open to students in grades 7 – 10 with less than 20 spots available. The course itself will cost $30, a small fee considering your child will be equipped with long-long skills that involve selecting and preparing healthy food.

Our Home Ec department intends to run this course during the last four weeks and Term 3 and the first four weeks of Term 4. If you are interested to apply on behalf of your child, please email: Ms. Jillian Perry at jperr7@eq.edu.au.

Parenting Group Workshop

Headspace Capalaba

Headspace Capalaba is hosting a 7-week workshop for parents about adolescent development and parenting challenges. This evening group, every Monday from 6.00pm to 8.30pm starting 1 August 2016 is an opportunity for parents & caregivers to receive guidance and advice on hurdles in the home. Please refer to the flyer below for more information and to book a place.
News from our Guidance Officers

Tomorrow’s Digitally Enabled Workforce

CSIRO and the Department of Employment have released a report on the futures for jobs in Australia.

The study has identified six megatrends for jobs and employment markets over the coming twenty years. The report outlines the new skills and mindsets that are needed for the future.


The Importance of SLEEP

You may already be aware up to 40% of children and teenagers have some type of sleep problem. But did you know teenagers also experience what scientists describe as an onset to sleep phase delay? It’s true, they do, so when a young person is telling you they don’t feel tired at 8 or 9 pm they may very well be telling you the truth and it’s not because they have a sleep problem, it is simply an indicator of normal adolescent brain development.

Viewing the below ABC Catalyst segment will bust sleep myths and help with a parenting approach congruent with adolescent brain development. Example, acknowledging the challenge of getting ready for sleep while also removing all light and devices from the bedroom. In the segment Amelia shares her experience around sleep; once she corrected her routine, she states school was actually a place she was happy to be at, friendships with peers improved and her grades improved remarkably.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9Nd6u39yD0

Raising Children Network

Sleep problems are problems with getting to sleep or staying asleep. You can manage and get over many sleep problems in your child using common behaviour strategies.

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/sleep_problems_child.html

Recharge sleep App

Recharge is the result of a collaboration between ReachOut Australia, The University of Sydney’s Brain & Mind Research Institute, Inspire Ireland Foundation and the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre. It is also comes highly recommended by Michael Carr-Gregg – Adolescent Clinical Psychologist.

http://au.reachout.com/recharge-sleep-app