Welcome back to Term Two.

This time last year we were preparing for a School Review by a team of experienced school leaders. Twelve months later we have well and truly started living our School Improvement Strategies.

**High Expectations** are presented in many ways every day. High student attendance, punctuality and preparedness for class are simple examples of how families can live High Expectations. The first two weeks have seen hundreds of conversations take place at our parent teacher interviews where student learning has been a focus and improved achievement has been planned. Thank you to all involved, students, parents, carers and staff.

**Quality Teaching and Learning** is very much about the partnerships developed between teachers and students. Teachers prepare learning experiences and engaging activities that make learning a priority in classrooms. Teachers are also working hard behind the scenes sharing ideas and professional development strategies so that, as a team, the consistent message to students is that hard work, learning and achievement are linked together.

The last week has also seen explicit lessons delivered in Period One classes to ensure that PROUD learning is evident at Wynnum High and is clearly understood by students across the school.

**Tracking Students for Success** is again part of the team effort here at Wynnum High. All of our actions are underpinned by a belief that all students can succeed and our commitment to making this happen is deliberate and ongoing.

Recent report data is being used to direct support and investigate extension opportunities and was the basis for most conversations at the school so far this term.

Work hard and achieve, work harder and achieve more!
News from the Senior School

Our senior students have participated in a number of activities in the past few weeks. Here are a sample of just a few:

**Elevate Sessions**
For the past couple of years we have engaged an outside agency, Elevate Education, to deliver sessions to our students around the topics of study skills and techniques, time management, goal setting and self-belief. The presenters are young, energetic, knowledgeable and engaging – the perfect combination to sell these topics to students!

Years 10 and 12 students attended their first sessions for the year at the end of last term and the Year 11s attended their session last week. The Year 10 program was called *Study Sensei* and provided students with information on study methods, note organisation and what is needed to engage in an effective study session.

The Year 11 program was entitled *Memory and Mnemonics* which of course provided students with effective ways to study and remember content. Year 12s attended the *Student Elevation* program, covering short-term planning, goal setting and the importance of self-belief. The feedback from all of the year levels was again very positive.

**Invitation – Parent Elevate Session – Tues 10 May**
We are hosting a parent Elevate session on Tuesday 10 May at 6.00 pm in the Star Theatre. This session is aimed specifically at providing parents with an overview of the information that students received so that you are able to reinforce the skills at home. It is not uncommon for parents to wonder how best to help their students at home with study and homework and this session will certainly give parents some extra skills and tips. I will send an email out to parents in the coming week with full details.

**QCS Practice Tests**
Our Year 12 QCS students have now completed their first round of practice tests which consisted of a Multiple Choice test (90 mins) and a Short Response test as well as a Writing Task test (both 120 mins). We have already provided the students with results and feedback from these practices. From our perspective, an analysis of the results will allow us to tailor the next phase of their QCS preparation to suit student needs. The final practice tests will be held in the last week of Term 2, directly after the exam block ends.

**RYPEN Camp**
Last weekend, three of our Year 10 students attended the Rotary RYPEN camp at Camp Duckagang. The aim of the RYPEN camps is for young people between 14 and 17 years to “develop a greater sense of self-awareness, appreciate diversity in society and realise their own and other’s potential.”

Gavith De Silva, Kai Bowen and Nina Seychell were our attendees this year and by all accounts, they had a great experience. The students told me that all enjoyed the leadership building activities, meeting new people and the activities designed to build trust and learn to rely on other people. When I asked each student what the best part of the camp was for them, they replied with the following:
Kai: “Meeting everyone else and seeing how well you gel with them.”

Gavith: “The problem solving scenarios and the confidence I have gained.”

Nina: “Building confidence and the friendships I’ve made have really made a difference already.”

Wynnum SHS would like to sincerely thank the Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly for sponsoring Gavith, Kai and Nina to attend the camp and for all of the organising that goes on behind the scenes to produce such a great experience for young people.

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**French Film Festival**

On Monday 21st March, eighteen students from Years 10, 11 and 12 French travelled into Fortitude Valley to attend the French Film Festival. After stopping for some dinner along Brunswick Street, the students, accompanied by Madame McNeill and Mrs Hawkin, attended a showing of *L’étudiante et Monsieur Henri (The Student and Mr Henry)*. The film followed the journey of a grumpy old French man and the student who rents a room in his house. Alongside the beautiful Parisian scenery, we watched the adorable Constance stumble her way through university, trying to cope with her awkward and cynical landlord.

There were many laughs and more than a few tears as we learnt the uplifting lesson of “follow your dreams and don’t waste a minute”.

Le cinéma français delivered once again and many debates were had in class over the next week about the director’s choice of ending and whether Madame should be allowed to choose the movie next time as her choices are “too sad”.
MAY – LAPTOP MONTH

As parents and caregivers are aware, the Take Home Laptop Program is available to all students in the school. Currently, we have 84% of all students participating in the scheme. This is a terrific number of students who have access to this worthwhile program as our teachers are incorporating the use of the laptop in their lessons. Hence, it is important that students bring their fully-charged laptop to school every day to ensure their ability to participate fully in the lesson, and relevant ICT activities that the teacher has planned.

Laptops are an effective means of communication and to reinforce this, each day of the month of May will start with students using their laptop to check Morning Notices and their school emails during House Group. The laptops will then be used in most classes throughout each day. Messages from teachers will be emailed to students so it is vital for all students to be checking their school emails regularly. These messages could be occurring at any time during the day.

We will also be trialing the sending of assessment tasks via email in some subjects. In those subjects it is expected that the completed task will also be returned to the teacher via email.

Virtual classrooms will continue to play an integral part of the resources that are available to your son/daughter and these can be accessed 24 hours/day on their laptop.

If a student is not part of the Laptop Scheme, they will be able to access the laptops in the Library and desktop computers in the classrooms. The laptops in the Library can be accessed before school and during break times. It is not too late to sign up for the Laptop Program and if you wish to do so, please contact our Business Services Manager, Rad Vlaski.

Remember – May is LAPTOP MONTH!
NAPLAN IS COMING!!!!

Practice NAPLAN Testing

Students in Years 7 and 9 will sit a practice NAPLAN session on Tuesday, 26th April. The aim of this practice is to prepare students for the test format of NAPLAN and also to provide us with diagnostic information that we will use to further inform our teaching as we approach the official NAPLAN tests.

The official NAPLAN testing will be held on May 10th, 11th and 12th. More information regarding the official NAPLAN tests will be emailed to you closer to those days.

The timetable for Tuesday 26th April will be as follows:

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Today we spoke to all Years 7 and 9 students about these practice tests. At that time we provided them with details of the practice day including information about the venue for their practice tests and materials they will need to bring. However, we ask that you help us by ensuring your child has the following materials for Tuesday’s practice test.

Test materials required by EACH Years 7 and 9 student:

⇒ 2B or HB pencils
⇒ Eraser
⇒ Pencil sharpener
⇒ Calculator

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 3906 7333.

Regards
Kim Hutchinson     Lisa Hawkin
Deputy Principal     HOD Junior Secondary
MITCHELL House would like to send a big thank you to all the families who helped out by bringing in donations for The Salvation Army Homelessness Services. It was a huge success and the Salvation Army were truly thankful for the donations that will help so many families of Domestic Violence who go without. Mitchell House would also like to thank all their fellow student leaders for their contributions in the organisation and delivery of the donated goods. It wouldn’t have been possible without them.

Below is a photo of Mr Phil Campbell presenting our donations to Mrs Virginia Wilson from the Salvation Army on Anti-Bully & Harmony Day. Also below is a photograph of the items we collected.
Harmony Day

On Friday 18th March, Oxley had the honour of hosting the Harmony Day and Anti-Bullying Day assembly. We are so fortunate to be part of a school that is so diverse and this was clearly reflected in our assembly. The assembly included a variety of performances from both the senior and junior members of our school community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who contributed to the assembly.
To kick off Harmony and Anti-Bullying Day a free pancake breakfast was supplied to students and staff. Thank you to Chaplain Greg and all of his ‘chefs’ for their cooking efforts on a very hot and busy morning! Students and staff also signed Wynnum High’s Anti-Bullying pledge for 2016. It was wonderful that we broke last year’s record of signatures!

To continue on with Harmony Day celebrations Ms Michel took students through a Zorba dance class at lunchtime. All students had a great time and appreciated learning a Greek cultural dance.
Wynnum State High School – Griffith University
Science Ambassadors Conference

Our Griffith University STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Science Ambassadors team at Wynnum SHS is growing and now has 14 members. Congratulations to the following students who will lead STEM at Wynnum SHS in 2016.

**Year 12** – Tim Biddle, Meghan McDonnell

**Year 11** – Ahrie Trembarth, Ayrton Niwa, Edward Stephens

**Year 10** – Elise Carsburg, Gavith De Silva, Meghan Parker-Webb

**Year 9** – Finn Lumsdale

**Year 8** – Marianthi Panagopoulos, Elizabeth Burns

**Year 7** – Henry Love, Amy Wilson, Mitchell Batchelor

The ambassadors had their first day out for the year at Griffith University (Southbank Campus) on Friday March 11, 2016. The day was hosted by Griffith University. Here they met with all the other STEM Ambassadors and Partnership Program Coordinators and had the opportunity to talk to other students. Our ambassadors spent the morning completing a strategic plan for Wynnum STEM in 2016. The team will now be busy at weekly meetings planning activities to engage the rest of the school community throughout the year.

Later in the day the ambassadors were lucky enough to attend a Griffith World Science Festival Sponsored event ‘Chasing Down the Comet’ at the Griffith University Conservatorium Theatre. Our ambassadors gained an insight into the incredible 11.4 billion kilometre journey chasing down the 67P/Churyumov–Gerasimenko comet.

We look forward to hearing and seeing great things from our Ambassadors.
Wynnum State High School – QUT
Year 7 QUT Cube Excursion

Students of 7A Science attended the QUT Cube on Wednesday March 23, 2016. The Cube is one of the world’s largest digital interactive learning and display spaces. The QUT Cube offers curriculum-mapped STEM workshops in the Science and Engineering Centre to meet the needs of high school students.

The students completed two workshops throughout the day. The first was “Rockets 101”. Students explored the basic concepts of rocket science using the space flight simulator program, Orbiter. Through manipulation of the software code, students discovered the relationship between force and mass and tested how this affected the motion of their rocket. Students then competed to see which group could launch their rocket to the highest altitude.

The second workshop was called “Little Bits”. Students used littleBits (electronic snap together modules), to establish a basic understanding of how electrical components fit together and transfer energy through a circuit. They used this electronic prototyping platform to build a series of circuits and complete a series of challenges. They then used their electrical engineering skills to build a working satellite dish.
Creative Arts News

Term 2 is a very busy term for students in the Creative Arts at Wynnum SHS.

Sixteen of Wynnum’s creative drama students will be working with directors and actors from Post Luminous Productions, a Brisbane-based Theatre Company to create an original theatre work. Students are rehearsing Monday and Wednesday afternoons after school this term. The students will be presenting their original work at Metro Arts Theatre in Brisbane city from **22nd - 25th June**. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to showcase their own work on a real stage, and in front of a full audience of industry professionals, friends and family.

Thanks to all the parents who attend the Instrumental Music Information Night. It was a great opportunity to see all three ensembles play at their first public performance for the year. It was also a wonderful night as thirteen Year 12 students received their Instrumental Music Leader’s Badge from Mr Campbell.

MUSCINCAN in the SPOTLIGHT

Jade McManus performed at the Apple and Grape festival a couple of weeks ago. The band she is playing in is the Queensland Mounted Infantry Historical Troop Band and the uniform is the Light Horse uniform worn during World War I.

Later Jade will be travelling overseas with the Troop Band - a wonderful experience and a reflection on her musical aptitude.

Variety Night this year will be on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 May in the Star Theatre. This is a delightful night of entertainment for the whole family where students get to present pieces they have prepared including music, drama and dance performances. Tickets are $5 with a family ticket of $15 for a family of 4. Tickets can be purchased from Student Services. No tickets will be sold on the night.
On Saturday 11 June the IMPS Committee will be hosting a Bush Dance in the Imperial Playhouse as a fund raiser for the Instrumental Music Program. It is a great night of dancing, bush tucker and live music performed by the *Burning Bush Band*. Tickets are $10 for a single ticket or a family rate of $35 for a family of 4 or more. Tickets can be purchased at the tuckshop.

![The Burning Bush Band](image)

Years 10, 11 and 12 students will be attending the Senior Schools Concert presented by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday 11 May. This is a great opportunity for students to experience an 80 piece symphonic orchestra playing a classical repertoire.

This semester parents, friends and families are invited to view the wonderful work that has been developed over the semester by Creative Arts students.

- **Senior Showcase** is on Thursday 9 June. Years 10, 11 and 12 Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Art will present performances and displays for the school community.

- **Junior Showcase** is on Wednesday 15 June. Years 7, 8 and 9 Music, Drama, Dance and Technology students will present performances and displays for the school community.

Both these showcases are free events and everyone is welcome to come along and celebrate the enormous talent we have at Wynnum High.

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Cross Country Report 2016

Kennedy House Wins Again!

With the dew drying on the grass and the park dotted with markers, the 2016 Wynnum SHS Cross Country was run on Thursday morning, the last day of Term 1. In beautiful sunshine coupled with a good turnout by the students, Memorial Park was a sea of movement. Teachers manned checkpoints, lifeguards took up positions, timekeepers zeroed stopwatches, place judges issued tickets, recorders tallied points and the starter’s gun was busy. Runners went around the perimeter of the park, walkers completed laps in the middle and student helpers ran the carnival with precision. Once the races were over, the winners and trophies were presented and the footprints on Memorial Park disappeared for yet another year. Congratulations to all participants for making it a great day. Once again you all should be PROUD!

For the second year in a row the Wynnum SHS Cross Country was won by KENNEDY HOUSE.

Mr Bekiros
Cross Country Coordinator

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Congratulations to Adam Guthrie, who placed third in the U16 division of the Bayside District Cross Country. He will now go on to represent the school at the Met East Cross Country competition. Well done!
Year 7 Sports Development

The Year 7 Sports Development class has had a great start to the year. The class has not only been working hard in their regular CPE lessons, but also out-of-class time in additional fitness sessions. The class received an excellent opportunity through a visit from the Brisbane Lions during Term 1. The Lions spoke to the class about what it takes to be a professional athlete and the importance of education in life outside of sport.

The students then had a short practical session with the players on the oval. The main theme of the session was, “a good attitude is the key to success.” The class were extremely attentive during the session and have embraced this motto. It will be exciting to see them develop as athletes and respectful young people in and out of the classroom.

Junior Rugby League

Early in Term 2, our Years 8 and 9 Rugby League teams had a visit from the Brisbane Broncos Development Officers. One of the officers in charge of the session was 5-time premiership winner, Michael Hancock. The students were spoken to by Michael about the importance of attitude and commitment before engaging in some drills and ball work. The session focused on the fundamentals of Rugby League and the importance of these was stressed frequently during the session. Opportunities like this rarely come along and the challenge put to the boys is that they will now go away and focus on the continued development of these skills. They will then aim to transfer them into games when it comes to our Winter Interschool Sport Competition.
Australian Mathematics Competition
The Australian Maths Competition will be held on Thursday 28 July and entries for this competition must close on Thursday 5 May. Cost is normally $6, but this year the school will be paying this entry fee to encourage our top mathematics students to enter. Keen and interested maths students need to give their name to Mr Wilson or their maths teacher by Wednesday 4 May.

Peter Wilson
Head of Department Mathematics

2016 Student Resource Scheme and Laptop Program
This is just a reminder that Term 2 Student Resource Scheme and Laptop Program fees were due today, Friday 22/04/16. Please ensure you have paid these fees, or have an approved payment plan in place, so that your child continues to have access to these valuable resources.

School Magazines
We have previous year’s editions of the school magazines for sale at a cost of $2. If you wish to purchase any of these, please contact Melissa Bath on 3906 7312 or at the Student Services Counter, Ground Floor A Block.
Enrolling in Year 7 in 2017? Friends or family wanting to enrol?

Some important dates....

School Tours are being conducted on the following dates. Tours leave from the Star Theatre. Please ring the school on 3906 7333 or email Jackie O'Connor on jocon1@eq.edu.au to book a tour...

**Term 2**
- Wednesday: 4 May, 4.30 pm
- Thursday: 5 May, 4.30 pm
- Thursday: 19 May, 4.30 pm
- Thursday: 16 June, 4.30 pm

**Term 3**
- Tuesday: 23 August, 4.30 pm
- Wednesday: 7 September, 4.30 pm

Year 7 enrolment interviews for 2017 are being conducted on the dates below. Please ring the school on 3906 7333 or email Jackie O'Connor on jocon1@eq.edu.au to book an interview time. Interviews are 30 minutes in duration.

- Saturday: 21 May, 8.30 am – 2.00 pm, School Library
- Saturday: 4 June, 8.30 am – 2.00 pm, School Library

When you make a booking for an interview, you will be sent a letter confirming your interview date and time. Included will be a list of what you need to bring to this interview.

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**DATE CLAIMER**

*Year 7 2017 Information Night – 11 October 2016*

6.30 pm  Star Theatre

Remember always, We’re Wynnum and We’re PROUD
## All WSHS students welcome to come!
Tuesday and Thursday 3 to 4 pm in the WSHS library.
For more information contact Ms Greenhill (egree3@eq.edu.au)
or Ms Redsell (sreds8@eq.edu.au)

## Upcoming Events

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|                    | Please phone the school office to make an appointment |