



From the Head of College

Week 1 has begun with great enthusiasm and activity. It has been great to interact with students across the Pre-School, the Junior School and the Senior School over the last few days. Our new facilities are progressing towards completion by the end of Term 1 and our new students and staff are adapting to their new environments. It has also been a pleasure to meet many Year 7 parents as they have attended the opening assembly and the Year 7 Macbook Air Computer roll-outs on Wednesday and Thursday.

In the recently issued Commencement Letter, I welcomed new staff to the College. You will also be aware from that letter that there have been changes to our position titles at the College. From 2016, our Year Masters will now be called Heads of Year. There have also been a number of changes within that group:

- Head of Year 7: Mr Richard Chen
- Head of Year 8 : Mr David New
- Head of Year 9: Mr Andy Andrews
- Head of Year 10: Mr Scott Coleman
- Head of Year 11: Ms Cathy O'Sullivan
- Head of Year 12: Mr Matthew Barr

2016 Commencement Mass

This important event takes place on Wednesday February 10 and coincides with Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. I warmly invite parents and carers to attend this celebration which will take place in the Centenary Quad at 9.30am.

Parents and Friends Term 1 Forum

This will take place on Tuesday 9 February at 6.30pm on Level 4 of the Senior School Admin Building. The Forum will include input from me, Mr Graham Leddie (Deputy Head) and Mr Tony Banboukjian (Director of the Junior School). You will also be updated on the progress of our "Parent Tips" document which has been developed by a parent working party following our night with Dr Donna Cross in May last year.

Parents and Friends Welcome Cocktails - Save the Date

Each year, our Parents and Friends Association host a highly successful Welcome Cocktail Party, providing an opportunity to celebrate the start of another College Year and to welcome new parents to the community. This year it will be held at the Junior School on Saturday 20 February.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Ray Paxton
HEAD OF COLLEGE



From the Director of Junior School

Welcome

Welcome to the 2016 school year. It was terrific to see the boys in their new uniforms and polished shoes ready to start the year with tremendous energy. I hope they can keep up this standard all year round. I hope everyone had a great holiday and a chance to recharge their batteries ready for another exciting year.

In 2016 the boys will be challenged to be the best they can be in everything they do. I would appreciate if the parents could follow this through at home as well.

A big welcome to all our new students in Year 5. I look forward to their active involvement in all things Waverley. I also look forward to meeting many of our new and 'old' parents at the P&F Cocktail Party on Saturday 20 February at the Junior School.

Our complete staff for 2016 is as follows:

Mr Greg Harris – Assistant Director, Year 5 Mathematics and Year 5 Computer Studies

Mr Matthew Ryan – Sportsmaster and Year 6 Green Class Teacher

Mr Stephen Ghattas – REC and Year 5 Blue Class Teacher

Mr Ben Meadley - Year 6 Red Class Teacher

Mr Anthony Gill - Year 6 Blue Class Teacher

Ms Gaby Bransby – Curriculum Co-ordinator and Year 5 Gold Class Teacher

Ms Jennifer Hoare - Year 6 Blue Class Teacher

Mr Kendall Robinson - Year 6 White Class Teacher

Mr Anthony Stanton - Year 5 White Class Teacher

Mrs Tracie Ryan - Year 5 Green Class Teacher

Mr Mark Claridge - Year 5 Red Class Teacher

Mrs Michelle Rollins – Music and Drama

Ms Charlotte Stephens - French

Mrs Katrina King – Learning Support

Ms Margaret Fitzgerald – Learning Support

Mrs Morag Tunks – Librarian (Monday – Wednesday)

Ms Amy Crewdson – Librarian (Thursday – Friday)

Mr Glenn Fleming - Counsellor (Wednesday)

Mrs Megan Schmitz – JS Counsellor (Thursday and Friday)

Mrs Audrey Coupe – School Secretary

Mrs Sharon Baldock – Canteen

Mrs Julie Williams - Canteen

Whilst Mr Gill is absent on sick leave recovering from heart surgery Ms Amy Crewdson will be looking after 6 Blue.

Year 5 Laptop Rollout

Laptops will be issued to Year 5 on Wednesday 10 February, starting at 3.15pm and concluding at 4.30pm. The venue is the Junior School Auditorium. All boys need to be present with at least one parent. All information and forms will be sent home next week.

Diary and Calendar

Your son should have returned home this week with his blue College diary and the school



Above: Photos from the first day of school.

calendars (large and small). The diary is expected to be signed by parents each week and to have homework and assignments listed.

Who do I Contact?



Weekly Prayer

Prayer for our Return, New Year 2016

God of New Beginnings,

We thank you for bringing us to this day where we begin our journey together here at Waverley College Junior School.

We give thanks for the opportunity we have had to rest and to spend valuable time with our families and friends. We now look to the new year as one of hard work, study and achievements, academically and in all of our other co-curricular activities.

Bless in a special way all the students and families of Year 5 who are new to our community. May they find their first year challenging, yet rewarding and full of many happy memories.

Bless all the teachers of the Junior School so that they may develop and challenge us into becoming the best that we can be. We also pray for Mr Fleming, who joins us this year as our new school counsellor. May he find his time here a welcoming and enjoyable experience.

Finally we pray for Mr Gill who underwent a major operation during the holidays. We wish him a very speedy recovery and hope that he is back to school as soon as possible.

Amen

Prayer: Our Father

Blessed Edmund Rice: Pray for Us

St Mary of the Cross: Pray for Us

Live Jesus in our Hearts: Forever

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From the Director of Junior School ... continued

If you are facing any difficulties at the Junior School please use this list as a guide on who to contact.

Area: Curriculum

Issue: My son's progress in a subject / the content of a subject / his performance in assessments / his conduct in class

1st contact: Class Teacher
2nd contact: Learning Support
3rd contact: Junior School Director

Area: Pastoral Care

Issue: My son's academic, social, physical and spiritual development, including discipline, peer relationships, attendance

1st contact: Class Teacher
2nd contact: Junior School Director
3rd contact: If needed, School Counsellor

Area: Sport

Issue: Matters relating to training sessions of my son's team / team expectations / selection and venues / times

1st contact: Team coach
2nd contact: Sportsmaster
3rd contact: Junior School Director

Area: Fees/Finance

Issue: For payment of fees and general enquiries.

1st contact: Assistant Business Manager
2nd contact: Business Manager

Area: Travel

Issue: Opal Card applications / replacements, etc.

1st contact: Administration Secretary
2nd contact: Deputy Director

Area: Contact details

Issue: Change of address / phone number / email

1st contact: Registrar 9369 0698

Area: Other

Issue: For general information / absences / illness

1st contact: Administration Secretary 9387 5022
2nd contact: Junior School Director

Mr A Banboukjian
Director – Junior School



Important Dates: Junior School Term 1

Week 1

- Thursday 28th January (Day B) – Summer Sport Trials (PE uniform required) Periods 1-4
- Thursday 28th January (Day B) – 50m Swimming Trials 1:30pm – 3:00pm
- Friday 29th (Day C) – Summer Sport Trials (PE uniform required) Periods 1-4

Week 2

- Thursday 4th February (Day G) – JS Commencement Liturgy
- Friday 5th February (Day H) – Swimming Carnival – 1:45pm finish
All parents welcome
- Saturday 6th February – Rnd 1 Summer Sport

Week 3

- Wednesday 10th February (Day C) – Year 5 Laptop Roll Out - 3.15pm -4.30pm
- Wednesday 10th February (Day C) – College Commencement Liturgy & Ash Wednesday
- Saturday 13th February – Rnd 2 Summer Sport

Week 4

- Wednesday 17th February (Day H) – Year 5 & 6 Parent Information Evening – 7pm
- Friday 19th February (Day B) – JS Cross Country Carnival @ Queens Park – Periods 5 & 6
- Saturday 20th February – P & F Welcome to Waverley Cocktail Party for Parents
- Saturday 20th February – Rnd 3 Summer Sport

Week 5

- Monday 22nd February (Day C) – Aungier House Mass
- Friday 26th February (Day G) – Brothers Swimming Carnival @ Riverview
- Saturday 27th February – Rnd 4 Summer Sport

Week 6

- Wednesday 2nd March (Day B) – IPSHA Swimming Carnival @ Homebush
- Wednesday 2nd March (Day B) - Winter Sport Trials 1 @ Queens Park – Periods 5 & 6
- Saturday 5th March – Rnd 5 Summer Sport

Week 7

- Monday 7th March (Day E) – Brennan House Mass
- Saturday 12th March – Rnd 6 Summer Sport

Week 8

- Monday 14th March (Day B) – Winter Sport Trials 2 @ Queens Park – Periods 5 & 6
- Tuesday 15th March (Day C) – Staff meeting no training
- Friday 18th March (Day F) – Summer Sports Photos

Week 9

- Thursday 24th March (Day B) - Winter Sport Trials 3 @ Queens Park – Periods 5 & 6
- Friday 25th March – Good Friday
- Sunday 27th March – Easter Sunday

Week 10

- Monday 28th March – Easter Monday
- Tuesday 29th March (Day C) – Classes resume
- Saturday 2nd April – JS IPSHA Cross Country Carnival, Kings

Week 11

- Monday 4th April February (Day G) – Conlon House Mass
- Thursday 7th April (Day B) – Colour Comp Round 1 @ Queens Park – Periods 5 & 6
- Friday 8th April (Day C) – ANZAC Commemoration 1.30pm. Classes Conclude Term 1
- Friday 8th April (Day C) – Armidale Rugby Tour departs
- Saturday 9th April - Armidale Rugby Tour
- Sunday 10th April - Armidale Rugby Tour concludes

Term 2

- Tuesday 26th April (Day D) – JS Parent Teacher Student Interviews

From the Director of Curriculum: Resilience and Change

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I offer a special welcome to those new parents who are joining our Waverley community.

A core goal of the Waverley College strategic direction is liberating the potential of every learner. Our aim is to ensure that all boys can achieve growing academic success by all its measures. A key element of achieving success is resilience and building capacity to be an effective learner.

The challenge for our boys is to be actively reflective throughout their learning and develop habits that assist in being an effective lifelong learner.

In conversations with your son at the start of the school year, have them consider the following habits. It's an opportunity for them to reflect on which things they have under control and which things they may need to work on. Ask them to think about whether their answers are 'yes', 'no' or 'sometimes' to the questions in the table at the bottom right of this page.

Dealing with change

The start of the school year is not just a transition time for our students commencing Year 5 and Year 7. All students will be experiencing some form of transition this year. Perhaps they are now a senior student. Maybe they are trying a new subject or changing levels within a subject.

With change, can come uncertainty and anxiety. Whenever we are in a new situation, we have a period of time where we are learning and adapting. Below are some tips to help your sons make their transitions this year as smooth as possible.

ASK QUESTIONS: Ask lots of questions. If you are unsure about something, don't sit there in silence. If you are uncomfortable asking the teacher directly, then ask a friend or ask the teacher after class. But be aware, there are probably many other students with the same question and they will probably be thankful that someone asks the question they also have!

FIND A BUDDY: It is much easier if you have someone to talk to about what you are both experiencing. Someone you can check things with, even just someone to listen to you when you want to moan and groan, or celebrate! You don't have to specifically say 'let's be buddies', but look out for a like-minded person so that you can help each other along the way.

CONSOLIDATE: When you are learning new things, or have lots of new information heading your way, it's important to take time to consolidate. This could be explaining what you are learning to someone like your parents, or it could be writing a short list or summary of what you have been told so you don't forget it.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE: Your attitude can make a world of difference to the type of experiences you have during any transition. Start noticing your thoughts. Are they negative or positive? You can start to take control and direct the way you think about a situation and this in turn will change how you feel. For example if something goes wrong and you notice you're thinking something like 'what an idiot, I can't believe I did that' immediately catch

yourself and say 'that's a bit negative, everyone makes mistakes, at least now I know what I need to do for next time'. Eventually you can start to have a more positive reaction to things, look for the good in situations.

AIM FOR PERSONAL BEST: Don't compare yourself to other people. Aim for your own "personal best". Strive to do the best you can, to learn, to grow and develop. We all have different skills and strengths and sometimes these aren't always evident in the school situation. So just focus on being the best student you can be and celebrate all of your strengths and gifts.

Further tips on how to transition into the new school year can be found on Prue Salter's Study Skills website-Enhanced Learning Educational Services.

Go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and enter the username: `forwaverleycollegeonly` and the password: `94results`

Additionally, Prue will be addressing our Year 8, 9 and 10 students throughout the day on Monday 8 February 2016. She will then be returning early Term 2 to present to our Year 7 students with their parents on Thursday 28 April. Year 11 and 12 students will have a variety of study skills seminars throughout the year.

Wishing all families a great start to the 2016 school year.

Elizabeth Watson
Acting Director of Curriculum



Habit	Y/N/S
You arrive on time for classes.	
You come to school with the correct equipment and materials.	
You ask questions in class if you don't understand something.	
You sit next to people who you work well with.	
You do your best to stay on task during lessons.	
You participate in your lessons.	
You keep quiet and listen when the teacher is talking.	
You show respect to the other people in your class.	
You help others in your class who need help.	
You contribute your thoughts and ideas to the lesson.	
You are polite at all times when dealing with teachers.	
You arrange to see your teacher if you are struggling with the subject.	
You make the effort to get on with all of your teachers.	
You try and get as much work done in your lessons as you can.	
You involve yourself where you can in the life of your school.	
You have a sense of pride about your school and what it does for you.	
You are grateful for the opportunity you have to get an education.	
You record your homework from the lesson into your diary.	
You keep your locker clean and tidy.	
If you are absent from a lesson you find out what you have missed.	

From the Director of Co-curriculum

During the final week of term in 2015, Year 12 took part in a CPR training day at Allianz Stadium.

Over the course of the day over 10,000 people took part in the day making it the largest and most important resuscitation event in Australia's history.

The event was supported by NSW Ambulance, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, NSW Police and NSW Fire and Rescue.

The collaboration was part of a wider push to increase the public's knowledge and awareness of sudden cardiac arrest.

With over 500 Australians suffering cardiac arrests each week, this was a great initiative for our senior students.

Each student who participated was certified in emergency first aid.

I congratulate the boys for the manner in which they conducted themselves. They were a credit to themselves and the College.

Patrick Brennan
Acting Director of Co-Curriculum



Term 1 School Fees due 5 February

A reminder to all parents and carers that School Fee payments are due on 5 February 2016.

School Fees for the remainder of 2016 are due on the following dates:

2016	Prompt Payment Date	Due Date
1st Payment	Closed	05/02/2016
2nd Payment	29/04/2016	13/05/2016
3rd Payment	22/07/2016	05/08/2016

Please see the reverse side of your account for payment methods and contact details.

Fees paid before 4.00pm on the "prompt payment date" attract a \$25.00 discount.

Any payment received after the "Due Date" will attract an administrative fee of \$110.00. Please be advised that some financial institutions need more than 48 hours to process their payments (eg. internet / bpay).

Have you received your school fees by email?

The College now issues all fee invoices by email and your first account for 2016 was sent on 12 January. If you did not receive this email, please first check your junk mail or spam folder. If the email cannot be located please email schoolfees@waverley.nsw.edu.au to request that they be re-issued.

It is essential both for fees and for communication between the school and your family regarding your son that you advise us immediately if your email address changes.

Bryn Gregerson
Director of Business Services

Senior Canteen Roster

01-Feb-16	02-Feb-16	03-Feb-16	04-Feb-16	05-Feb-16
Sam Ryan	Jackie Gandy	Sandi Templeton Martin	Ann Cam	Noeline Bakelis
Kim Faulkner-Hogg		Kathy Nathan	Alison Gibson	Amanda Cardiff
08-Feb-16	09-Feb-16	10-Feb-16	11-Feb-16	12-Feb-16
Susan Su	Lee Valenti	Melissa Cahill	Mary Ann Salakas	Tony Rynberg
	Pauline Evans	Rae Norman		Lee Bonani

Junior School Canteen Roster

WEEK 2

- Mon 1/2 Leslie Dunn & Juliette Fernandez
- Tues 2/2 Sonya Deale & Naomi Isaac
- Wed 3/2 Amanda Galmes & Michelle Cahill
- Thurs 4/2 Linda Kennedy
- Fri 5/2 **SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

From the Head of Senior Sport: Things to Remember

Welcome back to 2016 and a huge welcome to all new members of the Waverley College community. In particular I want to congratulate the new Year 7 students and their parents for the enthusiastic start to the year and their very positive approach to sport and the co-curricular program.

This Saturday we have sports trials for many of the Year 7 teams as well as Water Polo matches for all teams, and Basketball blitz trials for 1sts, 2nds, 10A, 9A and 8A sides. We also have some internal games between the 1st and 2nd XI Cricket and 10A and 9A cricket. We also wish all the best to those students trialing for CAS Cricket this Saturday.

Training and sport for all teams and activities commences from Monday. Saturday 6 February will see the next full round against local rivals, Cranbrook School.

Expectations for Behaviour, Leave and Uniform

At the commencement of the school year I would like to reinforce some important points regarding CAS and Waverley College expectations:

- There are specific standards of behaviour expected for all players, parents and spectators
- Officials are to be treated with appropriate respect and courtesy
- Sport is a compulsory part of Waverley College life and dedication to school training and sporting commitments needs to take precedence over external club commitments
- Illness or injury which results in missing Saturday commitments requires a medical certificate
- Any leave requests need to be in writing to the College two weeks in advance
- Correct attire and equipment needs to be worn to all matches
- All students should arrive 30 minutes prior to each game
- Any complaints or concerns, particularly with another school, need to be communicated to either the Director of Co-curriculum or myself and we will follow up appropriately – please do not contact or approach another school or coach directly.

The co-curricular program gives students a great opportunity to develop relationships with their coaches, peers, other schools and officials. We all want to win but getting involved, doing our best and having a go is what school sport should be all about.

There are a number of important dates coming up in a very busy Term 1. These include:

- Winter sport change requests need to be submitted by the end of Week 3
- Summer sport photos on Tuesday 23 February
- Winter sports check on Monday 29 February
- Commencement of winter sports pre-season on Monday 7 March
- CAS Swimming Championships and Assembly are on Thursday 10 March at

SOPAC

- Internal winter sports trials at Queens Park on Saturday 19 March

There are a number of other key events during this term and it is imperative students familiarise themselves with the College calendar.

A big thank you to the staff and coaches who gave up time in their school holiday period to continue the skills and fitness with various groups and I am sure your hard work and commitment will lead to successes later in the year.

If there are concerns regarding wet weather please use the Wet Weather Line or check notifications on the Waverley College Skoolbag App.

All the best for trials and fixtures this weekend and 'Go the Waves!'

Mr Steve O'Donnell
Head of Senior Sport



Where: WAVERLEY COLLEGE TENNIS COURTS
When: SUNDAY 21, FEBRUARY, 2016

ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS & PARENTS ARE WELCOME!
Stay tuned for more details in early 2016



- Activities on the day:**
- Breakfast and lunch BBQ
 - Multiple games of Tennis
 - Prizes to be won
 - Raffles
 - Wii Tennis
 - Table Tennis

