



What's Coming Up?

Tuesday 1st March/Friday 4th March

Zone Swimming Carnival

Thursday 3rd March

SRC Induction

Thursday 10th March

Volleyball Knockout

Tuesday 15th March

School Photos

Monday 21st March

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 22nd March

Netball Knockout

Year 8 Expo

Wednesday 23rd March

Softball Knockout

Please see Reminders on Page 7 for important information on school procedures.

From the Principal's Desk



Welcome Back

I'd like to welcome you all back and hope that the holiday break was both enjoyable and refreshing. We begin the year with a big agenda, so the holidays were a complete rest to prepare for the work ahead of us.

I would like to welcome all new parents to our school, especially the families of our new Year 7 students.

We had a successful year last year with students doing very well in the HSC. 30 students from Year 12 have been offered university positions and all the remaining students are going onto tertiary studies or work.

This term we have experienced a highly successful Swimming Carnival, with a very strong student participation rate. Thank you Mrs McIntosh for organising this carnival and we look forward to the Athletics Carnival in week one of Term 2.

We also hosted a community breakfast with our local Federal member, the Honourable Tony Bourke in attendance. We had over 100 members of the local

business and support community at this breakfast. Ms Agapitos organised this event and it is always encouraging to see such support for the school.

We are welcoming some new members of staff this year, Ms Rosanna Lavite as the Head Teacher of Technology, Ms Gracen Gu as a new Maths teacher, Dr Padma Somasi as a new Science teacher and Mr James Dickman in the Art faculty.

We are also farewelling Mrs Susan Dayhew as she retires from her Head Teacher role in the school after over 30 years of teaching. Mrs Dayhew will be sadly missed as a valuable member of the Wiley Park Girls High School Executive and Leadership team. Luckily she will still continue to teach music for a few days a week for some time.

I look forward to speaking with you all in the future and hearing your thoughts on ways to enhance and support our school.

Mr Grahame Steigler-Peters
Principal

From the Deputy Principal's Desk: Ms D Agapitos

“Getting Together with the Community” Breakfast

On 16th February 2016 Wiley Park Girls High School hosted a breakfast meeting called “Getting Together with the Community”. This event is another open line of communication from the school, connecting parents and the community to our school and educational pathways.

The Principal, Mr Steigler-Peters, Deputy Principals, Ms Agapitos and Mrs Fitzpatrick, students and school staff welcomed distinguished guests including The Honourable Tony Burke, Federal Member for Watson, Mr Christopher Charles, Director Public Schools NSW, Canterbury Network and Mr Michael McLean, Area Commander, Campsie Police. Other guests included local community members, Aboriginal consultants and Principals and Deputy Principals from neighbouring schools.



This program is in its fourth year and its success has enabled the school executive team, staff and SRC to showcase the school's academic excellence and diversity through the presentation of drama, musical performances and student samples of work to parents and the community with all key community groups celebrating diversity.

Ms Debbie Agapitos
Deputy Principal



Year 7 Report



It has been a pleasure to welcome Year 7 into Wiley Park Girls High School. The girls have smoothly transitioned into high school and are making many friends both within their year and in other year groups. Year 7 students have been kept very busy with numerous activities occurring throughout the first term.

Swimming Carnival

They have participated in their first ever swimming carnival and performed very well. Year 7 displayed great pride for their house groups by actively taking part in events, wearing their house colours and by cheering for their house teams.

Peer Support

Students took part in Peer Support Workshops led by senior students. These enabled Year 7 students to meet older students in the school, learn more about WPGHS and consequently enhance their confidence about high school.

Year Meeting

The first Year meeting took place in Week 4 focusing on "Goal Setting and Expectations". Here students participated in discussions of settling into high school, school rules, importance of setting goals and strategies that can assist in achieving those goals.

Vaccinations

Year 7 proved to be a brave year group by having their first vaccinations completed in Week 3.

Meet and Greet

Parents were invited to meet teachers in an informal afternoon held on Monday the 29th February in the Library. Parents had the opportunity to meet and speak to their daughters teachers. It was a great afternoon and thanks to everyone that attended.

Year 7 is to be congratulated on their efforts thus far! Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Ms Bobokis, Year 7 Adviser

Year 8 Report



The International Women's Week celebrations have started at Wiley Park with great enthusiasm by Year 8. The students have started collecting toiletries to donate to the refugee teenagers. Their generosity and effort will be rewarded in the form of Merit Awards from the roll call teachers.

Some of the Year 8 girls have been visiting Primary Schools and talking about their high school experiences. They have had a wonderful start to the year and are settling in well. I am very proud to report on this progress.

Keep up the great work girls!

Ms Kaul, Year 8 Adviser

Year 9 Report



Year 9 have had a great start to the year. We have several new students who are fitting in well to life here at Wiley Park Girls High School and the majority of students are committing to their studies.

It was lovely to see so many Year 9 students at the swimming carnival and hugest congratulations to Aya Elgamal who was not only the 14 years age champion, but also equal school champion!

Year 9 are also showing their talents in extra-curricular areas. Several students danced and sang at the Community Breakfast and four students are part of the Journo Club.

I encourage all Year 9 students to participate full in their school life and studies and take every fabulous opportunity that is offered to them.

I look forward to another successful year with this lovely group of young ladies.

Miss Cervonaro, Year 9 Adviser

Year 10 Report



Year 10 are doing amazingly well so far! The year meeting was conducted recently and all students responded fantastically. Students were on task and extremely well behaved and really enjoyed the unit on Goal setting. Students were able to create specific actions plans which allowed them to visualise goals as well as celebrating their accomplishments. Assessment schedules were also discussed and students were happy to ask questions and reflect on their purpose for being at school.

My role as a Year Adviser is a diverse one. The Year Adviser is the first point of contact for parents if they have any concerns about the wellbeing of their child. As a Year Adviser I am happy to liaise with parents to:

- Monitor student progress and request progress reports from all subjects to provide information to parents and other teachers
- Follow up on parental requests for referrals to school counsellors
- Provide monitoring of student progress with respect to behaviour and attitude across all subjects
- Help with health care plans and confidential health issues
- Follow up on all student welfare concerns
- Request work from other teachers if a student is absent for an extended period of time

When concerned with any matters related to your child's schooling and wellbeing feel free and confident to contact me.

Ms Nicholas, Year 10 Adviser

Year 11 Report



What a wonderful start to the year our Year 11 have had! This term has really flown by and the end of the preliminary course is looming. Most are thoroughly enjoying their senior subjects and excelling in their chosen areas, we all look towards the HSC for the first phase in November with excitement and positivity.

So far we have hosted two assemblies as a senior year group. Here we celebrated the many successes of our cohort such as participation in debating, our fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis, and the many silver and gold academic achievements. A big congratulations to Tracee Fernandez for achieving the Principal's Award. These year meetings have also allowed us to discuss the N Determination process, plagiarism and the policies and procedures for the HSC. Can students and parents please be reminded of the importance of completing tasks on time and in their entirety in order to meet the requirements of the courses. Students are also reminded of the importance of maintaining attendance at 85% and above in order to adequately satisfy requirements.

Coming up in March staff will be interviewing all of Year 11, with the hope of assisting them in their engagement in subjects, wellbeing, careers and future planning. Here students will be given the opportunity to voice their issues and concerns, and their successes, in order for us to provide support.

A big thank you to Auona and Mele for being such enthusiastic and organised leaders of Goolagong at the swimming carnival. We may not have won the sporting completion, but we did succeed in making the day enjoyable for all, well done!

Prelim exams are on the horizon- please make sure Year 11 students come to school right up until the end of term. Let's start the HSC course in Term 2 with full commitment and energy!

Good luck Year 11!

Ms Whitty, Year 11 Adviser



Year 12 Report

Year 12 have settled in seamlessly this year. They have shown greater confidence, displayed a positive attitude and have been working hard. The focus is now on being on time and attending all classes as well as wearing the correct uniform. Numerous Year 12 students are key players in the upcoming Knockout sports: Volleyball, Softball, Touch football and Netball. These students have shown outstanding leadership and sporting skills.

Students involved in the Fast Forward program will be attending a conference in early March.

Year 12 will begin their HSC courses in Term 2.

Ms Stojanoska, Year 12 Adviser

Our 2016 Leaders

Captain: Michelle Saeed
Vice Captains: Layla Mkhayber
Eman El-Masry



Co-Curriculum Programs

Primary School visits

On Tuesday 24th February, Ms Agapitos, Ms Rizzo and Ms Hatzidis began their visits to our local primary schools to

talk to Year 5 and Year 6 students about Wiley Park Girls High School and all the wonderful programs our school has to offer. They were accompanied by Year 8 students who were former students of the primary schools.



Punchbowl Public School

Our Year 8 students spoke about the different subjects and facilities that are offered at our school. They also spoke about programs students could get involved in and all the things that they enjoy about high school.

The primary school students were happy to see a familiar face and keen to ask many questions about what high school is like.



Lakemba Public School

Our visits included Hampden Park Public School, Wiley Park Public School, Lakemba Public School, Punchbowl Public School and Greenacre Public School. We also had the opportunity to invite students and their parents/caregivers to our Open Night next Wednesday 2nd March 2016 in the school library.

Thank you to Mariam El Cheikh, Sumaya Mohamad, Natasha Hamdy, Maysarah Arja, Alfiza Rahim and Malake El-Eche who were exemplary ambassadors of Wiley Park Girls High School. They accompanied us on our visits and spoke articulately about their positive high school experiences.

Mrs Hatzidis, Year 7 Adviser 2017

Peer Support

Year 7 have started their peer support sessions with our wonderful Year 10 leaders.

Each pair of leaders has 7 students to guide through sessions on **social skills, social responsibility, resilience and wise choices.**

The peer support program enables our older students to demonstrate their leadership skills and our Year 7 students to transition to high school with older students to help them grow their social awareness and personal values and more successfully navigate through the challenges of Term 1!



Peer Support Leaders 2016

The module we are following supports the National Framework for Values Education for Australian Schools' nine core values: *care and compassion, doing your best, fair go, freedom, honesty and trustworthiness, integrity, respect, responsibility and understanding, tolerance and inclusion.*



Peer Support session 2

Our peer support leaders are:

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| Merna Alameddine |
| Mariam El Masry |
| Nadia Morad |
| Aiesha Ali Ahmed |
| Catherine Prasad |
| Shebnoor Ahmed |
| Fay Dennaoui |
| Zena Mariam |
| Shayma El Saj |
| Yeshal Mansoor |
| Sarah Felgouma |
| Tahrima Dewan |
| Suzanne Raad |
| Derya Mehmet-Shah |
| Salwa Al Mawas |
| Yassmin El Said |
| Lawrencia Mateariki |
| Rangi Paiti |
| Tupuai Potaua |
| Ma'ata Jones |
| Georgia Marsters |

Ms Sue Lewis
Learning & Support Teacher

Sports Report

Swimming Carnival 2016

To students, staff and practical students, thanks for a great day on Thursday 11th February 2016 at our school swimming carnival.



There was great participation, great effort and great cooperation. The house cheers had to be seen to be believed! Thank you to all the staff and students who attended - well done!

The final point score was:-
Fraser 581

Cuthbert 409
Goolagong 392.
Mackay 355

The age champions were:-

12 yrs Kousar Azordeh 42

13yrs Assiya Hasna 58

14yrs Aya Elgamal 58

15 yrs Courtney Allerton 48

16yrs Fatma Elgamal 50

17yrs Yazmin Annous 40

School champion: **Aya Elgamal and Assiya Hasna**

One of my favourite things to see is the number of students who participate in the novelty events and the enjoyment on the competitors faces. A big thank you to all the Year 12 girls who helped out in the pool for the novelties.



Thank you every one who helped to make the day great!

Mrs V McIntosh
Head Teacher PDHPE

Community Liaison

Our friendly Community Liaison Officers are Nga, Najah, Fifi and Roba.

We can be contacted on 9759 5849 ext 139 or 145.

The Wiley Park Girls High Community Liaison Officers enjoy the privilege of a team of highly experienced and committed Arabic and Polynesian staff to serve our diverse community.

Our vision is to educate our parents to have a better understanding of issues their daughters face through educational workshops run by qualified educators.

Our role is to:

- Establish and maintain effective communication links by providing our interpreting skills and liaising with teachers and parents about the needs and issues relating to students.
- Run beneficial workshops and information sessions for parents by various government and non-government organisations.

We also participate in and support:

- Presentation days
- Parent/Teacher nights
- Selection Panel
- PSP survey and School survey
- Year 7 information day
- Parents excursions
- End of year celebrations

Ms Fakhouri, Ms Diyab, Ms Ghazzawy, Ms Poa

Community Liaison Officers

P&C Association

We welcome our parents to Wiley Park Girls High School in 2016.

We had our first P&C meeting on 15th February, 2016 and it was wonderful to see our new Year 7 parents.

Principal, Mr Grahame Steigler-Peters spoke about the HSC results.

Our guest speaker was Ghandi from Campsie Police Station. He is currently running workshops for parents which started on 22nd of February and will finish at the end of Term 1. The workshop includes Cyber Bullying, CPR, nutrition for children and the community, excursions and Air Rescue services.

Our second guest speaker was Ahmad from MTC. He is running free workshops for parents in English and pre-employment computer classes for parents seeking employment. This course will be for 2 days a week on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am—2pm. If parents are interested in attending this workshop please call and speak with a Community Liaison Officer to book your place.

Mrs Nga Poa, P&C President

From the Head Teacher Wellbeing Desk...

Welcome to 2016! What a busy start to a great term. Shame about the blistering heat—remember to always have your daughters pack iced water.

Transition of Year 7

This has been smooth with girls reporting that they are feeling comfortable, not getting lost and enjoying all that WPGHS has to offer. Thankyou to Year Adviser, Ms Bobokis, Peer Support leaders, teachers and students for their ongoing support of Year 7.



Meet and Greet

Teachers met with families on the Meet and Greet afternoon on Monday 29th February to consolidate home/school partnership links.

Vaccinations

The first round of vaccinations were administered. Two more to go.

Visit 2: 2nd June, 2016

Visit 3: 11 November, 2016

I have more consent forms for families who missed out. Please ask your daughter to see me.

Attendance

It is important your daughter attends school every day. When they are

absent please ensure they bring in notes to explain why they were absent to their roll call teachers

Student Information

Schools need to have access to accurate information about their students. We need parents to let us know any changes to the following:

- Contact telephone numbers
- Home address
- Any health issue of concern

Without accurate student information, schools cannot communicate effectively with parents and support your daughters specific needs.

Promoting Wiley Park Girls High School with Primary School visits

Ms Hatzidis, Year 7 Adviser, 2017, Ms Agapitos and a number of Year 8 students and myself visited local primary schools to encourage students and their families to attend our open afternoon on Wednesday 2nd March. The student speakers presented our school as a great place of learning, respectful relations and success.

International Women's Week



The school is gearing itself up for a wide range of gender specific workshops and activities to celebrate

International Women's Week. Some of the activities include:

- An assembly with inspirational speakers from diverse backgrounds and experiences working towards empowerment of women through services and advocacy — see attached invitation for parents and caregivers. We would love you to join us
- Thankyou morning tea for parents and community members
- Women's Day Zonta breakfast for selected student leaders

- SLAM Poetry—Women's voices
- Transition workshop Year 7
- Self esteem and resilience program, Year 8
- Healthy Lifestyle program , Year 9
- Young women and the workplace sessions Years 10, 11 and 12
- A range of interactive recess/ lunch events in the Library

Many thanks to our community partners, Riverwood Community Centre, Canterbury Council and Fusion for designing workshops that are relevant and specific to young women striving for personal excellence at Wiley Park Girls High School.

Ms Santina Rizzo, Head Teacher Wellbeing and the Wellbeing team

Upcoming Events



Macquarie University

5th April, 2016
Robotic Boot Camp
Year 9 IST Class

Athletics Carnival

Friday 29th April Term 2, Week 1
Girls can make their own way there (Campbell Oval Canterbury) or catch the bus from school. Cost is \$5.00 entry or \$10.00 for entry & bus fare. All notes and money are to be returned by the end of this term.

Powerhouse Museum

3rd May and 6th May
Year 8
(split classes will go separate days)

Camp – Yrs. 9, 10 & 11

A camp has been organised for years 9, 10, & 11 in 2016. The camp will be held at **Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation**. It will run for 4 days from **Tuesday 8th November– Friday 11th November 2016. (Term 4, week 5)**. The cost of the camp will be **\$380** which includes accommodation, all meals & activities.

Camp provides an opportunity for the girls to experience activities that cannot be experienced at school, such as, sailing, canoeing, abseiling, bushwalking, cook out, kayaking & archery.

A permission note can be obtained from the PE staff shortly. The permission note and a deposit of \$50.00 can be paid as soon as possible with the full balance and all medical forms to be paid by the end of Term 3.

Mrs V. McIntosh, Head Teacher PDHPE

Canoeing

Thursday 7th April 2016

A canoeing excursion has been organised for girls in Years 9 & 10 PASS and Year 11 and Year 12 PDHPE (it was actually postponed from week 11 term 4 2015). The cost is \$18.00 and includes bus fare and canoe hire. Notes shortly.

Mrs V. McIntosh, Head Teacher PDHPE

Reminders

- Please contact the school by telephone in the morning if your daughter is absent. When a student is absent from school for one or more days the parent or guardian should provide a note for the student to give to her roll call teacher when she returns to school.
- If it is necessary for your daughter to leave early she must bring a note to the school office in the morning before school, explaining the reason. Your daughter will be issued with a pass to leave class at the designated time. The office staff will telephone home to confirm

the appointment and sign the note. Your daughter must present the leave pass to the front office to be signed out. A parent or guardian **MUST** come to the front office to pick up their daughter. Your daughter will not be allowed to make her own way home.

- Could you please notify the school immediately if you change your home or mobile contact numbers or if you have moved addresses. Please fill out the attached form and return to the roll call teacher or school office.
- All students aged 16 years and over are entitled to a Student Concession Card which entitles the student to half price travel on trains, buses and ferries. These can be collected from the fees office during recess or lunch.
- 2016 fee statements will be sent home in Term 1. These fees cover management contribution, subject fees and elective courses for the year. Confidentially, privacy and dignity will always be maintained concerning the payment of fees. If you are having trouble paying these fees they can be paid in instalments for as little as \$5 per week.
- The school community expects our students to wear school uniform every day. Wearing school uniform shows students care about themselves and their school. Please ensure your daughter is wearing the correct school uniform and shoes when she leaves home.



Invitation to
Wiley Park Girls High School

***International Women's
Day Assembly***

Inspirational Women

Monday 7th March, 2016
Assembly 10am
School Hall

Thank you morning tea will follow in
the library

PS. Wear something purple if you can



Contact Details

Dear Parent/Guardian

Could you please complete these contact details and have your daughter/student return this form to their roll call teacher.

Thank you.

Mr Grahame Steigler-Peters
Principal

STUDENTS NAME: _____ YEAR _____

ADDRESS: _____

UNIT/HOUSE NUMBER: _____

STREET NAME: _____

SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____

MOTHERS MOBILE NUMBER: _____

FATHERS MOBILE NUMBER: _____

In case of emergency and you cannot be contacted
Please provide other contact details

EMERGENCY CONTACT 1 - NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP

(EG: BROTHER/GRANDPARENT/FRIEND) _____

MOBILE NUMBER: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT 2 - NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP

(EG: BROTHER/GRANDPARENT/FRIEND) _____

MOBILE NUMBER: _____