



Wiley Matters

What's Coming Up?

Monday 16th May

P&C Meeting 10.00am Common Room
Shakespeare Week

Tuesday 17th May

Zone Cross Country
Year 10 Parent Information Evening—
Subject Selection 4-5pm

Thursday 19th May

Year 7 Expo

Monday 23rd May

Softball Knockout

Wednesday 25th May

Go Active Gala Day Years 7-10

Thursday 26th May

Year 9 Expo

Thursday 2nd June

Riverside Theatre -'Away' Excursion
Year 7 Vaccinations—visit 2

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information on school
procedures.**

From the Principal's Desk



Our ANZAC service was held in the school hall at the end of Term 1. The service was outstanding and all the students showed a great deal of respect at the event. Some student leaders also attended the dawn service at Lakemba on the 25th of April. I would like to thank the girls who organised this and I know the community appreciate such dedication.

Our school is growing and improving all the time. We have a program of successful special events and ceremonies. Last term one of the most significant evenings was the SLAM poetry night. Students and guests read their poetry to a large audience. The passion, emotion and clarity displayed during the performance of the poems was outstanding.

Athletics Carnival – What a top day!

The weather was kind, the venue was first-class and students were in fine

form at our annual Athletics Carnival. We had an enthusiastic crowd with some very spirited competition on the track and field. It was a terrific day enjoyed by one and all.

I'd like to thank our PDHPE faculty for their enormous work in coordinating this significant event. Mrs McIntosh leads the team, doing a sterling job in making things as smooth and effortless as possible. Congratulations.

In Week 3, Term 2, Years 7 and 9 took part in three days of NAPLAN testing. I am looking forward to seeing the results. Next year the NAPLAN test will be delivered digitally and the students will be able to respond on line. This is a great achievement.



Mr Grahame Steigler-Peters
Principal

From the Deputy Principal's Desk: Ms D Agapitos

Wiley Park Girls High School is excelling in learning. Our school culture demonstrates the building of educational aspiration with ongoing performance and improvement across our community.

Some very exciting news from students attending The United Nations Conference.

It was an event fuelled by the prospect of insightful learning.

This was evident at the recent United Nations Conference attended by some of our very talented Year 11 and 12 students where many of our students received awards in the following categories:

- Best Delegate Representation Award
- Special Recognition Award
- Best Speaker Award

Aisha Allaze and Layla Mkhayber provided the following report:

On Tuesday the 10th of May, selected students from Years 11 and 12 were invited to attend a UN forum at Belmore Boys High School.

We were introduced to students from Belmore Boys, Fairvale High, Birrong Boys and Granville Boys. Tensions were high when we were made to split into groups with other schools, however friendly relations and acquaintances were made instantly, due to our similar views and interests on the topic of human rights. University students from UNSW and USYD conducted the event with poise and enthusiasm.

We were asked to represent a true United Nations conference, one in which students were delegates of single countries. After a brief introduction to the current situation in Sierra Leone, we were obliged to present solutions that would rid the country of the prevailing issues which include discrimination against women and violence against women. Students from all schools presented a beacon of confidence and

true concern towards the matters prevalent with Sierra Leone.

We received awards for our efforts, with Wiley Park Girls taking home six of these awards, however the true reward lay in the very nature of such an event. Schools who singlehandedly go out of their way to instil a sense of excitement and satisfaction within the hearts of students; the hearts of our youth and our future.

Congratulations to all girls who participated and received awards at this event.



Ms Debbie Agapitos
Deputy Principal

From the Head Teacher Wellbeing's Desk...

We've had a wonderful start to Term 2 with lots of wellbeing initiatives across the school. We kicked off week 2 with career and transition workshops run by Sarina Russo- Gateway Services. Here, Year 10 participated in a guided online assessment that assisted them in thinking about their future careers and pathways that are best for them. This initiative was then able to complement subject interviews on Friday.

Year Advisers have also been working hard to prepare informative year meetings this term, with a focus on 'Studying for Success' and 'Respectful Relations'. In addition, we had guest speakers focusing on careers and university information and a solicitor discussion for Year 10 on all things legal.

Students should be reminded of the importance of seeking help from the many wonderful resources at the school. Before class work gets too much, peer relations get too tense or if

you're just feeling down, remember to see your Year Adviser, the learning and support teachers (Learning Centre and Library), the transition and careers advisers and the school counsellor- We want to help!

It's been a pleasure to relieve as Head Teacher Wellbeing. I wish everyone a wonderful Term 2!

Miss R Whitty
Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing

Community Liaison

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

We can be contacted on 9759 5849 Ext. 139/145.

Parents can access staff, information and services through meetings and workshops run by the dedicated CLO team and qualified educators.

The following workshops have been run at our school:

Domestic Violence, Safety, CPR, Youth & Parents, Nutrition and Cyber Bullying.



Please enquire about our future workshops by contacting one of us on the above phone number. All parents are welcome.

Ms Fakhouri, Ms Diyah, Ms Ghazzawy, Ms Poa
Community Liaison Officers

P&C Association

I would like to welcome the P&C Committee for 2016.

Our P&C election was held on 21st of March, 2016.

Our new members are:

President: Mrs Nga Poa

Vice President: Mrs Elvedina Boudella

Treasurer: Mr Ahmad El Safadi

Thank you to all the parents that voted. We will work together to strengthen our community.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 16th May, 2016.

Mrs Nga Poa
P&C President

Co-Curriculum Programs

Work Placement

For over two years Myer Bankstown has been offering valuable work placements to Year 11 and 12 students who are studying Retail as part of their Higher School Certificate.

The students learn to 'fold tables' and manage fixtures, ensuring all stock is in the right place, displayed correctly and colour co-ordinated. They assist in the Fitting Rooms but spend most of their time on the floor, observing team members and team leaders and assisting the customers. Their last day is spent in Logistics. Having seen how the Floor operates it is good for the students to then learn about opening cartons, unwrapping plastic, hanging and tagging.



Vet Coordinator Ms. Maree Sammut with Retail student Nesrian Al Shahatet

Operations Manager, Tushar Makkar, enjoys investing his time in the students.

He says "I observe them throughout their week and know the ones that I would like to offer casual positions to. I have hired quite a few through this Program."



Ms Sammut & Nesrian Al Shahatet (Wiley Park Girls High), Michael Everett (MWLP) and Tushar Makkar (Myer)

Wiley Park Girls High School students Nesrian Al Shahatet and Hajah Al-Mansory have enjoyed their week at Myer. Nesrian adds "I have learnt so much and I have a new respect for people who work in Retail. Ensuring everything is neat and tidy can be hard work. Miriam Al Mosawi added "It was great to be able to put what I have been learning at school into practice." Zaynab Elmira learnt all about housekeeping, how to fold professionally, how to tag and work safely.

Ms Maree Sammut, VET Coordinator at Wiley Park Girls High School believes Work Placement is an excellent opportunity for students to put theory and skills into practice and for them to connect to the workforce. She says "Two Retail students have been offered casual positions this year already. The feedback I get from employers is that they are impressed with the standard of students. They are well dressed and keen to undertake tasks."

MWLP Linking Youth is the Work Placement Provider responsible for co-ordinating these placements. They have been operating in the Macarthur region for over 20 years and recently expanded into the Canterbury, Bankstown and Inner South West Sydney regions. This year they will place some 6,800 students into work places.

Ms Maree Sammut, Vet Co-Ordinator

Aspire Excursion — Year 8

On 31st March, 20 Year 8 students attended Aspire Programme at The University of New South Wales accompanied by Mrs Kaul. It was an amazing opportunity for us to attend UNSW as we participated in various educational workshops and had the opportunity to experience student life at a University.

In the programme, we attended a Biology lab and learned how to bandage a snake bite and make a cast. We also had the opportunity to visit the Physics lab and learned how light travels and made our own camera. It was fun while educational at the same time.



We were provided with a \$12 food voucher which we were able to use at the cafeteria. The cafeteria had a wide variety of food choices, and we ate at the common area along with other University students. After lunch, we continued our programme and learned how to build circuits and tried 3D scanning.

We had lots of fun and learned new and exciting things about student life at a University. We would like to thank Mrs Bozinowska for organising this excursion and we would also like to thank Mrs Kaul for accompanying us and making this day more exciting.



Natasha Hamdy and Rachel El-Jamass.

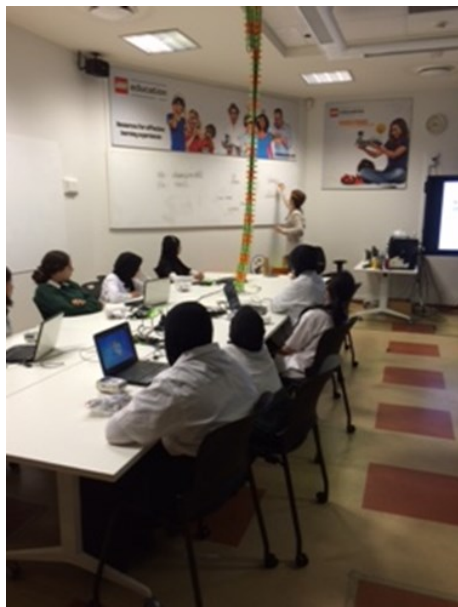
Lego Boot Camp

On the 5th of April, the Year 9 IST class and the Robotic club ventured out to MacICT at the Macquarie University for an intensive Lego Boot Camp.

The students had the opportunity to put their individual robot together and program the robot to move. The students enjoyed learning new skills and completed the tasks set up by the instructor with enthusiasm.

The school was given a gift of 10 packs of Lego from the Macquarie ICT Innovations Centre.

All students behaved well particularly on the train and were commended for their outstanding manners.



Ms R Lavite, Head Teacher TAS

Cleanaway

Cleanaway cleaned up at Wiley Park Girls High School

Learning to live sustainably is perhaps one of the most important things our students can do for our future. The cross KLA sustainability program run by Year 8 students is an example of bringing together many disciplines across the school together for one purpose. To save the planet. Throughout the term Year 8 students worked in teams to identify real world problems and come up with real world solutions to present to their peers and guests. Presentations ranging from

reducing the use of plastic bags, to utilising wind turbine technology through to improving litter and waste management within the school and local community were made to great effect. Sustainable living posters have also begun appearing to bring home the message. Our planet is our home, we only get one, lets look after it.



This experience was supported by Cleanaway Waste Management Services who each year visit the school for a wonderful hands-on incursion exploring waste management, and the three R's of sustainable living, reduce, reuse and recycle. Students and teachers were amazed to learn Sydney is fast running out of land-fill to bury all our rubbish and will soon need to ship it out to Newcastle for disposal. This will in turn increase the cost of waste management for all involved. Students also learned which products break down quickly in the environment and so have a small environmental impact and which products like Styrofoam never break down and so will continue impacting the environment for thousands of years.

Finally students got to get hands-on with nature's recyclers - earthworms. These slimy invertebrates help break down organic matter such as food scraps into usable nutrients in the soil perfect for plants to use and grow. A prime example of the web of life in



action. Without these little critters recycling nutrients naturally becomes very hard and impacts the entire food chain.

The experience for the students was eye-opening and surprising to see just what impacts our rubbish and wastes have on the planet and what will happen to the environment, and us, if we don't begin to take better care of it.

So remember, to help save the planet for not just us, but our future generations, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and lets take inspiration from the messages our Year 8 teams were saying and make the world a better place.

Mr Murray Henstock
Science Teacher

Year Advisers Report

Year 9

Year 9 students have been involved in several fantastic and exciting programs over the past term. Congratulations to Tasnim Alam, Afifa Baswedan, Tanisha Choudhury, Farah El Zayn, Sarah Seho-Boudellaa, and Hikmah Tebe on their achievements in SLAM poetry, both our school celebration night and at the State Library for the Lebanese Muslim Association competition.

Special congratulations to Tanisha who came 2nd!

It was wonderful to see so many Year 9 students participating at the Athletics Carnival, whether it was by assisting with the running of events, cheering on and encouraging peers, or most importantly, having a go and getting some points for their house teams. Congratulations to Rose Cowan who was Age Champion for the under 15s!

Last week the students were undertaking the NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy. Wishing all students the best.

Reports for Semester one are coming up and students have many assessment tasks in the lead up to this. Please speak to your daughter/ ward to ensure she is on track. If there are any issues or concerns, please let me know so I can arrange support for students.

Overall, Year 9 are progressing well, let's keep up the good work!

Miss Cervonaro, Year 9 Student Adviser

Sports Report

Athletics Carnival

On Friday the 29th April the school athletics carnival was held at Campbell Oval, Canterbury.

The weather was fabulous, the students' effort, participation and behaviour ensured that the carnival would be a success. A big thank you to all the staff



for their efforts to ensure the carnival would run smoothly.

The results were:-

1st Cuthbert 802
2nd Fraser 575
3rd Mackay 555
4th Goolagong 496

The age champions were:-

12yrs Houda Khassouk (42 points)
13yrs Alisa El Khansa (38 points)
14yrs Sia Aruna (50 points)
15yrs Salwa Al Mawas, Ma'ata Jones, Rose Cowan (28 points)
16yrs Tupuai Potaua (52 points)
17yrs Kumba Aruna (46 points)

The school champion is: **Tupuai Potaua**

On a disappointing note.....

It is a great shame that half of the school (mostly Year 10, 11 & 12) elected not to attend the carnival.

Carnivals provide opportunities to be involved in athletic endeavours, sportsmanship, supporting your house team, enjoying other students company, foster student/ teacher relationships in a more relaxed and fun atmosphere and most importantly have fun.

I would like to make parents aware that carnivals are a compulsory school day and that I really appreciate those parents who encourage their daughters to attend and hopefully enjoy the day. Participation in the carnival is not compulsory but full school attendance at the carnivals really builds the atmosphere of the carnival.

Thank you for your ongoing support of sport at Wiley.

Mrs 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.
- 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.
- Donations of second hand uniforms are gladly accepted at the office. If your daughter has outgrown these or you have items that are no longer used please consider donating these to the school.
- 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.
- All students who arrive late to school must provide a reason why they are late. Please ensure your daughter arrives to school on time.