



What's Coming Up?

Friday 8th September

Year 7 & 8 Bushwalking
Excursion to Oatley Park

Monday 11th September

P&C Meeting 10.00am

Thursday 14th September

Year 8 Maths Excursion to
Bicentennial Park

Friday 15th September

Multicultural Day

Tuesday 19th September

Year 12 Graduation
Assembly in the school hall
Formal assembly at
Bankstown Sports Club

Wednesday 20th September

Year 8 Spelling Bee

Thursday 21st September

Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Friday 22nd September

Last day of Term 3

Monday 9th October

Staff and Students return to
school for Term 4



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Term 3.

I trust that everyone had a safe and pleasant holiday and are now well into a very busy term. For Year 12 it is their final term of school life.

I was very pleased to read all the junior school reports. There are some outstanding results and generally, the reports have shown growth.

Year 12 are now making applications for University and future studies. Currently, scholarship applications for University courses are open. We would encourage your daughter to apply for these to assist them as they progress through University. The applications are online and Ms Bozinoska will be able to assist your daughter complete the process.

Wiley Park Girls High School is 60 years old this year. We are planning an event on the 21st of November. There will be a morning tea in the school hall and an afternoon of guided tours for any ex students.

We are also building our school plan for 2018 to 2020. This will involve input from staff, students and the community. The P&C have already given me some key areas to address in the plan. If any person has a position or idea for the school plan, they need to speak to me about these ideas. All ideas are valuable and will be considered. I look forward to working with you this term and into the future.



1965 Class Captains and Debating Team

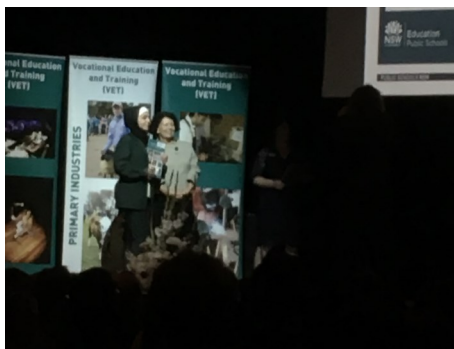
Mr Grahame Steigler-Peters
Principal

From the Deputy Principal's Desk: Ms D Agapitos

VET Awards

On Monday 14 August, three students received awards at the Annual Vocational Education and Training Awards night at the Revesby Workers Club. The recipients of these awards were: Dena Rawshdeh for Business Services, Iman Nachabe for Retail and a merit award in Hospitality for Dana Ayyoub. It was wonderful to be there and share this evening with the students and their families supported by Mrs Stefanidis and our VET Co-ordinator, Ms Tran.

Ms Tran has worked hard to ensure a very successful VET program at the school. I would also like to extend my thanks to the teachers of these courses in Business Services, Retail and Hospitality



P & C visit to Headspace Bankstown

On Tuesday 15 August, Ms Whitty and I accompanied the P & C to Headspace Bankstown. This tour was aimed at expanding parental knowledge on the sensitive issues of mental health and knowing where to look for help.



We must remember good mental health is about being able to work and study to your full potential, cope with day to day life stresses, be involved in your community and live life in a satisfying way. As part of the day's parental wellbeing program, parents completed their day with a delicious

lunch at Brighton Le Sands. Getting involved with the school's P & C is a great network to become more connected with your daughter and in the life of the school.

The School Plan 2018 – 2020

The last P&C Meeting centred around the school's future directions. The Principal asked for parental input into the **2018 – 2020 School Plan**. At our last Staff Meeting, I requested feedback and contributions from staff. We looked at the school's "Future Directions" from the 2016 School External Validation (audit) and our current School Plan to plan and map the school's course over the next three years. SRC students will be the next group to contribute student ideas into this plan.

CAPA Night

Congratulations to Ms Cervanaro, Mr Gardiner and Ms Potts-Tiki for a great evening of HSC Drama, Music and Dance. The Silent Movies were sensational and the student performances were very powerful and clever with some great laughs along the way.

NSW's Dame Marie Bashir Peace Awards 2017

The school recently nominated our Year 11 student, Georgia Marsters for this award.

The judging panel aimed to find the students who have shown exceptional qualities of leadership in their contributions to harmony or social justice. Eight students were selected to receive Awards and four to receive Highly Commended Certificates. Georgia Marsters, is one of the four to be Highly Commended.

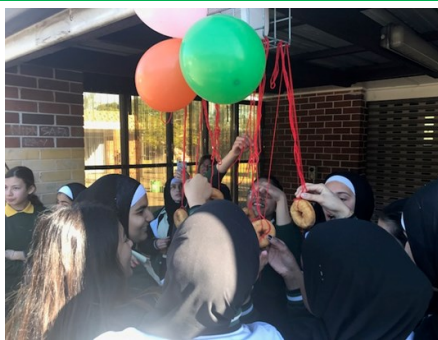
Congratulations to Eman El Masry 2016 Alumni

Congratulations to Eman El Masry 2016 Alumni having her HSC writings: 'The system of subdued agony' was published in 'Young Writers Showcase 16'. This is a book of outstanding works by young Australian students published by NESAs.

Ms Debbie Agapitos
Deputy Principal

Year 12 Report

It has been a great start to the term for Year 12. Huge congratulations are in order for Stage 6 as they successfully raised an impressive \$850 for Westmead Children's Hospital in Week 4. Volunteers and the SRC supported Fatima Alameddine in her vision to create a playground of children's party games to raise money for such a worthy cause.



Year 12 have also been busily preparing for the upcoming graduation festivities. We have both the Graduation Ceremony coming up on the 19th of September and the Graduation Dinner on the 21st of September. I urge all families to make payments to the front office as soon as possible so that their daughters are able to participate.

Year 12 have also conducted themselves with maturity and diligence during the Trial Examinations. They are in the final stage of their school careers and most have approached their final months with determination and energy. I urge all students to remain engaged in their schooling in the coming weeks as teachers spend class time finishing course content, going through practice exam papers and undertaking vital revision. Year 12 also need to ensure they seek assistance from myself, Mrs Bozinaska and Mrs Fitzpatrick with university applications, bonus points and special consideration. It is their responsibility to seek help to make sure

all opportunities are available to them.

Lastly, it is very important that Year 12 keep their own health and wellbeing in mind. Please remember that there is a wealth of support available at school, such as the school counsellor, to ensure students look after their mental health needs.

It has been an absolute pleasure being the Year Adviser of such an incredible group of young women. To watch them grow and mature has been the most gratifying experience of my career. I wish them all the best for their future endeavors, in which I know they will all succeed in their own way. Best of luck!

Ms Whitty

Year 12 Adviser

Co-Curriculum Programs

Year 7 & 8 Spelling Bee Competition 2017

To encourage students to learn to spell new words, Wiley Park Girls High School will be holding their very own Spelling Bee Competition. The competition is on **Tuesday 19th September 2017, during periods 1 and 2, for Year 7,** and **Wednesday 20th September 2017, during periods 1 and 2, for Year 8.** A list of the words was distributed to each student during roll call in week 2 of this term.



During the competition, students will take turns spelling a different word from the list provided. They are encouraged to learn the easiest word level first as they are the words that will be tested on first and then progress to the next level. Please encourage your daughter to enter the competition and to learn a few words each day.

Please return permission notes to your roll call teacher, year adviser or Mrs Hatzidis no later than the 25th August, so that Certificates of Participation can be organised.

Mrs Hatzidis

TAS Teacher/Year 7 Year Adviser

Harry Potter Week Ten points to Gryffindor!!

Monday 26th of June 2017 marked a significant day as readers at WPGHS celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Harry Potter. Week-long celebrations were held in the Library, with students participating in Harry Potter-themed challenges including a Treasure Hunt, Trivia and Indoor Quidditch. Students competed to win points for their Hogwarts House, with Gryffindor ultimately taking out the House Cup with the most points at the end of the week. A champion was chosen from each house, winning a copy of the new anniversary edition of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone in their house colour. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff and students who helped support the Library during Harry Potter week – it was an incredible success, showing just how much our students value and engage with our Library.



Ms Saisanas, Librarian

National Languages Competition 2017

Nearly 20,000 students nationwide, ages four to 18 years, entered the inaugural SBS National Languages Competition 2016. The hugely successful competition is back and it's going to be bigger and better this year.

The SBS National Languages Competition 2017 is an exciting initiative to encourage and celebrate a love of learning languages in Australia. It's a nationwide competition to engage school children and reflect on the cultural, linguistic and ethnic diversity of Australia's multicultural society.

To enter, students need to upload a video (maximum 30 seconds long) describing 'What learning a language means to you?' Remember, the video is to be in any language other than English and the more creative the better!

Competition entries close midnight on Friday 1st September, 2017.

See Mrs Mourad for further information.

Mrs Mourad
Language Teacher

Farewell to the Greek Dancers

This year marks the end of 5 years of volunteering by our Greek dance group. 8 students started dancing traditional Greek dances in 2013 as part of their cultural unit in Greek language class. They willingly gave up their free time over the years to practice different dances. Volunteering at charity and community events and at yearly Harmony Day celebrations these students deserve to be commended for their commitment and contribution.



Thank you to Safiyya Basweden, Maisha Choudhury, Sooaad Dahoud, Auona Hossain, Anida Hot, Erna Jerebicanin, Patricia Mihalakellis and Mareayam Muhammad. I have enjoyed teaching them and know they will be missed by all.

Mrs Stefanidis, ESL Teacher

From the Head Teacher Wellbeing Desk...

It's been a packed term with lots of exciting Wellbeing initiatives going on.

This term we have continued to facilitate the Get Connected workshops every Tuesday. We have been lucky enough to have Mission Australia in the school running weekly workshops with Year 10 and they have engaged extremely positively with the program. The selected Get Connected group have been working on resilience, positive relationships and have readily trained in first aid and other work ready programs. Year 10 will also engage in the upcoming My Life, My Choice workshop where they will learn about drugs and alcohol with several other schools in the Canterbury-Bankstown area. Excitingly, the selected group of participants will re-deliver what they have learnt to the whole school during Mental Health Week in October.

The P&C, Ms Agapitos and I were lucky enough to attend an excursion to Headspace Bankstown in Week 5 and it was a truly enlightening experience for all. We had a tour of the facilities for young people including walk in counsellor and psychologist services, in-house GP, study spaces and work training. This was followed by robust conversations with our community and Headspace staff on the current issues surrounding our youth and mental health. For all of those wishing to find out more, please visit the Headspace Bankstown website: <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/bankstown>



This term the Wellbeing Team has also been focusing on the issue of cyber safety. We are lucky to have the support of Campsie officers Anne Ferfolya and Michael Barnes who are visiting Year 9 again next week to discuss censorship and safe relationships online. It is at this time that we all have to be mindful of the danger of posting images online and

talking to people outside of direct friendship groups. The Wellbeing Team urges parents and carers to have active conversations with students about their actions online and encourage openness about issues that may arise on social media.

Wise Up

This term, selected Year 9 students have participated in the Wise Up Program which is run in partnership with Campsie Police and the Greater Western Sydney GIANTS football club. Students have engaged in workshops that focus on domestic violence, resilience, personal and online safety, bullying and healthy relationships. The engagement from students has been overwhelmingly positive with Mya stating “this program has taught me to be more confident in myself and not let myself be controlled by someone else. It has also taught me what to do when something happens to someone that is close to me.” Sara reiterated this when she said “Wise Up so far has so far taught me not to let someone take control of who I am.” Overall, this program has given our girls the strength to recognise dangerous and compromising situations and make the right choices to seek help.



There are so many more exciting initiatives coming from the Wellbeing Team this year such as Mental Health Week and White Ribbon Day. We as a team believe that positive and preventative mental health programs make a huge difference to the wellbeing and academic success of our students. To finish on a proud note, we congratulate Georgia Masters for her Highly Commended Award for the Marie Bashir Peace Awards. Georgia was chosen for her commitment to philanthropic endeavors in our local community, particularly her work in our White Ribbon support. Well done Georgia!

Ms Raechel Whitty
Head Teacher Wellbeing

Sports Report

Regional Athletics

Three of Wiley Park GHS senior students qualified for the regional athletics carnival held at Sylvania Athletics track Sylvania on August 3rd & 4th. They were:-

- *Sata Aruna in 17yrs Hurdles
- *Mele Latu 17 yrs Javelin & 17yrs Shot
- *Ma’Ata Jones in 16yrs Javelin & 16 yrs Shot.

Unfortunately, Sata was unable to compete due to school commitments. Ma’Ata & Mele did their best in both events.

Ma’Ata came third in the javelin, that means she is the third best 16 yr. old javelin thrower in the whole of Sydney East region. Well done, Ma’Ata.

Sport House Change Betty Cuthbert 1938—2017

In the mid 1980’s it was decided by the PE staff to change the sport houses names and colours, to make them more relevant to our girls. The houses were originally named after five Governors, Bligh, King, Hunter, Macquarie, & Phillip. The house colours were red, blue, green, yellow & white.

We wanted our sport houses to be

named after strong athletic Australian women.

We chose Cuthbert, Fraser, Goolagong & McKay. The colours chosen aqua, purple, orange & pink.

Betty Cuthbert known as **our golden girl** won **four** Olympic gold medals in athletics. She won **three** gold in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics in 100m, 200m, & 4x100m relay. She won **one** gold 1964 Tokyo Olympics in the 400m.

Betty is the only Olympian, male or female, to have won a gold medal in all sprint events: 100, 200 & 400. Sadly Betty Cuthbert passed recently. We celebrate her quiet leadership and sporting inspiration for our girls.



Dawn Fraser won **eight** Olympic medals including **four** gold. She won **two** gold & **one** silver in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. Dawn won **one** gold & **two** silver in the 1960 Rome Olympics & **one** gold & **one** silver in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. Dawn Fraser came to the 2017 Wiley Park GHS swimming carnival.



Evonne Goolagong is an Indigenous Australian. She won the Australian Open three consecutive years 1974-76 & again in 1977. She won Wimbledon in 1971 & 1980. She won the French open in 1971.

She was runner up in the US Open 4 consecutive years 1973-1976.



Heather McKay is considered to be the greatest female squash player ever, and possibly Australia's greatest ever sportswoman. She won the British Open 16 consecutive years 1962-1977. (The British Open was considered the unofficial world open). In 1976 she won the inaugural women's World Open. She won again in 1979.



Mrs V McIntosh
Head Teacher PDHPE

Zone Carnival Day 1

On Monday 26th June I had the pleasure of being on Shot Put at the Zone Athletics. It was a long day in the sun, at ES Marks Oval.

What I would like to celebrate with you is the very fine effort of our girls volunteering to help out on the day of the carnival.

For reasons not known, we lost our designated helpers half way through the day... so Mele (Yr 12) volunteered and she was extremely helpful as the shot retriever, marker and measurer. Friendly and happy whilst working, Mele took her job seriously and did an excellent job.

In addition, she also enlisted Ma'ata to assist. We were lucky to have them especially as we had 22 competitors in the last event.

Congratulations and thanks to them and many thanks to Mr Kepping (a long term casual teacher and bus driver from Wiley Park Girls High School) who also volunteered to assist on the day.

Ms Hillary Coolican
HT Science and Library
Belmore Boys High School

Community Liaison

The Community Liaison team at Wiley Park Girls High School, with the cooperation of the teachers and executives, are working closely together to strengthen the link between the parents and the school.

Last week we arranged with Ms Whitty, Head Teacher Wellbeing, a parent's visit to Headspace Centre at Bankstown. It is a centre that assists young people with mental health issues. They assist young people with being able to work and study to their potential, cope with day to day life stress, and live life in a free and satisfying way. Parents enjoyed the visit and information gained. After our visit we took our parents to lunch.



Our friendly Liaison Officers can be contacted everyday at the school number 9759 5849.

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

P&C Association

We would like to thank our parents for attending our meetings.

Our last meeting was held on Monday 7th August, 2017. The following was discussed:

- Parent excursion to Headspace
- Year 12 Graduation assembly will be 19th September in the school hall and formal assembly at Bankstown Sports club. The Year 12 dinner will be 21st September
- New electronic sign will be operating on King Georges Road
- Students have gained \$1500 sponsorship in climate changes and energy saving initiatives
- School Management plan 2018—2020
- Role of the Community Liaison Officers
- Signed Bulldogs jersey gifted to the school to be raffled off. Proceeds to go towards the P&C.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 11th September. Please come along. All welcome.

P&C Committee

School Fees

All families should have received a Statement of Account from the school listing all outstanding fees for your daughter. At the time of writing this article, there was almost \$67,000.00 owing in fees. Subject fees pay for items that your daughter has already used in class. We appreciate your support in the full payment of these fees, without this support our school progress cannot be maintained to the high standards you expect.

Resource fees provide basic amenities such as toilet paper, hand towels, paper and photocopy costs – of which we rely on from the payment of these fees.

Technology use and maintenance fees help us to maintain the computers, purchase ink cartridges, replace broken equipment so that your daughter has access to and the use of up to date technology.

Please consider paying your fees in the near future, small part payments will be gratefully accepted. EFTPOS is available for payments in person or over the phone. We also accept cash and cheques.