



## From the Principal's Desk

### What's Coming Up?

#### **Wednesday 6th June**

Turning into Teens parenting program

#### **Thursday 7th June**

Photo Day

#### **Monday 11th June**

Public Holiday

#### **Wednesday 13th June**

Year 11 WSU Campbelltown Campus

#### **Thursday 14th June**

SE Cross Country

#### **Monday 18th June**

Refugee Week

P&C Meeting 10am—Common Room

#### **Tuesday 19th June**

Year 9 Science Excursion Aquarium

#### **Friday 22nd June**

Photo Day catch up

#### **Wednesday 27th June**

Year 7-10 Parent Teacher night

#### **Thursday 28th June**

Careers Expo—Year 12

#### **Friday 29th June**

Year 9 Drama Excursion

#### **Monday 2nd July**

Zone Athletics Carnival

#### **Tuesday 3rd July**

Zone Athletics Carnival

#### **Wednesday 4th July**

Bangarra Dance Theatre Excursion Stage 6

#### **Friday 6th July**

Last day of Term 2



### **Year 7 2019 Enrolment**

Every year at this time we work to calculate anticipated Year 7 enrolments for the next year. At this time it appears that applications for Year 7, 2019 may surpass previous enrolments with over 100 potential enrolments and at least 80 confirmed enrolments. We may have to have a waiting list for new students in Year 7. Over the next weeks, there will be discussion and analysis with decisions being made as soon as possible on the intake for 2019.

I want to thank the community for their confidence in the school, our directions, purpose and culture. This is enormously affirming.

### **Visit from our new Director**

I had the pleasure this week of introducing our new director to teachers during his visit on Friday morning. Mr John Selby will be looking after a small group of primary and secondary schools in a patch to be known as "The Beverly Hills" group of schools. We are one of four high schools in this group. Mr Selby has a wealth of experience in schools including Principal in the Auburn district.

### **Mobile phone policy**

I would like to thank the P&C for their proactive work in helping shape the new mobile phone policy at Wiley Park Girls

High School. A draft mobile phone policy was presented for discussion at the P&C meeting and the school has now finalised the policy. It will be presented to the student body in the next few weeks. I am always very appreciative of the considerate and reflective way the P&C approaches matters.

### **Curriculum review**

I am pleased to advise that we are continuing our work on the curriculum review. Dr Peter Cuttance is leading a review into our 3+3 senior curriculum. We would like to find out your thoughts in regards to this curriculum pattern and I would invite any Stage 6 parents to write to me regarding this review and our curriculum. Dr Cuttance will analyse all comments and information and present a report for our future direction.

### **Learning spaces**

You might notice when you are next in the school that we have new furniture in the Library and in some other rooms in the school. Ms Fitzpatrick has been working on 21st century learning spaces project and we now have some interesting new learning spaces. We have also improved the common room with new colourful furniture and tables. Please have a look at these spaces on your next visit.

**Grahame Steigler-Peters**  
Principal

## From the Deputy Principal's Desk: Ms J Fitzpatrick

### ZONTA award evening

This term I was fortunate enough to attend the annual ZONTA awards evening which recognises the achievements of outstanding young women in the south-western school region. The awards evening was held at Bankstown Sports Club and our very worthy WPGHS recipient was Bassima Hadid of Year 11.



During her time at WPGHS, Bassima has shown herself to be a conscientious, hard-working and generous student, who contributes regularly to our school events and activities. Bassima received a certificate and a financial reward from ZONTA for her ongoing commitment to our school community. Congratulations Bassima we are very proud of your achievements.

### ANZAC Day Commemorations

ANZAC Day this year fell during the school holidays. Consequently, we held a school commemoration for ANZAC Day in the hall before the holidays. It was a moving event as our student leaders



explained the significance of this day and how it is remembered in Australia and New Zealand. I would like to thank the staff, student leaders and students for their respectful presence on this day.

### Winter Uniforms

A reminder that this is a school whose parents endorse the wearing of school uniforms every day at WPGHS. With the cold weather moving in, please ensure that correct school winter pieces of uniform are being worn each day. The school colour for jumpers, jackets and trousers is bottle green. HOODIES, branded clothing and other coloured winter clothing are not to be worn to school.

Financial assistance is available for our families who may be experiencing difficulty purchasing the school uniforms. Please ring the front office PH 9759 5849 to make an appointment at the school to discuss any help that may be required with uniforming.

**Ms Janet Fitzpatrick**  
Deputy Principal

## From the Relieving Deputy Principal's Desk: Ms K Gemisi

### Year 10 Subject Selection 2018

Each year we have a market where our students from Year 10 have an opportunity to attend talks given by the teachers in the various Subject Areas. It gives the students an opportunity to listen to what each subject involves and they receive sound advice about the right subject for each individual.

This year there are syllabus changes in English, Science, Mathematics and History and as a result, our Year 11 students will attend a mini market (Term 2, Week 6) where they will have an opportunity to receive relevant information about these subjects.

Our school offers a 3+3 Compressed Curriculum, where the students study 3 subjects in one year and 3 in the next year. They will sit for the HSC exam for only three subjects per year.

We will also have an afternoon this term, where this system will be

explained to the parents and where the parents will have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have regarding this system.

**Ms Katrina Gemisi**  
Relieving Deputy Principal

## From the Head Teacher Wellbeing's Desk: Ms R Whitty

What an exciting term we have had so far! As usual the Wellbeing Team have been busy coordinating lots of exciting programs for our students. GirlsSpace, the Year 9 program aimed at building confidence and strengthening relationships, is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> week. So far reports from the students have been overwhelmingly positive. Likewise, our Year 8 Cyber Safety program is in its second term. We are so lucky to have organisation's like Fusion working with us to support our students.

In early June we are also running the Tuning Into Teens program for parents who wish to learn more about the demands their daughters face in our community today. The program is full this term but if you would like an opportunity to be part of it next term please give your contact details to one of the CLOs at our office.

Our school counsellors Belinda and Amanda have been doing an amazing job seeing the many students who need assistance. If you have concerns about your daughters wellbeing or if you have a question, don't hesitate to contact your daughters Year Adviser. If your daughter would prefer to see someone outside of school, please make use of the wonderful services in the community such as YouthBlock, The Corner Youth Services and Headspace.

Ms Dalrymple and I have been busy finalising the Mobile Phone Policy for 2018. Our aim is to make sure your child is protected and safe when at school. This means that mobile phone use is strictly restricted to the playground at recess and lunch only. Please be aware that if your daughter is unwell she is able to contact you at the front office. To ensure all students are given an opportunity to learn, phones cannot be



used in the classroom or in any transition areas unless directed by the teacher.

I would like to congratulate Bassima Hadid of Year 11 who received the ZONTA Award last night. Her leadership in programs such as White Ribbon and the City Country Alliance made her a very deserving recipient.

**Ms Raechel Whitty**  
Head Teacher Wellbeing

## Year 8 Report

### Full STEAM Ahead excursion

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 30 Year 8 students interested in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) participated in an innovative and exciting one-day on-site experience at the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney.

During this one-day workshop students were given the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities aimed to boost their digital literacy skills. Activities included; an introduction to coding, learning to solve puzzles in a virtual reality world, retro gaming console with Raspberry Pi, unity Game design, 3D printing and a range of other activities.

Employees from both the Powerhouse Museum and Commonwealth Bank took part in the activities as mentors, giving students a chance to find out about career opportunities in STEAM.

**Ms Hatzidis**  
Year 8 Adviser

## Year 11 Report

Year 11 have taken to their HSC studies in a positive way, and it was great to see parents on Parent/Teacher night to share in the students' successes.

On Tuesday night, I had the privilege to attend Zonta's Citizenship award's night, where Bassima Hadid was the very deserving recipient. It was a lovely night, and Bassima's speech showed her ongoing dedication to her school and community.

A reminder that students have received vaccination forms for meningococcal, it is important that these forms are

returned ASAP. Also, please impress upon students the importance of regular and timely attendance in their classes, as well as wearing correct uniform.



I look forward to seeing the girls progress further in all their courses this term, in preparation for the Trial exams in Term 3.

**Ms Cervonaro**  
Year 11 Adviser

## Year 12 Report

What an exciting time it is for Year 12!

As we move closer to the HSC, we also get nearer to all the wonderful celebrations that lie ahead. The Year 12 Graduation is now booked for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September and the Graduation dinner is on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. It's a wonderful opportunity for the students to get together as a year group and congratulate one another for all the hard work and dedication they have put into their studies. Students who wish to be a part of the Graduation Committee, are urged to hand in their Expression of Interest.

Students and parents are again reminded about the importance of good attendance when completing the HSC course. Attendance at every lesson and participation in class activities is expected of every student. It is vital that students are here every day so as to not miss out on vital coursework.

Students are aware 50% of their HSC mark for each subject is their performance in the HSC paper and 50% is a school assessment. It is also imperative to ensure students are at school on time so they can start the day fully informed.

Our Senior Leaders, Mariam El Masry, Lawrencea Mateariki and Sarah Felgouma were invited to attend the very poignant ANZAC commemoration service at Hyde Park on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> April. It was an opportunity to give thanks to the brave ANZACS and remember those who sacrificed their lives for us. May their memory be eternal. LEST WE FORGET.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the Year 12 SRC representatives and in particular our school captain Mariam El Masry for her diligence and dedication. Year 12 often give up their time to organise and run assemblies and contribute their efforts to various school activities. Thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm!

We all look forward to the exciting and productive year ahead!

**Ms Nicholas**  
Year 12 Adviser

## Co-Curriculum Programs

### Drama

Term 2 has been very busy for Drama students. St 6 have begun their HSC course and are working hard on both theory and practical components. Last week they attended a production of "The Lieutenant of Inishmore" which is one of the plays they are studying. The students thoroughly enjoyed the production and recognised the value that this experience will add to their essay writing.





Next week students are lucky enough to have a FREE 4-hour workshop provided by a tutor from Belvoir St Theatre. On the following day, they will watch a production of "Stolen", another one of their compulsory plays. These productions and workshops are invaluable for the students as they will receive first-hand experience of their texts.

Year 9 Drama have been working incredibly hard on their self-devised Greek Drama plays. They also made their own masks and performed for their year 9 peers on Friday afternoon. Congratulations to the students on their excellent efforts, and I can't wait to see what they create next!

**Miss Cervonaro**  
Drama Teacher

## Music



**Year 7 and 8 Music** are exploring *Rock Music* and *The Instruments of The Orchestra*

Students are learning to play Rock Music Riffs on guitar, piano, drums and bass. They also learn to analyse Rock Music and discuss the characteristics of the genre.

Year 9, 10 and Stage 6 Music electives

are currently working on practical major works.



**Year 9 Music** are studying *Small Ensembles* and learning to arrange their own performance in small groups. Students are learning about the use of **STRUCTURE** and **TEXTURE** in duets, trios and quartets. For their major assessment, each group arranges a popular song and feature a main melodic instrument and bass guitar, acoustic guitar and drums provide the accompaniment.



**Year 10 Music** are studying *Music for Film*. Students learn about techniques used by film composers to create mood and atmosphere in movies.



Students will study music from iconic films and analyse the use of **TONE COLOUR** and **DYNAMICS** in these scores. For their major assessment, students will create a short film and compose either original music or sequence pre-existing loops to accompany their films.



**Stage 6 Music** are currently working on their HSC major program. Students need to prepare four major works consisting of performances, compositions and/or a *Vive Voce*. Students are working hard to create well-rounded and polished performances during class and at after school practice sessions. All the best to this dedicated and talented Music class!





## Visual Arts

Stage 4 and 5 Visual Arts are experiencing a broad range of art making practices. Students learn about Artists, Audience and the impact of Art on people, society and culture.



### Stage 4:7VA: Its Elemental Program

Students applying colour to Abstraction Task based on the Visual Elements

### Stage 5: 10VA Ceramic Program

Students finalising hand built coil forms prior to applying their designs based on Cultural Vessels



### Stage 5: 9VA Printmaking Program

Students hand colouring lino prints based on Hybrid Portraits



## STEM

In Week 2 Ms Agapitos, Mr Millhouse, Mr Henstock, Ms Gu and Ms Whitty attended The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Conference held in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley. This experience provided the team with a comprehensive overview of the interdisciplinary nature of STEM and the ways WPGHS can introduce more initiatives to suit the needs of our students. The conference expanded our knowledge of the 21st Century skills used in STEM projects and the ways it can assist us in building the

capacity of our girls. Programs focused on problem based learning and group work as well as the application of skills learnt in Maths and Science in real situations.

As a result of the conference, the WPGHS STEM Team was able to strategise the implementation of STEM as a possible Year 9 elective and create the basis of three key projects that we would like to focus on.



In addition, the TechGirls Program is in its initial stages as an extra-curricular STEM initiative for Year 7. This program was introduced to the STEM team at the conference and has been successfully run in schools across the country. This year, a trial group will take part in the program where they work to develop an APP designed to solve a problem that they face in their everyday lives. The girls are already busy working on their ideas and are very excited to learn how to code.

The STEM Team is excited to keep thinking of ways to up-skill our students in technology and extend their knowledge of the ways Maths and Science can be used to solve real world problems.

Stay tuned!

## Share the Dignity Foundation

This year, Year 7 and 8 fundraised for the Share the Dignity Foundation.

Share the Dignity is a Foundation that collects thousands of personal hygiene products every year for women who are experiencing homelessness and poverty as small dignities make a big difference. On any given night in Australia, 1 in 200 people are homeless. 44% are female. 27% are children under the age of 18. Family violence is the number one

reason people present to homeless services. 55% of females cite this reason. Your donation has really helped.



To assist Share the Dignity Foundation, Year 7 and 8 made a donation of one or more personal hygiene products. By donating to this charity, they are giving a woman who is experiencing homelessness or financial crisis the essentials, so she doesn't need to choose between food and dignity. Some of the items they have donated are: Soap, Body Wash, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dental Floss, Pads, Deodorant and Hand Sanitiser.



Thank you for supporting the Share the Dignity Foundation. By donating to this charity, you helped improve the lives of others.

**Vivian Li, Year 8**

### English Excursion

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May the Stage 6 HSC Society and Culture class accompanied by their teachers, Ms Whitty and Ms Kalogeras went on an excursion to the State Library of NSW.

The aim of the excursion was for each student to obtain a library card and learn how to access the plethora of resources available to them as members. The

group was booked into a 2hr 'show and tell' session run by the teacher librarian of the State Library.

It is hoped that the class will use this new knowledge of research skills to benefit their Personal Interest Project (PIP).

It was an enjoyable and informative day out for all involved. Both Ms Whitty and Ms Kalogeras would like to thank their wonderful class for the way they conducted themselves throughout the day – making us proud to represent our fine school. A special thank you must also go to our colleagues who helped out by taking on extra duties during the day.

### Ms Kalogeras

Below are some thoughts from the students about the day:

**Hikmah Tebe** – useful, fun and interesting

**Rania Almassri** – informative, organised and a large space for study.

**Bassima Hadid** – extra, informative, exciting and organised

**Aisyah Simammora & Deema Saleh** – it helped broaden our knowledge on how to present and what to include in our PIP.

### Year 9 Food Technology Super Smoothie Days

Year 9 Food Technology have been making healthy smoothies in class and researching the benefits of including more fruits in our diet. Two of their creations were shared with the rest of the school where students had the opportunity to purchase a smoothie



made by the year 9 Food Technology students.

The class was divided into two groups. One group made a Watermelon Crush and sold 82 smoothies over lunch. The second group made a Blueberry Smoothie and sold 75 smoothies.



Year 9 did a fantastic job getting all smoothie orders out on time and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### Mrs Hatzidis

Year 9 Food Technology Teacher

### Community Liaison

The Wiley Park Girls High School Community Liaison Officer's dedication strengthens the relationship between school, parents and the wider community; we build this relationship by supporting parents with interpreting during interviews, through phone calls to check on absentees and lateness, in P & C meetings. We help parents to conduct their message to the principal and other executives at school through the courses and workshop we arranged with the Head Teacher Wellbeing.

This term parents workshops at schools are as follows:

- The computer course for parents is still on every Wednesday
- Tuning into Teens workshop will start on Wednesday the 6th of June and it will be on for five



consecutive weeks until the 4th of July.

- Iftar dinner is being held for the community on Thursday the 7th of June.

Your support is very important to the school.

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

## P&C Association

We would like to thank all the parents who attended our last P&C meeting which was held on the 7th of May.

Our guest speaker was Mr Steve Carpenter General who presented some fund raising ideas for the P&C and how to register the P&C association formally.

Ms Agapitos our Deputy Principal talked about the Iftar dinner which will be held on Thursday the 7th of June in the school hall.

Mr Steigler-Peters the Principal talked about 3+3 curriculum, the school bag app, which looks to be the preferred app for parent communication and also about The Boulevard's traffic safety.

Our next P&C meeting will be on Monday the 18th of July, we look forward to seeing you there.

## P&C Association

## Sports Report

### Zone Cross Country May 2018

Wiley Park had some fabulous results at the Zone Cross Country at Scarborough Park on Tuesday 22nd May 2018. Ms Stojanovska took a small team and they competed against the 18 schools in our zone. The girls were awesome. We are proud of them.

12 yrs. Noor Afita Noor Afita 2nd out of 68 competitors  
14 yrs. Nour El Majzoub 34th out of 62 competitors  
15 yrs. Alisa El- Khansa 31st out of 65 competitors  
15 yrs. Fatma Arja 32nd out of 65 competitors  
Noor Afita Noor Afita will now represent

the St. George Zone at the Regional Cross Country at Miranda Park On Thursday 14th June, 2018. Good luck Noor Afita Noor Afita!

**Mrs V McIntosh**

### Swimming Carnival Report 2018 – Roselands Pool 22/2/18

Thank you to the teachers and students for a wonderful day.

Great swimming, great teamwork, great atmosphere and great fun! Well done!

### Swimming Carnival Results 2018

1st Fraser 446  
2nd Goolagong 400  
3rd Cuthbert 279  
4th McKay 208

**School Champion:** Aya Elgamal & Assiya Hasna

### Age Champions

12 yrs: Kothar AbdulKhani 34  
13yrs: Jenan Hadid 50  
14 yrs: Maryam Elyassa 50  
15 yrs: Assiya Hasna 58 ; 48 + (10 in 100m)  
16 yrs: Aya Elgamal 58; 50 + (8 in 100m)  
17 yrs: Bassima Hadid 44

**Mrs V McIntosh**





## Athletics Carnival 2018

The atmosphere, behaviour and participation on the athletics carnival was fabulous, despite the extremely hot weather.

The general assistants did a great job marking out the javelin, shot, discus areas as well as the straight track lanes. Mr Cheney and some students provided a sausage sizzle for lunch.

A big thank you to all the staff for performing their jobs very professionally.



There was maximum participation from the girls who attended. I was disappointed with the number of students who chose not to attend the carnival.

Congratulations to all the age champions, to the winning house Cuthbert and to all of you who attended and made it another successful day.



### Athletics Carnival Results :

1<sup>st</sup> Cuthbert 428  
2<sup>nd</sup> McKay 408  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fraser 307  
4<sup>th</sup> Goolagong 214

### The age champions were:-

12yrs Noorafita Noorafita 40  
13yrs Salam Chami 36  
14yrs Jasmine Arokapiti 28



15yrs Alisa El Khansa 60  
16yrs Sarah Seho Boudellaa 64  
17yrs Maria Ardzejewski 28  
**School Champion 2018**  
Sarah Seho Boudellaa



Mrs V McIntosh  
Head Teacher PDHPE

## Reminders: School Photo Day Thursday, 7th June 2018

*Have your child's school memories  
captured forever*

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- All payments are due on photo day.
- You may pay by cash, or place your order online using your child's individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope and pay with your credit card.
- Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their correct school uniform.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request

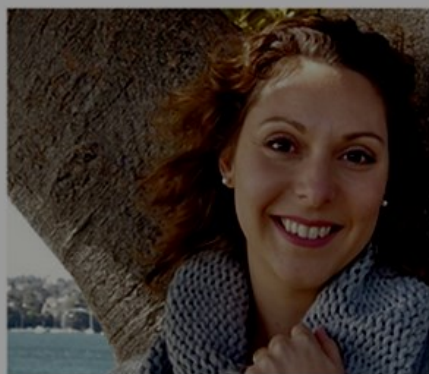
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# Tuning in to Teens

## Help your teen develop emotional intelligence

A five-session parenting program for parents of adolescents aged 12+

Would you like to know how to:

engage your teen in conversation?

help your teen learn to manage their emotions?

prevent behaviour problems?

teach your teen to deal with conflict?

- No charge
- Free childcare available

**Tuning in to Teens** shows you how to develop *emotional intelligence*, and help them:

- be more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and managing conflict with peers
- be more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have greater school and career success

**Where:** Wiley Park Girls High School  
The Boulevard, Punchbowl

**When:** Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am  
June 6, 13, 20, 27 &  
July 4, 2018

**To register:** Rima at BWHC 9790 1378  
bwhc@sswahs.nsw.gov.au



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## Everybody has a responsibility to help children

### **Families, carers, the student, the school and the community**

All kids in NSW must go to school by the time they turn 6. They must go to school or be involved in training or employment up to the age of 17. The law says they must attend school **EVERYDAY**.

If they do not go to school they will fall behind in their learning. Children who go to school every day do better and have more opportunities.

### **Missing school matters and every day counts**

#### **If kids go to school...**

