

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the past week, we have installed 10 interactive data projectors into our classrooms. I would like to especially thank the P&C who donated two of these projectors. The data projectors come with powered speakers and connections for both laptop and desktop computers. These projectors are the latest in ICT and turn any surface into an interactive whiteboard. We hope to install another thirty five interactive data projectors next year, which will mean that every room in the school will have this latest technology

Congratulations to all our dancers and staff involved in last Friday night's Evening of Dance at Casula Powerhouse. It was an excellent evening with wonderful performances by all. Special congratulations must go to our Year 12 dancers with 7 dances included in "Call Back". These are the best dances selected from Higher Sschool Certificate practical dance exams from across the state to perform at a special one off concert.

Even though we have been using them for quite a while now, Thursday 27 October, 2011 is the official opening of our new synthetic training surface and the change rooms and recovery centre. The new facilities will be officially opened by the Hon Charlie Lynn MP. There will be a number of dignitaries and local media present on the day. These new facilities have been a wonderful asset to our sports programs and the day will be an excellent chance for us to showcase our school to the wider community

Westfields Sports High rolls over to the 2012 timetable at the beginning of Week 7, which is Monday 21 November. Prior to this, all students will be issued with a clearance form to sign out of their current year. Students must return any textbooks or other school resources that have been issued to them this year. In addition, any outstanding subject, sport and school fees will need to be paid before this clearance sheet can be signed off and your son or daughter can be rolled over into next years classes. Despite frequent requests, there are still a large number of outstanding fees. All outstanding fees must be paid in full by Friday 4 November so that the clearance forms can be completed on time.

A reminder to parents that our next Parents & Citizens Meeting is on Wednesday 26 October at 6.30 pm in A block. At this meeting Mr Bowen will be talking about the Social Science Faculty so it would be great to have lots of parents in attendance.

*Mr R. Davis
Principal*

21 October 2011

IMPORTANT EVENTS

26/10/2011

*P & C Meeting
6.30pm*

31/10/11 & 1/11/11

*Kasukabe
Japanese Visit*

7/11/2011

*School Certificate
Exams Commence*

7/11/2011

WS Blues Dinner

15/11/2011

*Sport Orientation Night
6.30pm*

21/11/2011

Rollover Commences

Winners

International Olympic Committee

Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Higher School Certificate students commenced their exams this week, with all students sitting their English papers on Tuesday and Wednesday. This is a very important period to close the end of 13 years schooling. Good luck to all students, including our accelerated Year 10 & 11 students.

UAC Applications close 30 October, 2011.

At our Year 12 Graduation on Thursday 22 September, former student Corey Payne was our guest speaker. He delivered a very fitting message to our students – highlighting the value of further education. Corey is Chairman of the “Future Direction Network”. With his team and ambassadors he engages with students from Sydney South West .

Thanks to Corey, Westfield’s has received a TV screen to be housed in the school foyer. We will be displaying current events and news for the Future Direction Network.



Also during the last week of Term 3, our Football Program held it’s annual presentation dinner at St Johns Park Bowling Club. Outstanding performances were recognised and former students (now playing in A League) were welcomed : Mathew Ryan, Berni Ibini-Isei, Mustafa Amini (Central Coast Mariners) and Scott Jamieson, Terry Antonis, Dimitri Petratos (Sydney FC). *David Vrankovic* received the highest honour - The Phil Tucker Award - for his achievement as a footballer.



On Tuesdays for the first six weeks of Term 3, 80 Year 6 students from Fairfield West Public School will be experiencing high school lessons. These lessons will provide a taste of high school classes. In addition teachers from Westfields Sports and Fairfield West PS will be working together to develop transition programs. We will be sharing teaching strategies during staff development days at the end of this term.



Congratulations to our bagpiper, *Lachlan Micati* on his recent success in qualifying for the final of Australian Young Piper of the Year. Lachlan was placed 3rd to two senior pipers, a great achievement. Lachlan

is currently performing with John Farnham for his current series of concerts.

The school received a letter of thanks from Legacy, thanking staff and students for their generous contribution last term. Well done.

Special congratulations to our Dance Program and cast, Friday’s brilliant “Evening of Dance” - held at Casula Powerhouse - stunning dancers, costumes and choreography. Well done Ms Holden, Miss Henville, Miss Cameron & Ms Ireland .

Mrs H. Wilson
Deputy Principal

WESTFIELDS SPORTS MATHEMATICIANS

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding

results in the recent yearly exams. These students should be very proud of their achievements.

Year 10

1st in Advanced - *Brian Nguyen*
Equal 2nd in Advanced - *Peter Pham, Long Bui Phi, Hoang Luc, Vivian Luu and Kent Tran*
1st in Intermediate - *Jimmy Nguyen*
2nd in Intermediate - *Cindy Doan*
1st in Standard - *Angela Leonello*
2nd in Standard - *Nadia Kassem*

Year 11

1st in Extension 1 - *Johnny Kokkinos*
2nd in Extension 1 - *Daniella Lamas*
1st in Mathematics - *Thanh Binh Vu*
2nd in Mathematics - *Belinda Tang*
1st in General Course - *Madison Brown*
Equal 2nd in General Course - *Marcus Karla, Vien Vu, Daniel Solway*

For more assistance in maths students can visit the Fairfield City Library link that can be found on the school web page. Students from Year 4 to 12 can use this web – based online tutoring service from your home. The students can participate in a live, one-to-one individual learning session with a tutor using the Online Classroom. Check the site out for more details.

Miss P. Katsaros
Mathematics
Faculty

YEAR 10 ARE YOU A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL?

If yes, we are looking for you! The welfare team are seeking approximately 40 students to be Peer Support Leaders to Year 7 next year. Becoming a peer support leader is of great value and worth at our school and you would play an integral role in helping our new Year 7 students settle into high school life. You will receive training to assist you in fulfilling your Peer Support Leader role.

If you are interested please see Miss Healy as soon as possible to collect an application form.

Miss S. Healy
Relieving Head Teacher Welfare

MOBILE PHONES

Students may bring a mobile phone to school. All phones must be turned off throughout the day.

Inappropriate use of phones – including images or recording of fellow students is unacceptable.

If a student is found using their mobile phone during school time the phone will be taken from students and placed in the school safe for collection by the student at the end of the school day.

Subsequent offences will result in parents having to collect the phone from the school office.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has started up this year at Westfields Sports with our first bronze level group. With much excitement around, twenty students are currently learning new skills, volunteering at various community organisations, working towards fitness goals and preparing for their first Adventurous Journey. On the last Friday of Term 3 students participated in a training day at school to prepare them for their time in the bush. They were taught important navigational skills, practiced first aid, set up their tents and took part in teambuilding activities. Along with six staff, the students will hike 27km from Bundeena to Otford along the Coast Track in the Royal National Park this coming Sunday and Monday. We are looking forward to a successful first hike and thank you in advance to Mr Brennan, Ms Spiroski, Ms Ayas and Ms Ricapito for volunteering your time to participate and supervise this walk.



*K. Lee & R. Freeman
Coordinators*

SMS MESSAGING

On receiving a message parents/caregivers can reply by pressing the reply option and providing the following information **student's full name, year, roll call, date of absence and the reason for absence or lateness.**

eg. Shauna Smith 07R01 sick 13/3

Please do not use abbreviations or preferred names

The school expects parents/caregivers to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent and to ensure the current mobile numbers are provided to the school.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation

*Miss D Zanet
HT Administration*

YEAR 11 CROSSROADS

During Week 1 of this term, Year 11 students completed the required 25 hours of the 'Crossroads' course that is mandatory for all senior government high school students. The series of sessions, involving a variety of workshops and visiting speakers, dealt with the key topics of 'Drugs', 'Relationships' and 'Driver Education'.

Session topics were - "Violence against Women" which looked at the issue of relationships among young people, "No Arms, No Legs, No Worries" a DVD showing how to overcome adversity by Nick Vujicic, a man who was born without limbs. Other sessions led by visiting speakers were:

- Tony Trimmingham, whose son died from an overdose of drugs and alcohol. He used a very powerful and heartfelt visual presentation to stress how easily a person could become addicted to drugs and the tragic effects on family and friends.
- People from the 'Positive Life NSW' group who spoke about how they came to terms with living with the blood disorder HIV.
- 'Youth Safe' Representatives used 'safe partying' and 'driver safety' as themes for discussion and information.
- Bonnyrigg Fire Service and Police School Liaison Officers gave strong messages about safe driving and legal matters.
- The 'Think Twice' team, people from the Westmead Trauma Unit who have suffered brain damage from car accidents spoke about their stories and the effects their accident has had on themselves and their families.
- Tina McKenzie, who has captained Australia's women's basketball team gave a strong talk about overcoming her disability and how people can make something of their life regardless of their circumstances.
- Members from the Commonwealth Bank gave 2 lectures about financial awareness, which gave students an introduction to the issues of earning and saving.



Midway through the week, students attended a *Driver Awareness Program* at Penrith International Regatta Centre. The program targeted "awareness" and "attitudinal change" and encouraged the students who are on the verge of driving, to take a more responsible attitude towards motoring. The



students rotated through 6 sessions during the day including workshops run by local road safety experts, driving instructors, the police, recovering victims of road accidents, drug and alcohol educators and financial services personnel.

Throughout the Crossroads program students were genuinely interested in the selected sessions and gave all speakers and teachers their best attention. I hope that the content discussed will help students support positive decision making skills in the future.

*Mr C. Jarvis
Head Teacher PDHPE*

2011 PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD

On Wednesday evening, *Casey De Bruin* was recognized for his ongoing commitment and contribution to the successful Westfields Sports Football Program by receiving the prestigious Rotary "Pride of Workmanship Award".

Casey has been an integral member of the Westfields Sports coaching staff since 1998. His coaching expertise has been of proven benefit to hundreds of boys and girls in the school's football program, which is recognized for its excellence throughout Australia and overseas.

Casey is a truly dedicated coach who spends countless hours of his own time researching and preparing his coaching sessions. His passion for the game and pride in his work is inspirational to both players and fellow coaches. He is always innovative and has high expectations of himself and the players he works with.



The Westfields Sports Football Program continues to produce players of the highest quality for both state and national representative teams and Casey has been integral to this success.

Congratulations Casey !

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal

STUDENT RECORDS

In cases of emergency it is very important that Student Records are accurate and up to date.

If you have changed your address or telephone number, or wish to update your emergency contact person, please advise the Administration Office as soon as possible.

Mrs M. Edwards
Administration Office



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WORLDSKILLS VET COMMERCIAL COOKERY REGIONAL COMPETITION

Alyssa Ros and Danica Whitehouse will travel to Wyndham College at Quakers Hill on Thursday 27 October, 2011 to compete in the regional WorldSkills competition. They will be required to prepare a three course meal for four people. The competition will test their skills learnt throughout the year in Hospitality.



Good luck girls.

Mrs M. Chidzey
Hospitality Teacher



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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Congratulations :

- Davidson Shield Cricket - Westfields Sports 6/175 (*L O'Connor 72, J Cormack 58*) defeated The Hills SHS 5/164 (*J Brown 3/27*)
- SHS Cup Cricket - Westfields Sports 3/128 (*J Bertovic 55, J Bray 21*) defeated The Hills SHS 10/126 (*D Hayes 4/16, B Smith 2/18, P Salaskar 2/26*)

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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