

# WestNews

*A Journal of Westfields Sports*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to start by thanking all of the staff and students who have been involved in yet another highly successful Japanese visit. On Monday and Tuesday this week we had over 400 students and staff from Kasukabe Kyoei High School visiting us for two days of sport, activities and lessons. Kasukabe have been coming here for 14 years and it has been a wonderful, reciprocal arrangement which I am sure will continue for many years to come.

For those parents with children in their first year at Westfields Sports, it is important that you are aware that on Monday 21 November, we rollover to the 2012 timetable. This means that all years are promoted to next Year's classes which ensures that meaningful work continues right up until the last day, that is, Year 7 move into Year 8 and Year 8 move into Year 9 etc. An important step in the rollover process is the official signing out of the student's current year. This requires students to return all outstanding textbooks and school resources and to pay any outstanding fees and charges. Despite numerous requests, there are still a large number of outstanding subject fees, sport fees and school contributions and students cannot complete the sign off process whilst there are outstanding fees. If there are problems with the payment of fees, parents can contact me at school at any time to discuss options.

The final Parents and Citizens meeting for the year will be Wednesday 23 November, 2011. This is our Christmas meeting and will be held at 6.30 pm at the Canley Heights RSL Club so we would like to see lots of parents attending.

The coming few weeks are a very busy time for our school. Following are some important dates for your diary. Monday 7 November - School Blues Dinner; Wednesday 9 November - Rugby League Presentation Night; Tuesday 15 November - Sport Orientation Night; Thursday 17 November - Year 12 Formal; Wednesday 23 November - P&C Meeting; Monday 5 December Sydney South West Blues Night and Year 7 Orientation Night; Tuesday 6 December - Annual Academic Presentation Night at Club Marconi and Wednesday 14 December - Year 10 Graduation Ceremony.

Yearly Reports will be handed out on Wednesday 14 December, 2011. Thursday 15 December and Friday 16 December will be Activities Days. Instead of normal timetabled lessons we will be having sports and other activities for students. Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December are School Development Days for staff only.

*Mr R. Davis  
Principal*

**4 November 2011**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

**7/11/11**

*School Certificate  
English / Science*

**7/11/2011**

*Sport Blues Dinner  
6.30pm*

**8/11/11**

*School Certificate  
Maths / HSIE*

**9/11/11- 11/11/11**

*School Certificate  
ICT*

**15/11/2011**

*Sport Orientation Night  
6.30pm*

**17/11/2011**

*Yr 12 Formal*

**21/11/2011**

*2012 Rollover*

**Winners**  
*Mr R Davis  
Principal*  
**International  
Olympic  
Committee  
Sport and Youth  
Trophy 2008**



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

A number of Higher School Certificate students have three days of exams remaining including : Visual Arts, Senior Science, Spanish Extension, Food Technology and Hospitality. We wish all students good fortune in their exams. Following completion of all Higher School Certificate exams, Year 12 students will need to complete clearance procedures and collect formal tickets on one of the following dates Wednesday 9 November, 2011 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm and Wednesday 16 November, 2011 from 9.00am to 11.00am.

On Thursday 27 October, 2011 our school hosted three members of the NSW Parliament at the official opening of our new change rooms and synthetic training field. The Hon Charlie Lynn MP declared the facilities open.



Guy Zangari MP and Andrew Rohan MP joined local Principals Glenn Walker and Kathleen Seto, along with Fairfield Education Director, James Coleborne and School Liaison Police, Allan Clapham and Stacey Hurst. Mrs Micati represented our parents. School Captains *Marcus Ibaceta* and *Madeline Stone* were excellent ambassadors. *Lachlan Micati*, our school piper displayed his great talent.



Members of our football program made an impressive display on the synthetic field.

Last week Kasukabe High School visited Westfields. Thanks to Mrs Ayas and supporting staff, the visit was a great success. Kasukabe began visiting us in 1997 and we maintain very strong links.

Westfields Sports has a special relationship with our local primary school, Fairfield West Public School. Year 6 students have been “sampling” high school lessons and getting a feel for our school. To date students have enjoyed science and history experiences. In addition teachers from both schools

have been exchanging ideas on teaching programs in our endeavour to enhance the transition of students.

The University of Sydney “Compass” program provides opportunities for students from South Western Sydney to become involved in university activities courses and study skills events. On 27 November, 2011 parents and students are invited to a “showcase” of museums, art gallery, library and faculties. Details available from my office.

On 22 November, 2011 the Future Direction Network and University of Sydney will conduct workshops at our school for students in Year 11 who plan to apply for courses at Sydney University 2013. Applications available from my office.

Thanks to Mr Bowen, Head Teacher Social Science, six of our senior students will have a great opportunity to go sailing on Sydney Harbour and have lessons on how to sail.

Our roll over to 2012 timetable commences Week 7, Monday 21 November. Students will be issued with clearance forms for all 2011 fees, books and materials and new timetables. Year 9 parents are advised that when their children commence their Year 10 timetable they will be required to wear blue shirts and start school at 8:10am. Please check your child’s timetable.

Scholarships Applications are now available:  
Crosio Scholarship (\$300) for a Year 12 student  
Denis Evans Scholarship (\$200) for a Year 11 student  
Caulfield Scholarship (\$200) for a Year 9/10 student  
These scholarships are open to all eligible students. Applications forms are available from my office.

Congratulations to Corey Payne upon receiving the University of Sydney's Young Alumni Award for Achievement. This recognises his "efforts to inform, educate and inspire youth from south-west Sydney."

*Mrs H. Wilson*

### LUKE GAVIN Class of 1999 RIP

Lance Corporal Luke Gavin was killed in Operations in Afghanistan on 29 October 2011.

Luke was a member of our basketball program and was a member of the HSC Class of 1999.

Luke’s coach, Bernie Slattery, remembers Luke as “a very popular young man, very likeable. He was a hard worker and very clever”

Our thoughts and prayers are with Luke’s family.

*Deputy Principal*

## LIBRARY

From The Library – Booksonline  
Free books for students to access  
Have a look at <http://www.obooko.com/>  
They have the full text of books from every genre available online.  
You can become a member by supplying your first name, email address and a nick name.

Unlimited books at your disposal in the comfort of your home or the school library,

Also have a look at <http://www.skeletoncreekisreal.com/>

## KITCHEN WHIZZ AUDITIONS

Westfield's Sports was chosen to participate in the popular children's TV show "Kitchen Whizz", in which 35 students from Year 7 auditioned on the 26 October, 2011. Out of the 35 students who auditioned, 12 students were successful with 2 students also chosen as reserves.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated. The standard of game play was described as extremely high. From this, the successful students have been placed into 3 contestant teams, to record on Tuesday 29 November 2011.



Congratulations to *Jeremy Carpenter, Dominic Dugdale, Sarah Ringrose, Shubhika Dubey, Anthony Vastag, Dean Alic, Matize Noack, Gabriella Mendoza, Raffael Tembeleski Esho Israel, Bronte Macdonald and Lorena Bugden*. Reserves are *Lilliana Fante and Ashleigh Viera*.

*Ms A. Cufre & Ms H. Micu*  
*Year 7 Student Advisor & History Prac Teacher*

## SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

### Monday 7 November, 2011

English - literacy 9:20am – 11:30am  
Science 12:50pm – 3:00pm

### Tuesday 8 November, 2011

Mathematics 9:20am – 11:30am  
Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship 12:50pm – 3:00pm

The computing skills online exam will be done in roll call groups over three days. Please ensure your child attends at the correct time.

### Wednesday 9 November, 2011

10R1 & 10R2 8:10am – 9:25am  
10R3 & 10R4 10:00am – 11:15am

### Thursday 10 November, 2011

10R5 & 10R6 8:10am – 9:25am  
10R7 & 10R8 10:00am – 11:15am

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

10R9 & 10R10 8:10am – 9:25am  
10R11 & 10R12 10:00am – 11:15am

Students must bring their laptop to school fully charged on the day and report to the Library.

*Mr D. Barrett*  
*Deputy Principal*



## LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS FUNDING

This Australian Government initiative has been designed to provide financial assistance for junior sportsmen and women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state sporting organisation (SSO) or national school sporting competition.

The grants for individual applicants will be \$500 and \$3000 for team applications. To be eligible to apply, young people must be aged between 12-18 years and travelling more than 250km to compete in state or national level sporting competitions. So if you know any junior sportsmen and women at your school that maybe finding it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at sporting competitions, send them this flyer and encourage them to apply for an LSC grant online at <http://www.ausport.gov.au/champions>

The 2011/12 funding cycle is as follows :

Round 2 : 1 November, 2011 - 28 February, 2012.

Round 3 : 1 March, 2012 - 30 June, 2012

*Mrs J. Kenny*  
*Director of Sport*

## YEAR 8 COMPASS EXPERIENCE DAY

On Thursday 20 October, 2011 the University of Sydney held a Compass Experience Day to encourage Year 8 students to consider higher education and discover what university might be like.



a few songs from different parts of the world."

"The experience we had was unforgettable. It was really fun to see and participate in some of the courses such as law, architecture and singing. In the architecture course we had to design a building using spaghetti, string, sticky tape and had to put a marshmallow for the top. In the law course we role-played a criminal case which we took part in. And in the singing course, we learnt

*Miss T. Ricapito*  
*Year 8 Student Adviser*

## 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*

## 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.

## 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*  
Head Teacher Administration

## EARLY LEAVERS

All requests for your child to leave school early will be validated by the Deputy Principal prior to issuing the pass. Please include your contact details (mobile & home phone numbers) on the leave request,

*Mr A. Rogers*  
Deputy Principal

## PDHPE AND SPORT REMINDER

During PE and Sport lessons students need to be properly prepared with hat, drink bottle and sunscreen. In extreme weather, lessons will be modified with adequate rest and drink breaks provided.

Whilst it is commendable for students to be looking after their hygiene and want to use a deodorant after PE or Sport, it is important to remember that the spray can variety is not suitable to use in the school environment. Roll on deodorant is the most suitable and should be the only method used.

*Mr C. Jarvis*  
Head Teacher PDHPE

## DER LAPTOPS

Students are reminded to bring their laptops to school each day-fully charged. Swapping of batteries will shut down laptops.

Parents are reminded that in the case of damage to laptops, an incident report must be completed and returned to the Technical Service Officers in C block. If laptops are lost a police report is required.

*Mr E. Gergi*  
Technical Service Officer

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