

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By the time you are reading this copy of Westnews, we will have commenced our annual 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. As I mentioned in the last Westnews, an important step in the rollover process is the official signing out of each student's current year. Unfortunately there are a number of students who have not completed the sign out process. If your son or daughter has not done so already, they must return all outstanding textbooks, school resources and pay any outstanding fees and charges.

Our final Parents & Citizens meeting is on Wednesday 23 November, 2011. As this is our final meeting for the year, it is our Christmas meeting and we hold it at Canley Heights RSL commencing at 6.30 pm. Please come and join us. I would also like to ask for parental support by being involved in a survey that the Department is commissioning to look at school facilities and standards. Westfields Sports is one of only seven schools from across the state that is being surveyed to ascertain our thoughts on the standard of our whole school facilities, which includes buildings, grounds, resources and maintenance. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to make comment on what we believe is effective and also what we believe is not. If you would like to be involved, an independent team will be at school on Thursday 24 November, 2011 and have allocated the timeslot from 3.30 – 5.30 pm to talk to parents. Please contact me at school if you are able to come along on that day.

The coming few weeks are a very busy time for our school. Following are some important dates for your diary : Monday 5 December – Year 7 Orientation Night and Sydney South West Blues Night; Tuesday 6 December – Annual Academic Presentation Night at Club Marconi and Wednesday 14 December – Year 10 Graduation Ceremony. Our Year 12 students receive their Higher School Certificate results on Wednesday 14 December, 2011 and their ATAR results on Thursday 15 December, 2011. We will be holding a morning tea for Year 12 at 11.30 am on Thursday 15 December, 2011 to enable them to come back to school one last time to share their results with staff.

As I mentioned in the last Westnews, reports will be handed out on Wednesday 14 December, 2011. Thursday 15 and Friday 16 December will be an Activities Days instead of normal timetabled lessons with Friday 16 being the last day of the school year for students. Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December are School Development Days for staff only.

*Mr R. Davis
Principal*

21 November 2011

IMPORTANT EVENTS

21/11/2011
2012 Rollover

22/11/2011
ESSA Testing

23/11/2011
*P & C Meeting
6.30pm*

5/12/2011
*Year 7 Orientation
6.30pm*

Winners

International Olympic Committee

Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



JAPANESE VISIT

On Monday 31 October, 2011 and Tuesday 1 November, 2011 our school had the pleasure of receiving 350 students from Kasukabe High, our sister school in Japan. It was, as many students pointed out, a marvellous two days full of festivities. The day started with a welcoming ceremony conducted by Richie Alexander and Jason Bou. We exchanged gifts and speeches were delivered in Japanese by Brian Nguyen and Raymond May (the native speakers of Japanese were very impressed with their delivery and authentic accent). The ceremony was followed by dancing and our visitors also had the opportunity to experience a series of ball drills organised by our very talented Year10 and Year 11 football players under the eye of their coach, Trevor Morgan. Finally they were treated to a typical Aussie Sausage Sizzle prepared by our finest Food Technology and Hospitality students.

This was a very special event where many Westfields students had the opportunity to be involved and the mood was jovial, a perfect opportunity to celebrate bridging of cultures. We saw students from two different countries share moments of laughter together and it was heart warming to see that language was no barrier.

We said goodbye to them in a farewell ceremony full of entertainment and words of thanks. Singer Alex Grzesik, accompanied by our Year 9 and Year10 dancers put a spell on the audience and our guitarist Darren Luong performed a beautiful piece for the *finale*. We finally said goodbye in true Westfields style, we simply didn't want to let them go. We pleaded with them to come back and they invited us to their school. I know that some students have been exchanging emails already.



I was personally very proud of our Year 10 Japanese class. The students ensured our friends had a good time by looking after all aspects of their stay and although the days were intense, making new friends is always rewarding, and they did it in Japanese! I was reminded yet again why we open our hearts and our school to such wonderful people.

Ms M. Ayas
Head Teacher Languages

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR & BLUES DINNER

Westfields Sports held its 17th Annual Sportsperson of the Year and Blues Presentation Dinner at St Johns Park Bowling Club on Monday 7 November, 2011.

The following students were awarded Sporting Blues : *Annaleise Barton & Kyle Alexis - Athletics, Corey Barnes - Baseball, Tahlia Tupaea & Ante Matos - Basketball, Benjamin Smith - Cricket, Stjepan Paric - Football, Kristiana Manu'a - Netball, David Klemmer - Rugby League, Bianca Abrahams and Mason Rossi - Softball*. Congratulations to all Blues recipients on their achievements in 2011.

In appreciation of her service to sport at Westfields Sports, *Patsy Tatian - Gymnastics* was presented with a Service Award. Life Membership was presented to *Rebecca Cameron - Swimming, Tennis & Dance, Doug Symes - Cricket & Rugby and Wayne Lambkin - Rugby League*.

Corey Barnes - Baseball, Benjamin Smith - Cricket, Stjepan Paric - Football, Kristiana Manu'a - Netball and David Klemmer - Rugby League were the final nominees for Sportsperson of the Year. Congratulations to *Kristiana Manu'a* who was announced as the 2011 Sportsperson of the Year at the conclusion of the evening.

Thank you to *Christopher Patacsil* who performed the MC duties for the evening.

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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

VETis WORLDSKILLS 2011

On Thursday 28 October, 2011 *Alyssa Ros and Danica Whitehouse* travelled to Narimba Education Precinct to cook off in the Regional WorldSkills VET in Schools competition. Both students executed their 3-course meal for four people in the five hour time frame to industry standards.



It was a fabulous experience for the girls.

The regional results placed *Alyssa Ros* first and *Danica Whitehouse* second. Congratulations to both.

Alyssa will go on to compete at State early in 2012 and *Danica* is on the reserve list for the competition.

Mrs M. Chidzey
Hospitality Teacher

POSITIVE PEER CULTURE (PPC)

What issues are suitable for peer mediation ?

Mediators deal with minor disputes such as:

- Minor squabbles
- Name calling/teasing
- Rumour spreading
- Friendship problems
- Property issues
- Exclusion

What issues are NOT suitable for peer mediation?

- Physical violence
- Incidents involving weapons
- Drug related matters
- Child protection matters
- Criminal behaviour

For more information look in the student diary on page 8.

Next issue – The benefits of peer mediation

*Mrs M. Chidzey
PPC Coordinator*

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2011

On Tuesday 6 December, 2011 academic, sporting and service awards will be presented to high achieving students in the Westfields Sports family.

This night is a celebration of outstanding achievements and all participants, family and friends are warmly welcomed to attend. Full school uniform must be worn and participants must be at Club Marconi no later than 6.15pm.

Please be aware that as this is a formal occasion all award recipients are to remain for the entire ceremony.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Ms A. Cufre
Presentation Night Organiser*

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*



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*Ms E. Love
Librarian*

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*

WESTFIELDS SPORTS MATHEMATICIANS

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding results in the yearly exams. These students should be very proud of their achievements.

Year 7

1st in Course - *Olivia Rowntree*

2nd in Course (equal) - *Katrina Lamas, Lachlan Talau, Edwin Cheer*

1st in Class - *Alison Ho, Marvin Patrus, Matthew Le, Jerry Ly, Shareef Saipaia, Emma Mc Ewan Ferguson*

Year 8

1st in Course - *Evangelos Patramanis*

2nd in Course - *Amy Nguyen*

1st in Class - *Luka Ivanovic, Alexandra Krickovic, Nathan Truong, William To, Cynthia Pham, Mary Abed, Romta Matti, Sarah Soltan, Nicholas Fabien, Marie Zaya*

Year 9

1st in Advanced - *Michael Jankulovski*

2nd in Advanced (equal) - *Charline Vo, Cindy Ta*

1st in Intermediate - *Justin Ivanovic*

2nd in Intermediate - *Thi Ngoc Anh Le*

1st in Standard - *Luke Vaselek*

2nd in Standard - *George Khaushu*

Please ensure your child has returned their textbook to their teachers. All students should have purchased a new maths grid exercise book (minimum 248 pages) and it must be covered in contact.

Wishing all students good luck for the start of the new school year.

Ms P. Katsaros
Mathematics Faculty

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In the event of injury, no personal injury insurance cover is provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity.

Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, school sport zone, area and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover is required. Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail insurance outlets.

Parents who have private ambulance cover need to check whether that cover extends to interstate travel and make additional arrangements as considered appropriate.

The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injury Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, provides limited cover for serious injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body.

Information can be obtained from : www.sportinginjuries.com.au

Further information regarding student accident insurance and private health cover is provided at :
www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/spguide/activities/general/med_insurance.php

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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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