

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to take this opportunity to recap on some of the main highlights in what has been another hugely successful year for Westfields Sports. Our School Certificate results arrived last week. In English, 84% of the students received Bands 4, 5 or 6, in Mathematics, twenty students received a Band 6 result and in Science, sixteen students received a Band 6 result. Our 2011 HSC results arrive this week and I am looking forward to another set of excellent results. Our Year 7 and 9 students once again sat the Australia wide literacy and numeracy test (NAPLAN). Our value added results from Year 7 to Year 9 were pleasing, except for reading where our students performed below the state average. This will be a major focus for us in 2012.

Our accelerated programs in English and Mathematics have continued to provide excellent results. A number of Year 9 students received band 6 results in this year's School Certificate in Mathematics, English and Science and a number of students in Years 10 and 11 completed their HSC in Mathematics. Our Recognition of Student Excellence Awards and morning teas celebrated and rewarded academic success and were well supported by parents. I know that many parents have been regular visitors to school for these recognition ceremonies and I thank you for your support. In addition we had many students who received distinction and high distinction awards in Australia wide competitions in English, Mathematics and Science and as always, our debating teams once again had highly successful years.

The achievements of our talented sports students have once again been unsurpassed. This year we had sixteen students selected to represent Australia and sixty three selected to represent NSW in a range of sports. In addition Westfields Sports won eleven State Knockout competitions, five students received NSWCHS Sporting Blues and eleven students received SSW Sporting Blues.

Amongst a myriad of performance from our creative and performing arts students, the highlight was the Evening of Dance at the Casula Powerhouse. Our students also performed at numerous functions and presentation evenings, at regional and state ensembles and at the School Spectacular throughout the year. Once again, our dancers were brilliant with 7 individual dance items selected to perform at HSC Dance Call Back, which is a fantastic result.

This year saw the completion of the building program when we took possession of the new change rooms with a recovery facility in May.

We have also continued to add to our technology resources. We now have five computer laboratories and fixed data projectors or interactive whiteboards in thirty seven rooms. We plan to install interactive data projectors into the remaining thirty five rooms in 2012.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the hard working and committed teaching and administration staff and coaches who have helped your sons and daughters to achieve their wonderful successes. A special vote of thanks needs to go to the hard working Parents & Citizens who continue to support and fundraise for our school.

As this is the final Westnews for 2011, I would like to thank the entire Westfields Sports community for your ongoing support. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to an even bigger and better year to come. A reminder that Years 7, 11 and 12 return on Monday 30 January, 2012 and Years 8, 9 and 10 return on Tuesday 31 January 2012.

Mr R. Davis
Principal

13 December, 2011

IMPORTANT EVENTS

14/12/2011

Reports Issued

15/12/2011-16/12/2011

Activities Days

19/12/2011-20/12/2011

Staff Development

30/1/2012

*School Commences
Years 7, 11 & 12*

31/1/2012

*School Commences
Years 8, 9 & 10*

Winners

International Olympic Committee

Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Special congratulations to our School Certificate class on their very pleasing results. In particular a number of students deserve special recognition for their achievement of top bands (5 & 6) in exams and top grades (A & B) : *Gabriela Gatica, Vivian Luu, Jason Ly, Averil Martin, Alexandra McEwan-Ferguson, Shana Nair, Brian Nguyen, Radovan Pavicevic, Georgia Rowntree, Susan Sam, Emily Tieu, Louise Torisi, Nicholas Tselepis.*



Brandon De Moraes of Year 9 has achieved a terrific result – Band 6 in each of his accelerated courses: English, Mathematics & Science. He is joined by *Yana Thach, Rowena Lam and Almukhtar Aldugaily*, who all scored excellent results in their three accelerated courses. Overall Year 9 scored eleven Band 6 results and forty one Band 5.

On Wednesday 14 December, Year 10 students will assemble to receive their School Certificate and annual reports. Also on Wednesday, the HSC results will be issued to students.

Last Thursday, we had visits from three former students. Corey Payne has been recognised for his charity and its achievements. In addition to being in the NRL Bulldogs Squad, he is currently completing a Masters degree at Sydney University. He has had a great impact this year supporting our senior students.



Brent McGrath returned, on leave, from his Brondby FC duties in Denmark. He will train with our students next week.

Scott Jamieson (Sydney FC) joined Liam Reddy in



presenting a Drug & Alcohol awareness seminar to our football boys. Three very accomplished young men.

Mrs H. Wilson
Deputy Principal

ALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS NATIONALS

Congratulations to *Tepa Lemi* who won the bronze medal in the discus at the 2011 Australian All Schools Athletics Championships held in Brisbane last week.

Also congratulations to our senior boys knockout team who performed extremely well at the 2011 National Schools Knockout Final in Brisbane. The team was *Kyle Alexis, Jack Fouracre, Jack Raymond, Christopher El Hayek, Mitchell Haynes, Javier Alarcon, Dayne Vette-Welsh & Sasha Stevenson-Maric.*

Mr D. Suchy
Athletics Director

TOTAL GIRL



Year 8 student, *Olivia Rowntree* will be featured in a forthcoming issue of Total Girl magazine. Olivia who is a member of the Netball Program was interviewed about a typical day as a student at Westfields Sports. She also answered questions on how she combines the demands of homework and training. We look forward to viewing the article when it appears later this month.

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal

MARCUS IBACETA TAKES ON THE WORLD

On Wednesday 14 November, 2011 Marcus Ibaceta was awarded the Prudence Award for excellence at the Annual Australian Mathematics Presentation for the third year in a row. Marcus was amongst 100 000 students from across Australia and forty other countries who competed in this international competition.



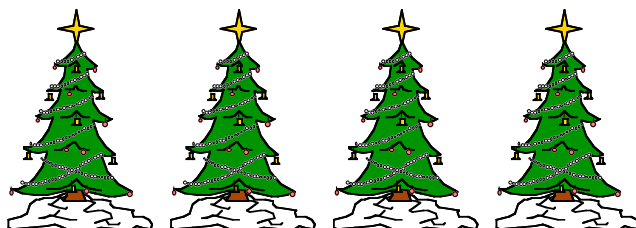
The presentation highlighted the achievements of the best Mathematicians throughout the world and Marcus was recognised for his efforts and dedication to this subject. Marcus is an extremely talented Mathematician who has excelled in this highly competitive examination and has a great future in Mathematics.

Congratulations Marcus on an outstanding performance.

Mrs D. Van Hoek
Head Teacher Mathematics

SMOKE FREE PLAYGROUNDS AND SPORTSGROUNDS

A reminder that Fairfield City Council prohibits smoking at sportsgrounds and associated car parks and bans smoking within 10 metres of all children's playground equipment, on Fairfield City Council owned and managed open space. Your compliance with this is appreciated.



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

NSWCHS BLUES DINNER

The annual New South Wales Combined High Schools Dinner on Friday 9 December, 2011 saw a number of Westfields Sports students honoured with State Blues.



Corey Barnes - Baseball
Alexandra Huynh – Football
Stjepan Paric - Football
Tiahn Pesterey - Gymnastics
Tayla Campbell - Softball

Congratulations to these students on their achievements at state level in 2011.

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

2011 PRESENTATION NIGHT

The annual Westfields Sports Presentation Night was held on Tuesday 6 December, 2011 at Club Marconi. The evening was a celebration of academic success for our high achieving students. Congratulations to all students who received awards on the night.

Special congratulations must go to :



Olivia Rowntree – Dux 7 Aqua
Lachlan Talau – Dux 7 Blue
Blake Jackson – Dux 7 Crimson
Eroe Piccinin – Dux 7 Orange
Natalie Fakhouri – Dux 7 Red
Matthew Le – Dux 7 Silver
Sabrina Sosa – Dux 7 Violet
Allison Ho – Dux 7 White
Emma McEwan-Ferguson – Dux 7 Yellow
Evangelos Patramanis – Dux Year 8
Sarah Luc – Dux Year 9
Vivian Luu – Dux Year 10
Marcus Ibaceta – Dux Year 11

A number of scholarships were also presented.

Kim Dao - John Caufield Scholarship
Vivian Luu - Denis Evans Scholarship
Vivian Mo & Michael Jankulovski - Janice Crosio Scholarship
Marcus Ibaceta & Alexandra McEwan-Ferguson - Australian Defence Force Scholarships
Jasmine Ledger - University of Western Sydney Scholarship
Vivian Luu - University of Sydney Scholarship
Nathan Smith - Wiltronics Pursuit of Excellence Award

Thank you to all staff and students who assisted and contributed to the evening's success.

Ms A. Cufre
Presentation Night Coordinator



SYDNEY SOUTH WEST BLUES DINNER

The annual Sydney South West Blues Dinner was held at the Liverpool Catholic Club on Monday 5 December, 2011. A number of Westfields Sports students were honoured with Regional Blues.

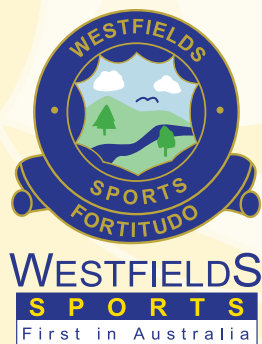


Corey Barnes - Baseball
 Tahlia Tupaea - Basketball
 Ante Matos - Basketball
 Nerida Gregory - Cricket
 Alanna Kennedy - Football
 Stjepan Paric - Football
 Tiahn Pesterey - Gymnastics
 Chloe Saville - Netball
 Tayla Campbell - Softball
 Mason Rossi - Softball
 Kiia Parata - Touch Football

In addition, *Alanna Kennedy - Football* received the Sydney South West President's Award as the most outstanding female athlete in the region for 2011.

Congratulations to all students on their achievements at regional level in 2011.

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 Director of Sport



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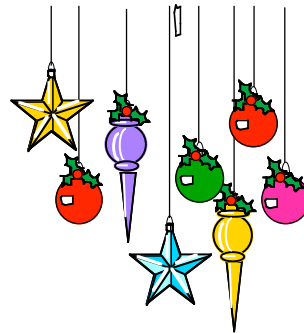
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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Congratulations :

- Corey Barnes (Baseball), Tahlia Tupaea & Ante Matos (Basketball), Nerida Gregory (Cricket), Stjepan Paric & Alanna Kennedy (Football), Tiahn Pesterey (Gymnastics), Chloe Saville (Netball), Mason Rossi & Taylah Campbell (Softball), Kiia Parata (Touch Football) – SSW Blues Recipients
- Sports Schools Plate – Westfields Sports 6/97 (A Baker 19) defeated Hunter SHS 10/95 (H Hemani 2/5, A Hemani 2/11, J Wilton 2/11)
- Corey Barnes (Athletics), Stjepan Paric & Alexandra Huynh (Football), Tiahn Pesterey (Gymnastics), Taylah Campbell (Softball) – NSWCHS Blues Recipients
- Girls Basketball Junior D2 – National Schools Gold Medal
- Boys Basketball Junior D1 – National Schools Silver Medal

Mrs J. Kenny
 Director of Sport



UNIFORM SHOP

A large amount of lost property is in the Uniform Shop and Front Office. Please get your child to check if they have lost anything this term. As always school items not claimed will go to the clothing pool and non school items will be donated to charity at the end of the term.

Mrs J. Stickler
 Uniform Shop

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