

# WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we come to the end of another year, I am pleased to report that once again, 2011 has been an extremely successful year for our students. We continue to be the premier Sports High School in Australia and as well as our sporting achievements, our academic, cultural and performing arts results have been outstanding. I will provide a full account of the year's achievements at Tuesday night's academic awards evening at Club Marconi.

In 2012, Westfield's Sports receives additional funding as part of the Federal Government's Low SES National Partnership program. With this funding, we will be hiring a number of staff to fill additional teaching and support positions. These positions are : classroom teacher of literacy, classroom teacher of numeracy, three (3) school learning support officers and three (3) part time community liaison officers. Full details for these positions can be found on our school website at [www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) Applications close on Friday 9 December 2011.

Even though we have already rolled over to our 2012 timetable, there are a number of students who have not completed their 2011 Clearance Forms. The signing out process requires students to return all outstanding textbooks and school resources and to pay any outstanding fees and charges. This is necessary so that we can issue textbooks and resources to the new incoming year. This process must be completed before the end of the year. If there are problems with the payment of fees, parents can contact me at school at any time to discuss payment options.

Invitations have already been sent out so I would like to remind parents about our Year 10 Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday 14 December, 2011. Students will need to be at school at 8.10 am dressed in full school uniform so that we can have them seated in alphabetical order for the ceremony to commence promptly at 8.30 am.

Yearly reports have been finalised and will be handed out on Wednesday 14 December, 2011 which will be the last day of normal timetabled lessons. Thursday 15 and Friday 16 December, 2011 will be an activities day so students can wear their sport uniform. Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December, 2011 are school development days with professional learning activities for staff only.

HSC results are due out on Wednesday 14 December, 2011 and we are holding an ATAR morning tea at 11.00 am on Thursday 15 December, 2011 so that our Year 12 students can come back to share their HSC success with their teachers.

Mr R. Davis  
Principal

2 December 2011

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

5/12/2011

*Year 7 Orientation Night*

6/12/2011

*Presentation Evening  
Club Marconi  
6.30pm*

14/12/2011

*Reports Issued*

15/12/2011-16/12/2011

*Activities Days*

19/12/2011-20/12/2011

*Staff Development*

## Winners

## International Olympic Committee

## Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Our rollover to the 2012 timetable has been very smooth with students now focussed on their 2012 class work. This is particularly important for our senior students, who have the benefit of time to get on top of their course and assessment demands.



Thanks to former student, Corey Payne, Westfields Sports now has a showcase for student achievement and for information for future pathways. A television screen located in the foyer of our Administration Block allows us to highlight significant events.

With HSC results due to students on Wednesday 14 December and ATAR

results due on Thursday 15 December, our Year 12 graduates may wish to take advantage of the Careers Advisory Service or the UAC hotline. Similarly, Year 10 and 11 students considering future pathways may benefit from considering the courses and scholarships on offer. For details visit our website - [www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) - to read "Careers News".

Construction has been completed on our new learning centre, located in the library. With the addition of new staff in 2012, this centre will provide additional support for students in numeracy and literacy.

The library is in the process of conducting their annual stocktake, students are advised to locate borrowed books and return them. Upon completion of stocktake – Year 12 students will be encouraged to borrow study guides to use during the five week break.

Our annual Presentation Evening – Tuesday 6 December, 2011 is a showcase of talented students. We recognise effort, excellence and achievement. Parents are encouraged to join their sons and daughters on this special occasion. The Marconi Club appears an excellent stadium. Many take advantage of the club's dining facilities prior to the presentation. Parents are reminded that they will be seated (after students) at 6:15pm. Doors will reopen only on conclusion of the award presentation.

On Thursday the school held two special assemblies where students were addressed by Senior Constable Allan Chapman and Mr Graeme Rees from the Australian Tax Office. The assembly was held to alert students to a recent "scam" whereby students have been tricked into giving their TAX FILE NUMBER to strangers. This then leads to fraud and the illegal claims on the tax office. In addition, identity theft follows with many students and their families liable to repay large sums of money, which they do not have. If you or any family member has been approached or caught up in the fraud it is very important to contact one of the numbers below.

132861 or 188 060 062 tax evasion hotline.

*Mrs H. Wilson*  
*Deputy Principal*

## PRESENTATION NIGHT 2011

Each year Westfields Sports acknowledges and celebrates its high achieving students at the Presentation Night. This year we will gather for this grand event on Tuesday 6 December at Club Marconi. This evening is organised for high achieving students from Years 7 to 11 and their families. Recipients must be in attendance and seated by 6:30pm for the evening to commence promptly.

Students will be recognised and awarded for excellence in one or more of the following areas: academic studies, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts, citizenship and scholarship.

### *Year 7 & 8*

*First in Class* - an academic excellence award is given to the student placed "first" in the class for the subject. Awards are given on class basis

*Teacher's Award* - an academic achievement award is given to students who were consistently conscientious in their efforts throughout the year.

### *Years 9, 10 & 11*

*First in Course / Second in Course* are two awards presented to students in Years 9 to 11. These awards recognise academic excellence and are awarded to students who are placed first and second in the subject across all classes.

*Dux* - a prestigious award presented to the student who is placed first consistently across a number of subjects in each year.

Invitations to Presentation Night have been given to students and it is hoped that all recipients will attend this evening to collect their awards. We hope you can join us for this special event.

*Ms A. Cufre*  
*Presentation Night Coordinator*

## YEAR 9 INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

9INT6 have been studying the topic 'culture and religion' throughout terms three and four. As part of their religious studies they have been examining the main features of Judaism. This class has been working extremely well all year and as a reward and part of their study of Judaism on Friday 18 November, 2011 our class celebrated. Students built their own Hanukkah candles using clay and painted them according to Jewish tradition. They also brought in food to celebrate which was all kosher to keep with tradition. Students then lit their candles, said a Jewish prayer and listened to Hanukkah music. The class thoroughly enjoyed celebrating and immersing themselves in the Jewish festivities.



*Ms R. Freeman*  
*International Studies Teacher*

## THE IDEA OF NORTH VOCAL WORKSHOP

On Sunday 20 November, 2011 four of our singers, *Sarah Vai (Year 11)*, *Alex Grzesik (Year 10)*, *Carly Romeo (Year 10)* and *Hannah Gauci (Year 11)* attended a vocal workshop with



Australia's a-cappella vocal ensemble 'The Idea of North' at Willoughby. Together with members of this ensemble, students learnt various vocal warm-ups and how to sing one of their original jazz songs.

Students had a photo taken with tenor singer Nick Begbie.

*Miss T. Ricapito*  
*Music Teacher*

## WESTFIELDS SPORTS GOES SAILING

The Freedman Foundation offered five students the opportunity to spend two days sailing Sydney Harbour with the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia. *Johnny, Josh, Phuong, Isabella and Michael* all enjoyed the challenge to try something new.



They spent the two days on the water learning firsthand the finer points of sailing whilst enjoying some amazing views. A special thanks to Mr Bowen for organising the days.

*Ms R. Sanders*  
*Social Science Teacher*

## 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 clothing pool and non school items will be donated to charity at the end of the term.

*Mr J. Stickler*  
*Uniform Shop*

## YEAR 11 OUTDOOR RECREATION CAMP 2011

It was raining when we left; it was raining when we got there. It rained whilst we were there, and it rained on the way home. But despite the weather, our spirits were not dampened. We walked and rode, canoed and swam, climbed and abseiled, ate and slept. The camp provided an opportunity to strengthen existing friendships and even make some new ones. Many students confronted and overcame fears which were great to see. A most enjoyable trip and something the students will remember for the rest of their lives. Thank you to Miss Elliott and Mr Rixon for their involvement. Well done to all !



Comments by some of the students :




*"Was one of the greatest experiences of my life, until I got a tick in my head" Sheree Findlay : P.S. We got the tick out, no worries !! Mr Ellis*

*"One of the most memorable experiences with some of the greatest people I know" Yvonne Guerra.*

*"Choose your tent buddy wisely" Anthony Violantzis.*

*Mr A. Ellis*  
*PDHPE Teacher*



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## WESTFIELDS SPORTS MATHEMATICIANS

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding results throughout the year. Their dedication and hard work has been rewarded and all these students should be very proud of their achievements.

### Year 7

1st in Course - *Lachlan Talau*

2nd in Course - *Edwin Cheer*

1st in Class - *Olivia Rowntree, Shareef Saipaia, Marvin Patrus, Matthew Le, Jerry Ly, Allison Ho, Emma McEwan-Ferguson*

Teachers Awards - *Katrina Lamas, Shubhika Dubey, Blake Jackson, Eroe Piccinin, Christian De Leon, Roderick Tan, Luu Monica, Steven Chau, Lauren Truong*

### Year 8

1st in Course - *Evangelos Patramanis*

2nd in Course - *Joshua Duong*

1st in Class - *Linda Phompak, Billy Hoang, Johnny Huynh, William To, Cynthia Pham, Mary Abed, Romta Matti, Nicholas Fabien, Julian Nelson-De Costa*

Teachers Awards - *Amy Nguyen, Luka Ivanovic, Natasha Josikovic, Boramy Vandy, Tyrrell Naleba, Liliana Valdes, Zachary Edwards, Dany Franso, Monique Molluso, Conor Keith-McBride*

### Year 9

1st in Pure Mathematics - *Jasmine Kim*

2nd in Pure Mathematics - *Brandon De Moraes*

1st in Advanced Course - *Brock Westwood*

2nd in Advanced Course - *Bianca Grimaldi*

1st in Intermediate Course - *Thi Ngoc Anh Le*

2nd in Intermediate Course - *Anthony Schmidt*

1st in Standard Course - *Mohamed Kabbout*

2nd in Standard Course - *Roger Gourgees*

### Year 10

1st in Pure Mathematics - *Brian Nguyen*

2nd in Pure Mathematics - *Vivian Luu*

1st in Advanced Mathematics - *Peter Pham*

2nd in Advanced Mathematics - *Gabriela Gatica*

1st in Intermediate Mathematics - *Linda Truong*

2nd in Intermediate Mathematics - *Jimmy Nguyen*

1st in Standard Mathematics - *Ai Truc Quynh Nguyen*

2nd in Standard mathematics - *Santiago Botero Ramirez*

### Year 11

1st in Extension 1 HSC Course - *Marcus Ibaceta*

2nd in Extension 1 HSC Course - *Helena Ing*

1st in Extension 1 Preliminary Course - *Johnny Kokkinos*

2nd in Extension 1 Preliminary HSC Course - *Daniella Lamas*

1st in Mathematics 2 Unit - *Belinda Tang*

2<sup>nd</sup> in Mathematics 2 Unit - *Vivian Ho*

1st in Mathematics General - *Madison Brown*

2nd in Mathematics General - *Deandra Males*

### Year 12

1st in Extension 2 HSC Course - *Nathan Thai*

2nd in Extension 2 HSC Course - *William Kong*

1st in Extension 1 HSC Course - *Julie Quach*

2nd in Extension 1 HSC Course - *Phuc Nguyen*

1st in Mathematics 2 Unit - *Karen Duong*

2nd in Mathematics 2 Unit - *Nicholas Zappacosta*

1st in Mathematics General - *Eliza Barton*

2nd in Mathematics General - *Eleanor Greville*

3rd in Mathematics General - *Sanjay Parasher*

### Mathematics Brainiac Award

*Marcus Ibaceta (Year 11)*

*Brian Nguyen (Year 10)*

*Jasmine Kim (Year 9)*

*Joshua Maher (Year 8)*

Wishing you all a great holiday and looking forward to all students performing to their full potential in 2012.

*Miss P. Katsaros*  
Mathematics Teacher

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### Congratulations :

- SHS Cup Plate - Westfields Sports 1/68 (*B Crosbie 23no*) defeated The Hills SHS 10/63 (*K Patel 6/7 & J Wilton 2/3*)
- SHS Cup Plate - Westfields Sports 2/170 (*Y Yannopoulos 23, B Crosbie 23ret & C Sammut 22no*) defeated Matraville SHS 10/16 (*L Fowler 2/1, C Sammut 2/3, A Baker 2/2, B Crosbie 2/2 & K Patel 2/4*)
- NSW All Schools Cup SF - Knox Grammar 9/224 (*J Cormack 4/41 & J Brown 2/31*) defeated Westfields Sports 10/168 (*J Apicella 60 & D Solway 43*)
- *Daniel Solway, Jeremy Maher, Jamie Brown, Jagveer Panesar, Brad Clark, Tyson Sims, Rhys Williams, Jake Cormack, Lachlan O'Connor, Jacob Apicella* - SSW Cricket Representatives

*Mrs J. Kenny*  
Director of Sport

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