

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to begin by congratulating our dance teachers and wonderfully talented dance students for an amazing 'Evening of Dance' last Thursday. It was an excellent evening of entertainment. Congratulations also on having ten individual dance items selected for the HSC "Call Back".



Our Regional Director, Murat Dizdar attended 'Evening of Dance' and the following is an excerpt from his email to the school :

"I want to commend your staff and students on an exceptional *Evening of Dance* at Casula Powerhouse last night. The quality of the performances across every year group was absolutely first rate. It is obvious that the Dance program is one of the very highest of quality at Westfield Sports High School. A lot of time, effort and commitment would have gone into last night from staff right across the school. I really enjoyed the evening and would like to extend my congratulations to all involved current and past teaching staff, SASS staff, Michelle Holden and her team, the costume designers and creators, music and technical crew and compares. You should be deservedly proud of your staff and students!"

Westfields Sports rolls over to the 2013 timetable at the beginning of Week 7 (Monday 19 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, which have been issued to them this year. In addition, any outstanding subject, sport and school fees 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 is still a large number of outstanding fees. All outstanding fees must be paid in full by Friday 2 November so that the clearance forms can be completed on time.

A reminder to parents that the next Parents & Citizens meeting is on Wednesday 24 October, 2012 at 6.30 pm in A block. At this meeting Mrs Leanne Solomons, Head Teacher Teaching and Learning and Mrs Heather Clarke, Head Teacher Home Economics will be talking so it would be great to have lots of parents in attendance.

Mr R. Davis
Principal

18 October 2012

IMPORTANT EVENTS

15/10/2012 – 8/11/2012

*Higher School
Certificate Exams*

24/10/12

*P & C Meeting
6:30pm*

25/10/12

*Rugby League
Presentation Night
6:30pm*

6/11/2012

*Sportsperson of the Year
& Blues Dinner
6:30pm*

13/11/2012

*Sports Orientation
Night 6.30pm*

Winners

International
Olympic
Committee

Sport and Youth
Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Term 4 signals the completion of yearly exams, the collation of yearly reports and our “rollover” into the 2013 timetable. In addition, students will be asked to complete their annual clearance where all books and materials are returned, plus fees and charges paid.

While these matters mentioned above are taking place, the school will be hosting presentation evenings for Rugby League (25 October) our “Blues” recipients (6 November) and our academic awards night (4 December). We will also host orientations for new students this term.

HSC students commenced their exams on Monday 15 October with English. These exams will continue until Thursday 8 November and be followed by the Year 12 Formal on Wednesday 14 November.

Year 11 students are currently finalising their program of study for the 2013 HSC. It is wise for students to maintain all six subjects if there is any doubt about the capability to achieve satisfactory results.

Our school Chaplain, Tony Hoang is holding youth meetings at lunchtime on Wednesdays in the Library. An enthusiastic group of students join him every week.

On Saturday 9 February 2013, Westfields will be hosting our 50th Anniversary Dinner at ANZ stadium. All former students and staff are invited to join current staff in celebrating the success of Westfields. An invitation is available to download on our website www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

The NSW Minister of Sport – the Hon Graham Annesley MP and Chris Bowen MP, Member for McMahon will join us for the reunion.

Special congratulations to our Head Teacher Pedagogy – Suzanne Walker, who was acknowledged at a Rotary ceremony which recognised nominees for “Pride in Work”.



Some of the comments in the citation include the following: “Suzanne Walker is an educational leader who inspires her staff and students to achieve above and beyond even their own expectations. She operates with high expectations and consistently delivers amazing results in the area of Creative and Performing Arts. We are very fortunate to have a Head Teacher in

Suzanne Walker who leads a team of highly committed staff in supporting our most needy students.” Congratulations, Ms Walker.

Students have been reminded that three annual Westfields scholarships applications are available from my desk. They close on Friday 9 November. Students in Years 12, 11, 10 and 9 (2013) are eligible to apply. The winners of each scholarship will be announced at our Presentation Night.

The Westfields Sports family was treated to our own spectacular of Dance on Thursday 11 October. Twenty four items of the highest standard were performed by the

beautifully presented dancers. It was a proud moment to also hear that ten of our HSC students have been invited to “Call Back” – a great honour.



*Mrs H. Wilson
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>

Grant applications are assessed three times per year. Round opening and closing dates are as follows :

Round 3 : 1 November, 2012 - 28 February, 2013.

Round 1 : 1 March, 2013 - 30 June, 2013

Round 2 : 1 July, 2013 – 31 October, 2013

YEAR 11 CROSSROADS

Last week, 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'.

Visiting speakers were from:

Family drug support 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.

'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 *'Headway'* team from the brain injury unit who help support people who have suffered brain damage from car accidents or other incidents spoke about their stories and the effects their accident has had on themselves and their families.

"Roadwhyz". A mother of two teenage boys who were both killed in a car accident decided that an educational program had to be developed so that through clear, concise, factual and real information the message of 'choice and consequence' could be delivered as a result of her traumatic experience.

Members from the *Commonwealth Bank* gave two lectures about financial awareness which gave students an introduction to the issues of earning and saving.

Heroes involved two professional actors who put on a show that used mime, comedy and music to parody various identities so that students could see value in self appraisal and acknowledge that everyone has positive qualities.

Jonathon Beninca, a motivational speaker, reflected on personal experiences that have affected his life

Our school welfare team leaders, *Ms Healy and Ms Chidzey* delivered a strong message about the dangers of social media.



Throughout the Crossroads program students were genuinely interested in the selected sessions and gave all speakers and teachers their best attention. A big thanks to all staff involved who supported the course.

Mr C. Jarvis
Head Teacher PDHPE

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

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 & Mr M. Currin
Technical Service Officer

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

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

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*

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*

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Congratulations :

- Boys Softball - SA Labour Day Tournament U17 Champions
- Boys Girls - SA Labour Day Tournament Div 2 Plate Winners
- Boys 9/10 Basketball – NSW Secondary Schools Champions
- Girls 9/10 Basketball – NSW Secondary Schools Champions
- Girls Athletics – NSWCHS Sports High School State Champions
- Athletics – NSWCHS Sports High School Overall State Champions
- Rugby – ARU National 7s Finalists

*Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport*

BASKETBALLER CLIMBS NEW HEIGHTS

Congratulations to *Tahlia Tupaea*, Year 10 on her selection to represent the Sydney University Flames in the Women's National Basketball League and also Basketball Australia's U17 Oceania Youth Championship team. Tahlia has also been invited into camp to train for the U19 World Championships. Well done !

*Mr B Slattery
Head Coach Basketball*

Westfields Sports are proud to be supported by :



NAPLAN RESULTS 2012

Results from the 2012 NAPLAN testing were handed out to Year 7 and Year 9 students this week. Any student who did not receive them should see Mr Barrett.

*Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal*



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