

# WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

For those parents with children in their first year at Westfields Sports, it is important that you are aware that on Monday 19 November, we rollover to the 2013 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 is still a large number of outstanding subject fees, sport fees and school contributions, therefore 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 28 November, 2012. This is our Christmas meeting and will be held at 6.30pm 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. Tuesday 6 November - School Blues Dinner; Friday 9 November - School Visit by Federal Education Minister The Hon Peter Garrett and local Federal Member, The Hon Chris Bowen; Tuesday 13 November - Sport Orientation Night; Wednesday 14 November - Year 12 Formal; Wednesday 28 November - P&C Meeting; Monday 3 December Sydney South West Blues Night; Tuesday 4 December - Annual Academic Presentation Night at Club Marconi; Wednesday 5 December - Year 7 Orientation

Reports will be handed out on Tuesday 18 December. Wednesday 19 December is an activities day and Thursday 20 December and Friday 21 December are School Development Days for staff only.

*Mr R. Davis  
Principal*

2 November 2012

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

15/10/2012-8/11/2012  
*Higher School  
Certificate Exams*

6/11/2012  
*Sportsperson of the Year  
& Blues Dinner  
6.30pm*

13/11/2012  
*Sport Orientation  
Night 6.30pm*

14/11/2012  
*Year 12 Formal*

19/11/2012  
*2013 Timetable  
Commences*

28/11/2012  
*P & C Meeting  
Canley Heights RSL  
6:30pm*

## Winners

## International Olympic Committee

## Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Our Higher School Certificate students have completed three weeks of their exams. The final week of exams commences on 5 November and concludes with the last exam on Thursday 8 November.

Monday 12 November is the final day for Year 12 students to complete their clearances and collect formal tickets (9.00am to 11.00am). The wait for Higher School Certificate results will be over on Wednesday 19 December, when students can access their exam results on line, by SMS or regular mail delivery. University ATAR results are due on Thursday 20 December. We look forward to hearing the good news.

Years 7-11 will be issued with their 2013 timetables, in preparation for the annual rollover. Prior to this all students are expected to have completed their clearance forms, which must be handed back to Year Advisers before Friday 16 November.

The Westfields' scholarship applications close on Friday 9 November. This application process is a very good experience for our senior students who will be applying for University scholarships in 2013.

Six students from Year 11 will join Ms Smith in a special learn to sail program hosted by The Freeman Foundation based at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Rushcutters Bay. This is a great opportunity for students to have an experience sailing on the beautiful Sydney Harbour.

Thanks to our Community Liaison Officers, Lessie and John, students who have a Pacific Community background will be attending a hands on workshop presented by the Attorney General's Department CLO - Timothy Wales. Students will learn about safe behaviours as well as how to respond to confronting situations.

Throughout 2011 and 2012, students at Westfields have had many great opportunities to be involved in programs conducted by Sydney University's COMPASS program. Students have learned about : film making and editing, scholarship writing, study skills, promoting yourself to future colleges or employers, taster visits to university faculties and advanced presentations in the sciences. In addition, many students have received the benefit of university volunteers who have been of great assistance in our Learning Centre. Selected staff have been trained in the delivery of a very successful reading program, Multilit. This year two parents volunteered to be trained in Multilit and now assist students with their reading in the library. Parents have been invited to attend Open Days to explore the offerings of the university. Overall a wonderful relationship with Sydney University, which aims to encourage our students to set their sights on a university education.

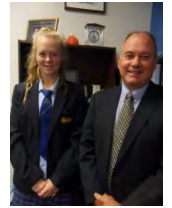
**WESTFIELDS SPORTS 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.** Parents, staff and students are invited to join us in celebrating 50 years of Westfields. On Saturday 9 February, 2013 we will gather at ANZ stadium to join students and staff from the past 50 years to reunite and share the stories of the past. Tickets are available by visiting our website: [www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) or contacting reception on 02 96043333.



As part of our Transition Program, students from Fairfield West have enjoyed a day of orientation at Westfields. The happy smiling faces augur well for a smooth transfer from the primary environment to high school.



The recently elected senior members of the Student Representative Council attended a special presentation of blazers at the last Parents & Citizens meeting.



President Lynelle Micati presented the captains, vice captains and senior prefects their blazers and congratulated the students on their success in gaining roles as school leaders.

At last week's assembly, students were addressed by Dana from EWT – Educational World Travel. Students were invited to show expressions of interest in a tour to the USA in January 2014. The tour involves a home stay with an American family, as well as extensive sightseeing. Dana will collect all the expressions of interest and then call a meeting of parents and students to discuss the details of the tour. Applications should be on my desk by Thursday 8 November.

*Mrs H. Wilson*  
**Deputy Principal**

## CANLEY CAR SHOW

On behalf of the school I would like to thank Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club for their generous donation to Westfields Sports. Their ongoing support is greatly appreciated and is used to support a variety of programs across the school.



*Mr A. Rogers*  
**Deputy Principal**

## BUSINESS STUDIES

Westfields' Business Plan Winners!

Earlier this year, Year 11 Business Studies participated in the Business Plan Challenge held by the University of Newcastle. Two of the groups from Westfields Sports High did extremely well! *Susan Sam, Dalena Le, Vivian Luu and Danny Nguyen* created their own hypothetical business and presented what they created in a business plan. Out of 199 business plans that were entered into the competition, the two groups were placed in the top 20 of the state! This is an outstanding achievement that should be commended. Their business plans were of a high quality with extensive detail, which would have taken a huge amount of time and effort. The students received a well deserved high distinction from the University of Newcastle.



*Ms Spiroski*  
**Business Studies Co-ordinator**

## MATHEMATICS

Congratulations to the following students in the recent yearly exams. You should be proud of your results.

### Year 7

1st in Course - *Alex Brook*

2nd in Course - *Furkham Ahmed*

1st in Class - *Renae Dehn, Jessica Setter, Sibel Alca, Kurtis Morrin, Tina Ngoun, Henry Ngo, Sarah Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Jessica Weng*

### Year 8

1st in Course (Equal) - *Natalie Tuialii & Olivia Rowntree*

1st in Class - *Eroe Piccinin, Jimmy Dam, Sarah Durzi, Matthew Vidal, Ashleigh Viera, Sarah Alshammery, Natalie Fakhouri, Stela Zumaya, Keanu Mas*

### Year 9 Advanced

1st in Course - *Evangelos Patramanis*

2nd in Course (Equal) - *Joshua Duong & Travis Low*

### Year 9 Intermediate

1st in Course - *Stephanie Ho*

2nd in Course - *John-Wesley Boath-Moananu*

### Year 9 Standard

1st in Course - *Steve Simon*

2nd in Course - *Marie Zaya*

### Year 10 Advanced

1st in Course (Equal) - *Jasmin Kim & Vivian Mo*

### Year 10 Intermediate

1st in Course - *Steven Quach*

2nd in Course (Equal) - *Justin Ivanovic & Baiqi Jiang*

### Year 10 Standard

1st in Course - *Christopher Markovic*

2nd in Course - *Danitta Fretton*

### Year 11 Mathematics Extension 1

1st in Course - *Peter Pham*

2nd in Course - *Angela Vong*

### Year 11 Mathematics 2U

1st in Course - *Peter Pham*

2nd in Course - *Jason Hoang*

### Year 11 Mathematics General

1st in Course (Equal) - *Troy Adams & Tony Lo*

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements throughout the year.

### Year 7

1st in Course - *Alex Brook*

2nd in Course - *Callum Watt*

1st in Class - *Furkhan Ahmed, Renae Dehn, Sibel Alca, Kurtis Morrin, Tina Ngoun, Celina Huynh, Sarah Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Jessica Weng.*

### Year 8

1st in Course - *Katrina Lamas*

2nd in Course - *Olivia Rowntree*

1st in Class - *Sumitra Chaisumdet, Joel Divertie, Sarah Durzi, Matthew Vidal, Ashleigh Viera, Sarah Alshammery, Natalie Fakhouri, Stela Zumaya, Derec Kendall.*

### Year 9 Pure Mathematics

1st in Course - *Evangelos Patramanis*

2nd in Course - *Prasad Salaskar*

### Year 9 Advanced

1st in Course - *Jimmy Nham*

2nd in Course - *Alharith Aldugaily*

### Year 9 Intermediate

1st in Course - *Stephanie Ho*

2nd in Course - *Brooke Davis*

### Year 9 Standard

1st in Course - *Marie Zaya*

2nd in Course - *Steve Simon*

### Year 10 Pure Mathematics

1st in Course - *Michael Jankulovski*

2nd in Course - *Brandon De Moraes*

### Year 10 Advanced

1st in Course - *Cindy Pham*

2nd in Course - *Brock Westwood*

### Year 10 Intermediate

1st in Course - *Justin Ivanovic*

2nd in Course - *Callum Fitzpatrick*

### Year 10 Standard

1st in Course - *Danitta Fretton*

2nd in Course - *Christopher Markovic*

### Year 11 Mathematics Extension 1 – HSC Course

1st in Course - *Phi Long Bui*

2nd in Course - *Patrick Ngo*

### Mathematics Extension 1 – Preliminary Course

1st in Course - *Peter Pham*

2nd in Course - *Angela Vong*

### Year 11 Mathematics 2U

1st in Course - *Peter Pham*

2nd in Course - *Jason Hoang*

### Year 11 Mathematics General

1st in Course - *Tony Lo*

2nd in Course - *Troy Adams*

*Miss P. Katsaros*  
*Mathematics Faculty*

## NETBALL WIN SSW KNOCKOUT

Congratulations to the 15&U netball team who represented Westfields Sports in the very first SSW Netball Knockout. NSWCHS is running a state knockout for players who are 15&U for the very first time and so with great excitement the players took the court at Fairfield last Thursday. After three rounds of competition, a quarter final, semi final and final the team was able to return to school undefeated for the day.

The team was *Jollie Campbell (7), Louisa Fainga'a (7), Kayla Nakhoul (7), Isabella Lealaiauloto (7), Celan Rush(7), Chinasa Urigwe(7), Chloe Dellunto (8), Michaela Eadie(8), Hadessa Moeakiolo (8), Olivia Rowntree (8), & Mary Evans (9).* Good Luck in the state finals!

*Mrs J Macdermid*  
*Head Coach Netball*

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

At the end of last term twenty five Year 10 and 11 students completed their Silver Award hike in the Blue Mountains. For three days students enthusiastically supported each other and successfully navigated their way through some very difficult terrain. Highlights for many students included: cooking gourmet meals around the campfire and swimming in Jellybean Pool at the conclusion of the walk. All teachers felt privileged to witness the outstanding teamwork exhibited by all students. It was great fun! Congratulations!

*Miss R. Freeman*  
*Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator*

## 2012 PRESENTATION NIGHT

Each year Westfields Sports acknowledges and celebrates its high achieving students at the school's Presentation Night. This year we will gather for this grand event on Tuesday 4 December at Club Marconi. The evening is especially organised for a group of 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.

### Years 7 and 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 and 11

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

### Dux

The prestigious Dux Award is presented to the student who is placed first consistently across a number of subjects in each year. There is a Dux Award for each year from Years 8 to 11 and each class in Year 7.

Invitations to Presentation Night will be given to students in the coming weeks and it is hoped that all recipients will be able to attend to collect their awards.

We hope you can join us for this special event.

*Ms S. Healy*  
*Head Teacher Welfare*



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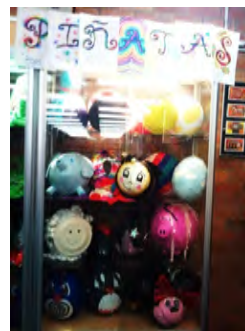
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## PIÑATAS

Students in 8SPA5 had the opportunity to construct a Piñata in class as we were studying Spanish culture and history. The idea of making Piñatas was brought to Mexico from Spain in the 16<sup>th</sup> century by the "conquistadores". Piñatas are one of the many traditions of Mexico. It is a colourfully decorated paper maché object, filled with lollies and sometimes, small toys. It is decorated with coloured paper, ribbons and tinsel. Piñatas are associated with Christmas, birthdays and other "fiestas" (Spanish festivals) Children take turns hitting it with a stick while they are blindfolded. When the piñata finally breaks children dive in under it to get the lollies.

A Piñata is constructed using a balloon, newspaper, a rope, flour and water or PVA glue with water, also paint and coloured paper to decorate. Once the balloon has been inflated you cut up strips of paper and carefully dip them in the paste, gluing them to the balloon covering it completely, this makes



the paper maché. Allow it to dry and repeat these steps ten times or until the paper maché is firm, remembering to allow drying between coats. After the third layer tie a rope around the whole thing in a cross. Leave enough rope to use later to tie the piñata to where it is going to hang. Once completely dry decorate as you wish.

The piñatas are on display in the school library. We would love for you to check them out! We would also like to thank our teacher Señora Caballero for all her help. Thank you!

*Brittany Mitchell and Evangeline Grzesik*  
*on behalf of 8SPA5*

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### *Congratulations :*

- 15s Netball – SSW Knockout Champions
- *Rauí Poaru, Oliver Takiveikata, Joshua Tupuola Leato* – NSWCHS Rugby New Zealand Tour Representatives
- *Siope Aukafolau* – ARU Rugby 7s Squad Member

*Mrs J. Kenny*  
*Director of Sport*

*Westfields Sports are proud to be supported by :*

