

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 2013 timetable. This means that all years are promoted to next years classes which ensures that meaningful work continues right up until the last day. This will have a significant impact on Year 9 students as they join the senior school. As seniors, Year 10 will commence classes at 8.10 am each day and on Monday, Thursday and Friday, complete their school day at 1.10 pm. It also means that they will commence wearing the sky blue shirt. 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.

On Friday 9 November, Federal Education Minister Hon Peter Garrett, Federal Education Minister, the Hon Chris Bowen, Federal Immigration Minister and State Member for Fairfield, Guy Zangari were welcome visitors to Westfields Sports. The visit involved a brief tour of the school to look at our facilities, visit to classrooms and talk to staff and students. Our hospitality students provided an excellent morning tea and Pride of Workmanship Certificates were awarded to hard working ground and cleaning staff members, Ross O'Donnell and Ray Veselinovic. All three dignitaries were extremely impressed with what they saw and indicated that they would love to come and visit us again in the future.

Our final Parents & Citizens meeting is on Wednesday 28 November. 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.

The coming few weeks is a very busy time for our school. Following are some important dates for your diary. Monday 3 December – Sydney South West Blues Night; Tuesday 4 December – Annual Academic Presentation Night at Club Marconi and Wednesday 5 December – Year 7 (2013) Orientation Night. Our Year 12 students receive their Higher School Certificate results on Wednesday 19 December and their University ATAR results on Thursday 20 December. We will be holding a morning tea for Year 12 at 11.30am on Thursday 20 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 Tuesday 18 December. Wednesday 19 December will be an Activities Day instead of normal timetabled lessons and is also the last day of the school year for students. Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December are School Development Days for staff only.

16 November 2012

IMPORTANT EVENTS

19/11/2012

2013 Rollover

28/11/2012

*P&C Meeting
Canley Heights RSL
6:30pm*

4/12/2012

*Presentation Night
Club Marconi
6.30pm*

Winners

International Olympic Committee

Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As our HSC students enjoy the conclusion of their exams, plus the wait for results – the rest of the Westfields Sports will “rollover” to the 2013 timetable. Year 9 students will join the senior school with their blue shirts and early starts while Years 11 and 12 embrace the demands of their HSC courses. This period is a great opportunity to establish good study habits and to also leave behind any mistakes made in 2012. We welcome a new group of students who will be joining their talented sports programs.

Throughout 2012, Westfields Sports has had a special relationship with Sydney University via the *Compass Directions*. Our students and parents have enjoyed visits to the University campus for open days and workshops. Also, we have had special presentations at the school for study skills, scholarship writing and movie making. Our next visit to the university is for our talented science students. The University has one last Showcase for this year on Saturday 24 November. This will include a showing of projects involving our students, amongst others. Any parent interested in attending, should contact me at school to register an interest. This will help the university in catering for lunches.



During the visit of The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP and The Hon Chris Bowen MP last week, two of our very dedicated members of staff were presented with certificates recognising their “Pride of Workmanship”.

Ray Veselinovic and Ross O’Donnell make a difference to our school. Both are worthy recipients of this award. Congratulations.



Our school Chaplain, Tony Hoang, has been coordinating special sessions for our students on Wednesdays. Topics have included : Identity, Why People Get Tattoos? Coping with Failure, Friendships and Respect. All students are welcome. Discussions have been lively and very productive.

Timothy Wales from the Attorney General and Justice Department conducted a workshop for students from Pacific Communities background last Friday. He was joined by a police officer and a solicitor in presenting the experiences of young people who had made some wrong decisions – and the consequences of this.

On Tuesday, Dana from Educational World Travel spoke with students and parents about a cultural exchange to the USA in January 2014. Dana left details of the tour itinerary and the costs involved. Students are welcome to collect these brochures from me. This is a great opportunity to see the USA and experience life with an American family.

Westfields Sports 50th Anniversary Dinner and Open Day will be held on February 9th at ANZ stadium. Former students and staff will gather to celebrate the highlights of the past 50 years. Invitations are available from our web site www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

You can also follow us on Twitter : @Westfields Sport or Facebook : Westfields Sports 50th Anniversary

Mrs H. Wilson
Deputy Principal

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition is an annual event with student participation from over 40 countries. It is open to all students at Westfield Sports and the majority of students from the top maths classes participate. This year 185 students entered and all students should be proud of their results. Next year the AMC will be on 2 August and we are anticipating more students from our school will compete. For more information please visit the website www.amt.edu.au.

Congratulations to the following students who obtained distinctions and credits. These are outstanding results considering the large number of students from all over the world that enter.

Year 7

Distinction: Callum Watt, Aidan Munford, Alex Brook (Prudence Award)

Credit: Emily Jurac, Bosko Djurovic, Luke McGregor, Jaedan Calder, Carmen Ho, Henry Ngo, Linda Nguyen, Kim Giang, Jonathan May.

Year 8

Credit: Esho Israel, Olivia Rowntree, Natalie Tuialii, Aly Muhammad Hemani, Brittany Mitchell, Hussain Hermani, David Chappuis, Allison Ho.

Year 9

Distinction: Prasad Salaskar, Nathan Truong.

Credit: Johnny Le, Jessica Luong, Johnny Touch, Billy Hoang, Evangelos Patramanis, Henry Trinh, Linda Phompak, Stephanie Cheng, Alena Leelanipawan, Joshua Duong.

Year 10

Distinction: Charline Vo, Jasmine Kim.

Credit: Michael Jankulovski, Simon Borchardt, Ngoc Doan-Vu, Katherine Ho, Clare Woods.

Year 11

Distinction: Vivian Luu, Joshua Thai, Brian Nguyen, Kent Tran.

Credit: Kevin Nguyen, Hoang Luc, Danny Nguyen, Jason Ly, Sean Tang, Vi Lyn Nguyen, Brian Pham, Long Phi Bui, Peter Pham.

Year 12

Distinction : Marcus Ibaceta, Karen Thach, Isabella Tomassetti.

Credit: Helena Ing, Kylie Tran, Johnny Kokkinos, Kim Dao, Henry Sihavong, Patrick Vo, Binh Thanh Vu, Helena Ing.

Ms P. Katsaros
Mathematics Faculty

UNIFORM SHOP

We have a large amount of lost property at the front office, including pencil cases, glasses and clothing - school uniform and non uniform. Please, if your child has lost anything get them to check at the front office. As always, non school items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

ESL DAY OUT

On Wednesday the 24 October, 9ESL went to the city on an excursion. Our first stop was the Sydney Jewish Museum. Our guide introduced us to a man named George. He was born in Poland and was a child holocaust survivor. After many obstacles, his family escaped to Siberia. Life was hard there, as it was a very cold place. George spoke about the benefits of speaking several languages as this was what saved his family. The family travelled to Australia. They worked hard and achieved success. Whilst George's family were lucky to escape the death camps, millions of Polish Jews weren't so fortunate. They were taken to Auschwitz. Those not killed in the gas chambers died of starvation, forced labour, infectious diseases, individual executions and medical experiments.

In the afternoon, we went to the theatre. There, we saw a production of Hitler's Daughter. This play which was based on Jackie French's novel was set in Australia. It raised the question of whether evil parents produce evil children. Mark, one of the main characters is a thinker. He is deeply interested in how people behave. He asks his teacher about the holocaust and draws parallels to the aboriginal situation.

With the set, the audience noticed how the director tried to represent the Australian bush and the European landscape. Overall, it was an insightful production. A big thank you to Miss Dib for organising the excursion and her Year 9 class for being delightful companions.



Ms M Ayas
Head Teacher LOTE

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2012

On Tuesday 4 December, 2012 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.

Miss S. Healy
Welfare Head Teacher

LEVEL 2 WELFARE AWARDS

The Welfare team would like to congratulate the following Year 10 and Year 11 students on their achievement of the Level 2 Principal Award in their school welfare :

Year 10

Soorrianna Gov
Sarah Luc
Vivian Mo
Tony Pham
Jasmine Scheithe
Jackie Tran
Jenny Tran
Karen Tu
Alyssa Viera
Nguyen Vu
Brock Westwood

Year 11

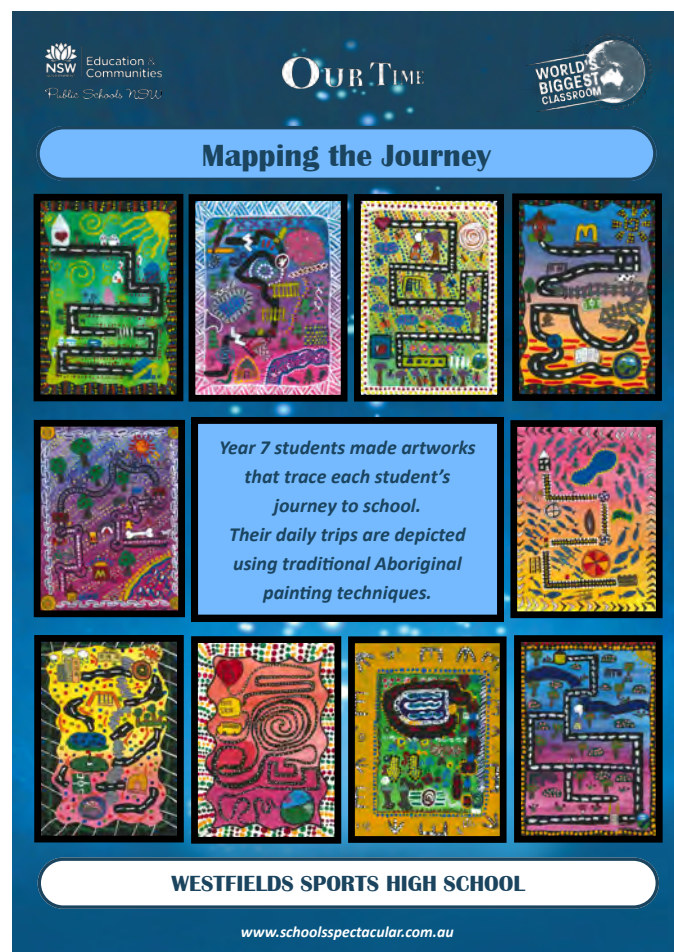
Vincenzo Fante
Chantelle Landayan
Darren Luong
Bobby Kang
Sally Krajacic

We look forward to being able to award you with your Level 1 Welfare Award in the coming year or two should you continue excelling here at Westfields Sports.

Miss S. Healy
Head Teacher Welfare

CREATIVE ARTS

Year 8 Visual Arts students recently completed their "Mapping Journey" artworks. The artworks have been included in The Worlds' Biggest Classroom exhibition. This exhibition is part of School Spectacular and will take place in the foyer of the Sydney Entertainment Centre.



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OUR TIME

WORLD'S BIGGEST CLASSROOM

Mapping the Journey

Year 7 students made artworks that trace each student's journey to school. Their daily trips are depicted using traditional Aboriginal painting techniques.

WESTFIELDS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

www.schoolspectacular.com.au

The poster can be viewed at Liverpool and St James stations.

Ms M. Holden
Heads Teacher CAPA

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR DINNER

Westfields Sports held its 18th Annual Sportsperson of the Year and Blues Presentation Dinner at St Johns Park Bowling Club on Tuesday 6 November, 2012.

The following students were awarded Sporting Blues in 2012 :
Bianca Grimaldi & Griffin Lotts - Athletics, Zakary Horton - Baseball, Megan Cantellano-Little & Danijel Elkaz - Basketball, Jamie Brown - Cricket, Georgia Rowntree & Jake McGing - Football, Emilee Lang - Netball, Oliver Takiveikata - Rugby, Kelepi Tanginoa - Rugby League, Stacey Evic & Hayden Mathews - Softball and Vince Romeo - Swimming.
Congratulations to all Blues recipients on their achievements in 2012.

In appreciation of their service to sport at Westfields Sports, *Leeanne Thomas - Administration & Finance, Rob Bradshaw - Football, Alex Larkin - Rugby, Greg Boulous - Rugby League, Tony Wignell - Rugby League, Katie Burt - Swimming* were presented with Service Awards. Life Membership was awarded to *John Marks - Tennis.*

Jamie Brown - Cricket, Jake McGing - Football, Kelepi Tanginoa - Rugby League and Hayden Mathews were the final nominees for Sportsperson of the Year. Congratulations to *Jake McGing* who was announced as the 2012 Sportsperson of the Year at the conclusion of the evening.

Thank you to *Sally Krajacic* who performed the MC duties for the evening.

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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

Mrs M. Chidzey
PPC Coordinator



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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

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Congratulations :

- 15s Girls Basketball – Westfields Sports defeated Lisarow HS 60-20, South Dubbo HS 85-24, Narandera HS 80-35 (QF), Cherrybrook THS 60-29 (SF) & Woolooware HS 81-32 (F)
- *Sarah Cecchetelli, Samantha Miller, Alyssa Viera, Ashleigh Viera, Ashleigh Wickens* – SSW Girls Softball Representatives
- 15s Girls Basketball – NSWCHS State Knockout Champions
- NSW All Schools Cricket – Westfields Sports defeated Holy Spirit College, Bellambi (SF)
- 14s Rugby 7s – ARU Sports High Schools Challenge Runners Up
- 16s Rugby 7s – ARU Sports High Schools Challenge Runners Up
- Cricket – NSW All Schools Runners Up
- *Siope Aukafolau* – Australian Schoolboy 7s Representative

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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