

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the year comes to an end, I thought that I would take the opportunity to recap on some of the main highlights in what has been another hugely successful year for Westfields Sports. As there are no longer any School Certificate exams and our HSC results do not arrive until next week, the only other external exams were NAPLAN for Years 7 and 9. The single most important aspect of these exams is our ability to track individual student performance over that two year period. I am pleased to say that the growth data for our current Year 9 students from when they sat their NAPLAN tests in Year 7 in 2010 was above state average.

Our Recognition of Student Excellence Awards and morning teas celebrated and rewarded academic success and were well supported by parents. As in previous years, we had many students who received Distinction and High Distinction awards in Australia wide competitions in English, Maths and Science and our debating teams were once again highly successful.

The individual sporting performances of our students are too numerous to list here. In summary, we had 13 students selected to represent Australia and 82 selected to represent NSW in their chosen sports. In addition, Westfields won 13 State Knockout competitions, 11 students received SSW Blues and 5 students received NSW CHS Blues.

In the creative and performing arts, we held our usual drama and music nights, with the highlight being the Evening of Dance at the Casula Powerhouse. The dancers also performed at school functions, regional and state ensembles and the recent School Spectacular. As an indication of the success of our dance program 10 individual dance items were selected to perform at HSC Dance Call Back which places us right at the top of the state.

We have continued to improve our facilities and resources and work has recently commenced on the complete refurbishment of one of our kitchens. In the interim we are having to function with only one kitchen, however, I am sure that all will be forgotten when we take possession of the new fully equipped stainless steel commercial kitchen sometime during Term 2 next year.

In terms of technology, all students in our current Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 have their own laptop and this program will continue again next year for Year 9. This year we installed interactive data projectors into all remaining rooms which did not have this technology. This means that every classroom in the school now has either a fixed data projector, an interactive data projector or an interactive whiteboard. We believe it is important that your sons and daughters have access to the latest technology to help them prepare for digital and online needs of our 21st century society. We now have air conditioning for the upstairs rooms in A block and M Block and over the coming holidays will be installing air conditioning into the top of B Block as well. We plan to continue this program in 2013 and beyond by air conditioning the first floor rooms in one additional classroom block each year.

As this is the final Westnews for 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 P & C who continue to support and fundraise for our school.

I would also 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 Wednesday 30 January and Years 8, 9 and 10 return on Thursday 31 January 2013. One final reminder for the year - our 50 Year Anniversary celebrations are on Saturday 9 February next year. Full details of events for the day are available on the school website www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Mr R. Davis
Principal

14 December, 2012

IMPORTANT EVENTS

14/12/2012

Reports Issued

19/12/2012

Activities Day

20/12/2012-21/12/2012

Staff Development

30/1/2013

School Commences
Years 7, 11 & 12

31/1/2013

School Commences
Years 8, 9 & 10

Winners

International Olympic Committee

Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We must congratulate the many students who were recognised for their excellence, effort and achievement last Tuesday evening. In addition to the students who received the Dux award for the Year in 8-11, and classes in Year 7. There were many successful students who earned scholarship awards - *Brian Nguyen, Alyssa Viera, Vivian Mo, Olivia Rowntree, Joshua O'Connor, Amadou Keita.*

The Australian Defence Force Leadership and Teamwork awards were presented to *Carly Romeo and Amy Harrison. Darren Luong and Lewis Tucker* won the Vocational Education and Training Awards for their outstanding performance in VET courses. The University of Sydney - Year 10 Academic Excellence Award was earned by the Dux of Year 10, *Brandon De Moraes.* The University of Western Sydney Award for the Most Outstanding Year 11 student was won by *Vivian Luu,* Dux of Year 11. This included a cheque and conditional scholarship valued at \$20,000. *Marcus Ibaceta* was recognised by the University of NSW as the Most Outstanding HSC student. *Milos Savic and Shlemon Eshow* were recognised for their outstanding and ongoing commitment to school service.

We congratulate the members of the National Partnership team for their excellent contribution to our students. Under the guidance of Mr Barrett - DP and Mrs Walker - HT, our numeracy and literacy teachers, support staff and Community Liaison Officers have made a dynamic and sustained impact. Students have received a great deal of additional support in order to improve their skills. Our first year under the National Partnerships program has been very successful.

We also congratulate Tony Hoang on his first year with Westfields Sports under the National Chaplaincy program. Tony's weekly workshops and ongoing support of our students has been greatly appreciated by both students and staff.

Yearly reports were issued on Friday 14 December. Lessons will follow normal timetable on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 December. Wednesday 19 December will be an activities day, ie, no timetabled lessons - students are allowed to wear PE uniform on this day. Thursday 20 and Friday 21 will be Staff Development Days - no students.

Next Wednesday, 19 December - the HSC results will be delivered via SMS, email or the post. On Thursday the ATAR results will be issued. We look forward to our HSC students returning to share their good news at a special morning tea next Thursday at 11.00am.

Congratulations to the SRC on the recent food drive for charity. Hundreds of food items were collected and delivered to the Uniting Church in Fairfield. It's wonderful that the Westfields Sports family can show we have a heart. May I take this opportunity to wish all staff and students a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.



Mrs H. Wilson
Deputy Principal

YEAR 10 RoSA GRADES

Students who completed Year 10 this year can access their grades online by visiting the NSW Board of Studies : <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>. You will need to register via students online before you are able to access your results.

All students have been issued with specific instructions via roll call. If there are any issues related to accessing your grades please send your child to me and I will issue the instructions again.

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal

WESTFIELDS TRANSPANTS

This term saw some changes occurring within the school, more so involving student's involvement within the school community. Westfields is proud to present their very own Enviro Club "*Westfields_Transplants*"!

This term we have donated OLD batteries to ALDI for a recycling program they have been running and the students and teachers have been painting recycled boxes



during their lunch time and after school. I would like to extend my gratitude to all staff (especially social science) and students who have given up their time helping us. Our aim is to

provide **every** class room and staff room with a recycling box. This will enable the school to strive to become an environmentally sustainable environment.

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Ms E. Bechara
Enviro Club

UNIFORM SHOP

A large amount of lost property is in the Uniform Shop and Front Office. Please ask 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



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.

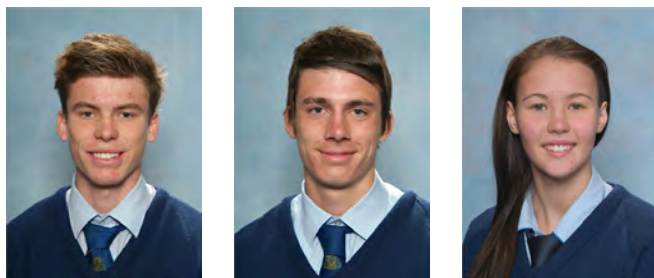
The grants for individual applicants will be \$500 and \$3000 for team applications. To be eligible to apply, young people must be aged between 12-18 years and travelling more than 250km to compete in state or national level sporting competitions. So if you know any junior sportsmen and women at your 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 2012/13 funding cycle is as follows :
Round 2 : 1 November, 2012 - 28 February, 2013.
Round 3 : 1 March, 2013 - 30 June, 2013

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

NSWCHS BLUES DINNER

The annual New South Wales Combined High Schools Dinner held on Friday 7 December, 2012 saw a number of Westfields Sports students honoured with State Blues.



Jamie Brown - Cricket
Jake McGing – Football
Emilee Lang - Netball
Benjamin Smith - Cricket
Daniel Solway - Cricket

Congratulations to these students on their achievements at state level in 2012.

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

2012 PRESENTATION NIGHT

The annual Westfields Sports Presentation Night was held on Tuesday 4 December, 2012 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 :



Alex Brook – Dux 7 Aqua
William Patramanis – Dux 7 Blue
Obssa Youssouf – Dux 7 Crimson
Sibel Alca – Dux 7 Orange
Ramy Najjarine – Dux 7 Purple
Tina Ngoun – Dux 7 Red
Senay Erem – Dux 7 Silver
Sarah Nguyen – Dux 7 Violet
Jordan Brett – Dux 7 White
Emily Jurac – Dux 7 Yellow
Olivia Rowntree – Dux Year 8
Evangelos Patramanis – Dux Year 9
Brandon De Moraes – Dux Year 10
Vivian Luu – Dux Year 11

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

Ms M. Chidzey
Head Teacher Welfare (Relieving)

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
School Administration Officer



SYDNEY SOUTH WEST BLUES DINNER

The annual Sydney South West Blues Dinner was held at the Liverpool Catholic Club on Monday 5 December, 2012.

In addition to the Regional Blues Recipients in the last edition, *Tahlia Tupaea – Basketball & Jake McGing – Football* received the Sydney South West President's Award as the most outstanding female and male athletes in the region for 2012 and *Hayden Mathews – Softball* received the Premiers Sporting Challenge Scholarship.



Congratulations on your achievements at regional level in 2012.

*Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport*

SRC NEWS

On Friday the 7 December 2012, eight students from the SRC (along with Ms Spiroski) participated in a Trolley Drive Parade held by Starr Partners.

Our journey began in Fairfield, in front of the Starr Partners building, and ended at the Uniting Church in Fairfield. Each of our SRC team members were asked to "drive" one of our 15 trolleys that the school was able to fill with food. The Christmas bells rang and the parade took off with the Australian Army band members leading the way playing classic Christmas jingles. Fairfield residents stopped and stared at the wonderful sight of roughly 100 smiling volunteers wearing Christmas hats, pushing multiple trolleys down the road and into the entrance of the Church.

Thanks to all the students and staff who donated non-perishable food during roll call so we could participate. It was an awesome experience, especially knowing that all that work will go towards the poor for this upcoming Christmas holiday!

From the looks of it, Westfields Sports had the most trolleys to offer – every single student and staff member who donated should be proud!

*Blessah Genares
SRC Member*



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PANTOMIME 2012

Year 10 Drama students from Westfields Sports visited Fairfield West PS and Smithfield PS this week to present their pantomime stories. The Kindergarten to Year 2 students who made up the audience cheered, booed, clapped and laughed at the stories of The Three Little Pigs and Cinderella and the Orphans. Year 10 Drama students devised and rehearsed their performances using the conventions of traditional pantomime.



Congratulations to Year 10 Drama for fantastic performances.

*Ms M. Holden
Head Teacher CAPA*

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Congratulations :

- Girls Basketball U20 D1 – National Schools Silver Medal
- Boys Basketball U20 D2 – National Schools Silver Medal
- SHS Cup Cricket – *Westfields Sports 9/141 (Ben Hunt 31, Kyle Chisholm 23, Chad Sammut 21no) defeated Hunter SHS 5/135 (Jack Wilton 2/30)*
- Davidson Shield Cricket – *Westfields Sports 3/81 (Daniel Hayes 22no, Connor Sykes Morrison 23) defeated Hunter SHS 10/80 (Jayden Glass 2/10)*

*Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport*

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