

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, 2012 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 years achievements at next Tuesday night's academic awards evening at Club Marconi.

Although we have already rolled over to our 2013 timetable, there are a number of students who have not completed their 2012 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 upcoming 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.

I am concerned at the number of students who have been coming to school in their sports uniform, with a note from home, on the days that they have PE or sport. We are a uniform school and as such I expect that full school uniform is worn every day. This means that students bring their sports uniform with them and change in and out of their uniform for PE and sport.

We are having some issues with Westfields' students behaving in an inappropriate manner at the Tasman Parade shops. This certainly detracts from the excellent reputation we have established in the local community. I expect that all students, when they are out and about within the community, are excellent ambassadors for Westfields Sports. Parents can also assist by dropping your sons and daughters at school in the morning, not at the shops.

Yearly reports are being finalised and will be handed out in the second last week. Wednesday 19 December will be an activities day so students can wear their sport uniform. Thursday 20 December and Friday 21 December are school development days with professional learning activities for staff only.

HSC results are due out on Wednesday 19 December and we are holding an ATAR morning tea at 11.00 am on Thursday 20 December so that our Year 12 students can come back to share their Higher School Certificate successes with their teachers.

Mr R. Davis
Principal

30 November 2012

IMPORTANT EVENTS

3/12/2012
SSW Blues
Presentation

4/12/2012
School Presentation
Evening – Club Marconi
6.30pm

5/12/2012
Year 7 Orientation
6.30pm

7/12/2012
NSWCHS Blues
Presentation

14/12/2012
Years 7-11
Reports Distributed

19/12/2012
Students Finish

20/12/12 – 21/12/12
School Development
Days

Winners

International Olympic Committee

Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Westfields Sports had a very smooth transition to the 2013 timetable this week with all years stepping up. It is very pleasing to see the Year 10 students in their senior "blue" shirts and Year 11 settling into their Preliminary courses. For HSC students, there is a realisation that the course is only three terms long and requires a serious focus.

Our partnership with Sydney University's Compass program provides opportunities for students, who aspire to tertiary study, to engage in many events supporting study skills and scholarship preparation. Parents and students are invited to peruse a newsletter with regular updates at: <http://sydney.edu.au/compass>



Last week the 2013 Student Representative Council were presented to the school assembly. A proud group of parents witnessed their student taking the pledge of office and then joined staff for a reception. The SRC

have promised to make every effort to make Westfields Sports an even better school.



A group of students will venture on to Sydney Harbour on Monday and Tuesday to experience sailing lessons, thanks to the Freedman Foundation Schools' Youth Sail Program. This is a wonderful opportunity for our seniors to explore the Sydney Harbour and to gain skills otherwise inaccessible.

Congratulations to Lachlan Micati, our school piper, on his solo performance at last week's Schools Spectacular. Over 3,000 public students took part in a wonderful showcase of talent.

A highlight of our school year is the Annual Presentation night of awards recognising effort, excellence and achievement. On Tuesday 4th December, parents and students have been invited to attend the presentation of awards. Students are required to be at the Marconi Club auditorium at 6.00pm – ready to be seated by 6.30pm. Full school uniform is required.

The Westfields Sports 50th Anniversary Dinner and Open Day will be held on February 9th at ANZ stadium. Former students and staff will gather to share the highlights of the past 50 years.

Invitations are available from:

- the school on 96043333, or
- our web site: www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Follow us on Twitter: @Westfields Sport

or Facebook: Westfields Sports 50th Anniversary.

Mrs H. Wilson
Deputy Principal

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to *Carly Romeo, Emilio Dankha, Dilan Ortiz, Blessah Genares, Aimee Hope and Elijah Nasilasila* who performed at the South West Connect Thank You Evening at Cabra Vale Diggers on Friday 23 November. Everyone was extremely impressed with the talent displayed by these musicians.



Ms T. Ricapito & Ms V. Chipps
CAPA Faculty

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.

YEAR 8 LANGUAGE

A few of the Year 8 Language classes have been pouring everything they have learnt in the year into the creation of a language board game. Students were given a brief to design a game for adolescents who spend too much time on computer games. As part of the task they needed to consider the aim of the game, their target audience, clarity of instructions, level of difficulty, and of course, it had to be fun!

The games were peer assessed during their final lessons. Students played, ate and celebrated, sharing their knowledge whilst playing.



Ms M. Ayas
Head Teacher Languages

WORLD'S BIGGEST CLASSROOM

The World's Biggest Classroom is an exhibition program that provides all NSW public schools the opportunity to engage with and respond to the Schools Spectacular theme – **Our Time**.

Now in its second year, the program showcases the work of students and teachers in all areas of the curriculum.



Congratulations to the Year 8 Visual Arts students whose 'Mapping the Journey' artworks have been selected and displayed at both Liverpool and St James Railway Stations as a part of The World's Biggest Classroom.

Ms Holden and some of the artists from Year 8 viewed the display of their artworks at Liverpool Railway Station.

Ms P. Dance-Wilson
CAPA Faculty

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.

Mrs M Chidzey
Head Teacher Welfare (Relieving)

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

HANNA'S SUITCASE

One of the novels students studied in 7 Orange English this year was Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine, which is based on the true story of Hana Brady, a young Jewish girl who was murdered in Auschwitz concentration camp in 1944. Students approached the subject matter of genocide in a very mature manner and were both inspired and touched by the stoicism of the Jewish people under the suppression of the Nazis. One of the class tasks was for students to write a formal letter to Hana's surviving brother, George Brady and convey how the novel impacted on them. Students produced some fantastic letters and I was very impressed with the high standard of work. Below is a great example by *Sibel Alca*:

Dear Mr George Brady,

I am Sibel Alca, a Year 7 student at Westfield Sports High in Fairfield West, Sydney, Australia. In English class we have been studying the novel Hana's Suitcase; a touching story based on the lives of you and your beautiful sister, Hana Brady. I admire your strength in dealing with adversity during the Jewish Holocaust in World War II.

In our study of the novel, our class learnt about the horrors of the Jewish Holocaust; how families were torn apart, the hatred demonstrated towards the Jewish and how the Jewish overcame adversity in concentration camps, like Terezin.

By reading the novel I realised that even in the worst situations there is always a way to find happiness and hope. It taught me to be grateful for the life I live and reinforced the idea that I am lucky to live in Australia where people are more accepting of others. The novel encouraged me to treat everybody equally and to be more accepting of different cultures and religions. It made me realise that no matter how big you think your problem is, there is always someone else whose problem is bigger and who has a greater need.

As we progressed through the story the extreme restrictions placed on the Jewish people horrified us. How could people like the Nazis possess enough hatred to cause destruction throughout the world and kill six million innocent adults and children?

It is important for all students to learn about genocide and the Jewish Holocaust. This way, our future generations can prevent such horrendous acts from reoccurring in the future and promote peace and acceptance in the world.

To complement our study of Hana's Suitcase it would be great if you could visit Westfield Sports High and talk to our students about your personal experience in World War II. We would become more knowledgeable on the Holocaust and be able to spread a message of peace around the world more easily. Your visit would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,
Sibel Alca

Miss A. Kendirjian
English Faculty

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

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

SYDNEY SOUTH WEST BLUES DINNER

The annual Sydney South West Blues Dinner was held at the Liverpool Catholic Club on Monday 3 December, 2012. A number of Westfields Sports students were honoured with Regional Blues.



Kyle Alexis - Athletics
Zakary Horton - Baseball
Megan Cantellano-Little - Basketball
Danijel Elkaz - Basketball
Jamie Brown - Cricket
Jake McGing - Football
Emilee Lang - Netball
Oliver Takiveikata - Rugby
Kelepi Tanginoa - Rugby League
Hayden Mathews - Softball
Jason Ly - Volleyball

Congratulations to all students on their achievements at regional level in 2012.

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport



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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 :

• *Brandon Crosbie, Jayden Glass, Daniel Hayes, Robert Ovseev, Brendan Smith, Connor Sykes-Morrison, Peter Yannopoulos, Zachary Zielinski - SSW Boys Cricket Representatives*

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

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