

# WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a very busy start to the term at Westfields Sports.

The Higher School Certificate started on Monday, and I would like to take this opportunity to again wish all of our Year 12's the best of luck in their final examinations. This is also a stressful time for families of students. Please take the time to support each other and ensure that students have a dedicated study space and are allowed to give their full attentions to their examinations.

Our CAPA faculty held their annual 'Evening of Dance on Thursday 10 October. I am continually amazed at how the standard improves each and every year. The hours of dedicated rehearsal and choreography came together into a stunning performance, which left the sell-out crowd speechless. Congratulations to all the performers, especially our guests from Fairfield West Public School, and to Ms Holden, Ms Ireland and all the CAPA staff who worked towards such a professional production.

Year 11 students have completed their 'Crossroads' course. This is a mandatory life skills and social awareness program for all senior students in NSW. Mr Jarvis and a large number of our staff put together a relevant and engaging program for our students that will give them the skills and information to be safe in society.

Ms Bechara and the 'Enviro Club' have been recognised for their initiative of 'Enviro-week' with a Regional sustainability award. There was one award for Primary, and one for Secondary schools, so it is a great honour and a worthy reflection of the hard work put in by the Enviro club to raise awareness around the school of environmental issues and to work to make our school more 'Green'.

On Tuesday 15 October, Year 11 Hospitality students were given the opportunity of taking over a restaurant. They were able to run the kitchen and floor of 'La Vita Nuova' at Edensor Plaza as part of their Hospitality training. About 50 of our staff, and many parents were able to order meals that were of such a quality that it was impossible to tell if they were prepared by the chef or our students. All the students should be proud of their efforts in a commercial environment. Thanks to Ms Cameron for organising the event and for 'La Vita Nuova' for trusting us with their business.

Westfields Sports now has an App! We have taken up the 'Skoolbag' app which allows parents to access important information about what is happening around the school, and to access things like canteen menus, uniform prices, school calendar, upcoming events and even this newsletter. You can download the app by visiting the Apps store or Google equivalent and typing in 'Westfields Sports High School'. It is a free app.

Final invoices have been mailed home. I would like to take this opportunity to remind families with outstanding fees that these must be settled as a matter of urgency. Sporting students who have not paid all fees will be in-eligible for school, or higher representation, and if students are not financial by the start of next year, will not be considered part of their sporting program.

Our monthly P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 October. The meeting will start at 6:30pm. We will have Mr Jarvis, Head Teacher PE, and Mr Matchett, HT Science in attendance to showcase their faculties.

Rollover will be happening at the start of Week 8 (25/11/2013). At this point all students will move to their next academic year. The new timetable will begin, and many students will be in new classes. For students entering Year 10 this also means new uniforms. If you do have a child entering Year 10 I would advise you to visit the uniform shop over the next few weeks to avoid the rush in getting blue shirts.

*Mr A. Rogers  
Relieving Principal*

18 October, 2013

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

8/10/2013 – 18/10/2013  
*Semester 2 Exams  
Years 7-10*

23/10/2013  
*P&C Meeting  
6:30pm*

30/10/2013  
*RL Presentation  
7:30pm*

## Winners

## International Olympic Committee

## Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sydney University has been involved in a variety of programs with us again. Many of them are drawing to conclusion. We will be involved with an evaluation for Compass that will include students, staff and parents in the next month. Year 7 Students are all being offered an enriching day at Sydney University in early November organised by Ms Awad. Year 9 have an inquiry Science and Maths day coming up soon to experience Sydney University facilities and future course and career options with Mr Azzopardi. Year 10 have completed the last of their Compass Sydney University study skills program and were engaged and involved right up to the end. The Homework centre has benefited from Compass University students tuition for reading and mathematics on a regular basis throughout the year. While the Compass film production and editing program has worked closely with Ms Wade and 9 Digital media 5 to create a film noir detective mystery. All these programs have brought real value to Westfield's student education while opening their eyes about the possibility of becoming a student of Sydney University in the future.

I have real concerns about how vulnerable some students are becoming through unsafe practice with the internet and social media. Students need to be aware to use safe privacy settings and not to disclose too many clues about their identity on these platforms. If your child is communicating with anonymous parties, I suggest it is not social media but potentially antisocial! Not everyone can be trusted on these forums.

A reminder that the homework centre is open until 4.15 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays!

**Mrs S. Walker**  
*Relieving Deputy Principal*

## CHEMISTRY WIZARDS STRIKE AGAIN

On Thursday 25 July, seven students participated in an Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Four students achieved a High Distinction, which puts them in the top 10% of students in the state, and 1 student achieved a Distinction, placed in the next 15% in the state.

Congratulations to the following students:

**High Distinctions :** *Emilio Dankha (11), Brandon De Moraes (11), Michael Jankulovski (11), Brian Nguyen (12)*

**Distinction :** *Vivian Mo (11)*

The quiz attracts at least 120,000 entries each year representing over 1600 schools throughout the country and fifteen other neighbouring countries. As such our students ought to be congratulated on their huge efforts to achieve such outstanding results with such competition. In particular our current Year 11 students performed above state average!

I hope to see more budding chemists participating in this quiz and challenging themselves in the future. It has been an honour watching our students from Westfields achieving so much in science this year.

**Ms T. Lam**  
*Science Faculty*

## AN EVENING OF DANCE

On Thursday 10 October, the dancers performed their annual concert at Casula Power House to a packed house of enthusiastic parents and community members. What a wonderful event for the dance program to showcase their talents!

Students from Year 7 to 12 had a wonderful night performing all the dance items they have been working on throughout the year. It was a very professional show and the students are to be commended for their commitment and enthusiasm on stage as well as their impeccable behaviour back stage and during rehearsals. If you haven't been to see An Evening of Dance before, I recommend coming next year.



Congratulations to all involved on a wonderful evening.

**Ms E. Ireland**  
*CAPA Faculty*

## ENVIROWEEK CHALLENGE WINNERS!

During our Enviroweek students and teachers participated in various challenges and epic challenges. These challenges included Go natural, Get together with friends, Go fresh, Swap the car, Dress warmly, Foodie, Shopper and Recycle your room and wardrobe.

The prizes we won are:

- Energy Matters solar system(\$9090)
- Aqua Bubbler permanent drink fountain (\$1975)
- Microsoft software and games (\$1500)
- Make-do kit for 30 (\$140)



Our Enviro week challenges ran through our EnviroClub but the whole school joined in, in light of protecting, preserving and maintaining the school environment and we raised over \$400 in funds.

Special thank you to the following students who helped prepare for the successful fresh fruit and vegetable juice stand :

Year 7 : *Stephani Soro, Limur Ishtar Zaia, Kathleen Lay, Emilee Arthur, Louis Bui, Ryan Mortensen, Robert Cerqueira.*

Year 11 : *Phuong Huynh, Luana Piccinin, David Ho, Michael Jankulovski, Mustafa Al-Shammery.*

Year 12 : *Jason Bou, Eric Lam*

**Ms E. Bechara**  
*EnviroClub*

## YEAR 11 CROSSROADS

Last week Year 11 students completed the 'Crossroads' course, which is a mandatory course for all senior government high school students. The four-day program involved a variety of workshops with visiting speakers who dealt with issues relating to the key topics of 'Drugs', 'Relationships', 'Driver Education' and 'Money Matters'

Visiting speakers and presentations were given by:

- *Family drug support representatives* - using 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* - using '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 - who support people who have suffered brain damage from car accidents or other incidents. Individuals spoke about their stories and the effects their accident has had on themselves and their families.
- Members from the *Commonwealth Bank* delivered lectures about financial awareness, which gave students an introduction to the issues of earning and saving.
- *"Heroes" and "Mates"* - put on two shows 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 who reflected on personal experiences that have affected his life.

From school, Head Teacher Welfare, Miss Healy delivered a strong message about the dangers of social media and Miss Burt presented a session about relationships and how we must all be responsible for making the right decisions within a relationship.

Students are congratulated for their overall approach and attitude throughout the week. Many positive comments were received from teachers and presenters about the interest and enthusiastic nature of our students.

I would also like to thank all staff that were involved throughout the week. Your support is gratefully appreciated.



**Mr C. Jarvis**  
Head Teacher PDHPE

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

*Silver Test Hike 13 - 15 October, 2013*

Another successful, exciting and challenging Duke of Edinburgh walk was completed this week. Year 10 students met at the beginning of the Blue Mountains and spent three days hiking through a range of terrain. With a very warm start to the hike students adapted well to the conditions and all worked extremely well as a team. They were tested on their navigation, with *Joshua Maher* being the most accurate in the test out of all students. Along the way students acknowledged the Aboriginal culture and were able to link their experiences to past dwellers. They hiked to Red Hands Cave and saw the handprints that have been preserved there. With a tough cliff climb students demonstrated their ability to work together and to push their limitations. Thank you very much to *Simon Borchardt* of Year 11 for his assistance on this hike. He was an excellent mentor who was a great role model to the younger students. Thank you also to Mr Azzopardi, Mr Bennett and Mrs Lee for volunteering their time and taking the challenge to hike in the bush for three days with the students.



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

## HSC CALL BACK

The Dance Program is very proud to announce there have been 13 individual nominations for HSC Call Back this year in the areas of Core Performance, Core Composition and Major Study Performance. We would like to acknowledge *Chantelle Landayan, Ashlea McKee and Samantha Ryan* for receiving 3 nominations each, and to *Sarah Ricciardone and Jessica Grant* for receiving 2 nominations. This outstanding result is due to the hard work, dedication and talents of these students. We wish them all the very best for their written exam this week.

**Miss E. Ireland**  
CAPA Faculty

## UNIFORM

Has your child lost their blazer? Please check as I have had one at the office since last term.

**Mrs J Stickler**  
Uniform Shop

## MUSIC TUITION

Westfields Sports Music Department offer students the opportunity to have guitar, drums, keyboard, singing, piano and violin lessons.

Lessons are held on a weekly basis during school time.

Our school provides your child with expert tuition by experienced musicians at very reasonable rates. Students also have the opportunity to sit for external music exams eg AMEB.

For further information, please contact Ms Ricapito or Ms Chipps as soon as possible.

## HOT WEATHER

Please be aware that if your child is wearing a jumper or rain jacket on a day where there is extreme heat, staff may strongly advise that your son/daughter remove it for their own health and safety. Students with jumpers/jackets on in hot weather frequently complain about having headaches and feeling unwell, but sometimes refuse to remove their jumper, which would alleviate the problem. Please have a chat to your son or daughter about this issue and ensure they always have a water bottle with them during the day to prevent dehydration.

**Ms S. Healy**  
*Head Teacher Welfare*

## 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*

## WESTFIELDS SPORTS LAUNCHES APP

Skoolbag 

Smartphone school to parent communication

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Westfields Sports High Fairfield West" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### **Congratulations :**

- Michael Buettner Shield RL - Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS 40-6 (Final)
- Chase Stanley Cup RL - Westfields Sports defeated Illawarra SHS 42-0 (Final)
- Boys Basketball 11/12 - NSW Basketball Schools Champions
- Boys Basketball 9/10 - NSW Basketball Schools Runners Up
- Boys Basketball 7/8 - NSW Basketball Schools 3rd
- Boys Softball - South Australia Labour Day U19 Mens Champions
- Boys Softball - South Australia Labour Day U15 Mens Champions
- Carissa Uno & Nikita Lloyd - National Aeroskools Pairs Champions
- Carissa Uno - National Aeroskools Champion
- Boys Cricket - Kookaburra Cup U16 Runners Up
- Boys Cricket - Kookaburra Cup Year 8 Runners Up
- Rugby 7s - National Schools Plate Runners Up
- Laura Martino (2), Destiny Nuuasoa - NSW All Schools Athletics Gold Medals
- Destiny Nuuasoa, Sarah Ringrose - NSW All Schools Athletics Silver Medals
- Kyle Alexis (2), Katrina Lamas, Javier Alarcon - NSW All Schools Athletics Bronze Medals

**Mrs J. Kenny**  
*Director of Sport*

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