

# WestNews

*A Journal of Westfields Sports*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to let all parents know that as well as our Twitter account, 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. On this app there are school events and alerts, copies of our newsletter, parent forms, pricelists and lots of other relevant information.



For those parents with children in their first year at Westfields Sports, it is important that you are aware that on Monday 25 November, we rollover to the 2014 timetable. This means that all years are promoted to next year's classes ensuring that meaningful work continues right up until the last day. Year 7 will move into Year 8, Year 8 will 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 are still a large number of outstanding subject fees, sport fees and school contributions. 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 is on Wednesday 27 November. 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. In addition to the above dates, following are some important dates for your diary : Monday 11 November - School Blues Dinner; Tuesday 12 November - Year 12 Formal; Monday 18 November - Year 11 to 12 Information Evening; Tuesday 19 November - Sport Orientation Night; Monday 2 December Sydney South West Blues Night; Wednesday 4 December - Year 7 Orientation Night and Monday 9 December - Annual Academic Presentation Night at Club Marconi.

Reports will be handed out on Friday 13 December. Wednesday 18 December is an activities day and Thursday 19 December and Friday 20 December are School Development Days for staff only.

*Mr R. Davis  
Principal*

**1 November, 2013**

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

**11/11/2013**  
*Westfields Sports  
Blues Dinner*

**12/11/2013**  
*Year 12 Formal*

**18/11/2013**  
*HSC Information  
Evening 6:30pm*

**19/11/2013**  
*Sport Orientation*

## Winners

### International Olympic Committee

### Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

With HSC exams coming to conclusion on Wednesday 6 November, our Year 12 class will need to complete all "clearance" transactions prior to their graduation dinner on Tuesday 12 November. Many thanks are due to Year 12 Adviser, Ms Burt, for her enormous effort in supporting Year 12 and for preparing their formal event. Ms Burt has been ably assisted by Ms Ung, Ms Jethi, Ms Awad, Ms Cameron, Ms Healy and Ms Murray. Special thanks are due to Mr Brendan Daly, our technology guru, for his invaluable assistance in streamlining data.

Whilst Year 12 await their exam results (18 December) and their ATAR (19 December), all of Years 7-11 will prepare for our annual "Rollover" on Monday 25 November. All students are asked to return any books, materials and equipment issued throughout the year. In addition, all fees and charges should be finalised. The 2014 timetable will be issued to students during Week 7.

Special congratulations are due to the following five students for their success in earning an E12 scholarship to Sydney University: *Paul Collier, Georgia Rowntree, Shlemon Esho, Alexandra Grzesik and Peter Pham*. This scholarship, awarded before completion of HSC exams includes a grant for \$5000, along with personal mentoring and guidance. The recipients demonstrated an excellent commitment to their studies, and a capacity to undertake community and sporting involvement.

Students in Years 8-11 are invited to apply for one of three Westfields Sports scholarships available. Applications can be found in my office and must be submitted before Friday 8 November. Successful students will be advised at our annual Presentation Night on Monday 9 December at Club Marconi.

Years 7-9 students who participated in the "Premier's Reading Challenge" (PRC) were invited to a special video conference to witness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark present (PRC) awards. It was a thrill to be a part of this 'invitation only' event.

Our cricket program was privileged to welcome NSW cricketer, Steve O'Keefe, last week. Students received valuable insights into the game from a professional and successful player who generously shared his knowledge. Thanks to Mr Gill for his organisation.



Congratulations to *Vivian Mo, Michael Jankulovski and Brandon de Moraes* on their outstanding success in gaining distinctions and high distinctions in the National Chemistry Quiz. Well done also, to *Prasad Salaskar* on winning the Prudence Award in the Australian Maths Competition.

Our very successful Enviro Club took possession of the first part of their \$12,000 prize – a water cooler, last week. Solar panels and computer software will be

arriving soon. Thanks to Ms Bechara and the Enviro group, Westfields won the secondary schools section of a national contest.



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

## 2013 PRESENTATION NIGHT

Each year Westfields Sports High acknowledges and celebrates its high achieving students at the school's Presentation Night. This year we will gather for this grand event on Monday 9 December, 2013, 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.

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*

## OUTSTANDING MATHEMATICIANS

Congratulations to the following students who obtained outstanding results in the recent mathematics yearly exams. You should all be very proud of your achievements.

### Year 7 Yearly Exam

1st in Course (Equal) - *Luis Ferreira, Flynn Isaacs & Skanda Jagadeesh*

3rd in Course - *Richard Ung*

1st in Class - *Richard Ung, Travis O'Grady, Ali Eid, Lachlan May, Eren Sevince, Shu Han Jong, Jessica Nguyen, Suzanna El Lababidi.*

### Year 8 Yearly Exam

1st in Course - *Alex Brook*

2nd in Course - *Lianna Van*

### Year 9 Yearly Exam

#### Advanced 5.3

1st in Course - *Edwin Cheer*

2nd in Course - *Catherine Ngyuen*

#### Intermediate 5.2

1st in Course - *Tri-Thanh Nguyen*

2nd in Course - *Angela Petrusovic*

#### Standard 5.1

1st in Course - *Brandon Alexander*

2nd in Course - *Drae Nelson*

### Year 10 Yearly Exam

#### Advanced 5.3

1st in Course - *Jimmy Nham*

2nd in Course - *Richard Near*

#### Intermediate 5.2

1st in Course - *Billie Mc Gaughey*

2nd in Course (Equal) - *Brooke Davis, Samantha Narayan, Grace Nguyen & Peter Audish*

#### Standard 5.1

1st in Course - *Marie Zaya*

2nd in Course (Equal) - *Roanne El Sayed & Andi Mito*

### Year 11 Yearly Exam

#### Extension 1

1st in Course - *Emilio Dankha*

2nd in Course - *Benjamin Waller*

#### Mathematics 2U

1st in Course - *Emilio Dankha*

2nd in Course - *Brock Westwood*

#### Mathematics General

1st in Course - *Jasmine Scheithe*

2nd in Course - *Klaudia Traga*

*Ms P. Katsaros*  
**Mathematics Faculty**

## ACCESSING YOUR ROSA CREDENTIALS

For students in Years 10 and 11 it is important that they register with the NSW Board of Studies - Students Online. The Board of Studies does not provide certificates for completion of Years 10 and 11 unless directly requested as they expect all students will be registered. By registering using their BOS student number students will gain access to their academic e-record, listing the grades achieved for all Year 10 and 11 courses.

*Mr D. Barrett*  
**Deputy Principal**

## TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Year 6-7 Transition Assistance Program, which aims to support our newly enrolled Year 7 students for 2014 was held on the 22 October and 29 October, with our final day to be held on the 5 November. It involved students with an identified additional learning and support need, from King Park PS and Fairfield West PS to experience being a student at Westfields Sports.



Some of the main aspects of this program included:

- tour of the school
- taster lessons in subjects such as Cooking, Science, Japanese, Industrial Arts, History and Geography
- working with and developing a positive rapport with their student leaders from Year 10
- social skills and behaviour expectations - 'PBIS' workshops
- general preparation for High School activities, such as reading the timetable, bell times and what to do if...



The most positive outcomes of this program have been the enhancement of self-esteem, confidence and maturity, which has become evident amongst the majority of these students. The students are more confident and feel more prepared to begin their high school year at

Westfields Sports. Some students have taken initiative to share their experience with their fellow primary school peers who were unable to attend or be part of this program.



Thank you again, to all staff involved in planning and preparing for this program.

*Mrs Amanda Zaccaria*  
**Learning and Support Teacher**  
**Transition Assistance Coordinator**

## MOBILE PHONES

Students may bring a mobile phone to school. All phones must be turned off throughout the day.

Inappropriate use of phones – including images or recording of fellow students is unacceptable.

If a student is found using their mobile phone during school time the phone will be taken from students and placed in the school safe for collection by the student at the end of the school day.

Subsequent offences will result in parents having to collect the phone from the school office.

## CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE WELFARE TEAM

Congratulations to the students in Year 9 who were presented with their Level 3 certificates this week, a huge achievement and one to be very proud of. We look forward to your continued success throughout your senior school life.

Congratulations also to the Year 7 students who were presented with their Level 4 certificates this week - this was the first group to be awarded Level 4 and we hope there are many more to come.

Thank you to the Year 7 Dancers who were brave enough to perform on assembly. Your performance was excellent.

**Miss Healy**  
Head Teacher Welfare

## HSC INFORMATION EVENING

Westfields Sports is holding a Year 12 Information Night on Monday 18 November at 6:00pm in the Jim Masterton Stadium. The purpose of the evening is to provide valuable information on the Board of Studies guidelines, meeting Higher School Certificate requirements, accessing other resources, study skills sessions, homework centre, library, school website, Moodle, online resources, VET Courses, timeline for applications and students welfare. We have organised guest speakers to ensure the most accurate information is presented so every student has the opportunity to achieve their personal best in the HSC. Attendance of parents is essential to demonstrate support to their children.

**Ms R. Jethi**  
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

## 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



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## HOMEWORK CENTRE - SUPPORTING STUDENTS

The homework centre, based in the school library is available for all students from 3:15pm to 4:15pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons during the school term. Teaching staff are available to assist students with homework, research and study. Whilst attendance is voluntary, students may need to make alternate arrangements to travel home as they will not be dismissed from the homework centre until 4:15pm on these days. If your child requires assistance with homework or is just looking for a quiet place to study please encourage them attend the homework centre.

**Mrs S. Walker**  
Head Teacher Pedagogy

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### Congratulations :

- Girls 15s Basketball - Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS 70-29
- SHS Cup Cricket - Westfields Sports (2/126) defeated Endeavour SHS (10/122)
- Boys 15s Basketball - Westfields Sports defeated Rose Bay Secondary College 57-54
- Rugby League 13s - *Logan Vrbanic (Best Back), Stefano Utoikamanu (Best Forward) & Lindsay Smith (Most Improved)*
- Rugby League 14s - *Brandon Wakeham (Best Back), Jacob Winterstein (Best Forward) & Soane Matavesi (Most Improved)*
- Rugby League 15s - *Dion Solaese (Best Back), George Francis (Best Forward) Jacob Carr (Most Improved)*
- Rugby League 16s - *Michael Doolan (Best Back), Denzal Tonise (Best Forward) & Jye Challenor (Most Improved)*
- Rugby League Opens - *John Tohi (Best Back), Manu Lavulavu (Best Forward) & Jermaine Mati-Leifi (Most Improved)*
- Rugby League Player of the Year - *Ben Johns*
- Rugby League Clubman of the Year - *Jordie Hedges*

**Mrs J. Kenny**  
Director of Sport

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