

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Monday 25 November we commence our annual rollover to the 2014 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 8.20am each day and on Monday, Thursday and Friday, complete their school day at 1.15pm. 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 and school resources and pay any outstanding fees and charges.

Our final P & C meeting is on Wednesday 27 November. As this is our final meeting for the year, our Christmas meeting will be held at Canley Heights RSL commencing at 6.30pm.

The coming few weeks are a very busy time for our school. Following are some important dates for your diary. 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 Tuesday 10 December - Annual Academic Presentation Night at Club Marconi.

Our Year 12 students receive their HSC results on Wednesday 18 December and their university ATAR results on Thursday 19 December. We will be holding a morning tea for Year 12 at 11.00am on Thursday 19 to enable them to come back to school one last time to share their results with staff.

Yearly reports will be handed out on Friday 13 December. Wednesday 18 December will be an Activities Day instead of normal timetabled lessons and is also the last day of the school year for students. Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December are School Development Days for staff only.

*Mr R. Davis
Principal*

15 November, 2013

IMPORTANT EVENTS

18/11/2013
*HSC Information
Night 6.00pm*

19/11/2013
*Sports Orientation
Night 6.30pm*

25/11/2013
*2014 Rollover
Commences*

Winners

International Olympic Committee

Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

With one more week until Westfields Sports rolls over to the 2014 timetable, all students are advised to ensure that they have their new timetable ready for commencement on 25 November and that all clearance forms are completed. Teachers will advise students of any new equipment necessary – when they meet their new classes. Year 11 students have already commenced assessment tasks, which will be included in their HSC mark. To assist senior classes, the latest assessment booklets have been emailed and it is essential that seniors copy this document and plot all assessment details for the next twelve months.

On Monday evening, at 6.00pm in the stadium, an essential HSC Information meeting has been planned by Ms Jethi. This will include a speaker from the Board of Studies giving advice and rules for successful completion of the HSC. In addition, students will gain valuable details from our careers adviser, Mr Blevin – on career pathways, university requirements and TAFE options. A hard copy of assessment schedules will also be issued at this meeting.

Current Year 9 students will experience significant changes to their routine at rollover. As Year 10 students, they will commence their school day at 8.20am and conclude classes at 1.15pm on each of Monday, Thursday and Friday. Students will finish their school days at 3.06pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In addition, all Year 10 students will wear the senior “blue” shirt.

Our Homework Centre will continue operating on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until the end of term. Saturday school classes will conclude on Saturday 7 December, 2013.

Our annual Sporting Blues Evening was conducted at St Johns Park Bowling Club on Monday evening. Ten proud students were recognised for their outstanding sporting achievement. *Thomas Whiteside* received the highest honour of “Sportsperson of the Year”. Mrs Kenny deserves our sincere thanks for her excellent organisation of this special evening.

It was with pride that I spoke with the Principal of Winmalee High School this week in order to present her over \$800 raised by the students of Westfields Sports at a recent assembly. Forty six families from Winmalee HS lost their homes and all possessions. Our donation will go towards assisting these families.

Congratulations to Ms Awad for coordinating the two-day trips to Sydney University for Year 7 classes. Students enjoyed a range of activities and learned about Australia’s oldest university. Similarly, Year 8 science students and Mr Azzopardi had a great opportunity to join volunteers from Sydney University in a range of experiments. These opportunities have been made possible thanks to the university’s Compass Program. Parents are invited to a range of activities throughout the year. Information can be found at: sydney.edu.au/compass

Our Chaplain, Tony Hoang and Mr Awad have organised for Year 10 students to attend the “Stand Tall” program being held at Knox College next Wednesday. The event includes some excellent young entertainers along with some excellent life messages.

The 2014 SRC were presented with their badges at an induction ceremony last Wednesday. Ms Spiroski announced the executive of the SRC and captains; *Jasmine Scheithe and Mitchell Haynes* outlined their plans for 2014. The SRC represented Westfields Sports at a special Remembrance Day ceremony held at Smithfield RSL on 11 November at 11am.

Thanks to Peter Rose and MTC Youth Connections, our refugee students have had a number of workshops aimed at supporting them with their studies and future plans. Study skills and employability have been topics from recent workshops.

Congratulations to Industrial Technology Timber students whose major HSC projects have been selected for the INDTECH Showcase to be held at Homebush during the “Working with Wood” show in 2014.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Westfields Sports had 211 students attempt the Australian Mathematics Competition in 2013.

Special Prudence Award - *Prasad Salaskar* (10)

Distinction Awards (7) - *Kent Tran, Patrick Ngo* (12), *Vivian Mo, Tony Pham, Cindy Ta, Clare Woods* (11) & *Alex Brook* (8).

Credit Awards (74) - *Jake Duong, Steven Le, Kevin Luc, Jason Ly, Brian Nguyen, Danny Nguyen, Vi Lyn Nguyen, Peter Pham, Sean Tang, Joshua Thai & Emily Tieu* (12).

Robert Cheer, Emilio Danka, Brandon De Moraes, Soourrianna Gov, Michael Jankulovski, Aaron Lim, Hao Nguyen, Dalena Tu, Charline Vo, Benjamin Waller & Brock Westwood (11).

Stephanie Cheng, Teresa Doan, Phuon Giang, Johnny Huynh, Angela Le, Travis Low, Joshua Maher, Amy Nguyen, Jimmy Nham, Evangelos Patramanis, Rebecca Pham, Jimmy Touch & Carina Truong (10)

Sophia Di-Giandomenico, Aly Muhammad Hemani, Hussain Hemani, Esho Israel, Gregory Kavadas, Katrina Lamas, Monica Luu, Liam O'Brien, Stefan Paravinja, Eroe Piccinin, Shareef Saipaia, Lachlan Talau, Laura Truong, Daniel Won (9).

Furkhan Ahmed, Sibel Alca, Jaedan Calder, Carmen Ho, Celina Huynh, Anthony Jurac, Henry Ngo, Lazar Mesaroski, Christopher Tembeleski, Callum Watt (8)

Tait Bensemman, Reece Bui, Nina Cao, Jet Cheng, Luis Ferreira, Susie Huynh, Ricky Ho, Vicky Ho, Flynn Isaacs, Helen Kalou, Alec Le, Kevin Le, Robinson Le, Taylor Muaulu, Jessica Nguyen, Dominic Ouk, Samuel Shainfeld, Jason Tu, Richard Ung (7).

Proficiency Awards (54)

Participation Awards (76)

Mr W. Sheelah
Mathematics Faculty

RELAY FOR LIFE

A big congratulations to *Blessah Genares, Aimee Hope* of Year 10 and *Alex Grzesik and Patrick Kongvongsa* of Year 12, who performed at the Relay For Life at Horsley Reserve on Saturday 2 November.

Relay For Life is a fun, outdoor overnight fundraising event that brings communities together to celebrate and remember the lives of those who have battled cancer. Teams take turns to walk or run around a track whilst enjoying entertainment, activities and moving ceremonies.

It was great to not only showcase the musical talent at the school but also allow our students the opportunity to give back to the community.

Ms V. Chipps
CAPA Faculty

PEACE DAY

On Friday 8 November, the Year 12 SRC members for 2014 had the pleasure of attending Cabramatta High School's annual "Peace Day". Students were enlightened to many uniquely innovative performances, speeches and activities that celebrated the motto of the day, "Inspire to Heal".



A highlight of the day was when 2013 Sydney Peace Prize winner, Doctor Cynthia Maung held a question and answer segment that allowed students to learn more about her humanitarian

experiences in Burma. The positive day was topped off by the release of one hundred doves typifying a communal commitment towards peace.

Clare Woods
Vice Captain, 2014

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE 2013



On Friday 25 October, the Premier's Reading Challenge Awards presentation was streamed live for the first time, into public schools. Our students, who completed the

Challenge in 2013, were invited to watch the presentation, which took place at Five Dock Public school. Our students were provided with drinks, cake and biscuits as a way of expressing our thanks for their commitment to the Challenge.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Fredrik of Denmark, Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark and Her Excellency Marianne Jelved, Danish Minister for Culture



attended the event. The Honourable Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of NSW, addressed the assembly and presented awards to students.

At Westfields Sports 49 students completed the challenge and this was a significant increase on the previous year. Our goal is to see this number increase each year.

Our thanks go to Ms Awad who has worked very hard with students, encouraging and supporting those who took up the challenge. The library staff also sought to assist students wherever possible in achieving their goal.

The Premier's Reading Challenge App was launched this year. Developed by the N.S.W. Department of Education and Communities with Microsoft, it allows parents and teachers to access booklists and track a student's reading progress.

Throughout the year many more resources have been purchased to build a collection, which provides a wide range of genres and supports the interests of as many students as possible. It is hoped that with the support of parents and teachers, more students will read and complete the Challenge in 2014.



Ms E. Love
Librarian

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR & BLUES DINNER

Westfields Sports held its 19th Annual Sportsperson of the Year and Blues Presentation Dinner at St Johns Park Bowling Club on Monday 11 November, 2013.

The following students were awarded Sporting Blues for 2013 : *Sarah Ringrose - Athletics, Ryan Whitley - Baseball, Jordan Edwards - Basketball, Daniel Hayes - Cricket, Clare Woods & Thomas Whiteside - Football, Jade Riley - Netball, Jake Steadman - Rugby and Ashleigh Wickens & Jacob Stek - Softball.* Congratulations to all Blues recipients on their achievements in 2013.



Life Membership was presented to *Rod Cherry - Cricket.*

Sarah Ringrose - Athletics, Megan Cantellano-Little - Basketball, Thomas Whiteside - Football and Jade Riley - Netball were the final nominees for Sportsperson of the Year. Congratulations to *Thomas Whiteside* who was announced as the 2013 Sportsperson of the Year the conclusion of the evening.

Thank you to *Brock Westwood* who performed the MC duties for the evening.

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

BLOOD DONATION

This term Year 12 have started donating blood to the Red Cross Blood Service. Our first group of students visited the Liverpool Donor Centre in Week 5 and saved three lives each with their donations. *Simon Borchardt, Brandon De Moraes, Mitchell Haynes, Jackie Tran and Brock Westwood* should be congratulated for their generosity.



Our next group of donors will be visiting the Donor Centre on Friday of Week 7, followed by another group in Week 9. Details for donations in 2014 will be provided as they become available.



If you are interested in donating blood, you can visit <http://www.donateblood.com.au> or see Mr Deli or Miss Burt for more information.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, we take a moment to acknowledge those who have served our country, both past and present. On Monday, the school captains along with Miss Spiroski attended the Smithfield RSL Remembrance Day Commemoration to represent the school by laying a wreath at the ceremony.



The wreath laid represented a mark of honour to the brave and victorious as the Romans used this idea during battle. The service included hymns, prayers

and of course the minute of silence, which we take to reflect on those, who gave their lives to save ours.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Jasmine Scheithe & Mitchell Haynes
School Captains, 2014



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YEAR 7 COMPASS EXCURSION

On the 4 & 5 of November, Year 7 students attended The University of Sydney. The aim of the excursion was to begin to relate students' knowledge of tertiary education directly to the students' futures. Students are encouraged to see themselves within tertiary study and university environment from an early stage, as it takes time to work out their goals and explore different options.

Students got to explore the university campus, learn more about the opportunities and options available and take part in activities such as rock climbing, fencing and singing.



Students really enjoyed the day and made some positive associations with the university. They came back motivated, asking lots of questions about the possibility of university!

Ms. R. Awad
Year 7 Adviser

LOST PROPERTY

We now have a huge pile of lost property. If your child has lost any items get them to check at the front office for the articles - both school items and non-school items. All non-school articles will be sent to a charity shop at roll over this year. I still have a boys Blazer that has been lost and at the office for approximately 2 months!!

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

