

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 2011 was above state average.

Our Recognition Of Student Excellence Awards and morning teas celebrated and rewarded academic success and were once again 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. Our debating teams were also highly successful.

In terms of our sporting achievements, this year we had 18 students selected to represent Australia and 72 selected to represent NSW in their chosen sports. Westfields won 7 state knockout competitions. 5 students received SSW sporting blues as well as the prestigious President's Award and 5 Westfields students received a NSWCHS Sporting Blue.

The outstanding performance from our creative and performing arts students was winning the Sydney Eisteddfod and being invited to the Champion of Champions. In addition to our drama and music nights, our students performed at the Evening of Dance at the Casula Powerhouse, regional and state dance and more recently at school spectacular. As an indication of the success of our dance program 11 individual dance items from this year's HSC cohort have been 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 our E Block science laboratories. This term we have been functioning with only three science labs, however, I am sure that all will be forgotten when we take possession of the fully refurbished labs on day one next year.

In terms of technology, all students in our current Years 10, 11 and 12 have their own laptop but unfortunately the program is no longer being funded. To overcome this problem next year we will be undertaking a trial with some of the latest Ipad and tablet technology to determine how to implement the most effective BYOD program in to our school. 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. To this end, every classroom in the school now has either a fixed data projector, an interactive data projector or an interactive whiteboard. With the hot weather now upon us, I am pleased to let you know that this year we have also continued our air conditioning program.

As this is the final Westnews for 2013, 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 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 29 January and Years 8, 9 and 10 return on Thursday 30 January 2014.

Mr R. Davis
Principal

13 December, 2013

IMPORTANT EVENTS

18/12/2013
Activities Day
End of Term 4

19/12/2013
Staff Development

20/12/2013
Staff Development

28/1/2014
Staff Development

29/1/2014
Years 7,11,12
Term 1 Starts

30/1/2014
Years 8,9,10
Term 1 Starts

Winners
International Olympic Committee
Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It is very fitting that at the year's end Westfields Sports recognises the effort, excellence and achievement of our students. At the school Presentation evening many students received awards for their academic success or their effort to improve. A number of scholarships or awards were presented to students who had successfully presented an application or been identified by staff. These included The Crosio, Evans and Caulfield scholarships – valued at \$1100 and presented to *V Mo*, *A Kotevski*, *M Khouth* and *C Tembeleski*. The P & C awards for citizenship went to *A Frost*, *T Noble*, *B Westwood*. *B Genares* received the inaugural President's award, while our piper, *L Wiggins* was recognised for ongoing school service.

Ms Cruz from the University of Western Sydney presented *E Dankha* with a special award of \$500 to support his HSC studies, plus a conditional scholarship of \$20,000 if he chooses to study at UWS. *M Jankulovski* received the Denis Evans award for outstanding science results - completing HSC science a year ahead of his cohort.

The Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award was presented by Colonel Rowntree to *E Patramanis*. He also was the recipient of the Sydney University Academic Excellence Award. The Sydney University "Compass Program" recognised *R Lam* and *O Rowntree* for their commitment to studies. Our Vocational Education students, *S Luc* and *H Truong* were recognised for their outstanding achievement.

The dux of this year's HSC class, *V Luu*, was recognised by the University of NSW with their Academic Achievement Award. Smithfield RSL presented *J Ly* with \$1500 for his all-round performance in Year 12.

It was a pleasure to recognise all of the above named students for their efforts. In addition, four senior students were acknowledged for their sustained school service in ensuring that our last four years of formal awards ceremonies have run exceptionally well: *Jasmine*, *Rowena*, *Linda* and *Vivian*.

Two opportunities for scholarships exist for the HSC class of 2013.

Corey Payne's Future Directions Network (FDN) offers an \$18,000 over three years. Students are encouraged to [apply online](http://fdn.net.au) at fdn.net.au and state their case as to why they should be awarded the 2014 FDN scholarship.

The C.A.S Hawker Scholarship offers residential scholarships valued at \$60,000. Applications can be found at: www.hawkerscholarship.org

Our students have had many opportunities this year, to be involved in a diverse range of activities planned by staff. Some of these include: The Duke of Edinburgh program, led by Ms Freeman and Ms Lee, an outstanding success. Our recent Swim School, co-ordinated by Ms Burt was excellent. Ms Burt followed this event with a student positive peer camp. Ms Wade, Mr Azzopardi, Ms Lee and Ms Walker have been involved in Sydney University's Compass projects for students. Ms Bechara has won awards for her work with the Enviro Club. Ms Spiroski has generated many activities for the SRC, including "Westfields Got Talent". Ms Jethi ran a special HSC Info night for parents and

students. Mr Azzopardi offered his year group a "High Resolves" leadership program. Mrs Kenny has overseen numerous sporting events along with coaching staff. Our Chaplain, Tony Hoang provided an opportunity for students to attend Knox Grammar for a special "Stand Tall" event which had a focus on safe behaviours. Peter Rose from MTC and Mr Hales ran a very successful program for our Refugee students. Many faculty-based excursions gave great insights into areas of study. We have had wonderful dance and music evenings, orientation events, cross country and athletics carnivals as well as excellent catering from Hospitality students.

A great year at Westfields Sports. We look forward to meeting the HSC class of 2013 with their exam results on Thursday 19 December for a special morning tea.

My warmest wishes to all members of the Westfields Sports family for a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2014.

Mrs H. Wilson
Deputy Principal

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 12 Food Technology have been studying the Australian Food Industry as part of the HSC course and recently visited Woolworths and McDonalds in Wetherill Park. Students were given an informative 'back of house' tour of both establishments and were able to gain first hand information on a variety of aspects of the industry that assisted them with the completion of their assessment task. All involved had a great morning.



Ms J. Alic
Food Technology Teacher

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Week 10 was Computer Science Education Week and Westfields Sports participated in the global Hour of Code event. Computing students in Years 9-12 completed activities hosted by prominent computer scientists such as Mark Zuckerberg and Bill Gates. These students were among millions of students across the world to compete the Hour of Code to give them a taste of what a career in computer science could do for their future. To find out more about Computer Science Education go to <http://csedweek.org>. For students who participated and want to learn more go to <http://csedweek.org/learn/beyond/>



Ms M. Murray
Science

TROLLEY DRIVE

A big thank you to all those who were generous enough to donate food items for the trolley drive collected during Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 4. You have helped feed the



less fortunate of Fairfield. This year, as a school community, we raised nine trolleys full of food. Well done! The winning roll call was 11R09 and they got to enjoy a free pizza lunch on Tuesday 10 December. Please continue to be generous and give to those that need assistance.

Ms. E Spiroski
SRC Coordinator

SWIM SCHOOL

Last week 200 Year 8 students participated in Swim Scheme, which helped promote water safety and the development of skills around the pool. Students took part in many activities such as safe entries, water rescues, underwater skills and stroke development. Whilst half the group were at the pool another group were playing ball sports, recreational games and on the final day class versus class challenge of tug-a-war.



As a reward students played water volleyball and enjoyed time on the water park. Thank you to all teachers involved as well as our hard working Year 11 Sports Coaching class who developed their skills of managing and coaching younger students.



Miss Burt
PDHPE

BLOOD DONATION

Friday of Week 9 saw our last visit to the Liverpool Blood Donor Centre for 2013. *Luana Piccinin, Jessica Ros, Jasmine Scheithe, Linh Tran and Dalena Tu* all volunteered to complete their first whole blood donation and save three lives each.

We are looking forward to regular donations in the New Year, and will be providing information on donation times and days early in Term 1. For more information on donating blood, visit <http://donateblood.com.au>, or see Mr Deli (English) or Miss Burt (PE).

Mr J. Deli
Year 12 Adviser

PRESENTATION NIGHT

A big "thank you" to all students, parents and staff who came along on Monday night to celebrate the success of some of our outstanding students.

Congratulations to the following students who were named Dux of their class or year group:

7 Blue - *Daniel Wilmering*, 7 Purple - *James Cakovski*,
7 Red - *Isabel Osborne*, 7 Crimson - *Sourish Iyengar*,
7 Orange - *Luis Ferreira*, 7 Violet - *Karen Le*
7 White - *Priscilla Won*, 7 Yellow - *Limur Zaia*
7 Aqua - *Flynn Isaacs*, 7 Silver - *Nathan Ly*
Dux of Year 8 - *Alex Brook*
Dux of Year 9 - *Eroe Piccinin*
Dux of Year 10 - *Evangelos Patramanis*
Dux of Year 11 - *Emilio Dankha*

Ms S.Healy
Head Teacher Welfare

LEADERSHIP DAY

The Student Representative Council had the privilege of attending a Leadership Day. During day the SRC took part in many team-building exercises to encourage a great sense of leadership within the SRC. Dr Kristovics from the University of Western Sydney made a special appearance discussing her perspective on leadership. Her mind-opening lecture helped us embrace our values of trustworthiness and unity.



After we attended this workshop we learnt very valuable lessons on leadership, communication and confidence. We were able to connect with each other and as a group we can now better achieve the goals we have as a team. The opportunity our SRC had, influenced us to learn many skills that will benefit and aid us during life.

Lilliana Fante
Year 10 SRC Councillor

PPC LEADERSHIP CAMP AT YARRAMUNDI

Recently 31 students from Year 9 to 12 and 3 teachers attended Camp Yarramundi for an adventure filled three days of activities focusing on leadership skills. Students had the opportunity to experience the flying fox, giant swing, cave maze, vertical challenge as well as some kayaking and bush camping on the second night.



All students must be congratulated on their behaviour and participation in all activities. Thanks to Miss Burt, Mr Deli and Mr King for going to camp with them.

Ms S.Healy
Head Teacher Welfare

WESTFIELDS' GOT TALENT

On 29 November, 2013 seven different performances entertained an audience of about 370 students and 15 teachers as well as special guest judge Taga Paa.

There were three music performances; three dance performances and a magic show. A special congratulations to *Blessah Genares* who placed third with her solo performance of *Everyone's Waiting* by Missy Higgins, also earning her house 10 points. A huge well done to *Jacinta Effendi* on her remarkable hip hop dance routine, placing second and earning her house 20 points. Lastly, an extraordinary cheer to *Aimee Hope and Mili Vueti* on their performance of Alicia Key's, *If I Ain't Got You*.



The winners received a whopping \$200 gift voucher each and 50 points for their house. A huge thank you to Taga Paa who delighted the audience with his entertaining performance, no wonder he got so far

in the Voice 2012! Also, recognition needs to be given to the generosity of C2C Tutoring from Canley Vale who donated \$500 to support the event.

Ms E. Spiroski
SRC Coordinator

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations :

- *Jack Bray, Kyle Chisholm, Brandon Crosbie, Saad Hasan, Daniel Hayes, Luke Ohrynowsky, Brendan Smith & Niran Wijewardene* - SSW Boys Cricket Representatives
- *Breanna Evans, Tiahn Harris, Jamie Johnson, Alyssa Viera, Ashleigh Viera & Ashleigh Wickens* - SSW Girls Softball Representatives
- *Kyle Alexis, Megan Cantellano-Little, Kristiana Manu'a, Hayden Mathews, Clare Woods* - NSWCHS State Blues
- *Kyle Alexis* - NSWCHS Sydney Markets Scholarship
- *Cricket SHS Plate - WS (191) d The Hills SHS (114)*
- *Kristiana Manu'a, Jacob Stek, Denzal Tonise, Ryan Whitley & Clare Woods* - SSW Regional Blues
- *Denzal Tonise* - SSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Scholarship
- *Kristiana Manu'a* - SSW President's Award for Most Outstanding Female Athlete
- *Hockey 14s - Quickstix Champions, Courtney Schonell* (Tournament MVP)
- *Hockey 16s - Quickstix Runners Up, Billy Graf* (Tournament MVP)
- *Basketball Boys U15 - National Schools Champions*
- *Basketball Boys U17 - National Schools Champions*
- *Basketball Boys U20 - National Schools Semi Finalists*
- *Davidson Shield - WS (8/201) d Endeavour SHS (149)*
- *Davidson Shield - WS (2/324) d Hunter SHS (65)*

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport



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MUSIC CHRISTMAS GIG

Congratulations to some of our music students who performed for their parents, friends and staff on Friday 6 December. The music department put on an afternoon concert where our students performed songs they have learnt this term. Those who performed were students in the Music Enrichment Class, String Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble, Boys Rock Band, Latin Drum Ensemble as well as students who have been having private lessons with our tutors. Congratulations.

Ms T. Ricapito
CAPA Faculty



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PANTOMIME TOUR

During Term 4, Year 9 Drama studies a unit of work on Pantomime. They learn about the various conventions and traditions associated with pantomime such as audience participation and stock characters. Students then develop their own pantomime stories and create a show, which tours to local primary schools. In 2013, we performed for pre-school and K-2 audiences at Fairfield West PS and Smithfield PS. The show was a wonderful success and thoroughly enjoyed by both audiences. Congratulations to the Year 9 Drama performers.

Mrs P. Dance-Wilson
CAPA Faculty

