

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 has started at a frantic pace at Westfields Sports. Year 11 completed their mandatory 'Crossroads' personal development course and Dance program put on their annual 'Evening of Dance' which was, once again, a spectacular showcase of both the talented students and dedicated staff. Week 2 has seen the start of the HSC. Westfields Sports was chosen as a media centre for Channel 9 to film the first day of the 2014 examinations. Thank you to Ms Solomons, as our relieving Deputy Principal, for her co-ordination of this event and to our students Mitchell, Jaz, Ali and Simon for being such articulate and confident ambassadors of Public Education.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 12 students the best of luck in the future and to thank them for their contributions to our school. They have been an outstanding group who have excelled in a broad range of endeavours. Thank you also to Mr Deli and Ms Alic for providing care and support for Year 12 throughout their time at our school.

I am becoming increasingly concerned with the number of students who are dropped off at the local plaza before school and the amounts who congregate there after school. Students have been informed on assembly that they are not to be in the plaza if they are not paying customers. Unfortunately, the school is not in a position to 'ban' students from the local shops, but the support of parents is essential in ensuring our students are respectful of the area and the other customers. I would strongly advise parents to drop their children at school, and direct them to not congregate at the shops either before or after school.

Our Parents and Citizens group will meet on Wednesday 22 October in A Block. It would be great to see as many parents as possible in attendance.

The Department of Education and Communities has again determined that the last 2 days of the year will be Staff Development days. The dates are the 18 and 19 December. On Wednesday 17 December, Westfields Sports will be conducting a literacy and numeracy enrichment day. Regular classes will be suspended on that day to allow students in attendance to participate in various academic activities and competitions.

On Monday 24 November Westfields Sports will 'Rollover' to the 2015 timetable. Prior to this time, all students will be issued with clearance forms. If there are any outstanding fees, please ensure they are paid immediately.

Mr Nick Roby has joined Westfields Sports as Head Teacher Science. I would like to welcome him and am sure he will make an outstanding contribution to our school.

Westfields Sports is farewelling 3 of its most integral members of Staff. Ms Cush, Ms Gage and Mr Azzopardi are all taking up Head Teacher positions at other schools. Thank you all for your contributions to the learning of our students and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Mr A. Rogers
Relieving Principal

17 October, 2014

IMPORTANT EVENTS

22/10/2014
P&C Meeting
6.30pm

30/10/2014
Westfields Sports
Blues Dinner
6.30pm

30/10/2014
Year 12 Sign Out
9.00am - 11.00am

Winners
International
Olympic
Committee
Sport and Youth
Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We have forged a very strong relationship with Fairfield Police. They are very pro-active in informing the school of security issues both within the local area, and in the broader community. Recently, information was forwarded concerning some alarming social media 'apps' that are gaining popularity with kids in the area. If your children are using any of the following, I would strongly suggest you delete the app, or have a clear conversation with your child regarding the appropriate and safe use of technology.

- WHISPER: Encourages users to share secrets and pictures anonymously.
- OMEGLE: Advertised as "Talk to strangers": enough said!
- ASK.FM: Notoriously bad as it encourages users to post anonymous questions to other users.
- KIK: Very popular instant messaging app that is not frequently used by adults.
- SNAPCHAT: Designed to allow users to send 'self-deleting' images to their contacts. Other apps have been created to 'capture' these images, thus allowing the receiver to save the image.

Facebook is rapidly declining in popularity amongst teens as they embrace the above apps, in addition to a multitude of others. Parental vigilance is the only way to know what your children are doing online.



Former student and Sydney Kings player *Jason Cadee* visited our assemblies this week and presented a framed singlet to the school. Our Basketball Coach *Bernie Slattery* interviewed Jason. He answered questions about his overseas tours with the U20 National Mens Basketball team. Jason also recalled his fond memories of attending Westfields Sports and how the school had supported his dream of being a professional basketballer.

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal

TUCKER SHIELD INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

There is only 5 weeks left until the end of the 2014 Inter-House competition. Activities can still be booked through Mr Jarvis, but time is running out so don't miss out.

The final of the Indoor Soccer competition is on Friday so come along and cheer on your house.

In terms of house points, I won't be updating the scoreboard from now on. This will allow the excitement to build until the results are announced after roll-over. However, there is less than 150 points separating the first 3 house teams, so any points gained in the final run-in will be important. So come on, one big final effort for your house!

Mr C. Jarvis
Head Teacher PDHPE

MUSIC CONCERT

At the end of Term 3, the Music Department held their Annual Music Concert at the Club Marconi.

Students from various Year 7 & 8 classes, the elective 9 & 10 Music classes, our Year 11 and Year 12 Music 1 classes and students from our various music ensembles performed.

Congratulations to ALL our music students for a sensational music concert.

This year, we had a staff item that performed 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. This was a fun and energetic experience for all and we would like to upkeep this tradition in the future.

Overall, the Music Concert of 2014 was a fantastic, fun-filled and entertaining event where students and staff performed awesomely. We are very proud!



We would like to thank Team CAPA, Mr Cavagnola, Mrs Alic, and all the staff involved for their time, effort, help and support. Without them the concert wouldn't have run so smoothly.

Ms T. Ricapito & Mr M. Akele
CAPA Faculty

HOMEWORK CENTRE - SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

The homework centre, based in the school library is available for all students from 3.15pm to 4.15pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 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 to attend the homework centre.

Mrs S. Walker
Relieving Deputy Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

There have been a few issues with items of school uniform having broken zips. As stated at the P & C meeting recently the company we purchase from is more than happy to repair or replace items or broken zips in skirts, trousers or jackets. In order to do this the item must be returned to the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday during the school terms from 8:00am to 11:30am.

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

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
School Administration Officer

EARLY LEAVERS

If a student needs to leave school early they should;

- bring a parental note stating why and when the student is required to leave school
- show the note to the Deputy in Charge of their year and receive an Early Leavers Pass
- show their classroom teacher the Early Leavers Pass when leaving class

All appointments should be made outside of school times.

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT PERMISSION

Ms D. Zanet
Deputy Principal

LOST PROPERTY

Once again a large amount of lost property has been gathered at the front office - including joggers, football boots, school uniform items and other items of clothing.

These items will be held until the end of Week 3, and then any unclaimed articles will be donated to charity.

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 T. Lam
Head Teacher Administration

AN EVENING OF DANCE

Last Thursday the Westfields dancers took the audience's breath away with their spectacular showcase of work from their 2014 program.



We congratulate all the students on a wonderful performance and look forward to seeing more of you there next year for An Evening of Dance 2015!

Ms E. Ireland
CAPA Faculty

ACCIDENTS OR ILLNESS

Students who become sick during the school day will be given permission by their teacher to go to the sick bay. Minor injuries are treated at school. If necessary, an ambulance will be called.

Staff will contact parents/guardians if students need to go home.

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CONTACT PARENTS DIRECTLY.

Ms L. Solomons
Relieving Deputy Principal

Skoolbag 

Smartphone school to parent communication

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.

JASON CADEE RETURNS TO WESTFIELDS

Westfields Sports old boy, Jason Cadee has been selected by the professional basketball team Sydney Kings to play in the NBL this season. At just 23 years of age Jason has already played 4 seasons in the NBL representing Gold Coast Blaze and Adelaide 36's prior to his arrival to Sydney Kings. As guard Jason's speed, court vision and ability to hit the outside shots are great assets to the team and with his pedigree of both parents representing Australia Jason's future looks strong.

As a **special offer** to the Westfields Sports community to support a previous member of the school, Sydney Kings are offering **adults at children's prices (\$15.00 per ticket)** for Jason's nominated game of Sunday 9 November at 2.00pm where the Kings take on his previous team, the Adelaide 36's. Should prove to be a great battle. To purchase tickets using this offer just click on this embedded link and punch in your school's **password: WEST**

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=KING0315>

Sydney Kings looks forward to seeing as many Westfields students and families to the game as possible so when they announce Jason as Number 5 on court there will be a great roar from his former school who have come to support him. Jason will be announced on court at 1.45pm prior to Tip Off.



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LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS FUNDING

This Australian Government initiative has been designed to provide financial assistance for junior sportsmen and women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state sporting organisation (SSO) or national school sporting competition.

The grants for individual applicants will be \$500. To be eligible to apply, young people must be aged between 12-18 years and travelling more than 250km to compete in state or national level sporting competitions. So if you know any junior sportsmen and women at your school that maybe finding it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at sporting competitions, send them this flyer and encourage them to apply for an LSC grant online at <http://www.ausport.gov.au/champions>

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations :

- Junior Girls Softball - SA Labour Day Tournament U15 Champions
- *Ben Zammit* - Dance Life Unite National Champion (Senior Division)
- *Carissa Uno & Nikita Lloyd* - Level 5 Pairs Intermediate Champions, Aeroskools National Championships
- *Casey Rogan* - Level 3 Junior Individual Silver Medal, National Aerobic Gymnastics Championships
- *Sarah Ringrose, Binta Salawu, Bianca Grimaldi, Destiny Nuvasoa* - Gold Medals, NSW All Schools Athletics Championships
- *Shadi Bahlawan, Kaelia Ranginui, Isabelle Lhotka* - Silver Medals, NSW All Schools Athletics Championships
- *Katrina Lamas & Sarah Ringrose* - Bronze Medals, NSW All Schools Athletics Championships
- 15s Netball - Westfields Sports defeated Moorebank HS 42-3 (SF)

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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