

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents and Citizens Association for agreeing to fund the recent air conditioning work in M block. The P & C provided \$9300 to upgrade the facilities in M block. This area was chosen, as it is the area the school uses to conduct the Higher School Certificate every year. This is an example of your P & C contribution helping the students of Westfields Sports.

Westfields Sports has highly dedicated first aid officers who are trained to deal with emergencies and injuries to students in the course of their daily activities at school. They are not nurses who are able to care for and treat ongoing injuries or illness. If your child is sick, please keep them at home. Our sick bay facilities are limited and students who attend school while sick are likely to make those around them sick.

Our school, as with all Public Schools, is based on the foundation of equality, dignity and respect. Students should be able to come to school each day and interact with others without fear of persecution or discrimination. As with all areas of society, however, we occasionally have individuals who make insensitive or ill-informed comments to other students. When these are reported to staff, we take action to ensure the students responsible are given guidance to outline to them why their actions were inappropriate, and if the behaviour persists, disciplinary action is taken. As a school, however, we only have a limited influence over the behaviours of our students. Family attitudes form the majority of a child's view of the world. As parents, I would ask you to reinforce to your children the moral values of acceptance and respect for all. Comments made at home around the dinner table, or when watching the nightly news are very influential and are often echoed at school, sometimes with unintended and unpleasant consequences.

Westfields Sports has a very effective 'Bring Your Own Device', or BYOD policy. We actively encourage students to bring their own digital devices to school to support their learning. Tablets and laptops are a wonderful addition to classrooms and are used by students to engage with the limitless resources available online. If your child regularly 'BYOD's', and is not using the laptop that was issued to students in Year 11 and 12, and loaned to students in Year 10 as part of the Governments 'Digital Education Revolution' (DER) program, then please give some consideration to returning it to the school so we can support students in other years and ensure they have access to additional digital resources to support their learning.

For those parents with children in their first year at Westfields Sports, it is important that you are aware that on Monday 24 November, we rollover to the 2015 timetable. An important step in the rollover process is the official signing out from 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 the school at any time to discuss options.

*Mr Andrew Rogers
Deputy Principal*

31 October 2014

IMPORTANT EVENTS

6/11/2014

*Year 12 Sign Out
9.00am-12.00pm*

10/11/14 – 14/11/14

*Year 10
Work Experience*

11/11/14

Year 12 Formal

Winners

International Olympic Committee

Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Westfields Sports ran workshops with "Digital Thumbprint" last week for Year 10 students. These workshops were targeted for students of this age group and their online activity. "Digital Impact" encouraged students to consider the digital impact of their online behaviours and identities. The workshop enabled students to better identify the effect they have on themselves and others when socialising online. The presenters from Optus covered concepts such as intention and impact, online identity and defending friends. This workshop was enthusiastically received and participated in by students. I heard comments such as, "It was very relevant" and "I learned the importance of thinking before you send". Responsible and thoughtful online activity was encouraged during these sessions.

Our COMPASS Program continues with a senior study skills session being organised this week for our Year 10 students at school also. This will be followed early next month with a Compass Science study day at Sydney University for our Year 9 students. The thrill of using science laboratories at the university should prove inspirational for our budding young scientists of tomorrow. Compass Volunteers who have been assisting with our Homework centre afterschool on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays have concluded their program.

A reminder that our Homework Centre runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons until 4.15pm in the school library. Staff from different subjects are available to assist your students make wise homework and study routines.

Mrs S. Walker
Relieving Deputy Principi

CAPA ART EXHIBITION

Throughout Week 7, the CAPA faculty will be hosting an art exhibition showcasing artworks from Year 7 to Year 12.

The exhibition will open on Tuesday 18 November at 6.00pm and will be held in the Library.

There will be a special guest artist from the local community who will present prizes and awards for outstanding achievement in the Visual Arts, as well as performances from other Creative and Performing Arts students.

Staff, students and parents are welcome to attend the opening night otherwise they can visit the library during Week 7 to view the exhibition.

Look out for posters promoting the event around the school in the next coming weeks or speak to Ms. Wade or Ms. Elson from the CAPA faculty for further details.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Q. Elson
CAPA Faculty

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP – NEW HOURS

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

APPLYING FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

From time to time, students may need to be out of school for short and occasionally long periods for medical or for travel reasons. When this happens caregivers are asked to contact the school in writing, requesting that leave be granted. This letter should explain the reason for leave and clearly state the dates the student will be absent. This letter should be given to Miss Lam, Head Teacher Administration.

It is important that before any decision to take a student out of school, consideration be given to the impact on the student's education.

If leave is for more than 15 school days special approval is required and a pro-forma letter will be issued. Leave greater than 20 days will require a copy of an itinerary.

It is a student's responsibility to discuss with their teachers what arrangements can be made to catch up on or complete work missed while on leave.

Missed work or work not satisfactorily completed by students in Years 10, 11 and 12 may place the award of a ROSA, Preliminary HSC or HSC in doubt.

Miss T. Lam
Head Teacher Administration



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

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR & BLUES DINNER

Westfields Sports held its 20th Annual Sportsperson of the Year and Blues Presentation Dinner at St Johns Park Bowling Club on Thursday 30 October, 2014.

The following students were awarded Sporting Blues for 2014 : *Gregory Kavadas - Athletics, Simon Borchardt - Baseball, Benjamin Schacht & Madison Bennett - Basketball, Brendan Smith - Cricket, Ben Zammit - Dance, Jayden Diacono - Football, Kurairere Poko - Golf, Lauren Yager - Netball, Joshua Tupoula-Leato - Rugby, Joseph Ratuvakacereivalu - Rugby League, Cody Sutton-Hunt - Softball and Jeanpierre Ivanic - Swimming.* Congratulations to all Blues recipients on their achievements in 2014.



Gregory Kavadas - Athletics, Brendan Smith - Cricket, Clare Woods - Football, Kurairere Poko - Golf and Lauren Yager - Netball were the final nominees for Sportsperson of the Year.

Congratulations to *Clare Woods* who was announced as the 2014 Sportsperson of the Year at the conclusion of the evening. Our special guest, Bernie Ibini from Sydney FC, presented her with her award. It was great to welcome Bernie back and hear about his journey from school to Socceroo.

Thank you to *Evan Patramanis* who performed the MC duties for the evening.

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

RUGBY LEAGUE PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Rugby League Program held its annual Presentation Night at Cabramatta Rugby League Club on Monday 27 October, 2014. It was an opportunity to share and celebrate the successes of 2014.

Season highlights for each age group were shown and the following students were presented with trophies :

Elliott Moaga (13s), Logan Vrbanic (14s), Brandon Wakeham & Tuimavave Afualo (15s), Mosese Suli (16s), Jermaine Mati-Leifi (Opens) - Best Back Award

Casey Sioli (13s), Stefano Utoikamanu (14s), Sosaia Talivakaola (15s), George Francis (16s), Cameron King (Opens) - Best Forward Award

Kauiolani Isaako (13s), Uellington Seve (14s), Kytak Chan (15s), Bil Benjament (16s), Jake Horton (Opens) - Most Improved

Tangirere Hokai - Clubman of the Year

Joseph Ratuvakacereivalu - Player of the Year

State Certificates were presented to NSWCHS State 15s (*Tuimavave Afualo, Kytak Chan, Alex Seve & Brandon Wakeham*) & 18s Representatives (*Sione Katoa & Joseph Ratuvakacereivalu*).

National Representation Certificates were presented to *Tuimavave Afualo, Kytak Chan & Brandon Wakeham*

Mr W. Lambkin
Rugby League Convener

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.

Mr D Barrett
Deputy Principal

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations :

- 15s Girls Basketball – Westfields Sports defeated Glenmore Park HS
- 15s Boys Basketball – Westfields Sports defeated Rooty Hill HS

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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.

PDHPE AND SPORT REMINDER

During PE and Sport lessons students need to be properly prepared with hat, drink bottle and sunscreen. In extreme weather, lessons will be modified with adequate rest and drink breaks provided.

Whilst it is commendable for students to be looking after their hygiene and want to use a deodorant after PE or Sport, it is important to remember that the spray can variety is not suitable to use in the school environment. Roll on deodorant is the most suitable and should be the only method used.

Mr C. Jarvis
Head Teacher PDHPE

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