

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Monday 24 November we commence our annual rollover to the 2015 timetable, which means that all students are promoted to next year's classes. This is done to ensure 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 8.20 am each day and on Monday, Thursday and Friday, complete their school day at 1.15 pm. It also means that they will commence wearing the sky blue shirt. As 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 prior to roll over.

Our final P & C meeting is on Wednesday 26 November. As the last meeting for the year it is our Christmas function and we hold it at Canley Heights RSL commencing at 6.30 pm.

The coming few weeks are a very busy time for our school. Following are some important dates for your diary. Tuesday 18 November – Sport Orientation Night; Thursday 20 November – Night of the Notables; Wednesday 26 November – Year 10 2015 BYOD Information Evening; Wednesday 3 December Year 7 Orientation Night and Tuesday 9 December - Annual Academic Presentation Night at Club Marconi.

Our Year 12 students receive their HSC results on Wednesday 17 December and their university ATAR results on Thursday 18 December. We will be holding a morning tea for Year 12 at 11.00 am on Thursday 18 December 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 12 December. On Wednesday 17 December we will be running a Literacy and Numeracy Day instead of normal timetabled lessons, as this is the last day of the school year for students. Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December are School Development Days for staff only.

Mr R. Davis
Principal

14 November, 2014

IMPORTANT EVENTS

17/11/14-20/11/14

Year 7
Swim School

18/11/2014

Sport Orientation
6:30pm

20/11/2014

Night of the Notables

24/11/2014

Roll Over

26/11/14—29/11/14

Year 11
PDHPE Camp

Winners
International
Olympic
Committee
Sport and Youth
Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of addressing the induction ceremony for the 2015 Student Representative council. It was great to see so many proud parents in attendance and I have the utmost confidence that our new school leaders will be outstanding ambassadors for the school.

I would like to thank our 2014 school leaders for their efforts throughout this year. Their leadership around the school and ability to balance the demands of their position with that of their studies should serve as an example to all students of Westfields Sports.

During Week 5 I was able to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme Gold practice walk in the Snowy Mountains. We were treated to great weather and stunning wildlife. I would like to thank Ms Freeman and Ms Jaajaa for giving up their time to give our students such a valuable experience. We took 12 students who, I am sure, all learnt valuable lessons about the natural environment, and more importantly, about themselves.

On Wednesday 26 November we will be hosting a parent information night for 2015's Year 10 (current year 9). The night will commence at 6.00pm and should take approximately 45 minutes. Parents will receive information about the academic and attendance requirements for the Record of School Achievement (ROSA). We will also be outlining to parents the school's move towards 'Bring your own device' (BYOD) for Year 10, 2015. Our goal is to see every year 10 student next year bring a digital device to school to support their learning. This program is designed to pick-up where the 'Digital Education Revolution' (DER, or laptop program) left-off when it was concluded in 2013. Please contact the school if you are unable to attend.

Mr A. Rogers
Deputy Principal

NATHAN HAS A PASSION FOR SCIENCE

Nathan Dinoia of Year 11 has been studying Earth and Environmental Science as part of our accelerated Science program and completed his HSC 12 months ahead of schedule this year. With the encouragement of his teacher Ms Pousini, Nathan applied for early entry into University and was successful in his application. Nathan will start Applied Physics through the University of New England whilst he completes the rest of his HSC courses in 2015.

Congratulations Nathan. We wish you well in your new course.

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal

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

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Our Westfields Sports High calendar has again been busy. We have had senior SRC students experience the opportunity to develop sailing skills accompanied by Mr Bennett. Our final COMPASS commitment with Sydney University occurred this week. Motivated scientists of the future experienced a STEM science enrichment day using the facilities of Sydney University Science laboratories and were exposed to the exciting potential of studying Science as a career path later at University.

Our senior SRC students were engaged with a workshop from Paul Wade that offered theory and practical sessions that assisted in goals setting. This week we saw the induction of our Student Representative Council, Sport House Captains and School Captains. Westfields Sports is fortunate to have such a promising and positive SRC body to represent them into 2015. Over 30 staff and our Year 12 cohort shared the Year 12 Formal this week also. A pleasant evening to share as our young adults celebrate the conclusion of their schooling.



Mrs S. Walker
Relieving Deputy Principal

SPANISH WITH 8SPA7

For the last couple of weeks, 8SPA7 has been 'working hard' making *piñatas*. The process was grotty (according to *Alasta Lao*) and fun and entertaining (according to *Eric Nguyen*). However, as fun as it was to make the *piñatas*, it was more fun breaking them! To use *Priscilla's* words 'it was raining lollies'.

As we worked through making the *piñatas* we learned that the background to it is a serious one. The original *piñata* was taken to Mexico by the 'Conquistadors' and it's a seven sided very colourful star representing the seven deadly sins. Probably our sin that day was eating too much sugar!!



Ms M. Ayas
Head Teacher LOTE

UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday during the school terms from 8:00am to 11:30am. It will also be open on both orientation nights, 18 November and 3 December from 4pm till 6:15pm.

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Each year Westfields Sports acknowledges and celebrates its high achieving students at the school's Presentation Night. This year we will gather for this grand event on Tuesday 9 December, 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 Dux Award for each class in Year 7 and 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. Taylor
Head Teacher Welfare

LOST PROPERTY

A large amount of lost property is still in the front office. Any item not collected by Friday 21 November will be donated to charity.



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

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

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 D. Zanet
Deputy Principal

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

Mr A. Rogers
Deputy Principal

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

JOE AVATI EXCURSION

On the evening of Wednesday, October 22 some Year 9 Italian students, Ms Zappia and Ms Zanet had the privilege of going to Leichhardt to see Joe Avati live at the Palace Cinemas. Joe spoke about his Italian heritage and how his heritage became the basis of his successful career in comedy, not only in Australia, but also in Canada, the U.S.A and England.

Afterwards we were lucky enough to meet him personally with Ms Zanet and have our photo taken. We were also very lucky to be able to indulge in some authentic woodfire Italian pizza, at Moretti's in Leichhardt.



Thanks to both Ms Zanet and Ms Zappia who took the time out to take us to Leichhardt.

Melissa, Senay and Daniela
9ITA6

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 :

- Girls 15s Basketball – NSWCHS State Champions
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- *Tayla Noble, Breanna Baker, Breanna Evans, Ashleigh Viera, Jamie Johnson, Amber Frost* – SSW Girls Softball Representatives
- Davidson Shield Cricket – Westfields Sports defeated Hunter SHS
- *Maddison Grillo* – SSW Water Polo Representative
- Davidson Shield Cricket – Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS

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.

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