

# 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 most of our current Year 9 students from when they sat their NAPLAN tests in Year 7 in 2012 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 16 students selected to represent Australia, 76 selected to represent NSW in their chosen sports and Westfields Sports won 9 state knockout competitions. Last week at the regional sports awards, 5 students received SSW Blues as well as the prestigious President's Award, and at the state awards 5 students received a NSWCHS Blue.

Once again our creative and performing arts students had another outstanding year. In addition to our drama and music nights, our students performed at the Evening of Dance at the Casula Powerhouse, at regional and state dance and more recently at the fantastic Schools Spectacular. As an indication of the success of our dance program, 13 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.

After a ten year building program the full refurbishment of our school facilities has been completed. The final two projects were the refurbishment of the E block science laboratories, which we moved back in to at the beginning of the year, and our strength and conditioning facility. Many thanks to the large number of parents who kindly donated funds to assist us with the purchase of the latest technology to complete the upgrade of our weights room. We will continue to fund raise next year so that we can pay off the GPS monitoring devices, which were purchased last term.

In terms of technology, all students in our current Years 11 and 12 have their own laptop but unfortunately the program is no longer being funded. To overcome this problem next year we have introduced a BYOD trial for Year 10. This means that we expect all students in Year 10 next year to bring a digital device to school every day. We believe it is important that your sons and daughters know how to use this latest technology to help them prepare for the digital and online needs of our 21<sup>st</sup> century society. In addition, we are now in a situation where every classroom in the school has a fixed data projector, an interactive data projector or an interactive whiteboard. I am pleased to let you know that with the generous support of the P & C, we have also continued our air conditioning program. Over the last holidays, we air-conditioned the first floor rooms in G Block and completed the air-conditioning in M Block. As a result, the first floor rooms in every block in the school are now air-conditioned.

As the end of our school year rapidly approaches, I would like to let you know that Yearly Reports will also be issued during roll call today. Normal timetabled lessons finish next Tuesday. Wednesday 17 December will be an enrichment day and Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December are school development days. I look forward to working closely with staff, students and parents next year to make 2015 even more successful than this year. For those of you who like to be planned well in advance, Years 7,11 and 12 return on Wednesday 28 January and Years 8, 9 and 10 return on Thursday 29 January 2015. Thank you once again for your ongoing support of our fantastic school, and please have a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas holiday break.

12 December, 2014

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

17.12.2014

*Literacy & Numeracy Day*

18.12.2014

*Staff Only  
Professional Development*

18.12.2014

*Year 12 Morning Tea*

19.12.2014

*Staff Only  
Professional Development*

27.1.2015

*Staff Only  
Professional Development*

28.1.2015

*School Resumes  
Years 7, 11,12*

29.1.2015

*School Resumes  
Years 8, 9, 10*

## Winners

## International Olympic Committee

## Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Our Presentation Evening last Tuesday was an opportunity to celebrate the success of our diligent and hardworking students. Special awards recognise outstanding achievements. School based scholarships were selected from an excellent group of applicants. The successful candidates were *Catherine Nguyen* for the Denis Evans scholarship, *Anthony Carter* for the Caulfield scholarship and *Mary Abed* for the Janice Crosio Scholarship.

Our hard working P&C support our school in many ways and also reward students who have achieved. *Ethan Ross* was recognised for his work on assemblies all year while *Victoria Guzman* was rewarded for outstanding leadership. The Endeavour Award from the Micati family recognised the contribution that *Evangelos Patramanis* has made to the school.

*Evangelos Patramanis* was also the recipient of the University of Western Sydney Outstanding Year 11 Student Award. This award is a great honour and attached to an excellence scholarship at the University. The University of Sydney presented an Excellence Award to *Olivia Rowntree* for her academic rigour in Year 10. While *Eroe Piccinin* was the worthy recipient of The ADF Long Tan Award.

The Compass University Ready Award was given to *Marikit Reyes* and The Compass Achievement Award was presented to *Alex Brook*. Smithfield RSL Club rewarded *Vivian Mo* as an Outstanding HSC student.

Westfields Sports and Fairfield Council value the role of volunteers to our school. *Lynelle Micati* was recognised for her outstanding contribution to the P&C and *Floura Binham* and *Shano Bakhtair* were thanked for their generous volunteering through the Compass Program. Presentation evening is an opportunity to celebrate the success of our students but also the Westfields family. The way staff pulled together in a collaborative way contributed to the thrill of the evening.

***Mrs S. Walker***  
***Relieving Deputy Principal***

## PDHPE

Some of you may have heard about the Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey (SPANS) that involves over 100 schools in NSW. I am delighted to announce that our school has been invited to participate. This is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in helping health professionals better understand children's lifestyles such as their physical activity, fitness, food habits and movement skills. A team of specially trained teachers will collect information on almost 8,000 students under the guidance of a research team from the University of Sydney.

Students in selected classes in Years 8 and 10 will bring home information about the study and a consent form. Please read carefully the information statement; if you agree to allow your child to participate, please complete the consent form, and send it back to school as soon as possible. The survey will take place at our school on the Wednesday, 4 February 2015.

Any further information required, please contact me.

***Mr C. Jarvis***  
***Head Teacher PDHPE***

## SCIENCE

On the Wednesday 12 November, 9S1, accompanied by Ms. Vaguez and Ms. Muraro, travelled on an excursion to visit Sydney University. Once we got there, we followed our guide and completed a series of fun activities based on different branches of Science.

I've learnt that if you place a matchbox at arm's length (finger to elbow) away from you on your knees and try to knock it over with just your nose, only girls would be able to succeed. This is because guys have more muscle on their chest while girls have more muscle on their waist. Men would simply topple over or even face plant the ground.

After the activities, we ate lunch and attended a lecture by an actual scientist! His name was Doctor Karl. When the presentation ended we were allowed to ask him any question. It didn't have to be relevant to the presentation; however, I asked him something about it.



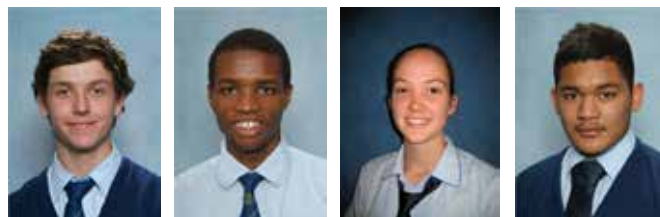
At the end of all the questioning, the organisers of the excursion had to choose what they believed was the best question, which led to the person winning a signed copy of his newest book "House Of Karls". I won it! I got to chat one-on-one with the professor and ask him a couple of more questions that really intrigued and fascinated me. I even got to take a couple of silly pictures with him.

It was an amazing experience that I will never forget and encourage anyone who gets the opportunity to visit the university to snatch it up with big hands.

***Emily Jurac***  
***10S1 Student***

## NSWCHS BLUES PRESENTATION

The annual New South Wales Combined High Schools Presentation held on Friday 5 December, 2014 saw a number of Westfields Sports students honoured with State Blues.



***Ryan Whitley*** - Baseball  
***Andrew Urigwe*** - Basketball  
***Danijela Milisic*** - Basketball  
***Lauren Yager*** - Netball  
***Denzal Tonise*** - Touch Football

Congratulations to these students on their achievements at state level in 2014.

***Mrs J. Kenny***  
***Director of Sport***

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## TUCKER SHIELD INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

The final result of the 2014 inter-house competition was announced during assembly time last Wednesday. The winning house was 'HAYNE' and Mr Davis presented the 'Tucker Shield' to the winning representatives Lilliana Fante and Blake Jackson.



The final table shows Hayne as the winning team followed by Clarke, Kewell and Samuels. Congratulations to all students who participated.

	HOUSE	POINTS
1	Hayne	2628
2	Clarke	2490
3	Kewell	2349
4	Samuels	1739

**Mr C. Jarvis**  
Head Teacher PDHPE

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

On Tuesday 9 December we celebrated the success of most of our outstanding students at the school's annual presentation night at the Club Marconi.

It was great to have students, parents and staff come along to celebrate the successes of our outstanding students.

Special thanks to our school captains, *Victoria and Evan* for being MC's for the evening as well as *Sibel, Tatiana, Kaylee, Anthony, Emily, Izabella, Anthony, Nathan and Lachlan* for their assistance with the organisation before and during the evening. Thank you also to our talented dancers, singers and musicians who performed for us during the evening and *April* for her Acknowledgement of Country

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

7 Blue - *Emilija Mesaroski*, 7 Purple - *Georgia Ivanovic*,  
7 Crimson - *Calan Nichols*, 7 Aqua - *Zeeshaan Ahmed*,  
7 Silver - *Loyal Essa*, 7 Green - *Mahbobeh Hashemi*  
7 Orange - *Olivia Micallef*, 7 Violet - *Johnny Nguyen*  
7 White - *Kennedy Cheav*, 7 Yellow - *Yousef Sawalha*  
Dux of Year 8 - *Johnny Tu*  
Dux of Year 9 - *Sibel Alca*  
Dux of Year 10 - *Eroe Piccinin*  
Dux of Year 11 - *Marikit Reyes*



A great team effort from students and staff all round for a successful evening. We hope those in attendance enjoyed it.

**Ms S.Healy**  
Head Teacher Welfare

## 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 Thursday 15 January, 2015 from 8.30am to 1.30pm and on Tuesday 27 January, 2015 from 8:30am to 12:00pm.

**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



## 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

## 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

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

### Congratulations

- U14 Hockey - Quickstix Hockey Champions
- U16 Hockey - Quickstix Hockey Champions
- *Sarah Ringrose* - National Schools Athletics U16 Hammer Gold Medal
- *Isabelle Lhotka* - National Schools Athletics U14 200m Silver Medal
- *William Graf, Tangirere Hokai, Tuimavave Afualo, Yussuf Rizvi, Dane Oostendorp, Olivia Rowntree, Rua Ngati, Jade Callander* - NewsLocal Junior Sports Star Finalists

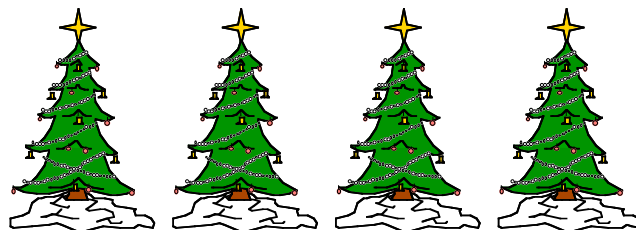
**Mrs J. Kenny**  
Director of Sport

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