

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a very busy start to the term at Westfields Sports.

The Higher School Certificate started on Monday 12 October, and I would like to take this opportunity to again wish all of our Year 12's along with our accelerated students from Years 10 and 11 the best of luck in their final examinations. This is also a stressful time for families of students. Please take the time to support each other and ensure that students have a dedicated study space and are allowed to give their full attention to their examinations.

I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students for completing their mandatory 'crossroads' personal development program in Week 1 and thank Mr Larkin and the dedicated staff involved in delivering this important course.

Year 11 students have been issued with a 'pattern of study' form, which asks them to confirm their HSC courses for 2016. Parents are required to sign this form and have their child return it to school by Friday 23 October.

Our Creative and Performing Arts faculty presents an 'Evening of Dance' on Wednesday 4 November at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta. This event showcases the wonderful talent of our Dance program. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased online or via the Riverside Theatre box office on 8839 3399. I should mention that we have had 24 HSC performances in Dance nominated for callback – an outstanding achievement.

Final invoices have been mailed home. I would like to take this opportunity to remind families with outstanding fees that these must be settled as a matter of urgency. Sporting students who have not paid all fees will be ineligible for representation and if still not financial by the start of 2016, will not be considered part of their sporting program.

On Monday 23 November, Westfields Sports will 'rollover' to the 2016 timetable. Prior to this all students will be issued with clearance forms. Any outstanding equipment needs to be returned at this point including textbooks along with payment of any outstanding subject fees.

Our monthly P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 October. The meeting will start at 6.30pm. We will have Ms Freeman, Head Teacher Secondary Studies in attendance to showcase her role in the school.

Mr D. Barrett
Relieving Principal

16 October 2015

IMPORTANT EVENTS

19/10/2015 - 6/11/2015
HSC Exams

28/10/2015
P&C Meeting
6:30pm

30/10/2015
Year 12 Sign Out
9:00am-12:00pm

Winners
International
Olympic
Committee
Sport and Youth
Trophy 2008



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It has been another very busy and productive beginning to term at WSHS. It is great to have consistency of parents supporting our full school uniform policy. Students are expected to make an effort to present in full uniform, if this is impossible a letter of explanation is required. Our varying weather has meant students are sometimes not dressed suitably for the temperature. Encourage your children to wear raincoats when cold or raining. They are an unnecessary and unhygienic layer during hot sunny days. Students overheat when unsuitably dressed.

Your support in reinforcing sick bay procedure is important. Students are expected to notify sickbay if they are unwell or have an injury. The school rather than your child will notify parents. It is important that we track duty of care of the students when these variations occur. This also saves unnecessary waiting time on your behalf.

A reminder that early leave passes need to be issued early in the day when a permission letter from parents is supplied. Students are to bring a letter signed by the parent or carers to the appropriate Deputy Principal. It is inconvenient for parents to call or drop in expecting a student to be withdrawn at short notice for an early leave.

It was a pleasure to work with our Year 10 students and Compass this week. Our relationship with Compass has been enriched over some years now and is having meaningful impact on our students and university options. It was exciting to witness wonder and curiosity as possibilities were being offered to our Year 10 cohort. This long term planning towards Year 12 choices is a great advantage for our students. Quite a number of our Year 12 Graduates have applied for scholarships at a number of universities after being supported with these Compass initiatives.

Mrs S. Walker
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

2015 ABORIGINAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

These prestigious awards acknowledge outstanding achievements of Aboriginal students and contribution by Aboriginal community members to Aboriginal Education. Students are nominated and applications submitted across some 10 categories

Two students at Westfields Sports High School have been successful in winning awards for 2015.

Brodie Clarkson – for Sporting Achievement

A few of his achievements in this area include:

- Captain of the NSW Futsal team that have competed at the National competition for four years in a row.
- Student has travelled to Barcelona to train with Barcelona FC representing the school, club and the Indigenous communities.

April Foreshew – for Creative and Performing Arts

A few of her achievements in this area include:

- NSW Public Schools State Dance Ensemble 1
- Danced and sang in USA – Florida, Caribbean and New York.
- Will dance in Hong Kong and China – 2016
- Only Year 7 student in the State in the School Spectacular Tap ensemble.

Both April and Brodie are dedicated, hardworking students who are being recognised for their excellence in Aboriginal Education.



Their Awards ceremony will be held at Western Sydney University Bankstown and are to be congratulated on their achievements.

Mr B. Mathison
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning

MUSIC TUITION

Westfields Sports is pleased to offer students extra curricular music tuition in singing, piano, guitar and drums for competitive rates. Students who are interested in learning any of these instruments at school should see either Ms Chipps or Ms Ricapito for a note and further information.

Ms V. Chipps & Ms T. Ricapito
CAPA Faculty

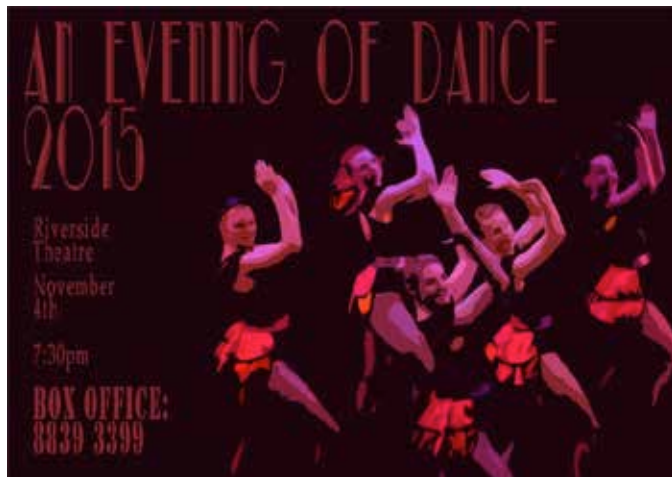
Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

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.

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 C. King
Head Teacher Pedagogy



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

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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

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.

Mr A. Rogers
Deputy Principal

LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS FUNDING

This Australian Government initiative is designed to provide financial assistance for junior sportsmen and women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing in an Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO) state or national sporting championships, or national or state school sport championships and as a member of an official Australian team endorsed by an ASC recognised NSO or School Sport Australia

The grants for individual applicants will be \$500.00. To be eligible to apply, young people must be aged between 12-18 years, be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status, residing in Australia, be living more than 125km from the championship venue and travelling greater than 250km return to compete in state or national level sporting competitions.

An application must be completed and submitted online to the ASC prior to the nominated championship commencing. <http://www.ausport.gov.au/champions>

The next round of applications close on 31 October, 2015. Applicants will be notified between December and January of their outcome.

Mr Chris Bowen MP
Federal Member for McMahon

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

If you have articles of school uniform no longer required and would like to donate them to uniform shop for emergency loan clothing please bring them to the Uniform Shop on Thursdays or the School Office.

Thanking you in anticipation

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

A MESSAGE FROM THE WELFARE TEAM:

If your child has been unwell for a period of time, hospitalised for some reason, or has a member of the family unwell or recently passed away, please let a member of the Welfare team (HT Welfare or Year Advisor) know so that we can support your child whilst they are at school.

The most up to date Welfare team list is as follows:

HT Welfare - Sonia Taylor / Katie Burt
Year 7 - Tate Jones / Wil Brame
Year 8 - Trish Pham / Jagoda Alic
Year 9 - Rosie Awad / Evette Jaajaa
Year 10 - Angela Leone / Sophie Wade
Year 11 - Kate Smith / Roz Farnon
Year 12 - Teresa Ricapito / Angela Kendrijian

Mrs S. Taylor
Head Teacher Welfare



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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2015

	Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.	Maximum Penalty \$425 + 2 Demerit Points
	Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	Penalty \$177 + 2 Demerit Points
	Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.	Penalty \$319 + 2 Demerit Points
	DOUBLE PARKING You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.	Penalty \$319 + 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$319 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$425 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$177 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$531

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2016. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK Congratulations

- *Natalija Pavicevic, Sarah Ringrose, Dominic Darko* - Gold Medals NSW All Schools Athletics Championships
- *Natalija Pavicevic, Paige Merriman, Dominic Darko, Joshua Sanerivi, Tatiana Smith, Riley Butler, Sarah Ringrose* - Silver Medals NSW All Schools Athletics Championships
- *Sophia Dagher, Nicholas Emanouel, James Cluff, Paige Merriman* - Bronze Medals NSW All Schools Athletics Championships

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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