

# WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had three significant events at Westfields Sports over the past few weeks. On Monday 2 November, we had the Head of the Department of Education, Michele Bruniges, spend over two hours with us. She congratulated the school on both our academic and sport achievements and I know all that she saw impressed Michele. On a tour around the school Michele said, "Your school has a fantastic feel about it". This means that the positive learning environment, which we have created at Westfields Sports, is something which visitors are able to pick up on.

Monday night was our "School Blues". What a fantastic night. It is amazing the levels, which some of our students have achieved and listening to the individual citations being read out reinforces the important role we play in helping talented sport students achieve their dreams. This year's competition was probably the closest ever with so many of the students being Australian representatives. Congratulations to Jye Challenor for being named our "Sports Person of the Year". A special thank you to our Director of Sport, Joanne Kenny, not only for a great night, but also for her tireless efforts everyday day of the year to ensure that our Talented Sport Program continues to be the best in Australia.

Wednesday 4 November was our Evening of Dance. This year we returned to the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta. What an incredible night! Every year I am amazed at the exceptional talents of our dancers and yet, every year, the evening gets better and better. Congratulations to Emily Ireland and Michelle Holden and all the others that played a part in bringing the evening together.

On Monday 23 November we commence our annual rollover to the 2016 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 I 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 25 November. As it is the last meeting for the year, our Christmas function will be held at Canley Heights RSL commencing at 6.30pm.

The coming few weeks are a very busy time for our school. Following are some important dates for your diary. Tuesday 17 November – Sport Orientation Night. Thursday 3 December Year 7 Orientation and Tuesday 8 December - Annual Academic Presentation Night at Club Marconi. Our Year 12 students receive their HSC results on Wednesday 16 December and their university ATAR results on Thursday 17 December. We will be holding a morning tea for Year 12 at 10.00am on Thursday 17 to enable them to come back to school one last time to share their results with staff.

13 November 2015

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

17/11/2015

Sports Orientation  
6:30pm

17/11/2015 - 20/11/2015

Year 7  
Swim School

23/11/2015

Roll Over  
Commences

25/11/2015

P&C Meeting  
Canley Heights RSL  
6:30pm

3/12/2015

Year 7  
Orientation Day

8/12/2015

Presentation Night  
Club Marconi  
6:30pm

**Winners**  
**International Olympic Committee**  
**Sport and Youth Trophy 2008**



Mr R. Davis  
Principal

## 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 8 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 a Dux Award for each year from Years 7 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.

**Mrs S. Taylor**  
**Head Teacher Welfare**

## UNIFORM SHOP

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

In addition to these times the shop will be open on Tuesday 17 November from 4:00pm to 6:15pm and Thursday 3 December from 2:30pm to 5:15pm for Orientation Nights.

The shop will also open next year on Thursday 21 and Wednesday 27 January from 8:00am to 1:30pm.

**Mrs J. Stickler**  
**Uniform Shop**

## FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

For all the latest information follow us @WestfieldsSport.



## LOCAL MATTERS AT GRILL'D

Westfields Sports High School has been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill'd Wetherill Park this November.

Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate \$500 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups \$300 / \$100 / \$100.

We'd love your support in receiving the highest \$300 donation! Simply head to Grill'd Wetherill Park during November, for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation.

It's a simple (and delicious) way to show your support!

You'll find us on a jar at Grill'd Wetherill Park, Wetherill Park Shopping Centre 561-583 Polding St Wetherill Park.

**Mr C. King**  
**Head Teacher Pedagogy**

## HALLOWEEN

On Friday 30 October, the Science faculty organised the first themed, Glow in the Dark, Halloween Event. Students were given the opportunity to drink glowing drinks, eat glow worms and jelly, make glow in the dark mouldable goo and temporary tattoos as well as catch ghostly boo bubbles made from dry ice. Throwing a party has never been cooler with a bit of SCIENCE!



Teachers and students who attended enjoyed the atmosphere and were impressed with the eerie transformation made to the Science Laboratory. With the success of the event, the faculty will aim to make it even bigger and better for 2016.

**Miss T. Lam**  
**Science Faculty**

## 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**

## COMPASS

On Wednesday, 9S1 visited Sydney University to participate in the Compass program - STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) day of inquiry.

When we arrived we were introduced and welcomed by a Compass leader, who then introduced mathematician Clio Creswell. At first, many of us were unenthusiastic when we heard that a mathematician was going to be present. When she started presenting however, every single person in the room gave her all their attention. Clio explained maths in a whole different perspective to what we see and think of it as. She described how maths can be used in ordinary objects such as chocolate, and the math behind love.

We participated in two hands on activities. In the first activity, we used radio signals to track animals in the area by using different frequencies that matched the collar that they had on. We also used a microscope to examine a European honeybee.

Our next activity was challenging at first but fun when we got the hang of it. We experimented and played around with different programs to make a controller do different things such as change colour on demand, make noises, and become a cursor.

During lunch Compass volunteers made ice cream on site using liquid nitrogen. It was really cool and tasty; many went back for seconds!

After lunch Dr Karl spoke to us. Everyone knew that he would be an interesting man. He wore a bright yellow top and comic patterned pants! Dr Karl spoke about his achievements and what he had done over the years; it was truly amazing to know how much he has contributed to science and the world. Sure enough Dr Karl was an amusing man, with his 38 books and Mozart playlist we now know why he is one of Australia's most well known and loved science presenters.

On the behalf on 9S1 I think that it's safe to say that we all had an incredible time and we are all keen on studying a STEM subject at Sydney University.

***Madelyn Morris & Lucas Ontivero***  
***Year 9 Students***

## 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***

## CAREERS

During Week 7 some Year 9 students, who have returned their forms are engaging in work experience. I hope they enjoy their week and gain insight into the industry they have chosen.

At the same time Year 10 will be participating in enrichment sessions involving HSC requirements, careers, work ready and study skills. This week is compulsory for all Year 10 students; failure to attend may result in students being unable to start Year 11 in Week 8. Each day will commence at 8.20am and conclude at 1.15pm with the exception of Tuesday, which will conclude at 3.06pm

Each student will need a Medicare card, driver's licence, birth certificate or his or her passport information to participate in some sessions. If all students could have a copy or a photograph of one of these documents in their possession they will be able to participate.

Thanking you for your support with these programs.

***Mrs S. Conneally***  
***Careers Advisor / VET Coordinator***

## PEER SUPPORT LEADERS RECOGNISED

This week our Year 11 Peer Support leaders from 2015 were presented with their certificates of recognition for their commitment to our Year 7 Peer Support program. I would like to thank these students for their leadership during this very important program. Our new Peer Support leaders for 2016 have been identified and will begin their training in the coming weeks.

***Mrs S. Taylor***  
***Head Teacher Welfare***

## 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***

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.

## 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.

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### Congratulations

- Girls Basketball - NSWCHS 15s State Knockout Champions
- Boys Basketball - NSWCHS 15s State Knockout Runners Up
- Boys Cricket - Westfields Sports (202 - *Niran Wijewardene 57*) defeated Trinity College, Lismore (143 - *Ben Hunt 3/38 & Luke Courtney 3/20*)
- Boys Cricket - Westfields Sports (6/256 - *Jack Bray 119 & Daniel Hayes 60*) defeated Kinross Wolaroi, Orange (174 - *Daniel Hayes 3/34*)
- Boys Cricket - NSW All Schools Champions

*Mrs J. Kenny*  
Director of Sport

## 2016 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

On Wednesday 4 November, 2015 the new Student Representative Council were inducted in a special ceremony in the Jim Masterton Stadium.

School Captains : *Brittney Cable & Eroe Piccinin*

Vice Captains : *Laura Truong & Lachlan Talau*

Senior Prefects : *Olivia Rowntree & David Chappuis*

Year 12 : *Sarah Alshammery, Marina Bjelosevic, Ellen Ly, Angela Petrusovic, Ameen Bushter, Blake Jackson, Liam McGing, Luis Realegeno*

Year 11 : *Sibel Alca, Natalie Jejo, Christina McGrath, Tatiana Smith, Tameeka Da Cunha, Angela Stamatiou, Adam Bateup, Odisho Kako, William Patramanis, Niraal Sharma, Anthony Jurac, Harmony Malauulu*

Year 10 : *Tiba Alrahime, Maria Cenic, Reem Dagher, Robinson Le, Lucas Ontivero, Daniel Wilmering*





Year 9 : *Andrijana Aceski, April Foreshew, Angeliqe Hristodoulou, Ameliya O'Leary, Dimitrije Licina, Atutahi Reti, Brandon Stefanovski*

Year 8 : *Gabrielle Hudson, Lily Phan, Ana Vukojicic, Marcos Chandra, Jimmy Gaynor, Aryan Krishan*

*Ms K. Padovan*  
SRC Convener

### 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 <u>must NOT STOP your vehicle</u> at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.	<b>Maximum Penalty</b> <b>\$425</b> <b>+ 2 Demerit Points</b>
	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.	<b>Penalty</b> <b>\$177</b> <b>+ 2 Demerit Points</b>
	Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.	<b>Penalty</b> <b>\$319</b> <b>+ 2 Demerit Points</b>
	<b>DOUBLE PARKING</b> You are <b>NOT PERMITTED</b> to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.	<b>Penalty</b> <b>\$319</b> <b>+ 2 Demerit Points</b>

- 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.

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