

# WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Some of our outstanding performing arts students have been recognised with Callback nominations for their Dance HSC work. This is a prestigious honour and to have 11 nominations is a true reflection of the academic quality that is consistently being produced by the Dance program. If you want to see exactly what a top 1-2% of the state performance in Dance looks like come along to Evening of Dance on Friday 28 October. It is at Casula Power house. Book early as tickets go fast!

In addition to our Dance Callback nominations Dean 'The Rock God' Alic received a nomination for his HSC practical performance. We have all enjoyed Dean's performances at assemblies, music nights and the Year 12 Graduation performance and this recognition is a fitting tribute to his abilities, and to the staff who have put so much time into his development.

Our ATSI team has been very busy around the school. Their mosaic stories set in stepping stones outside A block are the result of workshops where the students were encouraged to express their heritage and stories in artistic form. It is well worth a look. The totems outside the Deputies offices are also worth a look. Three of our ATSI students have been recognised in the 2016 Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards. *April Foreshew, Shadeene Evans, Jada Mathysen* have been recognised for their achievements in Creative arts and Sporting achievements. It is gratifying to see the work of these students recognised outside the school but it is also a reflection of the dedication of our staff and specifically the ATSI team who nominated them for these awards. They will receive their awards on Friday 28 October. Special congratulations to April who has been selected to MC this event. Well done!

As usual the school 'holidays' were a very busy time for many of our sporting programs and staff. Our Dancers were invited to participate in the Director's tour to China. Our students were wonderful ambassadors for their school, Public Education and Australia. Thank you to Ms Fishburn and Ms Holden for the endless work that goes into organising an overseas tour. Our Softball program followed the foul weather to Adelaide and were defeated on a technicality in the final. Our Cricketers were in Canberra and our Year 10 side were victorious. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time for our students to have these experiences.

Mr Larkin and various members of the Westfields Sports staff put together an engaging and relevant Crossroads program for Year 11. This is a mandatory Stage 6 Curriculum requirement for all students in NSW and our students participated in sessions delivered by a variety of external presenters. The presenters spoke highly of our students.

The HSC started on Thursday 13 October. Preparation is the key to success in these examinations and our staff have worked tirelessly to prepare our students for the examinations.

Westfields Sports is a uniform school. Our expectation is that every student is in uniform every day. Students are not permitted to wear non-uniform items to school. This includes jumpers and hats. If students wear these items to school they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the term, or directly to the student's parent. If students are unable to wear the full school uniform they need to bring a note to school and show it to a Deputy Principal in the morning.

The school's Bring Your Own Device Policy (BYOD) governs the usage of mobile phones at school. Students can only use their phones for school related activities at the direction of their teachers. Students cannot use their phones at recess or lunch. Please ensure your children know their responsibilities when using their phones, in particular the usage of the camera. Taking un-authorized pictures of people is inappropriate, and in many cases, illegal. Please ensure your children know what they can and can't do with the devices you, in most cases, pay for and provide.

The P & C meeting is on Wednesday 26 October. Miss Padovan, the SRC co-ordinator will be speaking to the group to outline the leadership opportunities provided at Westfields Sports.

Mr A. Rogers  
Relieving Principal

21 October 2016

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

26/10/2016  
P&C Meeting  
6:30pm

28/10/2016  
Evening of Dance

4/11/2016  
HSC Sign Out  
9:00am-12:00pm

31/10/2016  
Westfields Sports  
Blues Dinner

Winners  
International  
Olympic  
Committee  
Sport and Youth  
Trophy 2008



## HSC OFFICIALLY BEGINS FOR CLASS OF 2017

Year 11 students have just completed the Semester 2 Preliminary Examinations. At this time many students are thinking about course options for the HSC in 2017.

Year 11 students have been issued with an "Application to Study Year 12" form this week. This form seeks information on the pattern of study your child will follow for the HSC. Please take the time to consider your options for 2017. Historically many of the best HSC candidates continue with more than the minimum 10 units for the HSC course. The rationale and research behind this promotes and encourages "best practice". Having more than the minimum number of units acts as an insurance policy if something unforeseen happens in any one particular subject.

I would encourage any students who have questions about HSC courses and requirements to come and see me.

All forms need to be returned to my office by Monday 24 October.

**Mr D. Barrett**  
*Deputy Principal*

## UNIFORM UPDATE

Parents are advised that students wearing non school uniform items of clothing will have that item article of clothing confiscated and stored until the end of term by the school.

Kindly support the school and our uniform policy by ensuring your child is dressed in full school uniform, including leather black shoes, each day.

Any students that have had articles of clothing confiscated last term need to collect them from the front office immediately. All items not collected by Friday 28 October will be donated to charity.

For an outline of the school's uniform refer to the school website.

**Ms D. Zanet**  
*Deputy Principal*

## MUSIC NEWS

HSC Music Examination students can be nominated for Encore for exemplary performances, which is held at Sydney Opera House. This year *Dean Alic* has been nominated for his full program of HSC performances. Congratulations Dean - an outstanding achievement!

**Ms T. Ricapito**  
*CAPA Faculty*

## MUSIC TUITION

**Guitar & Drums Tuition:** Any student interested in learning how to play the drums or guitar with our music tutor, please see Ms Ricapito or Mr Akele for a permission note.

**Singing Tuition:** Any student interested in having singing lessons with our singing teacher, please see Ms Ricapito or Mr Akele for a permission note.

**Ms T. Ricapito & Mr M. Akele**  
*CAPA Faculty*

## DANCE PROGRAM

In Week 9 last term our Year 11 and 12 Dance Program students performed their class item 'Neglected Connection' at the 2016 NSW Public Schools State Dance Festival, Transcendence held at the Seymour Centre. It was an outstanding performance



with our dancers performing and behaving professionally both on and off stage – a credit to the program and the school. Well done dancers!

At the end of Term 3 & during the school holidays, 34 Westfields Sports dancers, Ms Holden and Miss Fishburn spent 12 fantastic days in China visiting Shanghai, Nanjing, Zhengzhou and Beijing. It was an incredible experience to immerse ourselves in a culture very different to Australia. We visited some amazing sites including Shaolin Temple, Tien An Men Square, The Forbidden City, The Great Wall, and travelled at 306km on the bullet train! No one could forget our day at the newly opened Shanghai Disneyland with an unheard of 10 minute wait for rides – we really made the most of it! A trip highlight was our school visits in which students were able to socialise and take class with Chinese students, language barriers disappeared with the joy and excitement of the interaction. We had two big days of rehearsals and performances at which the students performed beautifully and impressed our Chinese audiences, we were even featured in the Chinese Press! It was a fantastic experience for all involved creating memories that will last a lifetime! I must acknowledge the students on tour, your behaviour and willingness to soak up the opportunities that the tour had to offer was outstanding!



HSC Dance students can be nominated for Callback for exemplary performances in all practical components of the Examination. This year our students received 11 Callback nominations! Congratulations to *Tarni Basalo, Isabella Begue, Lilliana Fante and Jade Huggins* for your nominations.

**Ms R. Fishburn**  
*CAPA Faculty*



## PARENTS: WE VALUE YOUR INPUT!

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me surveys with a particular focus on student engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online. It will take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will close on the 21st October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

Please click on the following link to complete the survey:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/wshs>

**Ms A. Leone**  
*Head Teacher Secondary Studies*

## PROCEDURE FOR LATE STUDENTS

Due to the recent increase in student lateness, the following procedure was implemented as of Monday, Week 1 Term 4. This is in conjunction with the existing late practises.

1. Student presents to the Late Window and hands ID card to HT Administration.
2. HT Administration records student name and the number of minutes late, which will be owed.
3. HT Administration then hands the Student ID card to SASS staff for swiping.
4. ID Card is then returned to the student.
5. HT Administration then issues a Yellow Lateness Detention Slip indicating the length of the detention owed in minutes.
6. Any student who does not present for detention at RECESS will be issued with an After School Detention for failure to attend. Parents will be informed as per the After School Detention Policy.
7. At RECESS, students will present to B80 and stay for the number of minutes indicated, to a maximum of 15 minutes. Students will be supervised by the HT Administration.

Any student who is late 2 times in a week will receive an automatic negative referral.

Any student who is late 3 times in a week will be issued with an After School Detention and placed on a late card for 10 days.

Any student who is late 10 times in a term will be issued with an After School Detention.

**Miss R. Freeman**  
*Head Teacher Administration*

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## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to the following students on the completion of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards this week. These students have been working consistently throughout the past few years. They have spent time learning new skills, demonstrating growth in physical fitness as well as volunteering in their local communities. All students have also spent valuable time on expeditions - learning navigational, leadership and teamwork skills. This is a prestigious award that recognises their efforts. I encourage all other students who are currently working on their award to get this completed as soon as possible. We are looking forward to the next hikes 23 - 25 October for Silver Hike, 13 - 18 November for the Gold Hike and 11 - 12 December for the Bronze Hike.

**Congratulations to Silver Awardees :** *Sibel Alca, Raffael Tembeleski, Chris Tembeleski, Linda Nguyen, Trysten Stanmore, Caitlyn Glasson, Eroe Piccinin, Daniel Harrison, Xavier Da, Christina McGrath, Shannon Kenmare.*



**Congratulations to Bronze Awardees :** *Robinson Le, Eric Nguyen, Huy Truong, Maria Cenic, Tiera Larrondo, Shehan Dhanapala, Charli Watts*



**Miss R. Freeman**  
*Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator*

## 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*

## 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**

## 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 SPORTS DESK

### Congratulations

- Sarah Ringrose, Yadin Ngeng (2) - Gold Medals NSW All Schools Athletics Championships
- Annelise Isaacs - Silver Medal NSW All Schools Athletics Championships
- Tyson Isakka, Sophia Dagher, James Cluff, Larry Adeniran, Sarah Ringrose - Bronze Medals NSW All Schools Athletics Championships
- Girls 15s Netball - Westfields Sports defeated Picton HS 42-1, Camden HS 45-7, Cecil Hills HS 36-1, Macquarie Fields HS 31-0 & Leumeah HS 24-6
- Girls 15s Basketball - Westfields Sports defeated Temora HS 45-22
- Boys 15s Basketball - Westfields Sports defeated Deniliquin HS 63-16
- Year 8 Boys Football - Westfields Sports defeated Mamre College 1-0 in WSW Cup Final

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



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## 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**

Skoolbag 

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