

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Dance program on an outstanding Evening of Dance on Friday 28 October. The performances reflected the drive and dedication that are the hallmarks of this program. Thank you to Ms Holden and Ms Fishburn for your on-going commitment to your students.

On Monday 31 October Westfields Sports held its annual Sportsperson of the Year Awards. This is the pinnacle of sporting recognition at this school. We were honoured to have Australian Netball Diamond and former student Kristiana Manu'a return to speak to the students. Her message of drive and determination resonated with all present. The Sportsperson of the Year was awarded to Blake Jackson from the Softball Program. Blake has been a strong leader within the program and has achieved selection in the Australian U19 Men's team that recently played in the US. His overall attitude and commitment make him a most worthy recipient of this award. The list of Blues recipients for this year reflected the enormous depth of talent at this school and the dedication of coaches and parents to allow students to achieve their potential

Westfields Sports has highly dedicated first aid officers who are trained to deal with emergencies and injuries to students in the course of their daily activities at school. They are not nurses who are able to care for and treat ongoing injuries or illness. If your child is sick, please keep them at home. Our sick bay facilities are limited and students who attend school while sick are likely to make those around them sick.

We have unfortunately had some complaints from residents in the side streets about parent and student parking. Please ensure that parked vehicles do not block driveways. It is also timely to remind parents that there is to be no parent vehicle entry to the school at any time.

The local shopping centre provides the community with a valuable service, but causes the school no end of headaches. Students congregate in the area of a morning and afternoon and, unfortunately, sometimes engage in anti-social activities. Please support the school by directing your children to avoid the local shops and to come directly into school in the morning.

Student Opal Cards entitle students to free transport to and from school. Drivers have been instructed by the Ministry of Transport to only allow students to use Opal Cards from designated school bus stops. The stops for our school are either in the bus bay or directly outside the school on Hamilton Road. Student Opal Cards will also be 'de-activated' for the period of the school holidays. Students will need to keep their cards for 2017.

For parents new to Westfields Sports we will be beginning the 2017 timetable on Monday 21 November. This is called 'Rollover' and provides students an opportunity to settle into new classes and to 'hit the ground running' in the new year. Students will need new books for rollover.

This week Westfields Sports said farewell to one of its longest serving coaches. Fred O'Connor coached athletics for 25 years at Westfields Sports and in that time coached Olympians, World, National and State champions and left everyone who met him a better person for the experience. Fred was an Olympic standard athlete himself who simply wasn't able to afford the money to go to the 1948 Olympics (athletes had to pay their own way!). He served his country in WW2, won a first grade Rugby League premiership with Newtown, played first grade in Cricket, Soccer, Basketball and AFL and ran 10 seconds for the 110 yard (100m) sprint! An amazing man by any standard and one that has made Westfields Sports a better place for his presence. I wish Fred all the best for the future.

Mr A. Rogers
Relieving Principal

4 November 2016

IMPORTANT EVENTS

10/11/16
Year 12 Sign Out
9.00am-12.00pm

14/11/16
Sport Orientation
6.30pm

15/11/16
Year 12 Formal

21/11/16
2017 Rollover
Commences

Winners

International Olympic Committee

Sport and Youth Trophy 2008



DUKE OF EDINBURGH PROGRAM

Our Silver Duke of Edinburgh Group went to the Blue Mountains National Park for their Silver Test Hike from 23 to 25 October. We had a great group of Year 9 students join us in lieu of their previous hike. All staff were impressed by the students' teamwork, leadership and developing navigational skills. This group of students were outstanding role models for our school. Congratulations on completing the adventurous journeys and best of luck in finalising their Silver level.



On Sunday 23 October the Silver Dukes students and some of the Bronze team met at Granville Train station and travelled to Katoomba to walk the Six Foot Track from the Silver Test Hike. There were three groups, Team Lit, Team Dubstep and Team Hot Dogs. We explored new countryside, saw an echidna, kangaroos, goannas and lizards and even got to experience the long Swing Bridge over the Cox's River.

There were many tears on the final 2km of mountainous stairs but when everyone finished we felt a great sense of accomplishment. Many thanked Miss Wade for her singing and Castle quotes over the radio. We also thanked Miss Freeman and Miss Tamp for their inspiring words and Mr Bennett for his endless jokes. We were very grateful to Mr Scholz for bringing the bus to pick us up. Overall it was one of the best experiences any of us has ever had.



At the assembly on Wednesday in Week 5 we will be opening the Bronze Program for 2017. Students will be able to collect an entry form at recess on Wednesday 9 November. It will be the first 30 students to hand their note and money into the front office. We have to restrict numbers due to size of campsites. Looking forward to another great year in 2017!



Ms R. Freeman
Head Teacher Administration

LIBRARY MATTERS

Due to the generosity of the Maths Faculty, the library has recently expanded the number and variety of board games available for students to play during recess and lunch.

We purchased games that would appeal to both boys and girls, and be suitable for a wide range of learning abilities, as they offer mind-enriching opportunities as well as develop analytical abilities and critical thinking skills. Most of all they are fun, and as a result the library has become a very popular place to be during recess and lunch!



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 B. Barrett
Deputy Principal

LOST PROPERTY

Once again a large amount of lost property has been gathered at the front office - including joggers, football boots, school uniform items and other items of clothing.

These items will be held until the end of Week 6, and then any unclaimed articles will be donated to charity.

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

HOMEWORK CENTRE

Supporting Student Learning Beyond the Classroom

Westfields Sports Homework Centre operates three afternoons a week in the school Library. The Homework Centre runs Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday from 3:06pm to 4:15pm.

Experienced teachers who can assist students with their homework and school assignments operate the Homework Centre. Homework is seen as a vital part of learning and students can expect to have either assignments or homework in each of their subjects.

Homework refers to tasks assigned to students by their teachers to be completed outside of the classroom. Common homework assignments may include a quantity or period of reading, writing, problems to be solved, a school project to be built or other skills to be practiced.

Policies & Procedures

The Homework Centre is especially beneficial to those students looking for a quiet place to concentrate on their learning outside of their home or to those seeking help with a particular homework problem of their assignments.

Students are required to sign in to the Homework Centre before entering the Library and will be supervised until 4.15pm, then will be escorted off school premises by one of the supervising teachers. Students are also required to maintain school rules and expectations, work quietly and use the library resources respectfully and appropriately.

For more information please contact the Learning Centre on (02) 9604 3333.

Mr C. King
Head Teacher Pedagogy

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 R. McKeough
Deputy Principal

TRAVEL PASSES FOR 2017

Opal Network

Students are to keep their School Opal Cards for travel in 2017. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in term one. Current School Opal Cards can be updated with changes of school, home address or operator.



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SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR & BLUES DINNER

Westfields Sports held its Annual Sportsperson of the Year and Blues Presentation Dinner at St Johns Park Bowling Club on Monday 31 October, 2016.

The following students were awarded Sporting Blues for 2016 : *Connor Marsh - Australian Football, Yadin Ngeng & Annelise Isaacs - Athletics, Shane Kelleher - Baseball, Dragan Elkaz & Natalia Beaumont - Basketball, Luke Courtney - Cricket, Domenic Nascimben & Lauren Featherstone - Football, Cassidy Ercole - Gymnastics, Yussuf Rizvi & Liana Smith - Hockey, Olivia Rowntree - Netball, Dylan Valeni - Rugby, Tuimavave Afualo - Rugby League and Blake Jackson & Tayla Noble - Softball.* Congratulations to all Blues recipients on their achievements in 2016.



Shane Kelleher - Baseball, Domenic Nascimben - Football, Tuimavave Afualo - Rugby League and Blake Jackson - Softball were the final nominees for Sportsperson of the Year. Congratulations to *Blake Jackson* who was announced as the 2016 Sportsperson of the Year at the conclusion of the evening.



A special mention to *Wil Brame - Rugby, Steven Hales - Rugby League, Rob Brown - Sports Psychology and Elena Spiroski - Tennis* who received Service to Sport Awards and *Roger Davis* who was awarded Life Membership for "Innovation and Best Practice"

Thank you to *Lani Johnson* who performed the MC duties for the evening.

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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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
Administration Office

MOBILE PHONES

A reminder to all parents that students are **not** permitted to use their mobile phones at school, unless under the instruction of a teacher.

In the case of emergencies parents/caregivers are asked to call the office.

Should your child be ill and be required to be picked up from school, you will be contacted by a member of our office staff.

نذكر كافة أولياء الأمور ومقدمي الرعاية الكرام بأن المدرسة لن تسمح باستعمال الموبايل فوف (Mobile Phones) من قبل الطلبة في المدرسة إلا إذا كان إستعمالها تحت إشراف الأساتذة.

في حالات الطوارئ يطلب من أولياء الأمور ومقدمي الرعاية الاتصال بإدارة المدرسة.

وفي حالة إذا كان إبنكم \ إبنتم مريضاً أو ترغبون لأستصحبهم معكم الي البيت ، سوف يتم الاتصال بكم من قبل إدارة مدرستنا.

Ms D. Zanet
Deputy Principal

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

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Congratulations

- SHS Plate Cricket - Westfields Sports 4/182 (Ethan Jamieson 76, Bilal Abbasi 41) defeated Hunter SHS 6/181 (Chris Atlagic 2/19, Bilal Abbasi 2/25)
- Davidson Shield Cricket - Westfields Sports 8/266 (Creedence King 88, Dane Twining 40) defeated Hunter SHS 10/189 (Rhys Ward 3/33, Koby Layton 3/33, Anirban Maitra 3/35)
- Girls 15s Basketball - Westfields Sports defeated Asquith HS 49-33, Karabar HS 44-34, Byron Bay HS 63-41, Lithgow HS 48-30 (SF)
- Boys 15s Basketball - Westfields Sports defeated Richmond HS 69-55, Byron Bay HS 77-49, West Wyalong HS 92-45 (SF)
- Girls 15s Basketball - NSWCHS State Knockout Runners Up (52-53 Asquith HS)
- Boys 15s Basketball - NSWCHS State Knockout Runners Up (53-83 Sydney Boys HS)

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport



Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. To install it, just search for our school name "Westfields Sports High Fairfield West" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store

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