

WestNews

A Journal of Westfields Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We were extremely fortunate to have two of our most famous former students; Michael and Kyly Clarke visit our school on Tuesday. They both spoke really positively about their time at Westfields and reinforced a couple of key messages that I hope the students took on board. The first was that it is a waste of time trying to compare yourself to others. The important thing is to concentrate on being the best that you can be. Both Michael and Kyly emphasised the importance of setting goals and then having the determination and desire to follow through to achieve those goals. They also spent time with the students taking selfies so lots of our students will have prized photos of themselves with the Clarkes.

Thank you to all parents who have paid outstanding school fees over the past three weeks. A reminder to those who have not, school contributions, subject fees and sport fees are all now overdue. If you are having trouble paying the full amount, please contact the school and we will make arrangements to pay these fees by instalment.

Term 2 is a vital term for all students in relation to their studies. Semester 1 exams have been completed and students should be focusing on completing all set class work and homework to the best of their ability. A regular program of study and revision is also essential if students are to reach their potential. I expect that students in Years 7 and 8 would be spending 60 minutes completing study and homework every night. Students in Years 9 and 10, 90 minutes and students in Years 11 and 12, 2-3 hours per night. Year 12 students only have six school weeks until their Trial HSC and they should have already commenced their study for these important exams.

Our Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Night is on Tuesday 7 June. All bookings for this event are online. A letter, which contains instructions and also your families code required to access the online bookings will be sent home in the next few days. We will also be sending a reminder SMS message in the week prior to Parent Teacher night.

I am sure that you are aware that our Talented Sports Program runs without any financial assistance from either the Government or the Department of Education. In fact, we rely heavily on sponsorship and donations to run our sports programs. As I mentioned in previous editions of Westnews, we have a fund set up with the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) which enables parents or community members to make tax deductible donations. Our project is registered with the ASF to purchase equipment for our weights room which enables all donations of \$2.00 and over to be tax deductible. If you are interested, the information is available from our website or by contacting the school for a fact sheet and donation form. Our sports students would certainly appreciate your support.

*Mr R. Davis
Principal*

20 May 2016

IMPORTANT EVENTS

25/5/2016
P&C Meeting
6:30pm

31/5/2016
Cross Country
Carnival

Winners
International
Olympic
Committee
Sport and Youth
Trophy 2008



ITALY / SPAIN CULTURAL TOUR

The Italy/Spain Cultural Tour wasn't your ordinary excursion. For two weeks, 26 students travelled to Europe to explore and indulge in the amazing culture of both Italy and Spain. We learnt by being present at the most famous points of history. We broadened our horizons and allowed for new experience, which has definitely been empowering and memorable. Starting our European expedition, we left Sydney Airport and arrived in Spain 24 hours later. During our stay in Spain, we stayed in the two major capitals, Barcelona and Madrid. In Barcelona we travelled around the city, learning about the great Spanish Architect Gaudi and his intrinsic and symbolic designs. The most extravagant building of his conception was the "La Sagrada Familia", a famous Spanish church that is still undergoing construction to this very day. We had the opportunity to visit the iconic sporting centres of Barcelona, including the FC Barcelona Stadium and the Barcelona Olympic Grounds. We then progressed to Madrid by bullet train and watched an authentic Flamenco dance as exposure to the Spanish 'night life'. Madrid is home to many political and artistic establishments, as well as the home ground to Real Madrid FC. Being in Spain has opened our perceptions to different conventions across the world. As a group we were cognisant of the big differences between Australian and European culture, and were eager to learn more as we prepared for our descent into Italy.

Arriving in Milan we passed through Verona, home of the iconic Romeo and Juliet balcony where we also indulged in our very first Italian gelato, to which nothing would compare. By boat, we entered Venice, a stunning city surrounded by water, connected by hundreds of bridges. We visited the main square of Venice that contained an abundance of pigeons, which would sooner or later be consumed by residents and tourists. During our stay in Venice, we had the luxury of participating in a gondola ride and bear witness to the beauty of Venice. Florence was the next stop on our route across Italy. There we saw one of the most iconic figures in Italian art, "The Statue of David" along with traditional places of worship. The trip concluded with Rome, where we packed as much sightseeing as possible. While in Rome, we dedicated a day to Pompeii and revelled in the strong history that has been excavated through the years. The remainder of the trip focused on the most famous landmarks that define Italy, The Colosseum, The Pantheon, The Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. We ended the trip with an evening visit of the Colosseum which was a perfect ending to the trip.



For all that attended, we have gained so much knowledge of the greater world and are appreciative to have been given this opportunity to travel at a young age with people who have become great friends. On behalf of all students and parents, we would like to acknowledge and praise the efforts of Ms Ayas, Mrs Zappia, Mr Martin and Ms Avery for their impeccable organisation and their dedication to ensuring our safety, as well as ensuring that all had a good time. We are truly grateful and hope to have a 10-year reunion in the future.

Monica Liu & Eroe Piccinin

FOOTBALL PROGRAM NEWS

Last week Westfields Sports High School played Endeavour Sports High School program Round 3 of the Puma Cup & Puma Trophy. Both teams recorded 5-0 victories. The wins now see them progress to the finals on 31 August at Valentine Sports Park.

Both Bill Turner Cup (Boys) and Bill Turner Trophy (Girls) teams have been busy preparing for defending their titles and due to start playing matches in early June.

Jacob Maniti is currently overseas with the Phillipine National U14 team

Well done to *Ellie Carpenter and Princess Ibini* for being identified for the recent Matildas Camp. Also, *Ramy Najjarine* who will be away with Joeys next week.



On Monday 6 June Westfields Sports Football Program will be conducting our King Park Primary football trials for primary school students. Anyone with an interested sibling please contact front office for an application to trial.



Mr K. Babington
Football Director

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is available to our students on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7.30am - 8:30am in the Alfresco area at the back of D block. For a gold coin donation, students can have cereal, toast, a piece of fruit and a juice popper. This is definitely value for money and we would much rather students be having a nutritious breakfast at school than eating junk food at the plaza to start their day.

Mrs S. Taylor
Head Teacher Welfare

ATHLETICS PRESENTATION

Westfields Athletics held its annual end of season presentations at the St Johns Park Bowling Club on 4 May. Special Guests were Kitty Ciller (Australia's Chef de Mission for the Rio Olympics), Dani Samuels (World Discus Champion) and Carlos de Abreu (Brazilian Consul General).

Major award winners were: Athletes of the Year – *Christie Baker and Hayden Kovacic*, Junior Athletes of the Year – *Dominic Darko and Sarah Ringrose*, Sports Factory Club Athletes of the Year – *Praneesh Chand and Taneka Osgood*, Roger Green Memorial Award – *Taneka Osgood*.

Best in their event disciplines were: *Yadin Ngeng, Hayden Kovacic, Isabelle Lhotka, Hayley Butler, Riley Butler, Natalija Pavicevic, Laura Martino, Matt Outzen, Sarah Ringrose, Christie Baker, Paige Merriman, Anthony Fediakov, and Brett Mathison*. Winter Season Athletes of the Year were *Anthony Fediakov and Paige Merriman*.

The Adhemar Ferreira da Silva Scholarship (all expenses paid trip to Rio de Janeiro for athlete and coach) to compete in the Olympic test event for the Rio Olympics went to ex-student *Hayden Kovacic*. Life membership for 10 years service was awarded to *Hayden Kovacic*.



Rosemary Mula, Award Sponsor and Carlos de Abreu, Brazilian Consul General present Hayden Kovacic with The Adhemar Ferreira da Silva Scholarship

Breaking News: *Hayden Kovacic* has just represented Westfields at the Olympic Test event in the Olympic Stadium in Rio de Janeiro. He won his heat of the 100m in a new PB of 10.36, came fourth in the semi-final with another PB of 10.35 and finished eighth in the final. His first International competition ever !!

On the same night half way across the World in Beijing at the first Diamond League Grand Prix of the year also competing for Westfields were our two World Champions Dani Samuels and Fabrice Lapierre. Dani finished 2nd against the strongest possible opposition (every contender for the Olympic medals in Rio were in her event). She threw a brilliant 67.77m, which is her second best throw ever. Fabrice also finished 3rd with a jump of 8.09m, although his season best is 8.25m.

Mr D. Suchy
Athletics Director

LIBRARY MATTERS

This May, we are excited to celebrate Library and Information week, which takes place from 23 May to 29 May 2016. This important annual event aims to raise the profile of libraries and the invaluable information service they provide to students and the wider community. Every year, Westfields Sports Library is proud to embrace the event, and 2016 is no different. Celebrating this year's theme of 'Discover More', Westfields Sports Library took to the 'streets', asking students 'What have you discovered about yourself through books?'. The quantity and quality of responses received from students were absolutely amazing, highlighting the impact that reading has had on their lives. Below is a sample of the responses:



'That there are always going to be challenges in life'

'That I actually like to read'

'It takes time to discover who you really are'

'Having millions of friends is not a miracle. A miracle is having friends that will stand by you'

'That I can escape life through reading'

'I have learnt to live'

'To never give up. I just keep smiling'

To read all of the fantastic responses please visit the 'Tree of Discovery' display located in the library.

Ms M. Zacheo
Teacher Librarian

YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

Our next round of vaccinations for those in Year 7 who returned their completed vaccination consent cards is next Tuesday 24 May. If your son or daughter was absent from school on the first vaccination day in March, but had returned their consent card, they will begin their course of vaccinations on Tuesday. All students who have returned consent cards will be vaccinated. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs S. Taylor
Head Teacher Welfare

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

WELFARE TEAM CHANGES

A couple of staffing changes have recently taken place in the Welfare Team.

Mrs Aylett is relieving as Year 11 Advisor with Ms Tamp as her Assistant.

Mrs Jones (Year 8 Advisor) has gone on maternity leave and in her absence, Ms Bennett and Ms Kendirjian will be taking care of Year 8.

Mrs S. Taylor
Head Teacher Welfare

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 A. Rogers
Deputy Principal

UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING HOURS

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

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

ATHLETICS TRIVIA NIGHT

The Westfields Athletics Program is hosting a Trivia Night fundraiser at Cabramatta Leagues Club on Saturday 4 June, 2016 at 6.30pm.

Entry is \$10.00 per person and all are welcome. There are \$7000 in prizes to be won.

If you wish to attend and support our athletes see Janet Stickler in the Front Office or Mr Suchy.



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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Congratulations

- Puma Cup Football - Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS 5-0
- Puma Trophy Football - Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS 5-0
- Buckley Shield Rugby League - Westfields Sports defeated Matraville SHS 60-6
- Lion Cup Australian Football - Westfields Sports defeated Picnic Point HS 106-14
- Catherine Tevaga - NSWCHS 15s State Netball Representatives
- Natalia Beaumont, Renee Muaulu, Raijeli Tanuku, Binta Salawu - NSWCHS State Basketball Representatives
- Daniel Blachura, Alex Gollan, Aidan Munford, Dominic Nascimben - NSWCHS State Football Representatives
- Kalolaine Aukafolau & Catherine Tevaga - NSWCHS All Schools State Netball Representatives
- John-Wesley Boath-Moana, Jacob Bristowe, Joel Divertie, Terry Fanuloa, Lisiate Finau, Dylan Valeni - NSWCHS State Rugby Representatives
- Brenton Doyle-O'Donnell, Kerei Ranginui, Patrick Reynolds, Terence Toomata, - NSWCHS State Rugby Representatives

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport



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