FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A reminder that the next Parents and Citizens Meeting is on Wednesday 26 March at 6.30pm. This meeting is our AGM so it is very important in electing your executive for the next 12 months. I look forward to seeing lots of parents there to support your sons and daughters with their education.

Another friendly reminder about the payment of fees and contributions. We need any outstanding amounts to be paid by the end of the term so that we can purchase all of the resources that we need to continue to provide a quality education for your sons and daughters. I would like to thank those parents who have already either paid their fees in full or have contacted the school to organise a payment by instalment plan.

Examinations for our senior students are just around the corner. Year 12 Half Yearly exams commence on Monday 31 March and for all other years at the beginning of Term 2. I expect that all of our senior students have their study timetables organised and that they are already spending between two and three hours each night preparing for these exams. The NSW HSC Online at http://hsc.csu.edu.au/, the Board of Studies at http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/, and the Board of Studies Assessment and Resource Centre at http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/ are all very valuable study aids as they contain summaries, past papers, questions and answers, study guides and tips, worked examples and marking criteria and guidelines for the HSC. They should be placed on the list of favourites for every senior student and used frequently to assist the students with their study.

To assist our senior students with their study, the library is open at 7.30 am every morning with staff on duty to assist with research and study. In addition, the Homework Centre is open on a Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday afternoon in the library from 3.15pm – 4.15 pm. Two members of staff who are available to assist students with their research and study supervise the Homework Centre. I would highly recommend this to our senior students, especially those who do not have access to the Internet at home or those who know that they are easily distracted from study by television, social media or computer games.

On Tuesday morning we had 103.2, Hope Radio, broadcasting live from school. DJs Aaron and Dan took on some of our students at a number of sporting challenges and Blessah and Aimee performed a great live rendition of “Eye of the Tiger”. In addition we had a number of the former students including Marcus Ibaceta, Dani Samuels, Heather Garriock and Christie Chamberlain who all spoke extremely highly about our school. All in all, a very uplifting occasion and wonderful publicity for the school.

Mr R Davis
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Wednesday 12 March was “Shave for a Cure and Crazy Hair Day”. Ms Spiroski and the SRC raised money for cancer awareness. The SRC raised a total $3000, which was $1000 more than last year. Congratulations must go out to staff and students that got involved.

Year 7 students deserve congratulations for their efforts in completing reading cards. Students since the start of the term have been issued with reading cards. The reading card is a great way for both teachers and parents to monitor the reading activity of your child, as it requires teachers and parents to sign off on each entry. I would encourage you to please get on board with this initiative.

“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body”
Sir Richard Steele

Paul Wade, joined by former student Georgia Rowntree, continue to kick GOALS with refugee students at Westfields Sports. This program, aimed at leadership and teamwork will continue for another two weeks.

WELFARE UPDATE

During the past week, Year 7 have focused on taking a stand against bullying and violence.

In their second peer support session they focused on bullying and were all given a wristband to wear for the week supporting the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence” on Friday 21 March.

Year 7 spent time in English making anti-bullying posters, which will be displayed around the school, and Ms Freeman (Year Advisor) spoke to them on assembly about bullying.

The week concluded with most of the Year 7 cohort attending a Brainstorm production titled “Verbal Combat”.

We hope this week long focus will see Year 7 being more mindful of their actions around school and ensure they treat fellow students as they would like to be treated.

YEARS 8 OZ TAG GALA DAY

On the Monday 24 February, Year 8 participated in an Oz Tag Gala Day, which proved to be successful for most students. The houses, Clarke, Hayne, Kewell and Samuels were split into small groups within each house, to allow more than one game at once.

What we learnt:

• “I learnt the importance of teamwork and team spirit, while also discovering that if you help out, you make a difference.” - Abbey Waters

• “I learnt more about teamwork and how it’s more productive, making the game more fun.” - Priscilla Won

• “I think a major letdown is when teammates don’t participate, but when we have big games like these, you have no choice but to help out!” - Limur Ishtar Zaia

All three of us are in Samuels, and although we did not prove to be victorious, we showed leadership, sportsmanship and most importantly, friendship, as did Hayne and Kewell who also tried very hard to achieve their goals. We would like to congratulate the winner Clarke! Hooray!

In the end we would just like to congratulate and thank each person who participated and showed consideration to his or her team. It is not the easiest thing to be with other people you don’t normally speak to and play a game straight away.

We would also, on behalf of Year 8, like to thank Mr. Rixon for organising this fantastic day.

MR S. Rixon
PDHPE Teacher

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AT WESTIFIELDS

On Monday 17 March Westfields Sports High School hosted the Training with the Pro's Clinic for primary schools in the Sydney South West region. The clinic was run in conjunction with Major League Baseball, Baseball Australia, Baseball NSW and the MLB Alumni.

Over 100 students enjoyed a spectacular sunny day on the Westfields Sports oval where they were coached and guided through a range of skill based fun and enjoyable activities. Students were given the opportunity to participate in activities including home run derby, base running, pitching, hitting and positional awareness.

The day was overall a success with positive feedback from students, parents and teachers. A special thank you must go out to the 23 Westfields baseball and softball program students who helped in the set-up and running of the day.

MR C. King
Baseball Convener
ESL VISIT THE ROCKS

On Friday 14 March some of the ESL students had an excursion to The Rocks. Once we got there, we met at Cadman's Cottage, where we met our tour guide whose name was Willy. He organised a presentation, which was called The Rocks Dreaming. Willy made the day very exciting. He has an Aboriginal background and it was fascinating to hear him explain their traditions and to also know that he loves learning about other cultures. He told us that he could speak 4 different Aboriginal languages, plus English, German and French. It was inspirational to see how enthusiastic and proud of his background he was.

During the day, he took us to different places at The Rocks and he discussed how Aboriginals lived before the European settlers. While visiting different places, he showed us plants and the purposes they were used for. It was interesting to find out about the beliefs and traditions that Aboriginals practised 180 years ago.

We also visited a Museum where we got to see the tools and materials, which Aboriginals used to hunt with.

At the end of the tour, some of the Year 11 and 12 students volunteered to experience dancing to the Aboriginal rhythms. This was fun to watch!

At the conclusion of the presentation, we tried some meals from the markets at The Rocks. It was an interesting day as we expanded our knowledge about Aboriginal culture.

Mr M. Grace
Relieving Head Teacher LOTE

TUCKER SHIELD HOUSE ACTIVITES – UPDATE

Hayne has overtaken Clarke as leader of the Inter-House Competition.

Recent events have been:
• Year 12 Blood Donation
• Year 7 Mathletics
• Year 9 Mathletics

Updated pointscore is:
Hayne: 611 points
Clarke: 604 points
Kewell: 546 points
Samuels: 448 points

Mr C. Jarvis
PDHPE Head Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP

Any students interested in purchasing a school Blazer for the colder months will need to go to the uniform shop on Thursday for sizing with a $20.00 deposit.

A bulk order will be placed within the next two weeks.

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Information for parents

Our school is taking part in a pilot of the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things.

The survey is completed on-line and will be run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

The survey is anonymous to protect students’ privacy. Students will be provided with a secure log-in and password. The school will not see the responses from individual students. The survey takes around 30 minutes to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours.

If you do not want your child/children to take part in the survey, please call the office on 96043333 by Monday 24 March, 2014.

Surveys will be conducted at school during Week 9.

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.

The next workshop In your area will be held:

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FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL
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LIVE BROADCAST

On Tuesday 18 March Hope Radio conducted a live broadcast from the front of our school.

There were many highlights throughout the morning with DJ’s Dan and Aaron interviewing Mr Davis and Mr Suchy along with a host of former students including World Champion Dani Samuels, School Chaplain Tony Hoang, Dux of 2012 Marcus Ibaceta and Matilda Heather Garriock.

The 2013 winners of “Westfield’s Got Talent” – Aimee and Blessah also performed to an appreciative audience. It was a wonderful morning of highlighting the sporting, creative arts and academic successes of our school.

Many thanks to Hope FM 103.2 for visiting us and portraying our school in such a positive light.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations :

- Madison Bennett, Ebony Frost, Alexa Lemus, Danijela Milisic, Dijana Milisic, Renee Muaulu, Binta Salawu, Nadine Wannous & Jelena Zekanovic - SSW Girls Basketball Representatives
- Aaron Borich, Nicholas Conditsis, Jordan Edwards, Danijel Elkaz, Dragan Elkaz, Jayden Gibbese, Ben Schacht & Andrew Urigwe - SSW Boys Basketball Representatives
- Boys Basketball - SSW Regional Champions
- Michael Buettner Shield RL - Westfields Sports defeated Hunter SHS 14-10 & The Hills SHS 26-0
- Chase Stanley Cup RL - Westfields Sports defeated The Hills SHS 30-0 & Hunter SHS 26-6
- Brendan Smith - NSW All Schools Cricket Representative
- Robson Shield Rugby - Westfields Sports defeated Prairiewood HS, Endeavour HS & drew with The Hills SHS
- Davidson Shield T20 Cricket - Westfields Sports (7/103) defeated Endeavour SHS (8/98)
- Tarni Basalo, Clarissa Ibaceta, Riley Gerstner, Jean-Pierre Ivanic, Calan Nichols, Alyce O’Brien, Sinisa Pavlovic, Corey Sainsbury & Madeline Scullino - SSW Individual Swimming Representatives
- Open Netball - SSW Regional Champions

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.

Early Leavers

The Deputy Principal prior to issuing the pass must validate all requests for your child to leave school early. You must include your contact details (mobile & home phone numbers) on the leave request.

Westfields Sports are proud to be supported by: