FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that everyone has had a safe and relaxing break and is ready for the challenges that lie ahead. We have had a very busy start to the term with students from all years completing half yearly exams. Staff will be marking exams and commencing the report writing process in the coming weeks. Our first Parent – Teacher Night for students in Years 11 and 12 is on Tuesday 3 June from 3.30 – 5.30 pm. It is an excellent time for parents to check on their sons and daughters progress up to and including the half yearly exams so I hope that you put this date in your calendar. This year we have moved to an online booking system for parent teacher nights. A note explaining the process in detail will be mailed home in the coming weeks.

A special reminder for parents with children in Years 7 and 9 that NAPLAN tests are next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students are able to access practice questions and papers through their Moodle account from home. I would ask that you encourage your sons and daughters to spend some time practising so that they are fully prepared for these tests.

Now that we have commenced Term 2, I expect that all students will be wearing full and correct winter uniform. The only tops that can be worn are the school jumper, wet weather jacket or blazer and only the school scarf is to be worn.

A plea to parents to pay all outstanding fees and contributions. Subject fees were due last term and it is essential that these are paid immediately as the school has already purchased the materials, food and resources which your sons and daughters use each week in their practical subjects. Sports fees for all of our talented sport programs and school contributions were also due last term. Sports students who have not paid at least $250 of their fee will not be allowed to represent the school until this amount has been paid. Our fee collection officer will be contacting all parents with outstanding fees over the coming weeks to arrange a payment by instalment plan.

An ongoing reminder to parents that when students are away, there is a legal requirement to account for your sons or daughters absence. Our preferred method is by reply SMS. When you receive a message, you will just need to reply to that message. If you have recently changed your mobile phone number, it is essential that you inform the school so that we can update our records.

As the end of the financial year is now less than two months away, I would like to remind parents about our project with the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF). Westfields is registered with the ASF to purchase equipment for our strength and conditioning program. This means that all donations of $2 and over are tax deductible. Your donation goes directly to the ASF who then return your donation to the school. If you are able to assist us in this cause, you can either contact the school or visit our website www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au for a fact sheet and donation form. Our students would certainly appreciate your support.

Mr R. Davis
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Westfields Sports is very lucky to be in partnership with Sydney University. The Compass Program is a Sydney University initiative aimed at engagement and study preparation for Years 10, 11 & 12. ‘Preparation for Senior Study’ is one such initiative where Year 10 students complete a university visit and an in school workshop. The second session will be held on Thursday 22 May at school. ‘Thinking Ahead’ is a Year 11 initiative that looks at applying for scholarships at university. I’m looking for Year 11 students to register their interest with me if they are thinking about going to university post HSC. Spaces are limited.

Moving into the middle section of Term 2 it worries me as Head Teacher Industrial Arts that there is an alarming amount of subject fees unpaid. The school has committed money to school resources on the understanding that parents have agreed to pay subject fees. Please have a conversation with you sons and daughters about any subject charges that are outstanding.

Mr D. Monte
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

NAPLAN TESTING 2014

NAPLAN testing at Westfields Sports for Years 7 & 9 will take place in the Stadium on the following days. Students are required to report to the Stadium for the periods listed below instead of attending their normal classroom.

Tuesday 13 May, 2014
Language Conventions (45 mins) and Writing (40 mins)
Year 7 - Periods 4, 5 & 6
Year 9 - Periods 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 14 May, 2014
Reading (65 mins)
Year 7 - Assembly time 11:06am, R/C & Period 5
Year 9 - Periods 2 & 3

Thursday 15 May, 2014
Numeracy Calculator and Non-calculator (2 x 40 mins)
Year 7 - Periods 4, 5 & 6
Year 9 - Periods 1, 2 & 3

Important
All students must bring their own calculator for Numeracy testing.

Useful Websites for NAPLAN Practice Papers
• Westfields Sports High Moodle Website
  http://web1.westfields-
h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/index.php
• This site allows you to download past papers
  http://www.naplan.edu.au/
• These sites allow you to practice online
  http://www.det.nt.gov.au/parents-
community/assessment-reporting/nap/schools/tests

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal

LANGUAGES

At the end of last term many of the Year 8 Language classes had the opportunity to partake in an afternoon filled with fun activities. The aim of the afternoon was to step out of the classroom and allow students to experience and actively participate in activities that are culturally constructed, which are an expression of who we are.

In a series of rotations, students had the opportunity to join in a game of bocce, dance Zumba, make origami, sing in Japanese, participate in a trivia game and break a piñata. The mood was festive, filled with laughter and energy yet not without a slight competitive tone. I couldn’t help noticing the energy and focus in trying to be the first to break the piñata and collect as many lollies and prizes as possible! There were other students who took on the real challenge of answering trivia questions about Italy whilst others were singing in Japanese at the top of their lungs in the true Westfields spirit.

I would like to thank all the Language teachers who helped make this wonderful afternoon such a success, we know that this is never the work of one person and that without the support, enthusiasm and team spirit, such a venture would not have been possible.

Mrs M Ayas
Head Teacher LOTE

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

At the end of last term, our two Year 9 PASS classes were fortunate enough to participate in a wheelchair basketball lesson to compliment the work being done in class on ‘World Games’. Students had the opportunity to hear from two guest presenters about how they ended up in wheelchairs and their sporting experiences since that time, before spending a good hour experiencing the exciting sport of wheelchair basketball. All participating students appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves although there were some sore arms at the end of the hour!

Mrs S. Taylor
PDHPE Teacher
INTER - HOUSE COMPETITION

A new term and the Inter House competition for the Tucker Shield continues with several activities taking place during the next few weeks.

The final stage of the senior boys table tennis competition will be played out. Come along to the TLC (F52) during senior lunch on Tuesday’s to catch some of the action and the Cross Country Carnival and Athletic Carnival both take place this term.

The Maths faculty continues to offer points for ‘Mathletics’ and ‘Mathslab’ and some students from Year 12 will continue to donate blood as one of their school initiatives.

There is plenty of scope for other activities to be offered to students especially as we now have the basketball towers and rings in the quad.

Anyone interested in an activity that they think they would like to see run as a house competition please come and see me or the following teachers: Ms Avery (Social Sciences), Ms Claveria (History), Ms Jones (English) or Ms Lam (Science)

Check out the ‘House Wall’, outside C block and the new notice board and signage.

Mr. Jarvis
Head Teacher PDHPE

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 20th May in week 4 Westfields will be holding the Annual Cross Country Competition at Fairfield Showground. Students are encouraged to come and participate to earn points for their sport house. It is compulsory for all Year 7 and 8 students to participate and open to competitors of all other grades. Senior students will race first and then be transported back to school to attend afternoon classes. Junior students will attend period 1 & 2 classes and then be transported to the venue for races in the afternoon.

Mrs T. Jones
PDHPE Teacher

VACCINATIONS

The next vaccination day for all of Year 7 and the boys in Year 9 will be Wednesday 21 May. Students who returned their vaccination cards earlier in the year will receive their second HPV injection.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to call the school and speak to Mrs Taylor or Miss Burt.

Sonia Taylor
Head Teacher Welfare

AWARENESS & MOTIVATION PROGRAM

This program is based on improving student literacy skills and behaviour. It began Week 6 of this year, with a small group of 6 students from Years 8 and 9, nominated to be involved in developing their sense of belonging within the school community. This program has a strong focus on the school core values to be a ‘Safe, Respectful Learner’.

Over 6 weeks these students were guided by the Learning and Support Faculty in order to improve their behaviour and develop their ability to be critical learners across a range of KLAs. Each student involved demonstrated their learning by setting daily goals, which were shared, discussed and reflected upon; guided through what it looks, feels and sounds like to be a safe, respectful learner through social stories and skill based activities; and involved in literacy based programs such as ‘Fast Forward’ to improve student comprehension of how language is used across a range of KLAs.

As a result, this program has allowed the students to feel greater success in their learning, supported in their daily routine and have a growing responsibility for their actions.

The students involved stated that the best parts of the program were:

- having breakfast included
- improved positives on their welfare records
- assisting Mr Mathison in the school BBQ

We look forward to the rollover of new students nominated to participate in this program.

Mr B. Mathison
Head Teacher Learning & Support

BRING IT ON!

Blessah Genares, a student from Year 11 represented our school in April at the School Music Competition - Bring It On! Blessah received a ‘Most Promising Musician Award’. Congratulations Blessah.

Ms T. Ricapito
CAPA Faculty

UNIFORM SHOP

Girls navy slacks ($50.00) and navy scarves ($5.00) are now available at the Uniform Shop. Both items can be worn Terms 2 & 3.

Mrs Janet Stickler
Uniform Shop
MUSIC TUITION

Westfields Sports Music Department offer students the opportunity to have guitar, drums, keyboard, singing and violin lessons.

Lessons are held on a weekly basis during school time.

Our school provides your child with expert tuition by experienced musicians at very reasonable rates. Students also have the opportunity to sit for external music exams eg AMEB.

For further information, please contact our Music teachers Ms Ricapito or Mr Akele.

Ms M. Holden
Head Teacher CAPA

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations:

• Amy Harrison, Rhianna Pollicina, Jessica Urquhart, Clare Woods, Shelby Milton, Victoria Guzman, Rebecca Johnson, Lorena Bugden, Shanina-Rose Pourrashidi, Bronte Macdonald, Lauren Featherstone, Panagiota Petrats, Princess Ibini-Isei & Sarah Urquhart - SSW Football Representatives.
• Riley Gerstner & Jean-Pierre Ivanic - Gold Medals NSWCHS State Swimming Championships
• Madeline Scullino (2) - Silver Medals NSWCHS State Swimming Championships
• Riley Gerstner (2), Sinisa Pavlovic, Kaitlin Woodward, Andrijana Aceski, Prasana Harrison - Bronze Medals NSWCHS State Swimming Championships
• Tarni Basalo - Silver Medal & Bronze Medal NSWCHS State Diving Championships
• Shannon Farrell - IDP Division 10 State Gymnastics Champion (1st Vault, 1st Bars, 1st Floor, 1st Beam)
• Cassidy Ercole - IDP Division 10 State Gymnastics Runner Up (2nd Vault, 2nd Bars, 2nd Floor, 2nd Beam)
• Jaidyn Bowden - IDP Division 8 State Gymnastics Runner Up (2nd Vault, 2nd Bars, 1st Floor)
• Chantae Toner - IDP Division 8 State Gymnastics (3rd Vault)
• Ben Foster - U12 State Gymnastics Champion (1st Floor, 1st Rings, 1st Parallel Bars, 2nd Vault, 3rd High Bar)
• Hayden Marsh & Trysten Stanmore - Sydney Metropolitan 15s AFL Representatives
• Tuimavae Afuolo, Kytak Chan, Alex Seve, Sosaia Talivakaola, Stefano Utoikamanu - Sydney Metropolitan Gold 15s Representatives.
• Sione Kata, Mark Griffiths, Michael Doolan, Cameron King, Simon Fonua, Inoke Fainu, Joseph Ratuvakacereivalu - Sydney Metropolitan Gold 18s Representatives.

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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