FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The past week has been a huge one for Westfields in the Media. On Thursday last week the Daily Telegraph featured an article with Israel Folau highlighting our Rugby Union Program with a specific focus on rugby sevens. On Monday this week the Daily Telegraph ran an article on Michael Clarke’s upcoming visit to school. On Tuesday this week Michael Clarke, along with the “Fair Go for the West” team spent two hours at school. This visit was featured on Channel 7 news on Tuesday night with a follow up story in Wednesday’s Daily Telegraph. Also on Wednesday, the Sydney Morning Herald ran a front-page article on Westfields’ three NSW State of Origin players, Tony Williams, Trent Hodkinson and Jarryd Hayne. It is great to get such positive publicity.

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 for you to pay these fees by instalment.

Term 2 is a vital term for all students in relation to their studies. Half yearly 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 eight 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, 3 June from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This year all bookings are online. A letter containing instructions and your family code required to access the online booking system has been mailed home. 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 and Communities. In fact, we rely heavily on sponsorship and donations to run our sports programs. As I mentioned in the last edition 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 school for a fact sheet and donation form. Our sports students would certainly appreciate your support.

Other dates for your calendar are: P&C Meeting - Wednesday 28 May; Year 7 and 10 Parent Teacher Night and Year 10 Subject Selection Evening - Tuesday 17 June; Year 8 and 9 Parent Teacher Night and Year 8 Subject Selection Evening - Tuesday 24 June. Once again, I would encourage you to take this opportunity to come to school to discuss your sons and daughters progress with their teachers.
MEDIA SESSION WITH JIM WILSON

On Thursday 2 May, a specially selected group of senior students were invited to a one-on-one session with Seven News’ Sports Presenter and Journalist, Jim Wilson. Jim gave us an insight on his experiences and history, which have led him into his current career.

He also shared with students his strong opinions regarding the world of sports, politics, developing technology and working in the media business. Jim was friendly and was very open to all types of questions and opinions of the students and responded to each and every one of them passionately.

Midway throughout the session, Jim’s camera crew arrived and gave students the opportunity to speak into a microphone and have their interview with Jim Wilson recorded and broadcasted on TV.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience to be able to speak to someone from the media and news business and have an insight on their opinions and thoughts. The session ended with a group photo and individual shots with students and teachers.

9HIS6 CLASS ELECTION

On Wednesday 5 March, 9HIS6 had a class election where the four candidates who were nominated by the class, had to run for Class President. The candidates were; Sibel Alca, Anthony Jurac, Kim Giang and William Patramanis. The candidates chose their ‘team of supporters’. These were people who had to assist them with their campaigns (making flyers, preparing them for the debate and speaking to the journalists).

For weeks, our class had been organising this election. Cupcakes and lolly bags were given away to the audience. Some considered this a bribe for votes!

There were four journalists who had to report on a candidate and keep the class updated with the election. There was also a group of ‘Electoral Officials’ who had the role of preparing the classroom for the election, drawing up the election timetable and creating the ballot paper.

When the election day finally arrived, Mr Rogers and Mr Davis also joined in. The class had to line up outside and get their names marked off by the electoral officials. They were then given a ballot paper and had to make their way to the voting booth to vote.

We waited for the verdict ….. “William Patramanis is our Class President!” announced Mrs Leone. Cheers and laughter were spread across the room. Go William!

Blessah Genares
Year 11 Student

Daniela Radunovic
9HIS6 Student

NAPLAN

Last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday over 500 Year 7 and Year 9 students completed the NAPLAN test in numeracy and literacy. Staff were very impressed with the approach taken by students to the tests. We are looking forward to some very pleasing results.

MUSIC TUITION

Westfieleds 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

WHOOPING COUGH

It was recently brought to the attention of the School that a staff member has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough. Information regarding Whooping Cough can be obtained from the front office.

If you have any concerns please contact your family doctor to discuss this matter.

Ms K. Burt
Head Teacher Welfare (Relieving)
KEWELL WINS SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The annual school cross country carnival was held at Fairfield Showground on Tuesday 20 May, 2014.

The final point score was:
Kewell - 673
Clarke - 666
Hayne - 592
Samuels - 463

Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

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Mrs T. Jones
PDHPE

# BRING BACK OUR GIRLS!

You may have heard about the kidnapping of the Nigerian School girls by the Boko Haram. The militant Islamist group abducted more than 200 girls from a boarding school in the northern town of Chibok on Monday 14 April. An estimated 200 heavily armed militants arrived at night in 20 vehicles to steal supplies and kidnap the students. No one knows what will befall these young women.

As a result, Year 11 Society and Culture and Year 11 Modern History have decided to raise more awareness on this case by joining in a class protest.

Mrs A. Leone
HISE Teacher

WESTFIELDS SPORTS CRICKET MEET AUSTRALIAN CRICKET CAPTAIN

On Tuesday 20 May, Australian Cricket Captain, Michael Clarke returned to where it all began for him as a Year 8 student in 1995, to share his skills and knowledge with the next generation of cricketers at Westfields Sports.

Brandon Crosbie, Luke Courtney, Daniel Hayes and Brendan Smith were given the opportunity to quiz their hero about his sporting influences, roots and goals. Michael offered them one particular gem of advice “set your goals high and have a red-hot crack”.

A number of young spin bowlers also had a chance to bowl to their hero in the nets.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the entire program and one they will remember for a long time. Matthew Harrington presented Michael with a Westfields Sports training shirt and thanked him for his time and advice on behalf of the program.

Mr I. Gill
Cricket Convener

REFUGEES SUPPORT WSW IN ASIAN CUP

Our refugee students have had the benefit of special workshops conducted in partnership with MTC Youth Connections & Paul Wade – former Socceroo captain. As part of this program they attended the recent Western Sydney Wanderers game at Pirtek Stadium.

Mrs A. Hales
Refugee Coordinator

NOTIFICATION OF MEASLES & CHICKENPOX

I write to inform you that a student in our school is currently receiving treatment that results in a lowered immune system, which means, the student is more prone to getting ill from infections. As the student is not contagious but has a chronic illness, it is important he/she participates actively in the day-to-day school program without any major limitations. A major concern is that if this student develops measles, chickenpox or influenza, he/she could become seriously ill. I seek your cooperation in preventing this situation. If your child has or may have measles or chicken pox, I would ask that you please:
1. Do not send them to school.
2. Notify the School Principal as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal
LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS FUNDING

This Australian Government initiative has been designed to provide financial assistance for junior sportsmen and women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state sporting organisation (SSO) or national school sporting competition.

The grants for individual applicants will be $500 and $3000 for team applications. To be eligible to apply, young people must be aged between 12-18 years and travelling more than 250km to compete in state or national level sporting competitions. So if you know any junior sportsmen and women at your school that maybe finding it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at sporting competitions, send them this flyer and encourage them to apply for an LSC grant online at http://www.ausport.gov.au/champions

Round 1 closes 30 June, 2014.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations:

- Netball 15s - NSWCHS State Knockout Champions
- Jessica Urquhart, Rebecca Johnson, Victoria Guzman, Clare Woods, Lorena Bugden, Amy Harrison, Shelby Milton, Rhianna Pollicina, Princess Ibini-Isei - NSWCHS State Football Representatives
- Simon Borcherdt, Gavin Dixon & Ryan Whitley - SSA National Baseball Champions
- University Shield RL - Westfields Sports defeated The Hills SHS 30-12
- Buckley Shield RL - Westfields Sports defeated The Hills SHS 33-10
- Jermaine Mati-Leifi, Jason Vidal, Jye Challenor - Presidents XIII 18s Rugby League Representatives
- Brandon Wakeham, John Fonua & Soane Matavesi - Presidents XIII 15s Rugby League Representatives
- Stan Jones Cup Boys Tennis - Westfields Sports defeated Cabramatta HS
- James Nikolovski (12), Jackson Isaaka (13), Antonis Markis (14), Christian Nascimben (15), Liam O’Brien (16), Brandon De Mores (17), Joshua Arkey (18) - Boys Cross Country Age Champions
- Courtney Nevin (12), Sophie Smith (13), Jade Callander (14), Jordan Roth (15), Sarah Urquhart (16), Michala Ford (17), Bianca Grimaldi (18) - Girls Cross Country Age Champions
- Australian Football 15s - Westfields Sports defeated Cecil Hills HS 71-22
- Brian Jamba, Jack Fulton, Callum Fitzpatrick, Matias Da Silva Santos - NSWCHS Football Representatives

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

Westfields Sports are proud to be supported by: