FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A reminder that our Year 7 and 10 parent teacher night and Year 10 subject selection evening is on Tuesday 17 June and the Year 8 and 9 PT night and Year 8 subject selection evening is on Tuesday 24 June. Bookings are all online. You need to log on to the school website and enter the code number posted to you. If you do not have the internet at home, please call the school and we will organise your bookings for you. We look forward to seeing lots of parents in attendance on these evenings.

At the subject selection evenings, parents and students will be given information about their subject selections for 2015. I need to make parents and Year 10 students aware of the non ATAR option that we are offering for Year 11 which we are calling a Work Skills HSC. Each year only about 40% of Year 12 students from Westfields Sports go straight to university. This means that the vast majority of our students do not go on to university straight away and therefore do not need an ATAR. This option is designed for students who want to get their HSC but do not want to go to university. The Work Skills HSC would require few or no HSC exams and mostly practical based subjects. Following are a list of the subjects available for the Work Skills HSC and I would encourage parents and students to think seriously about this option.

Line 1: English (content endorsed course CEC)
Line 2: One from: Construction, Hospitality (Food & Beverage), Visual Design (CEC), Exploring Early Childhood (CEC) or Business Services
Line 3: One from: Photography, Sport Lifestyle and Recreation (CEC) or Sport, Fitness and Recreation Coaching (CEC)
Line 4: One from: Construction, Work Studies (CEC), Hospitality, Horticulture or TAFE
Line 5: One from Sport, Fitness and Recreation Coaching (CEC), Sport Lifestyle and Recreation (CEC) or Business Services
Line 6: One from Hospitality, Sport Lifestyle and Recreation (CEC) or Work Studies (CEC)

Despite numerous requests, there are still a large number of outstanding subject fees, sport fees and school contributions. As mentioned previously, when fees and contributions are not paid, we are not able to continue to provide the high quality education, which the community has become used to. I would also like all outstanding fees and contributions paid as soon as possible. If there are extenuating circumstances, I would ask parents to contact the school so that we can arrange for these contributions to be paid off in instalments throughout the year.

I would also like to remind parents that we are a uniform school. I realise that the weather has turned cold, however, that is not an excuse for students to turn up at school in an array of different coloured tops. Students have the option of the jumper, waterproof jacket or blazer, all which are reasonably priced and all available from our uniform shop every Thursday. Hoodies or beanies will not be accepted under any circumstances. Parents of regular offenders will be contacted by one of the Deputy Principals. If these students continue to turn up at school out of uniform, they will be sent home to fix the problem before being able to return to school. If there are financial reasons for your son or daughter being out of uniform, please contact the school so that we can assist you with the purchase of uniform.

Even though we are constantly reminding students and parents, I am concerned at the number of students who blatantly disregard road safety rules. Hamilton Road is extremely busy in the afternoon and not the place for students to be running across the road. Do not call your sons and daughters across the road. Their lives are worth far more than the additional 30-40 seconds, which it takes to cross at the crossing.

Our next P&C meeting is at 6.30pm on Wednesday 25 June. Meetings are held in the Administration Block. We hope to see you there.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

This week’s Parent Teacher Evening provided parents of Years 11 & 12 students with the opportunity to discuss academic progress following the half yearly examinations. It is important that students take on board the advice of their teachers - significantly that there is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.

On 17 June (4.00pm – 7:00pm), Years 7 and 10 parents are invited to meet teachers to discuss progress. For Year 10, a presentation will be held in the stadium to provide both parents and students with information regarding subject selection for Preliminary courses in 2015. At this presentation students will receive an essential handbook outlining courses and procedures.

For Year 8 & 9 students, parent interviews will be held 24 June (4.00pm – 7:00pm). This is an important night for Year 8 students who will receive details of subjects available for selection in Year 9, 2015.

Bookings for both parent evenings can be made online via the school website.

Over the last two weeks I’ve been speaking to Year 7 on assembly about what it means to be a Safe Respectful Learner. The school has created 747 to assist with this.

1. We wait in two lines for our teacher to arrive. After our teacher checks our uniform we forward in and stand behind our teacher allocated desks.
2. We greet our teacher and take our backpacks off. If another adult enters the room, we greet them too. We say “present” when the teacher calls our name during roll call.
3. We take out all our equipment – (pens, book, glue, scissors, pencils and ruler) and place it on our desk.
4. We always use respectful language with our teachers, friends and classmates, including “please” and “thank you”.
5. Our class work and homework is completed and checked by our teacher. Good work and good behaviour is rewarded with positives.
6. We never call out and always put our hand up to answer questions. We do not get out of our seats unless we ask our teacher first.
7. At the end of the lesson we stand up, push our chair in, pick up any rubbish and put it in the bin. When our teacher dismisses us we walk calmly from the classroom.

Please take some time to discuss these strategies with your sons and daughters.

Mr D. Monte
Relieving Deputy Principal

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.

TUCKER SHIELD INTER-HOUSE UPDATE

Clarke has regained the lead from Hayne in the inter-house competition, but Kewell is closing the gap on the top two after winning the school Cross Country Carnival.

House Captains for Kewell, Evan Patramanis and Candice Rivera-Lay receive the Cross Country Champion House trophy from the Principal, Mr Davis at the assembly last week.

Recent events have been:

Year 12 Blood Donation - Dilan Ortiz, Michael Pham, Klaudia Traga, Matthew Amoroso
Senior Boys Table Tennis - Almukhtar Aldugaily (1st), Alharith Aldugaily (2nd), Roger Gourgees (3rd) and Philip Tu (4th)

The updated point score is as follows:

1291 points 1247 points 1197 points 972 points

Mr C. Jarvis
Head Teacher PDHPE

BALMORAL BURN

Westfields Sports entered four teams in last weekend’s Balmoral Burn donating $800 towards the Humpty Dumpty Foundation (Children’s Hospital Charity). Congratulations to our Senior Girls A team - Bianca Grimaldi, Katrina Lamas, Annelise Isaacs and Jordan Roth who finished with the silver medal in a record field of 93 teams. Our Senior Boys A team - Gregory Kavadas, Bradley Jones, Bailey Woodward and Zechariah Addae finished fifth in a field of over 50 teams. Also well done to our B teams of Zaidede Dubois, Zunaid Dubois, Obssa Youssouf, Anthony Fediakov and Gabrielle Waite, Beatrice Collard, Sophie Smith and Ruarhi Peppard.

Mr D. Suchy
Athletics Director

EARLY LEAVERS

The Deputy Principal prior to issuing the pass must validate all requests for your child to leave school early. Please include your contact details (mobile & home phone numbers) on the leave request.
HOMEWORK CENTRE - SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

The homework centre, based in the school library is available for all students from 3.15pm to 4.15 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the school term. Teaching staff are available to assist students with homework, research and study. Whilst attendance is voluntary, students may need to make alternate arrangements to travel home as they will not be dismissed from the homework centre until 4.15pm on these days. If your child requires assistance with homework or is just looking for a quiet place to study please encourage them to attend the homework centre.

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal

WESTFIELDS SPORTS APP

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

PDHPE AND SPORT REMINDER

During PE and Sport lessons students need to be properly prepared with hat, drink bottle and sunscreen. In extreme weather, lessons will be modified with adequate rest and drink breaks provided.

Whilst it is commendable for students to be looking after their hygiene and want to use a deodorant after PE or Sport, it is important to remember that the spray can variety is not suitable to use in the school environment. Roll on deodorant is the most suitable and should be the only method used.

Mr C. Jarvis
Head Teacher PDHPE

MOBILE PHONES

Students may bring a mobile phone to school. All phones must be turned off throughout the day.

Inappropriate use of phones – including images or recording of fellow students is unacceptable.

If a student is found using their mobile phone during school time the phone will be taken from students and placed in the school safe for collection by the student at the end of the school day.

Subsequent offences will result in parents having to collect the phone from the school office.

ST JOHNS PARK BOWLING CLUB FUNDS NEW SCHOOL BUS

Westfields Sports has a new bus to transport students to sport and excursions courtesy of St John Park Bowling Club. The Club will donate $64,000 over four years for the school bus. Chief Executive, David Marsh recently visited our school to present the keys for the new bus to the Principal, Roger Davis.

St Johns Park Bowling Club has been a long term supporter of Westfields Sports, assisting us with a number of welfare and literacy programs supporting student leadership and children at risk.

The school is most appreciative of the support provided by St Johns Park Bowling Club.

Ms D. Zanet
Deputy Principal

SSW REGION GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Monday 2 June the Sydney South West Regional Gymnastics Championships were held in the gymnasium at Westfields Sports. Our school was well represented in a competition that is growing in popularity each year.

Well done to our gymnasts:

Division E
Emily Krajovski - Overall Champion (Eq) - Bars (1st), Beam (1st), Vault (2nd)
Abbey Waters - Vault (2nd)

Division D
Lucia Arena-Bentancor – Overall Champion - Beam (1st), Vault (1st), Floor (1st), Bars (2nd),
Gemma Bartle - Overall Runner Up - Bars (1st), Beam (2nd), Vault (2nd), Floor (2nd)

Division C
Fiorella Arena-Bentancor - Overall Runner Up, Bars (2nd), Beam (2nd), Vault (3rd)
Casey Rogan - Bars (3rd), Floor (3rd)
Emma Goletsos - Bars (1st)
Amber Singh-Bartle - Floor (2nd)

Division B
Tessa Manukonga – Overall Runner Up, Bars (1st), Beam (1st eq), Floor (2nd)
Carissa Uno – Bars (2nd), Vault (3rd), Beam (3rd)
Madison Rogan – Vault (2nd), Beam (2nd), Floor (3rd)

Mrs B. Aylett
Gymnastics Covenner
APPLYING FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

From time to time, students may need to be out of school for short and occasionally long periods for medical or for travel reasons. When this happens caregivers are asked to contact the school in writing, requesting that leave be granted. This letter should explain the reason for leave and clearly state the dates the student will be absent. This letter should be given to Miss Lam, Head Teacher Administration.

It is important that before any decision to take a student out of school, consideration be given to the impact on the student’s education.

If leave is for more than 15 school days special approval is required and a pro-forma letter will be issued. Leave greater than 20 days will require a copy of an itinerary.

It is a student’s responsibility to discuss with their teachers what arrangements can be made to catch up on or complete work missed while on leave.

Miss T. Lam
Head Teacher Administration

SMS MESSAGING

On receiving a message parents/caregivers can reply by pressing the reply option and providing the following information student’s full name, year, roll call, date of absence and the reason for absence or lateness.

eg. Shauna Smith 07R01 sick 13/3

Please do not use abbreviations or preferred names

The school expects parents/caregivers to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent and to ensure the current mobile numbers are provided to the school.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation

Miss T. Lam
Head Teacher Administration

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations:

- James Nikolovski (12), Jackson Isakka (13), Antonis Martis (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), Michaia 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
- Floris Conway Cup Girls Tennis - Westfields Sports defeated Cabramatta HS 6-0
- John-Wesley Boath-Moana, Jacob Bristow, Joel Divertie, Fiu Gibson, Elijah Hunt, Nathan Patolo, Uatau Penitani & Dylan Valeni - NSWCHS U16 Rugby Representatives
- Raui Poaru, Joshua Tupuola Leato - NSWCHS Open Rugby Representatives
- Girls Softball - Westfields Sports defeated Prairiewood HS 18-1 & Camden HS 4-2
- Boys Softball - Westfields Sports defeated Leumeah HS 16-1 & John Edmonson HS 8-1
- Joseph Ratuvakacereivalu & Sione Katoa - NSWCHS 18s Rugby League Representatives
- Tui Afualo, Kytak Chan, Alex Seve, Brandon Wakeham - NSWCHS 15s Rugby League Representatives
- Olivia Rowntree & Lauren Yager - NSWCHS State Netball Representatives
- Blake Bell, Logan Campbell, Joshua Driver, Daniel Harrison, Blake Jackson, Corey Lach, Cody Sutton-Hunt - SSW Boys Softball Representatives
- Waratah Shield Rugby - Westfields Sports defeated Marist College Canberra 25-20

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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