FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A reminder to parents and students that the library is open every morning of the week at 7.30 am and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 4.00 pm. It is a great place for students to go to get out of the cold and study or complete homework. There are staff members on duty to assist so I would like to encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity. A reminder also to Year 12 students that when they have a non-timetabled period during the day, they are to report to the Library for a supervised study period.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the dangers of social networking sites. Almost every week we have to deal with issues arising from Facebook or other social networking sites. I would encourage all parents to monitor your sons and daughters usage of these social networking sites and regularly check their ‘Facebook’ site for any inappropriate material or messages.

A further reminder that our Year 8 and 9 Parent Teacher Evening and Year 8 Subject Selection Evening is next Tuesday 24 June. Bookings are all online. You need to log on to the school website and enter the code number which was posted out 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.

We are rapidly approaching the half way mark of the school year, and unfortunately there are still a large number of outstanding fees and contributions. I expect that all sport, subject fees and school contributions are paid. Without them, we will not be able to continue to provide the high quality education, which you have come to expect. If the payment of these outstanding fees has been an oversight, I would ask that they be paid immediately. If you are having trouble paying the outstanding amount in full, we are happy to organise payment by instalment. All outstanding fees must be paid by the end of Term 3, which is only 11 school weeks away. An early reminder for our Year 12 students that they are not able to be signed out of school whilst there are outstanding fees.

With the cold weather now upon us our school blazer is an excellent way of keeping your sons and daughters warm. The blazers are only $80.00 and at present there is only a limited number in stock. We are just about to place an order so if you would like one please let us know so that we can ensure that your blazer is be ready for next term.

Our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 25 June at 6.30 pm. At this meeting Ms Conneally will be continuing her talk about careers. We would love to see you there.

A final reminder that If you have not visited our website for a while, I suggest that you take a look. It is constantly being updated and is an excellent source of news and events. The website is at www.westfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Mr R. Davis
Principal

20 June, 2014

IMPORTANT EVENTS

24.6.2014
Years 8 & 9
Parent Teacher interviews
4.00pm - 7.00pm

24.6.2014
Year 8
Subject Selection Evening
6.30pm

27.6.2014
Term 2 Ends

14.7.2014
Staff Development
Day (Staff Only)

15.7.2014
Term 3 Starts
(All Students)
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

With school holidays commencing on 28 June, our HSC students have only three school weeks next term to prepare for their trial HSC exams (11 to 15 August). All HSC students are advised to take advantage of the holidays to prepare for exams by revision, practice essays, visiting BOS web sites and taking advantage of local library resources. The Sydney Morning Herald HSC guide gives valuable advice to students, plus details of University Open Days.

HSC students undertaking courses with a practical component such as: Society and Culture, Dance, Drama, Industrial Technology, Extension 2 English, Languages, Music, Visual Arts will already have access to their final exam schedule from the Board of Studies. These practical exams and deadlines commence 28 July and run through to September 14. Students need to be prepared for these external exams and mindful that they may clash with the Trial HSC @ school.

The UAC “Educational Access Scheme” is available for UAC applicants for undergraduate admission who’ve experienced long-term educational disadvantage as a result of circumstances beyond their control. Details are found on the UAC website or students can visit my office.

It is too early for ATAR students to consider applications for scholarships to universities in 2015. Students will require a resume of their academic, sporting and citizenship achievements. More details will be presented at weekly assemblies and through the talks from university reps at our school.

The Year 11 Preliminary Yearly exams will be held 9 to 19 September. Successful completion of the Preliminary courses is essential for progress to the HSC courses, which will commence in Term 4.

On Tuesday evening, Year 10 students were issued with their subject selection materials for Year 11 2015. These forms are due to be submitted by Friday 20 June. Students have been issued with details of all courses available, and would do well to study requirements for their choices.

All senior students are advised to take advantage of careers expos, which occur in the coming weeks and months. This weekend at Sydney Olympic Park a major expo will offer student access to staff from universities and TAFE – as well as employers


NSW police are hosting a recruitment day at Fairfield High School on 6 September. Students will be able to speak with police about a full range of careers. TAFE, Universities and employers will also be present.

On Tuesday 24 June, Year 8 students will attend a presentation with their parents to assist them to make subject selections for Year 9 2015. In addition to the presentation, parents have the opportunity to meet with teachers for annual interviews.

We owe a special thanks to our IT manager, Mr Brendan Daly, for the creation of the online booking system for Parent Teacher interviews. The process has been streamlined and allowed many more parents to meet with teachers.

Congratulations to the graduates of our Refugee program conducted by Peter Rose, MTC Youth Consultant. Students undertook a series of workshops and gained valuable skills and understanding.

Congratulations to Hadi, Mehidi and Brandon who have successfully completed an “On Track” program held by the local area police command.

Mr H. Wilson
Deputy Principal

TUCKER SHIELD INTER-HOUSE UPDATE

As we near the end of the first semester of 2014 and reach the half way stage of the Inter – House competition, the battle for top spot has increased and intensified over the past few weeks.

Activities such as reading in Roll Call, Year 8 Oz Tag Gala Day, Senior Boys Table Tennis, and the Year 7 Basketball Tournament have enabled students from across year groups to contribute to their house points.

The updated point score is as follows:

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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.
MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA (MMR)
CATCH-UP VACCINATION PROGRAM 2014

Why is a catch-up dose of MMR vaccine being offered?

Many teenagers and young adults are catching measles, especially while travelling abroad or from someone who has brought the disease into Australia from overseas. Two doses of MMR vaccine are necessary to be sure of protection against measles and life-long immunity. Many teenagers and young adults missed one or both of their routine MMR vaccinations as children. For some older students the second dose of MMR vaccine was not included on the National Immunisation Schedule during their childhood.

Our school has been identified as possibly having a higher number of students who have not received two doses of MMR vaccine.

When is the catch-up dose being offered?

Immunisation nurses will be visiting our school and offering one dose of free MMR vaccine to any student from Year 7 to Year 12 in Term 3 of 2014.

What parents should do

Parent Information Kits will be sent home soon and parents should:

- read the information provided
- check your child’s vaccination records
- complete the consent form if you would like your child to be vaccinated and return the signed consent form to school before Friday 27 June

Remember students do NOT need to be vaccinated if they have already received two doses of MMR vaccine. Many students will have received an MMR at 12 months and 4 years of age. Parents can check their child’s immunisations in their Blue Book or ask your GP or call the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809. If parents are unsure or unable to find their child’s records, it is safe for your child to receive another dose of MMR vaccine.

Where can I get more information?

More information will be provided in the Parent Information Kits that will be sent home soon. Additional information and consent forms and information sheets in other languages are available on the NSW Health website at...


Ms K. Burt
Head Teacher Welfare (Relieving)

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL

This lovely group of Year 9 dancers opened the NSW Public Schools Dance Festival, held at the Seymour Centre from Monday 16 June to Friday 20 June. All members of the dance program have represented Westfields Sports across the week, including our Senior Dance Company and Year 7 & 8 dance program students who are performing on the official night.

Years 7-9 Junior Company performed at Regional Dance Festival. These lovely ladies performed beautifully and made Westfields Sports very proud.

Congratulations to all involved!

Ms E. Ireland & Ms M. Holden
CAPA Faculty

STAY INFORMED WITH SKOOLBAG

Our School now has our 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

LOST PROPERTY

As this term ends we again have a huge pile of lost property. If your child has lost any items during the term get them to check at the front office for them - both school items and non-school items. Any non-school articles not collected by last day of term will be donated to charity.

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

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.

Mr A. Rogers
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.

Mrs M. Edwards
Administration Office
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations:

- Waratah Shield Rugby - Westfields Sports defeated Marist College, Canberra 25-20
- Floris Conway Cup Tennis - Westfields Sports defeated Liverpool Girls 6-0
- Proud Shield Baseball - Westfields Sports defeated Leumeah HS 10-0
- NSWCHS Trophy Football - Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS 6-1
- NSWCHS Cup Football - Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS 6-0
- Buckley Shield Rugby League - Westfields Sports defeated Hunter SHS 40-4
- GIO Schoolboy Cup Rugby League - Westfields Sports defeated Hunter SHS 36-16
- Joseph Ratuvakacereivalu - GIO Most Trusted Player
- Netball 7/8 - Netball NSW Schools Cup Liverpool Division Champions
- Girls Basketball - Westfields Sports defeated The Hills SHS 55-25
- James Nikolovski (12B) & Bianca Grimaldi (18G) - SSW Cross Country Champions
- Courtney Nevin, Riley Gerstner, Ruarhi Peppard, Courtney Castle, James Nikolovski, Noah Botic, James Paneras, Jack Koutrodimos, Sophie Smith, Vesna Milivojevic, Jackson Isakka, Tyson Isakka, Jay Hirschowitz, Anthony Fediakov, Jade Callander, Antonis Martis, Mohamed Najjar, Zunaid Dubois, Yianni Nicolau, Danielle Bishop, Jordan Roth, Annelise Isaacs, Christina McGrath, Obssa Youssouf, Jesse Dawson, Zaidee Dubois, Tim Watson, Brandon De Moraes, Bianca Grimaldi, Aleksandra Kotevski, Joshua Arkey, Kane Metcalfe - SSW Cross Country Representatives
- Aleksandra Kotevski - Senior Epee Silver Medal, National Schools Fencing Championships
- Bill Turner Trophy Football - Westfields Sports defeated Bossley Park HS 2-1
- Girls Softball - Westfields Sports defeated Kingswood HS 9-3, Port Hacking HS 11-4 & Pittwater HS 14-4
- Bill Turner Cup Football - Westfields Sports defeated John Edmondson HS 10-0
- Buchan Shield Rugby - Westfields Sports defeated Hunter SHS 48-5
- Rugby League 13s - Westfields Sports defeated The Hills SHS 16-4
- Rugby League 15s - Westfields Sports drew The Hills SHS 10-10
- Rugby League 16s - Westfields Sports defeated The Hills SHS 16-12
- Girls Basketball - NSWCHS State KO Champions
- Boys Basketball - NSWCHS State KO Runner Up

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 2 closes 30 June, 2014.

SPORTS PHOTOS

Sports Photos are now available for ordering. Photos can be ordered at a reduced price on the advancedlife website using the enclosed instructions. Any queries can be made direct to advancedlife.

Ms J. Cush
Head Teacher Administration

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