FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am sure that Year 12 students and their parents do not need a reminder that the Trial Higher School Certificate is only one week away and for our Year 12 students this should be their major focus. The Trial Higher School Certificate accounts for a large portion of the school assessment mark and students need to be well prepared. If you have a son or daughter in Year 12, they should be spending at least 3 hours each day revising and preparing for the upcoming exams. Year 11 students likewise should be concentrating on their studies. As they commence Year 12 work in Term 4, Year 11 have only 6 school weeks until their yearly exams for the Preliminary HSC. Year 11 cannot progress on to Year 12 unless they satisfactorily complete the outcomes for their Preliminary HSC and they also cannot drop a subject if they have not satisfactorily met the outcomes for that course.

A reminder that our library is open every morning from 7.30 am and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the library is open until 4.15 pm in the afternoon. There are staff members on duty both before and after school to assist students with homework or study so I would like to encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity.

All public schools in NSW are in the process on undertaking a new approach to planning for the future. At this week’s P & C we sought input from parents in to our mission statement. I would like to thank the parents present for their valuable input. Our next P & C meeting will be on Wednesday 27 August. We will be continuing the discussion about our three year plan so it would be great to have lots of parents present. A reminder to all parents that on your behalf, the P & C have taken out an insurance policy to cover students at Westfields Sports for basic medical and other expenses if they are injured. Students can pick up the claim forms from the A Block office. Parents will need to have paid their P & C levy to make a claim.

Invoices for outstanding school, sport and subject contributions were posted home this week. As we are now more than half way through the school year, I would ask parents to make arrangements to have any outstanding fees paid as soon as possible. As the school financial year ends during Term 4, it is essential that all outstanding fees are paid by the end of this term.

In the last Westnews, I reminded parents about our school website. This time I would like to remind parents about our school app. You can check all of the latest school information on the Westfields app. Just search for the “Westfields Sports High Fairfield West” in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Both of these sites are a great way to keep up to date with what is happening at school.

Mr R Davis
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Good luck to Dani Samuels, Christie Chamberlain, Fabrice Lapierre, Kimberley Ravaillon and Daniel Tranter as they represent Australia in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Congratulations to Mr Suchy and his team on running an outstanding Athletics Carnival last week. Over 2000 events were held at Sydney Olympic Park.

A great day for all students who competed.

Well done to Aimee Hope, who sang on our junior assembly. Beautiful voice. Students appreciated the talented a capella singer.

Term 3 is a very busy time for HSC candidates. With Trial exams in weeks 4 and 5, students have many reasons to be studying seriously. Exam results contribute toward student assessment mark, which then forms 50% of the overall HSC result.

To support those students seeking scholarships, there will be a workshop on Monday July 28. Students will gain tips on how to complete applications and promote themselves. The University of Sydney has an Open Day for parents on 31 July. This is very useful for parents to see behind the scenes and to gain advice on courses available to their sons and daughters.

Applications are now open for 2015 Youth Scholarships. This scholarship assists eligible young people living in social housing. Two hundred scholarships are on offer, each one consisting of a one-off payment of $2000.00, which is administered by the school or TAFE College on behalf of the student.

The Department of Education and Communities - http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/ is also offering scholarships for students planning on following a teaching career. Check their website.

In preparation for senior studies, a group of Year 10 students will attend a workshop here at school conducted by Sydney University’s Compass program.

Year 7 students will attend a day excursion to Sydney University on Monday 4 August. A theatre production will highlight study and work pathways. In addition, students will be taken on a tour of Australia’s oldest university.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL

The Dance Program performed several items at the recent Public Schools Dance Festival.

These outstanding Year 11 dance students performed beautifully on Friday 20 June as part of the Westfields Sports Dance Company.

Mrs E. Ireland
CAPA Faculty

CAREERS

During the last school holidays two Westfields Sports students attained the wonderful achievement of being selected as a member of the High Flyer Program: a joint project of Radisson Blu Hotel Sydney and Kenvale College Event Management. The students in the team were Angela Faro in the Food and Beverage Team and Michala Ford in the Cookery Team.

As part of the program, four scholarships are awarded, Michala was awarded the runner-up scholarship for Commercial Cookery. This means that she has been accepted into Kenvale College for 2015, to study Commercial Cookery, with $1,000 towards her tuition fees.

Congratulations to both girls and their teacher Mrs Cameron.

Mrs S. Conneally
Careers Advisor

UNIFORM SHOP - NEW OPENING HOURS

Commencing Thursday 31 July the Uniform Shop will be opening from 8:00am to 11:30am.

Mrs J. Stickler
Uniform Shop

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.

Mrs H. Wilson
Deputy Principal

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal
UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENAGER

Featuring Graham Hyman, Australia's most popular presenter on successfully parenting teens.

Session 1: Tuesday 12th August 2014 at 6:45pm
Venue: Prairiewood High School
Session 2: Wednesday 13th August 2014 at 6:00pm
Venue: Bonnyrigg High School
Session 2: Thursday 14th August 2014 at 4:00pm
Venue: Fairvale High School

Understanding Your Teenager is a one insightful, practical and hilarious presentation. It provides understanding of why teenagers behave like they do, what is often lurking in secret thoughts and exposes much of their bizarre behaviour. It focuses on the real world of a house that holds teenagers. It provides strategies, ideas and hope for parents and gives them resources to promote well being, hope and successful living in their adolescent child. In conjunction to these workshops students and teachers will take part in similar presentation to encourage a unified approach.

Reserve your seat now! The first 20 bookings will receive a valuable resource pack. To register, email your name, contact number and school to links@parkscommunity.org.au or call 9609 7400 extension 102.

ADMISSION IS FREE

ON TRACK PROGRAM

My name is Mehdi Tahiri and I am currently studying in Year 11. Last term I completed a program called On Track Police Program, which allowed me to learn about the different roles and duties that Police Officers are involved in.

I was lucky to be elected to be part of the program as there were other schools that participated as well.

What I like most about the program was that I now have a better knowledge of what one needs to become a Police Officer and meeting students from other schools was a great experience. The Police Officers that trained me were really nice and helpful.

My future dream is to become a Police Officer in the future so being able to be part of this program encouraged me to follow my dream.

Ms F. Arapi
ESL Teacher

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

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.

Mr A. Rogers
Deputy Principal

FREE GRADUATED LICENSING SCHEME WORKSHOPS - LEARNER DRIVER PARENTS

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

David Riches will conduct a FREE parents’ workshop on Thursday August 7 at Triglav Mounties (80 Brisbane Road, St Johns Park) from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning David Riches on 0434 964 764 now to reserve your place, or email parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au

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.

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.

MISS F. ARAPI
ESL TEACHER
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.

WESTFIELDS SPORTS WELFARE TEAM

Year 7 Adviser  Ms Freeman (History)
Year 7 Assistant Mrs Jones (PDHPE)
Year 7 Deputy Mrs Wilson

Year 8 Adviser Ms Awad (English)
Year 8 Assistant Ms Jajaa (Social Sciences)
Year 8 Deputy Ms Zanet

Year 9 Adviser Ms Leone (History)
Year 9 Assistant Ms Aylett (Mathematics)
Year 9 Deputy Mr Rogers

Year 10 Adviser Mr King (Learning Centre)
Year 10 Assistant Ms Smith (Learning Centre)
Year 10 Deputy Mr Barrett

Year 11 Adviser Ms Ricapito (CAPA)
Year 11 Assistant Ms Kendirjian (English)
Year 11 Deputy Ms Zanet

Year 12 Adviser Mr Deligoridis (English)
Year 12 Assistant Ms Alic (Home Economics)
Year 12 Deputy Mr Rogers

Positive Peer Culture Mrs Poulos (English)
Head Teacher Welfare Ms Burt (PDHPE)
Assistant HT Welfare Mrs Poulos (English)

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations:

- Tuimavave Afualo, Kytak Chan & Brandon Wakeham - ASSRL National Rugby League Representatives
- Bill Turner Trophy Football - Westfields Sports defeated Freeman Catholic College 4-0
- Proud Shield Baseball - Westfields Sports defeated Figtree High School 6-5

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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

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