FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good luck to all our Year 12 students who are currently sitting their Trial Higher School Certificate Exams. I trust that all Year 12 are studying hard as these exams are the most important part of the school based assessment component and are essential in preparing your sons and daughters for the Higher School Certificate. This year the Higher School Certificate commences on Monday 13 October, which is only seven school weeks away. The end of the year is also approaching very rapidly for our Year 11 students. They only have four weeks of lesson time left followed by their yearly exams in weeks nine and ten. This means that they also should have their heads down studying to ensure they pass all their subjects so that they can progress on to Year 12. Their Year 12 courses commence on the first day of Term 4.

A reminder that the next Parents and Citizens Meeting is on Wednesday 27 August at 6.30pm. We will be continuing our discussion on the 2015 school plan and once again seeking parental input in to the plan.

I realise that we have had some very cold weather over the last two weeks, however, parents are reminded that the school jumper, blazer or wet weather jacket are the only tops which are to be worn. The school tracksuit top is only to be worn for sport related activities. Hoodies or other coloured tops are not to be worn in any circumstances.

As I mentioned in the last Westnews we are now more than half way through the school year. As such, I would ask parents to make arrangements to have any outstanding fees paid as soon as possible. As the school financial year only runs until November, it is essential that all outstanding fees are paid by the end of this term.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Daniel Tranter (Swimming - 200IM), Dani Samuels (Athletics - Discus) and Kimberley Ravaillion (Netball) on their recent gold medal performances at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Fabrice Lapierre (Athletics - Long Jump) and Christie Chamberlain (Athletics - Discus) also made the finals in their events. The school is very proud of the achievements of these former students.

Mr R Davis
Principal

8 August, 2014

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Trial Higher School Certificate Exams

13/8/2014
Year 7
Vaccinations

27/8/2014
P & C Meeting
6:30pm

Winners
International Olympic Committee
Sport and Youth Trophy 2008
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The Westfields Sports family congratulates all of our Commonwealth Games athletes – especially our gold medal winning champions: Dani Samuels, Daniel Tranter and Kim Ravaillion. Along with Fabrice Lapierre and Christie Chamberlain, these former students are great examples of young people who set their goals high and then worked diligently to achieve success.

On Monday, the Sydney University Compass program provided an opportunity for all of our Year 7 students to tour the University environment and attend a theatre production. Thank you to Ms Freeman and the team of staff who escorted the students in a convoy of buses to the university campus.

Compass provides our school with a number of volunteers who are based in the homework centre. Mrs Walker does a wonderful job of managing these students who bring multi lit and numeracy skills. The next Compass event will be an Open Day, which will provide an opportunity for our HSC scholarship applicants to gain last minute advice on Saturday 30 August. Parents are welcome to visit the University.

Fifty Year 8 students will tour the University in September. The final event in October is a workshop for Year 10 aspirational students which is an opportunity for study at tertiary level.

Our HSC class is currently undertaking their Trial exams. Results of these tests contribute towards the final HSC assessment result. Students seeking an ATAR for university placements know the importance of maximising every mark possible. In addition, HSC students seeking scholarships, traineeships and cadetships have been made aware of the need to ensure all remaining tasks are completed at the highest standard.

Our recent school assemblies have been treated to the wonderful voices of Aimee Hope, Blessah Genares and Isabel Osborne. Truly talented singers.

MUSIC CONCERT

The Music Department and Music students invite you to our annual Music Concert.

When: Wednesday 27th August

Where: Marconi Club

Concert starts: 7:00pm

Concert ends: 9:30pm

Tickets: $10 each

You can buy tickets from the front office or buy your tickets on the night at Marconi Club before the concert starts.

It will be a night of fun, entertainment and talent.

We hope you all can make it

Ms T. Ricapito & Mr M. Akele
CAPA Faculty

DEBATING

On Friday 25 July I had the privilege of taking our Year 12 debaters to a competition at Sydney University. The weather reflected our mood - unsure and nervous. Six years earlier we ventured on the same excursion, but with a dismal result (a loss with every debate). This year we were hoping for a different outcome.

The first debate came as a shock as we ended up facing a first year law student (our competitor had dropped out that morning). We lost, but it was a great debate and very educational for the team.

Thankfully the next two debates had a much brighter outcome. We won - beating The Forest High School and Gymea Technology High School.

The team did a fantastic job and improved at such incredible pace. I was honoured to watch them in their last debate and I am certainly one proud coach!

Well done Taylah Smith, Alyssa Viera and Emilio Dankha!

Mrs J. Jones
English Faculty

NSWCHS STATE CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 18 July, Westfields Sports sent a team of 30 students to the NSWCHS State Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek.

Congratulations to the Gold Medal Boys 12s Team (Noak Botic, James Nikolovski & James Paneras) & the Bronze Medal Girls 15s Team (Annelise Isaacs, Jordan Roth, Danielle Bishop).

All students were fine ambassadors of their school and region. Well Done.

Mrs T. Jones & Mr B. Mathison
Cross Country Conveners

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

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.
OZ TAG HOUSE GALA DAY ROUND 2

On Monday 16 June Year 8 were able to participate in yet another successful Oz Tag gala day, thanks to Mr. Rixon. We remembered our skills from the previous Oz Tag gala day and put in more effort than we did before. The majority of the students cooperated very well together and were happy to play. 

The weather was a little windy but it wasn’t bad enough to ruin the Oz Tag spirit.

In fourth place, with 51 points in total was Kewell. Third place went to Clarke with 57 points, which was the team in a little bit more of a rivalry with Hayne who came second with 58 points. So close! This left Samuels in first place! Congratulations to Samuels for playing very well and taking out the title. All teams did exceptionally well and cheers to the students who participated, played fairly and had the motivation to do so.

“...was a fun-filled day. It was all about team work and enjoying our time out of class. The amount of people willing to play for their houses was amazing. Congratulations to the winning house!” - Emilee Arthur

“It was a good way to get some fresh air and get away from the same people we see everyday.” - Priscilla Won

“...I learnt more about what it takes to show real sportsmanship and cooperation to make things easier and fairer. All teams did good but #GoTheNguyens!” - Jessica Nguyen

“The Gala Day was a fun day with my friends, even though we were not all on the same team.” - Limur Ishtar Zaia

Once again, we would like to congratulate all the teams for their cooperation and thank Mr Rixon for making this possible, by taking the time to organise such an intense and spectacular day for the Year 8.

Limur Ishtar Zaia and Priscilla Won
Year 8 Students

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

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

CLARKE WINS SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Westfields Sports Athletics Carnival was held at Sydney Olympic Park on Thursday 17 July, 2014. In excess of 500 competitors competed in a variety of track & field events.

The Champion House for 2014 was CLARKE (1137 points) followed by HAYNE (1126 points), SAMUELS (1000 points) and KEWELL (859 points).

Individual Age Champions were:
- Girls 12s - Izabella Epati
- Girls 13s - Sophie Smith
- Girls 14s - Courtney Schonell
- Girls 15s - Renae Dehn
- Girls 16s - Nicole Carmichael
- Girls 17+ - Leila Tovehi

- Boys 12s - Joshua Taliai
- Boys 13s - Michael Dokovic
- Boys 14s - Jacob Botic
- Boys 15s - Gregory Kavadas
- Boys 16s - Niran Wijewardene
- Boys 17+ - Taylor McDonald

Congratulations to all students who won events. Good luck to our Zone team competing at Sydney South West Athletics Championships.

Mr D. Suchy
Athletics Director

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 Mr D. Barrett, Deputy Principal.

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.

Missed work or work not satisfactorily completed by students in Years 10, 11 and 12 may place the award of a ROSA, Preliminary HSC or HSC in doubt.

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
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.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations:

- Rugby League 14s - NSWRL Elite Schools Champions
- Rugby League 15s - NSWRL Elite Schools Champions
- AFL U16 - Giants Cup Runners Up
- NSWCHS Cup Football - Westfields Sports defeated Hunter SHS 3-0
- Stan Jones Cup Tennis - Westfields Sports defeated Cecil Hills HS 6-0
- Izabella Epati (12), Sophie Smith (13), Courtney Schonell (14), Renae Dehn (15), Nicole Carmichael (16), Leila Tovehi (17+) - Westfields Sports Girls Age Champions
- Joshua Taliai (12), Michael Dokovic (13), Jacob Botic (14), Gregory Kavadas (15), Niran Wijewardene (16), Taylor McDonald (17+) - Westfields Sports Boys Age Champions
- Boys Softball - Westfields Sports defeated Bulli HS 20-0, Callaghan Senior College 13-3 (QF), Woolooware HS 4-2 (SF)
- Buckley Shield Rugby League - Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS 24-18
- Bill Turner Trophy Football - Westfields Sports defeated Maribyrnong SHS (Victoria) 8-0
- University Shield Rugby League - Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS 24-20
- Boys Softball - NSWCHS State Knockout Runners Up (6-7 tie break)
- Buchan Shield Rugby - Westfields Sports defeated Prairiewood HS 67-5

Ms K. Burt
Relieving HT Welfare

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