FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Earlier this year, Westfields applied through the “Community Development Support Expenditure” scheme for funding for some really worthwhile initiatives. The scheme is administered by Fairfield Council and funded by the local clubs. I am extremely pleased to announce that Cabramatta Rugby League Club have donated money for our literacy, numeracy and homework program. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank Cabramatta Rugby League Club for their generous support.

Practical Higher School Certificate examinations have already commenced for many of our students and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best in their endeavours. A reminder to all of our Year 12 students and parents that the first Higher School Certificate examination is on Monday 13 October which is less than two months and only four school weeks away. This is a vital time for revision and consolidation; therefore it is essential that all Year 12 students are in attendance at school all day, every day up until the end of term. I would like to take this opportunity to invite parents along to our 2014 Year 12 Graduation Ceremony. This will commence in the stadium at 9.00 am on Tuesday 16 September. An information letter and two complimentary tickets have been mailed home. Students are to wear full school uniform and will wear the Graduation Gowns over their school uniform.

A reminder also to parents with sons and daughters in Year 11 that their yearly exams are only two weeks away and that they should be studying hard for these important exams.

Our next Parents and Citizens Meeting is on Wednesday 27 August. At this meeting, Head Teacher Administration, Trang Lam will be talking about her role with the management of student attendance. We will also be discussing our 2015 school plan, so I hope to see you there.

Earlier this term, you would have received an invoice for outstanding subject fees, sport fees and school contributions. All fees, even for those on payment plans must be finalised by the end of this term. It is especially important for students who will be signing out at the end of this year to pay their fees as any outstanding fees will delay the sign out process. If there are any difficulties with the payment of fees, I would ask that you make an appointment to discuss them with me.

Mr R Davis
Principal

22 August, 2014

IMPORTANT EVENTS

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

27/8/2014
Music Concert
7:00pm

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

With the return of Year 12 students from their trial HSC exams, the clock is now ticking fast for the actual HSC exams, which commence on Monday 13 October. Students still have time to improve on their trial results and especially their exam technique. Saturday school classes are still available for both Maths and English. There are exam study workshops provided by TSFX www.tsfx.com.au It is now time for HSC students who are seeking university offers for 2015 to visit the UAC site http://www.uac.edu.au and begin the application process. In addition, students who are looking for consideration for a disruption to their HSC studies, should also log onto the UAC site and complete this application. EAS requests will need to be endorsed by the Principal. Some UAC booklets are still available in our careers office.

At this time applications for scholarships and traineeships are due to be submitted. The Sydney University E12 (Early Offer) can be found at: http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/e12/

Our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Tuesday 16 September. This will be recognition of the effort, excellence and achievement of our HSC students. Students will need to arrive at school at 8.30am in order to secure their graduation gowns and prepare for entry into the stadium in alphabetical order. Parents will receive a letter with two tickets to attend the ceremony. Please check this letter for more details.

Congratulations to Sarah Luc on her award for most outstanding student in Sydney region in the area of Hospitality Kitchens. This is a great recognition of a very deserving student.

Congratulations are also in order for our Year 11 and Year 12 boys who took part in the University of NSW Titration competition. Boramy Vandy, Jimmy Nham and Vu Bui, ranked 21 on the day. Mustafa Al-Shammery, Nashwan Istephan and Emilio Dankha from Year 12 came in at 7th place and were awarded a Certificate of Merit. A terrific achievement.

Year 11 students will sit for their yearly exams commencing Monday 8 September. Results of these exams will have an impact on the study paths for Year 12 in Term 4. For some students, a huge effort will be needed to avoid a “N” Determination. There is time to seek advice from teachers in an attempt to make the best effort in these important exams.

Years 7 to 10 will have their yearly exams during the first two weeks of Term 4.

Mrs H. Wilson
Deputy Principal

ENVIRO CLUB

Enviro Week is coming up!

During Enviro week (August 23 - 30), the Enviro Club will be taking part in challenges that create good environmental habits. One of our challenges will be the Foodie Challenge. There will be a “Fresh Fruit in a Cup Stand” on Tuesday 26 of August! For $3.00 you will get a delicious cup full of fresh fruit.

We would love for everyone to take part by completing the “Take the fresh food and tap water challenge”:

• Nude food – rubbish free lunches
• Bring only the food you need
• Eat seasonal and local food
• All fresh fruit and vegetables are perfect (big, small and wonky!)
• Fill water bottles from the tap

Meet our Enviro Week Critter Aussie Green Aus-Born.

If you would like to take part, see Mrs Jaajaa in Social Sciences Faculty.

TUCKER SHIELD INTER-HOUSE UPDATE

The school athletics carnival was won by Clarke (1137). Hayne followed in second place (1126), Samuels in third place (1000) and Kewell in fourth place (859).

Year 12 students continue to donate blood with Clarke leading the way with 15 donors, Kewell 13, Samuels 10 and Hayne 7. Thanks Mr Deli.

During the soccer world cup Ms Field organised a World Cup trivia quiz with Samuels taking out first place.

Mr Rixon organised a Year 8 Oz Tag Gala Day during integrated sport. Clarke took out this competition with Hayne second, Samuels third and Kewell fourth.

With a few activities ongoing as I write, the next few weeks could see a change at the top of the leader board.

The updated point score is as follows:

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Mr C. Jarvis
Head Teacher PDHPE

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.
CAREERS & VET

All students have been reminded that we have been sponsored access to a new resource called ‘Jobjump’. Students are encouraged to utilise this valuable resource for career planning by registering and using the password ‘athletics’.

Congratulations to Sarah Luc & Ryan Whitley on being finalists in their respective VET subject categories, Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) & Sports Coaching at the Public Schools Ultimo Regional VET awards.

Special congratulations to Sarah whose hard work over the last two years paid off when she was announced the overall winner for her category on the night. Well done Sarah.

Mrs S. Conneally
Careers Advisor

POTENTIAL CHEMISTS

On Saturday, 14 June, six students from Years 11 and 12 competed in the Titration Competition at the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown.

Our students competed against 38 other teams, applying their chemistry knowledge and skills as an analytical chemist, into discovering the unknown concentration of an acid.

With no prior experience, apart from training after school, our Year 11 boys: Boramy Vandy, Jimmy Nham and Vu Bui, ranked 21 on the day. Meanwhile Mustafa Al-Shammery, Nashwan Istephan and Emilio Dankha from Year 12 came 7th and were awarded a Certificate of Merit.

Congratulations to all the boys for putting in the hours and effort into training for this competition. Ranked 7th at the regional level, these students received a certificate of Merit.

Mr A. Rogers
Deputy Principal

STAND TALL

In November 2013, I attended the Stand Tall Concert excursion at Knox Grammar School with Westfields Sports where we learnt about self-motivation and heard some inspirational stories.

With that excursion, we all each received a bag that included handbooks, snacks and a raffle ticket in which we held on to until the conclusion of the event. A raffle ticket was then chosen out at random by Taylor Henderson and the winner received four tickets to his concert. At the end of the event, to my surprise, I had the winning raffle ticket and it was such an amazing experience to endure!

The concert took place on the 5 July 2014 and it was such an incredible atmosphere and gig. Taylor’s performance was astounding, we were able to hear him sing songs from his album and covers from other artists and it was even better when I met him. Taylor is such an amazing person and performer and I’m so grateful for this once in a lifetime experience!

I would like to thank Westfields Sports and Tony Hoang for giving me the opportunity to attend and experience the Stand Tall Event and Taylor Henderson’s Concert.

Kalolaine Tohi

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

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

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 4.15pm 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

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations:

- Benjamin Foster - NSWCHS Mens Gymnastics Division B State Champion (1st Floor, 1st Rings, 2nd Pommel Horse, 2nd Parallel Bars, 2nd High Bar)
- Jack Sweeney - NSWCHS Mens Gymnastics Division A State Third (2nd Vault, 3rd Floor, 3rd High Bar, 3rd Pommel Horse, 3rd Rings)
- Hamish Hutchinson - NSWCHS Mens Gymnastics Division A (2nd Parallel Bars, 2nd High Bar)
- Emily Krajovski - NSWCHS Womens Gymnastics Division E State Second (1st Floor)
- Nikita Lloyd - NSWCHS Womens Gymnastics Division E (3rd Vault)
- Izabella Epati, Kristina Vai, Caisha Bennett, Jasmine Silva Gukusuva, Mikyla Hunt, Tiarna Hanson, Sophia Dandan, Sarah Najjar, Kaelia Ranginui, Jade Callander, Tatiana Smith, Sophie Smith, Danielle Bishop, Gabrielle Waite, Anneleise Isaacs, Jordan Roth, Renae Dehn, Sarah Ringrose, Katrina Lamas, Madelyn Morrin, Clair Heldsinger, Nicole Carmichael, Mary Evans, Jasmine Pritchard, Botille Vette-Welsh, Michala Ford, Yana Thach, Bianca Grimaldi, Leila Tovehi, Marikit Reyes, Joshua Talai, Calan Nicholas, Dre Chou Lee, Jahoiyakin Afoa, Malik Abouhalka, Destiny Nuusaoa, Eric Ly, Maclane Walmsley, Aryan Kate, Jay Hirschowitz, Riley Butler, Geromy Cluff, Gregory Kavadas, Obssa Youssouf, Griffin Lotts, Blake McCaffrey, Cooper Horton, Alexander Zarafetas, Shadi Bahlawan, Kyle Alexis, Taylor McDonald, Bailey Woodward, Bradley Jones - SSW Athletics Representatives
- Boys Hockey - Westfields Sports defeated Glenmore Park HS 8-0
- Year 8 Netball - Netball NSW Schools Knockout State Finals (3rd)
- Bill Turner Trophy Football - Westfields Sports defeated Albury HS 3-0
- NSWCHS Trophy Football - State Knockout Runners Up
- NSWCHS Cup Football - State Knockout Champions
- Logan Campbell, Blake Jackson, Cody Sutton-Hunt, Blake Bell - NSWCHS State Softball Representatives

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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