FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to begin by thanking Mr Rogers, the Tedesco family and all of the other parents, students and staff who put a great deal of time and effort in to last weekend’s Canley Car Show. There were well over 100 restored, vintage and hotted up cars and a good day was had by the hundreds of people who attended. The best news is that over $10,000 was raised which comes directly to the school. Thanks again to everyone involved.

Last Tuesday was Year 12 Graduation Day, which marked the end of 13 years at school for our Year 12 students. With their schooling commitments finalised, they should now be busy studying for their HSC which commences on Monday 13 October. To assist Year 12 with their study, we have organised tutorials in all subjects from Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 October. Your son or daughter has been given a copy of the timetable for these tutorials.

The school has organised two sign out days for Year 12. They are Thursday 30 October from 9.00am to 11.00am and Thursday 6 November from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Students are expected to return all textbooks, school resources and pay any outstanding fees on either of these days. References and formal tickets will only be issued after students have completed all clearance requirements. The Year 12 Formal is on Tuesday 11 November at Le Montage, Frazer Street, Lilyfield.

Our next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 22 October at 6.30 pm. Even though this date is still a long way off, please place it on your calendar as we hope to see lots of parents in attendance.

As this will be the last Westnews for the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their commitment and dedication and all parents for their ongoing support. I trust that everyone will have a safe and relaxing holiday. I will be on Long Service Leave for the first three weeks of next term. Mr Rogers will be relieving as Principal during this time. Monday 6 October is a public holiday so all staff and students commence back at school on Tuesday 7 October.

Mr R Davis
Principal

19 September, 2014

IMPORTANT EVENTS

7/10/2014
School Resumes
Staff & Students

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Crossroads
Year 11

7/10/2014 - 17/10/2014
Semester 2 Exams
Years 7-10

9/10/2014
Evening of Dance

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

On Tuesday we farewelled the HSC class of 2014. Many students were recognised for their outstanding achievements including: Principal’s Prize & ADF Long Tan Award: Mitchell Haynes, Academic Blue: Emilio Dankha, Caltex Best All Rounder: Clare Woods, Foundation Cup: Simon Borcherdt.

240 students received their portfolios in a special ceremony. Former students Shikye Smith and Jordan Zammit presented their own awards to successful students. Mr Richard Hanna from the Engineers Society also presented the Engineering prize. School Captains for 2015, Evan Patramanis and Victoria Guzman assisted with MC and organising duties. Special thanks to Ms Cameron and her team for the wonderful morning tea. Also to our canteen staff, many thanks for their catering.

Year 12 students will commence their HSC exams on Monday 13 October. English exams will be held in the stadium. All other exams will be held in M Block. Students are advised to ensure they have their timetables from the Board of Studies web site - http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/Students seeking an ATAR and a university place are urged to complete their applications to UAC before 30 September.

At Wednesday’s assembly, former student, Widyan Al-Ubudy, who is currently working as a journalist at SBS, spoke of her journey from a refugee camp in Saudi Arabia to Westfields Sports and then a Communications degree at Wollongong University. Students were highly impressed and inspired by the charm and confidence of Widyan. We have asked her to visit us again in the near future.

On Thursday, Deputy Principals, Mr Barrett and Mr Rogers undertook the ‘Ice Bucket Challenge’ and raised over $500 for the Motor Neurone Organisation. The trend started in the USA and has raised millions of dollars to support research into the debilitating condition. Well done to Mr Barrett & Mr Rogers.

Year 10 students will attend a Digital Thumbprint workshop in October. The sessions will cover topics such as ‘Online Identity’, ‘Intention and Impact’ and ‘Defending Friends’. Students will learn about the impact of using social media and discover some of the repercussions of unsafe practices.

Former Socceroo Captain, Paul Wade will return to Westfields Sports in October to run another GOALS workshop for the executive of our SRC plus senior indigenous students. These sessions are always well-received and very thought provoking. Also in October and December, School Captains and Vice Captains will be undertaking a sailing course with the Cruising Yacht Club.

Sydney University’s Compass program will welcome 30 Year 9 science students to their Stem Inquiry day. Students will enjoy exploring many aspects of science fields in a practical lab setting.

Term 4 commences with yearly exams for students in Years 7-10. Results will have an impact on class compositions for 2015. Year 11 students will return to Term 4 and receive their end of year results. Success will allow progression to HSC courses.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

There have been a few issues with items of school uniform having broken zips. As stated at the P & C meeting recently the company we purchase from is more than happy to repair or replace items or broken zips in skirts, trousers or jackets. In order to do this the item must be returned to the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday during the school terms from 8:00am to 11:30am.

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BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION

In May, 65 students participated in the Big Science Competition. The competition challenged students to think critically and solve scientific problems using everyday examples.

Congratulations to the following students who have performed amazingly well and have been awarded the following certificates:

DISTINCTION - Eboni Mitchell (8)

CREDIT - Liana Falappi (7), Jai Jenkins (7), Isabelle Lhotka (7), Mariana Maseeh (7), Harry Pham (7), Flynn Isaacs (8) and Zachary Raso (8)

As part of encouraging students to participate in the Big Science Competition, all participants were placed in a draw to win lucky prizes. Jack Lee (7) was one of the lucky students to receive a free movie voucher!

Well done to all participants. I hope to see more young and budding scientists registering next year!

Miss T. Lam
Science Faculty

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHEMISTRY QUIZ

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz aims to promote interest in chemistry and the role of chemists in our society. The quiz comprises of 30 multiple choice questions that are to be answered in 60 minutes.

Earlier this year, ten students from our Year 11 chemistry class participated in the competition. Across New South Wales a total of 2748 Year 11 students competed. History shows that, since participating in this competition, we have had students from Westfields achieving credits, distinctions and high distinctions. I would like to congratulate two of our students who have been awarded the following merits this year:

CREDIT (Top 25-40%) - Travis Low

HIGH DISTINCTION (Top 10%) - Evan Patramanis

Given the difficult nature of the competition questions I am proud of all the students who participated in putting in the time and effort to compete. For all those students in year 7-12 who have an interest in the field of chemistry, I hope to see you all in the upcoming competitions that follow.

Miss T. Lam
Science Faculty

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY EXCURSION

On the Wednesday 3 September, 8ENG1 and 8ENG2 has the privilege of going on an excursion to the University of Sydney. During this day students were engaged in a wide variety of fun and exciting activities ranging from Law and Order to creating ice cream with liquid nitrogen.

In the morning our school and many other schools met in the Great Hall of the University where we got to hear from former and current university students about making the right decisions about tertiary education and also about university in general.

After everyone was organised into groups we went to our first session, which for me was "Law and Order: Crime Investigation". Here we got to be witnesses for a crime investigation and help find out whom the killer was! It was a really good experience to talk to students from other schools and it was also heaps fun getting to act like a real detective and lawyer. After our first session we all had lunch together on the front lawn we also got to join with all the other schools to create a big figure of 8 which was photographed from the very top of the Great Hall. This was heaps of fun and looked amazing in the photos. We all then attended our second session, which for me was Guilty or Not Guilty? Here we got to act out a real court case! We had a judge and jury and I was lucky enough to be a prosecutor. I had so much fun at this activity and I learnt so much about a courtroom and what lawyers really do.

I believe this excursion was one of the best excursions I have ever been on because I got to be practically involved and also learnt a lot about university and the wide variety of options that I will be able to have by the time I can too attend university.

Sarah Najjar
Year 8 Student

LOST PROPERTY

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.

Once again a large amount of lost property has been gathered at the front office - including joggers, football boots, school uniform items and other items of clothing.

These items will be held until the end of Week 2 next term, and then any unclaimed articles will be donated to charity.

Sarah Najjar
Year 8 Student
YEAR 12 GRADUATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following award recipients which were presented at the Year 12 Graduation on Tuesday 16 September, 2014:

Principal’s Prize - Mitchell Haynes
Scarf Foundation Award - Vivian Mo
Foundation Cup - Simon Borcherdt
Caltex Best All Rounder - Clare Woods
Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork - Mitchell Haynes
Academic Blue - Emilio Dankha
JP Quinlin English Prize - Emilio Dankha
Keith Hansen Mathematics Prize - Emilio Dankha
John Curtain Modern History Award - Bianca Grimaldi
The Engineers Prize - Brock Westwood
Domenique Bowen Humanities Award - Linda Le
Professor Denis Evans Science Award - Emilio Dankha
Shikye Smith CAPA Award - Ben Zammit
ACPHER PDHPE Award - Bianca Grimaldi
ACPHER CAFS Award - Sarah Luc
Jarryd Hayne SLR Award - Michala Ford
Sydney Markets Hospitality Award - Sarah Luc
Jordan Zammit Ancient History Award - Rowena Lam
DEC Award (Level 1) - Simon Borcherdt, Brandon De Moraes, Michala Ford, Matthew Harrington, Mitchell Haynes, Natasha Jankov, Michael Jankulovski, Amanda Khouth, Sarah Luc, Madeline McCann, Vivian Mo, Jasmine Scheithe, Jackie Tran, Dalena Tu, Alyssa Viera, Brock Westwood, Ashleigh Wickens.

The staff and students wish all graduating students all the best for their upcoming HSC exams.

Mr J. Deligiorgakis & Ms J. Alic
Year 12 Advisers

EVENING OF DANCE 2014

On Thursday 9 October, the Westfields Dancers will be presenting their annual showcase concert, An Evening Of Dance. This event is one you do not want to miss!

Our talented dancers present a range of styles including contemporary, jazz and musical theatre. We also farewell our wonderful Year 12 students and showcase excellence in student choreography.

Tickets will be on sale for $20.00 in the front office during Week 10. The event will take place at Casula Powerhouse commencing at 7.00pm.

Ms E Ireland
CAPA Faculty

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations:

Girls Basketball - NSW All Schools Runner Up
Boys Football - NSW All Schools Champions
Buckley Shield Rugby League - Westfields Sports defeated The Hills SHS 32-0 - State Champions
Boys Hockey - NSWCHS Knockout Final 8 - Goulburn HS 2-3, Grafton HS 2-1, Moss Vale HS 3-2 (5th)
Boys & Girls Rugby 7s - Plate Runners Up
Athletics - 2 gold medals, 3 silver medals & 3 bronze medals - NSW All Schools Relays
Chase Stanley Cup Rugby League - Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS 20-12 - SHS Champions
Michael Buettner Shield Rugby League - Westfields Sports defeated Endeavour SHS 22-4 - SHS Champions

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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.

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