FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This will be the last Westnews that our current Year 12 students will receive so I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best for their HSC and also for the future. Year 12 Graduation is on Tuesday 16 September in the stadium. Students will need to be here at 8.30 am to receive their Graduation Gown and the ceremony will commence 9.00 am. Year 12 students will need to pay $20 for the hire of their gown by Friday 12 September. Each student is supplied with two tickets for the Graduation Ceremony.

The first HSC examination is on Monday 13 October 2014 so it is essential that as a minimum, in the upcoming holidays Year 12 spend an equivalent amount of time studying as they normally spend at school each day. It is an excellent opportunity for Year 12 to consolidate their learning and focus on achieving the best possible outcomes in the HSC. The school has 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. We have also organised two sign out days for Year 12. They are Thursday 30 October from 9.00 am – 11.00 am and Thursday 6 November from 9.00 am – 12.00. 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.

Next Sunday (14 September) is the Canley Car Show and once again Westfields Sports are the beneficiaries. The car show is hosted by the Canley Heights RSL and takes place in their car park from 9.00 am until 2.00 pm. It would be great to have your support so we look forward to seeing you there at some time during the day.

In previous editions of Westnews, I have explained to parents that Westfields is registered with the Australian Sports Foundation to purchase equipment for our strength and conditioning program. This means that all donations of $2 and over are tax deductible. Your donation goes directly to the ASF who then return that equivalent amount of money to the school. I am pleased to announce that the ASF has introduced an online donation capability. The Westfields online donation page can be accessed via this link http://asf.org.au/donate/?projectId=1356. In addition, online donors will receive an automated receipt for tax purposes via email as soon as the donation is processed. Of course, you can still complete the existing donation form and forward it to school for us to process.

A reminder to all parents that on your behalf, the P & C have taken out an insurance policy to cover students at Westfields 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.

Mr R. Davis
Principal

5 September, 2014

IMPORTANT EVENTS

8/9/14 - 19/9/14
Year 11 Semester 2 Exams

16/9/2014
Year 12 Graduation

17/9/2014
Vaccinations
Years 7 & 9 Boys

Winners

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

Our HSC students are approaching the end of their studies at school. There are a number of processes and tasks that do need to be attended to promptly. Students who plan to apply for 2015 University placements have until the 30 September to submit their applications. There is a fee with applications and this fee increases for late applications. Along with UAC applications, students can apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) which, allows provisions for students who have encountered disadvantages during their HSC studies. On-line applications for EAS close 27 September. Students applying for the Sydney University E12 Scholarships must have their application endorsed by the Principal before 17 September.

HSC results will be released on Wednesday 17 December. ATARs will be released 18 December.

For all students applying for TAFE courses commencing next year, it is very valuable to check the TAFE website for closing dates. In many cases, students need to apply this year in October. Check the following website. https://www.tafensw.edu.au/career/

HSC Graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday 16 September. An invitation with two tickets has been sent to all families of Year 12 students. Students need to arrive at 8.30am to be fitted with their graduation gowns and then seated in the stadium. Because there is limited seating in the stadium, entry for parents will be with tickets only.

Fifty Year 8 students had a wonderful opportunity to explore Sydney University on Wednesday. The University’s “Compass” program provided many workshops, which showcased areas of study that students may consider for their future. Thanks to Ms Awad for organising this valuable trip.

Many thanks to former Socceroo Captain, Paul Wade for running a very well received GOALS workshop for our indigenous students. The session examined successful people and how they achieved their success. Students had an opportunity to examine their personal goals and were offered excellent advice on achieving desired goals.

NAPLAN RESULTS

NAPLAN results for all Year 7 and Year 9 students were issued to students this week to take home to parents. If you have not received them please check with your child.

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

EARLY LEAVERS

If a student needs to leave school early they should;
• bring a parental note stating why and when the student is required to leave school
• show the note to the Deputy in Charge of their year and receive an Early Leavers Pass
• show their classroom teacher the Early Leavers Pass when leaving class

All appointments should be made outside of school times.

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT PERMISSION

Mr D. Barrett
Deputy Principal

GET HSC READY

HSC WORKSHOPS @ WSHS

How to write a response using ALARM
Improve your essay writing skills
Term 3 Week 10 Thursday 18th September
TLC (F52) - 8am – 11am

Ms R. Jethi
Head Teacher Secondary Studies
ENVIRO WEEK SUCCESS!

During Enviro Week (23-30 August), the Enviro Club were involved in challenges to create good environmental habits. One of our challenges was the Foodie Challenge. The day although gloomy and covered in rain was a great day of success! We sold out of all our fresh fruit cups and apple slinkies.

The Enviro Club would like to thank everyone for taking part.

Thank you to the following students that helped the day become a success: Cynthia Ly, Christopher Tembeleski, Maria Cenic, Helen Kalou, Robert Cerqueira, Rhys Bui, Emilee Arthur, Stephanie Soro, Limur Zaia, Ryan Mortenson, Michael Jankulovski and Louis Bui.

ACCIDENTS OR ILLNESS

Students who become sick during the school day will be given permission by their teacher to go to the sick bay. Minor injuries are treated at school. If necessary, an ambulance will be called.

Staff will contact parents/guardians if students need to go home.

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CONTACT PARENTS DIRECTLY.

Mr A. Rogers
Deputy Principal

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.

Mrs S. Walker
Head Teacher Pedagogy

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

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
School Administration Officer

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

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.

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.
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. 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 sportmen 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

CRICKET PRESENTATION

On Tuesday 2 September, 2014 the Cricket Presentation was held at St Johns Park Bowling Club to celebrate the successes of the 2013-14 season.

Coaches Award Recipients - Ivan Sunjic, Harry Brett, Lucas Castle, Dayle Margetts, Niran Wijewardene

Most Improved Recipients - Joshua Baraba, Rhys Ward, Jaedan Calder, Benjmain Hunt, Jack Bray

Excellence Award Recipients - Jackson Isakka, Clayton Sands, Riley Allington, Ben Crosbie, Luke Ohrynowsky

Major award recipients were:

- Michael Clarke Captain of the Year - Riley Allington
- Player’s Player - Luke Ohrynowsky
- Most Valuable Fielder - Clayton Sands
- Junior Cricketer of the Year - Riley Allington
- Cricketer of the Year - Brendan Smith

Mr I. Gill
Cricket Program

CANLEY CAR SHOW

The Canley Car Show is on again on Sunday 14 September at the Canley Heights RSL from 9.00 am until 2.00 pm and once again Westfields Sports are the beneficiaries. It would be great if you could drop in at some time during the day to show your support.

Mr A. Rogers
Deputy Principal

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Congratulations:

- Callum Fitzpatrick & Shelby Milton - NSW All Schools Football Representative
- Ryan Whitley - SSA National Baseball Representative
- 7/8 Netball - Westfields Sports defeated The Hills SHS 17-12
- 7/8 Netball - SHS Challenge Champions
- 9/10 Netball - SHS Challenge Runners Up
- Danijela Milisic - SSA National Basketball Representative
- Buckley Shield RL - Westfields Sports defeated Bass HS 40-0
- University Shield RL - Westfields Sports defeated Bass HS 18-0
- Buchan Shield Rugby - NSWCHS State Knockout Runners Up
- Clare Woods, Brian Jamba, Jack Fulton, Jayden Diacono - SSA National Football Representatives
- Boys Hockey - Westfields Sports defeated Albury HS 2-1
- Girls Netball - Westfields Sports defeated Orange HS 31-10 (QF), Kirrawee HS 42-10 (SF) & The Hills SHS 52-16 (F)
- Girls Netball - NSWCHS State Knockout Champions (11th consecutive title)
- Buckley Shield Rugby League - Westfields Sports defeated Bass HS 36-0 (SF)
- Katrina Lamas, Gregory Kavadas, Kyle Alexis, Shadi Bahlawan, 15s Boys Relay (Cooper Horton, Gregory Kavadas, Blake McCaffrey, Alexander Zarafetas) - NSWCHS State Athletics Gold Medals
- Katrina Lamas, Sarah Ringrose, Shadi Bahlawan - NSWCHS State Athletics Silver Medals
- Renae Dehn, Bianca Grimaldi, Michala Ford, Griffin Lotts, Kyle Alexis - NSWCHS State Athletics Bronze Medals

Mrs J. Kenny
Director of Sport

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