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NSW TALENTED ATHLETE PROGRAM

Rebecca Walker (Year 10) was selected for the NSW Sport and Recreation Talented Athlete Program. Rebecca is a talented netballer who plays goal attack and shooter. Congratulations!

GREATER WEST BASEBALL REPRESENTATIVE

Rhys Dehn (Year 7) was selected as an U/12 representative for Greater West Baseball. He has also been selected for the Greater West Little League which is a statewide competition. Well done Rhys!

JKF GOJUKAI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Larissa-Lee Ryan was selected to compete in the Australian National championships. Well done!

HAROLD MATTHEWS REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Blake South (Year 10) and Jacob Brenner (Year 11) for their selection in the Penrith Panthers Harold Matthews side (U/16's) for 2008. A tremendous achievement!

SWIMMING SUCCESS—ATAY UNYELIOGLU (YEAR 8), BRAD HARPER (YEAR 7) AND ALEX KELSHAW (YEAR 12)

Atay, Brad and Alex have been selected to represent the school at the CHS Swimming Carnival. A great achievement by all these boys. Well done!

21 ARMY CADET UNIT—PENRITH

Congratulations to Luke Donohue, Adam Kelshaw (Year 10) and Katelyne Borg (Year 9) on their involvement in representing our school at the annual Western Sydney schools ANZAC Day ceremony.

SYDNEY WEST—U/16 TOUCH FOOTBALL

Matthew Oliverio has made the U/16 Sydney West Touch Football Team

which travelled to Newcastle in May this year. A fantastic achievement!

RURAL FIRE SERVICE CADETS
Congratulations to Tim Waters (Year 9) and Kieran Graham (Year 8) on their representation in Inter State Junior Fire Brigade Championships.

BMX AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Jake Ionn (Year 7) on being ranked 17th in his age group across Australia for BMX Bike Riding.

AFL EXCELLENCE

Grady Tapping (Year 10) and Nathan Lee (Year 9) were selected to represent the Werrington Zone in AFL and have both been selected in the Sydney West team. Grady was also selected for the Sydney South West team and competed at the State championships. A tremendous effort!

AFL AND TOUCH EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Corey Jones (Year 10) who was successful in making the Sydney West and Combined High Schools 15 years Touch Football Team and the Sydney West and Combined High Schools AFL Team. This team was highly successful in this endeavour, winning this carnival.

NSW ALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OLYMPIC TRIALS

Alex Kelshaw (Year 12) has represented the school at Homebush in this prestigious championships. Alex won the 50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke. In the 100m freestyle, Alex was placed second. Alex also participated in the Olympic Swimming Trials.

SYDNEY WEST GYMNASTICS

Kaitlyn White (Year 8) and Agata Sibilska (Year 8) has been selected to represent in gymnastics at the State Championships.

PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES TEAM 2008

Congratulations to Alex Kelshaw (Year 12) who represented the school in the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke at this event.

SYDNEY WEST TOUCH TEAM

Congratulations to Andrew Laing (Year 11) on making the Sydney West Touch Football Team which travelled to Parkes for the State Carnival.

GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Kaitlyn White (Year 8) on making the CHS championships in Gymnastics. Kaitlyn now attends the Hunter Sport Centre in Glendale in August for the CHS championships.

RIOTINTO BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION

The following students have achieved meritoriously in this prestigious competition:

Credits: Nadesha Abayaratna, Danielle Williams, Darwin Peczek, Jed Bonne, Jake La Ferla, Pradeesha Ranatunge, Sheza Rafique (Year 7); Laura Morrison (Year 11); Alex Kelshaw, Alex Soare (Year 12)
Distinctions: Kaitlyn White (Year 8), Christian Jeffries (Year 10).

PANTHER TROPHY RUGBY LEAGUE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following boys who won the Panther Trophy competition and now progress to the State Knockout:

Jason Bugeja, Jesse Dunn, Tipene Dunn, Thomas Earl, Nathan Gibbs, Luke Konnecke, Daniel Ledger, Chatchawan Leemangkun, Brodie McKenzie, Kristian Nes, Ben Pagett, Justice Pasili, Aaron Perhouse, Blake Rayner, Aidan Tosswill (Year 7)
Adam Bektas-Kulmar, Hudson Cumic
Matthew Lupi (Year 8)

PULSE— OPERA HOUSE PERFORMANCE: JUNE 30th

The following students were outstanding participants in the annual



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Western Sydney Region PULSE festival at the Sydney Opera House:

Allara La Ferla, Alexandra Wagner, Lachlan Manning (Year 8)

Daniel Hines, Ashleigh Cullen, Priya Murthy (Year 9)

Sam Drury, Courtney Agius, Shelby Crook, Elizabeth Merrick, Jacqueline Smith, Caitlin Johnstone (Year 10)

Holly Vardon, Samantha Teuma, Stacey Star, Adrian Casey (Year 11)

Elizabeth Condon, Miguel Magbuana (Year 12)

INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING

Congratulations to Michael Urquhart of Year 8 who won third place in the 'Difficulty' category and second place in the 'Speed' category at Australian

Youth Nationals for Indoor Rock Climbing. He represented at the World Youth Rock Climbing Cup in August at St Peter's in Sydney. Michael, achieved the 19th in the 'Speed' and 44th in the 'Difficulty' category for his age. A grand achievement!

Michael also traveled to New Zealand (Rotorua) over the October Term 3 holidays and competed in the Oceania Rock Climbing Championships.

Michael was placed 8th in the Difficulty Category and 1st Place in the Speed Category. Tremendous stuff!

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN AWARD WINNER—ALEX KELSHAW

Congratulations to Alex Kelshaw (Year 12), who in this Olympic year has been successful in receiving the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin Award.

The Pierre de Coubertin Awards is a major program of the Australian Olympic Committee

Schools Education Strategy, which provides young people with an opportunity to share

in the true spirit of the Olympics.

The Awards, named after the founder

of the modern Olympic Games, promote the importance of participation in sport and physical activity. They recognise students who demonstrate initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play through participation in a variety of sports, qualities which are consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic Movement.

DEBATING—REGIONAL QUARTER FINALISTS

Congratulations to Amie-Lee Black, Michelle Winata (Year 9), Brad Mason and Dhammika Mendis (Year 10) who have progressed to the Regional Quarter Finals in the Premier's Debating competition. Well done to Ms Andrews, their coach whose leadership has inspired this success.

SYDNEY WEST SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Luke Harris who has been selected to represent Sydney West at the CHS carnival later this year. This is a fine achievement from an outstanding player.

TAYLAH SENGUL—STATE ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Taylah (Year 7) on her fine success in Girls 13 Years Shotput, Discus and Javelin at the Regional Athletics Carnival. She goes on to represent at the State CHS Athletics carnival.

OUTSTANDING RESULT—

TAYLAH SENGUL

Well done to Taylah (Year 7) who won gold in Javelin, Discus and Shot Put for her age group at the Combined High School championships. Taylah set a CHS record in javelin at 45.18m. An outstanding result! Taylah won the Queen Elizabeth Trophy—a prestigious honour—for her wonderful all round performance.

HUGE WELL DONE—ANDREW STEYNS (YEAR 10)

Andrew has been selected in the NSW State Indoor Lawn Bowls (junior boys singles). A tremendous achievement!

NETBALLING SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to Zoe Rankmore (Year 9) who has made the New South Wales U/16 Indoor Netball Team as goal defence/ goalkeeper. She represented at the national championships in December. A great achievement from a proven high performer!

ADAM BEKTAS-KULMAR STATE ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Adam Bektas-Kulmar (Year 8) who has been chosen to represent U/13 Boys High Jump at NSW CHS Athletics. A fantastic achievement!

TARRA-JANE FORNO — STATE ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Tarra-Jane Forno (Year 7) on her Girls 14 Years 90 m Hurdles success at the recent Regional Athletics Carnival. She also goes on to represent at the State CHS Athletics carnival.

WELL DONE VOLUNTEERS

Emma-Marree Wilesmith (Year 7) Johnna Wilesmith, (Year 8) and Michael Wolter and Billy Maybury (Year 9) all assisted in the Legacy Badge Day on Friday September 5th as part of the 21 Army cadet unit at Penrith. Generous and wonderful participation for the benefit of others!

WEBSITE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Scott Hutton, Brad Mason, John Lau, Robert Loucos (Year 10) on winning a prize in the NSW Industrial Relations Website competition. This involved the boys making a film which was submitted along with many others across the state. A stunning achievement! Well done boys!



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ABORIGINAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Sharrea Elliott and Natasha Bennett (Year 8) have been successful in winning a *Two Ways Together* scholarship. A fantastic achievement!

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students who were successful in their applications for the Year 10-11 Scholarship programme:

- **Nicole Setter**—St Clair Shopping Centre - English Scholarship
- **Jasbinder Singh**—St Clair Shopping Centre – Mathematics Scholarship
- **Jyoti Kumar**—Erskine Park Day and Night Pharmacy - Science Scholarship
- **Sangeetha Rajan**—Wendy's Mt Druitt – TAS1 Scholarship
- **Christian Jeffries** - Harper Timber – TAS2 Scholarship
- **Aisha Khan** - Western Storm Soccer Club – History Society and Its Environment Scholarship
- **Rebecca Walker** - Western Storm Soccer Club – PD/H/PE Scholarship
- **Amy Foster**- St Clair Shopping Centre - Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship
- **James Bulanadi** - St Clair Shopping Centre – (Support) Work Ethic Scholarship
- **Robert Loucos**—St Clair Rugby League Club - Student Dedication Scholarship
- **Amanda Ryan**—St Clair Rugby League Club - Student Initiative Scholarship
- **Ashleigh Bristow**—Woolworths St Clair – Student Consistency Scholarship

Each scholarship is valued at \$250 and we congratulate and thank our generous sponsors on providing these scholarships.

7JADE RICH TASK

Year 7 class—7 JADE—achieved a most fabulous standard of work in their rich task work completed across Term 3. The degree of detail and effort—in recording songs, designing interactive board games, Powerpoint presentations, undertaking experiments, analysing literature and the like around a topic of 'Healthy Lifestyle' across each of their subjects was amazingly impressive. A great congratulations to all students and staff involved. The teamwork and group effort was simply outstanding!

AUSTRALIAN TAEKWONDO

Well done to Cassandra Thomson (Year 8) on representing Australia in the World Cup for Taekwondo. An outstanding accomplishment!

COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS BLUE—ALEX KELSHAW

Alex Kelshaw (Year 12) has achieved the most brilliant honour in being awarded a Combined High Schools Blue for outstanding achievement in the sport of Swimming. A huge congratulations to Alex on this achievement.

VICTOR CHANG CARDIAC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AWARD

Taryn Ventura of Year 11 has been successful in winning the prestigious Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute award for 2008 for her tremendous achievement in science areas of the curriculum.

TAYLAH SENGUL SUCCESS

Taylah Sengul (Year 7) has been selected in the 2008 New South Wales Pacific School Games Track and Field Team and participates in the 8th Pacific School Games in Canberra from November 30th following her stunning, high grade performances at different representative carnivals this year.

ST MARYS SUB BRANCH – VIETNAM VETERANS DAY PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to Allara La Ferla, Brooke McElhinney (Year 8), Ashleigh Cullen, Maria De Paz, Daniel Hines, Ryan Hollins, Herushi Wanigasingha (Year 9) who performed at the annual commemoration and remembrance of Vietnam Veterans at St Marys RSL.

WESTERN SYDNEY REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S AWARD 2008 WINNER

Allara La Ferla (Year 8) has been honoured with this award for her outstanding achievements in the area of Creative and Performing Arts. A tremendous achievement by an outstanding talent.

WESTERN SYDNEY REGION EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS 2008 - HIGHLY COMMENDED STUDENTS

Alex Kelshaw (Year 12), Elizabeth Condon (Year 11) and Michelle Ryan (Year 11) have been honoured for Excellence in Student Leadership and work for the school, receiving highly commended awards at these prestigious annual awards.

WESTERN SYDNEY REGION EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS 2008 - HIGHLY COMMENDED STUDENTS

Gemma Shorten and Rhiannon White (Year 12) have been honoured for Excellence in Student Achievement, receiving highly commended awards at these prestigious annual awards.

WESTERN SYDNEY REGION EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS 2008 - HIGHLY COMMENDED STAFF

Mrs Sue Berry was successful in receiving a Regional Award for her tireless work and effort in the areas of Numeracy and Student Leadership. An outstanding achievement!



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DEBATING SUCCESS—ZONE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following students who were the zone debating champions: Jordan Ingleton, (Year 9), Erin Morrison (Year 9), Grace Chambers (Year 7) and Emily Lucas (Year 7). Also, Amilee Black (Year 9), Michelle Winata (Year 9), Brad Mason (Year 10) and Dhammika Mendis (Year 10) should also be congratulated on their wonderful involvement in school debating.

AUSTRALIAN CHEMISTRY QUIZ

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements: High Distinction: Alexander Soare (Year 12). Distinction: Shuai Zhang (Year 12). Credit Kaitlyn White (Year 9).

TITRATION COMPETITION

A huge well done to the following students who participated grandly in this competition: Charley Earl (Year 11) Jessica Krishna (Year 12), Natalia Mendham (Year 12), Daniella Montero (Year 12), Laura Morrison (Year 11), Alfred Salib (Year 12), Alexander Soare (Year 12), Monique Som (Year 11), Taryn Ventura (Year 11), Marco Vukovich (Year 12), Natarsha Wilson (Year 12), Shuai Zhang (Year 12)

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

High Distinction: Alexander Soare (Year 12)

Distinction: Darwin Peczek (Year 7), Shuai Zhang (Year 12).

Credit: Nadeesha Abayaratna (Year 7), Kelsey Ault (Year 9), Andrew Beshay (Year 7), Jed Bonne (Year 7), Jessica Crowe (Year 9), Jorja Davis (Year 9), Layken Farrugia (Year 7), Teresa Garbo (Year 7), Christian Jeffries (Year 10), Alex Kelshaw (Year 12), Joseph Sanders (Year 8), Sukanya Suryakumar (Year 7), Hayley Thrupp

(Year 7), Kaitlyn White (Year 9).

OZ KIDS IN PRINT

A Writing Excellence Award has been won by Emily Jackson (Year 7). A fabulous performance!

WERRINGTON ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

Athletics: Taylor Acret (Year 12), Adam Bektas-Kulmar (Year 8), Douglas Buckley (Year 7), Chantelle Callan (Year 7), Kristy-Ann Chater (Year 11) Alex Jackson (Year 7), Cassie Marshall (Year 8), Joshua Meehan (Year 11), Justice Pasili (Year 7), Lauren Priestley (Year 7), Taylah Sengul (Year 7), Jessica Suhr (Year 8), Courtney Wilcox (Year 9), Tarra-Jane Forno (Year 8).

Swimming: Edward Brown (Year 10), Mary Cao (Year 7), Marlon Cunic (Year 7), Stacey French (Year 11), Bradley Harper (Year 7), Vanessa Harper (Year 10), Luke Harris (Year 10), Jessie Hong (Year 7), Jordan Ingleton (Year 9) Alex Kelshaw (Year 12), Matthew Kelshaw (Year 8), Ashley Kendall (Year 8), Zoe Rankmore (Year 9), Blake Rayner (Year 7), Alexandria Wade (Year 12), Kaitlyn White (Year 9), Rhiannon White (Year 12).

Soccer Ashleigh Cullen (Year 9), Ashley Meyer (Year 9)

SYDNEY WEST REPRESENTATIVES

AFL: Nathan Lee (Year 9), Grady Tapping (Year 10)

Athletics: Adam Bektas-Kulmar (Year 8), Tarra-Jane Forno (Year 8), Taylah Sengul (Year 7)

Baseball: Luke Harris (Year 10), Mitchell Varnum (Year 10)

Gymnastics: Alexandra Wagner-Zahra (Year 8), Kaitlyn White (Year 9)

Netball: Zoe Rankmore (Year 9) Rebecca Walker (Year 10).

Indoor Soccer: Robert Loucos (Year 10)

Swimming: Bradley Harper (Year 7), Adam Kelshaw (Year 10), Alex Kelshaw (Year 12), Alexandria Wade (Year 12).

NSW COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES

Athletics: Tarra-Jane Forno (Year 8), Taylah Sengul (Year 7)

Baseball: Luke Harris (Year 10), Bradley Harper (Year 7), Adam Kelshaw (Year 10), Alex Kelshaw (Year 12), Atay Unyelioglu (Year 8).

PAN PACIFIC GAMES—CANBERRA

Congratulations to Taylah Sengul (Year 7) who received THREE gold medals in Shot Put, Discus and Javelin. Taylah threw 15.18m in shot put, 41.64m in discus and 42.81 in javelin. These were all U/13 girls Pan Pacific records. Simply stunning!

BASEBALL EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Luke Harris and Joshua Evans (Year 10) who were selected for the U/16 Australian Capital Territory representative baseball team.

WONDERFUL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Taryn Ventura (Year 11) on winning a University of Western Sydney Most Outstanding Year 11 Scholarship to support her future university studies. This is a highly prized and momentous achievement with its net value worth over \$20,000! Outstanding!