

HOMework CENTRE

On Wednesday 28 April, the Willyama High School Homework Centre was opened for the first time, and a number of students took advantage of the facilities offered to them within the school library. Students received assistance in a number of subject areas from the teachers who were rostered on, and also worked on homework and assignments that are due in the near future. A number of students also commented on how surprised they were with how much work they got done without the distractions of TV or Facebook which are often easily accessible at home. The students also enjoyed afternoon tea provided by Woolworths who will supply some snacks each afternoon the centre is open.

Starting week 3, there will be some slight changes to the operation of the homework centre, with the operating hours now being from 3:30-5:30 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. For more information about the centre, see the advertisement within the newsletter, or contact the school. We strongly encourage students to use the centre, particularly if they are having troubles with a particular subject, or just want a quiet and resourceful area to complete their work.

2010 Saturday Hockey Season

Why not sign up to play?

Minkey & Primary Grades (Kindergarten to Year 6)

Intermediate Hockey (Year 5 - High School)

Senior Hockey (High School - Adult)

You must register and pay at the REGISTRATION DAYS & TRIAL GAMES at Norm Fox Oval Saturday 1st May and Saturday 8th May, 2010.

Bring along the registration form and your registration fees*
Minkey & Primary \$30 Register at 10am
Intermediate Hockey \$50 Register at 11am

Senior \$80 Register at 1.30pm

* registration fees are the only fees required for the whole season

* a 25% discount applies to families with 3 or more players in any mixture of grades.

Supply your own shin pads and mouth guard.

Hockey sticks are provided for all grades.
Hope to see you there!

Saints Junior Ruby League

Training commenced Tuesday 20th April at the Lamb Oval at 4.30pm for all grades.

Mini league for players born in 2005 - 5years, 2004 - 6 years, 2003 - 7years, 2002 - 8 years, Mod League for players born in 2001-9years, 2010-10 years

Juniors for players born in 1999 - 11 years, 1998 - 12 years

Youth grade for players aged 13 years (1997) 14 years (1996), and 15 years (1995)

Ken Kennedy

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CALENDAR MAY

3 May CHS Basketball

7 May Agfair

11 May P&C Meeting

14 May Cross Country Carnival

24 May Year 11 Half Yearly Exams

25 May ICAS Computer Skills Competition
Outback Science

FRONT OFFICE

It is important that the school has up to date contact information for your child. If any of your details have recently changed please ring the school on 80881055 or come to the office and fill in a new registration form.

Please ensure that you provide details of any other person who acts on your behalf in case of sickness, emergency etc.



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Term 2 Week 2

Friday 30 April 2010

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 2. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday.

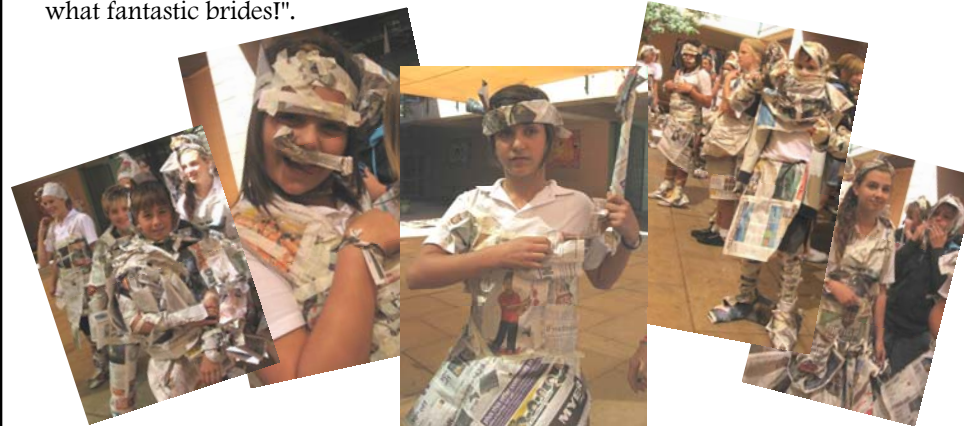
This week our Homework Centre began operation. Please note it is now open to all Willyama High Students from 3.30pm - 5.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and will be staffed by teachers from each KLA. This is an excellent opportunity for students to get help with assignments, homework or just to study. You can come for 10 minutes or for the full 2 hours, and it doesn't matter what you are studying. We would like to see as many students as possible attend.

The NAPLAN tests will be held for Year 7 and 9 students during the week beginning the 10 of May. Letters will be sent out soon. For more information and test samples, see www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html

Year 9 will be receiving their DER laptops in the next few weeks. A parent information night will be held on Wednesday 12 May at 7.00pm in the library.

YEAR 7 PEER SUPPORT

On Wednesday 10th March Year 7 students and their Peer Support leaders were set the task of designing a bridal gown with only newspaper and masking tape. The aim of the activity was for students to learn to work together, develop problem solving skills and have a lot of fun! The lesson finished with many students strutting their stuff down the cat walk as part of a fashion parade. Congratulations to the costume winners: Chris Crowe and Jayden McConnell - what fantastic brides!".



XSEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SUCCESS

As one of the twenty schools across the region participating in the innovative xsel Virtual High School, our xsel students Katelyn McInnes and Cooper Murray converged on Dubbo for a two day residential school to complement their work studied on-line throughout the term. The residential camp was held on the 30/31 March with students staying overnight at Aussie Cabins in Dubbo. As xsel manager, William Adams said "... it was so great to see the positive relationships which have formed between the kids and with their teachers; they have really thrived on catching up in person after working so well in the virtual environment all term". Xsel teachers spent their time productively, carrying out activities difficult to replicate in the virtual classroom. Huge thanks go to both Barbara Bannister (xsel's Teaching, Learning and Technology officer) and Bev Winters (xsel's Support Officer) for their brilliant organisation of the camp. Thanks also go to some of our wonderful parents from Broken Hill, Cowra and Coonabarabran who assisted with transport and cooking the BBQ. As Mrs Bannister observed, the camp was "just a great way to finish up, it has energised us all and set a great platform for refinement of our teaching and learning in term 2".

TERM ONE CONCERT

Pictured below are the music students that performed at the concert. All students gave 100% in their performances. It is great to see and hear some new talent rising through the ranks. Well done to everyone involved.



MAX POTENTIAL

Connect Group 1 – Update 22 April 2010

On Wednesday 21 April Max Potential students from Broken Hill High School, Willyama High School and Menindee Central School, and their community coaches, met together at the Legion club for three hours of learning and exploration of the program. Willyama students involved in this initiative are Heath Caldwell, Luke McDonald, Jacka Hicks, Desley Edwards, Sarah Ray, April Demery of Year 11, and Caitlin Jinks of Year 12.

Most students have now had two coaching sessions with their community coaches, where they have started to learn principles and practices to develop their personal leadership skills and attitudes. The group meeting helped students and coaches alike reflect on what they have already learned, what has been their biggest challenge so far, and what they have already achieved.

Students also started to explore ideas for their community service project, as each student will soon undertake a leadership project in the local community that will directly affect, and seek to improve, the lives of others in the area.

In addition to all of this, a very exciting opportunity for one of the Max Potential students to take part in a Kokoda Trek was announced by the community clubs of Broken Hill.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Once again in 2010 students from years 10, 11 and 12 nominated for House Captains at Willyama High School. Juniors are from Year 10 while the seniors come from Year 11 and 12. From there, each sporting house votes for their captains and those with the most votes become the sporting leaders for 2010. House Captains play an important role in our schools sporting arena and are role models for our younger athletics. We wish them all the best for 2010.



Back Row: Rachel Degoumois, Sarah Charlton, Heath Caldwell, Raynor Hicks, Jacka Hicks, Mrs Devoy
Front Row: Demi Tiziani, Luke Lines, Lauren Pascoe, Jordie Kappe, Jessica Carnie
Absent: Ethan Williams, Thomas Derham