

WILLYAMA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT

The Willyama High School Term Two Concert at the Broken Hill Entertainment Centre was a resounding success. There were 34 musical and dance acts performed by the students who worked hard all semester to put on a great show. Performers and audience alike had a fantastic time. Mr Gavranich, Mr Mullard, Mrs Devoy and Mrs Hicks would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students involved, for putting on a great show.

Pictured below performing at the concert are:

Thelma Stace and Anastassia Dennis



Danielle Lee



Myles Burt



BARRIER SCHOOLS CHORAL FESTIVAL 2010

When: Wednesday 4 August 2010

Where: Broken Hill Entertainment Centre

Morning Session **11.30am** Afternoon Session **1.00pm**

Tickets: \$5 Adults \$1 Children (Tickets at the door, on the day)

Refreshments will be available to purchase during interval.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following link will connect you to our online school calendar for up to date information including term dates, school events, excursions etc.

<http://web1.willyama-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/webcal/calendar/1>

EMAIL ADDRESS

If you would like the Willyama Whisper emailed to you, please let the Front Office know and we will put you on our email distribution list.

FREE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING CENTRE (FAST)

We have decided to change the name of the School Homework Centre to the **Free After School Tutoring Centre**, so both students and parents are aware of what the school is offering, and students are not put off by the "Homework" title.

The FAST is open for all Willyama students on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and provides a great opportunity for students who may be having difficulty with assessment tasks or class work to receive extra assistance and tuition in any subject in a relaxed and resourceful environment.

If you have any queries about the centre, please contact the school on 8088 1055.

We really hope that students use the valuable tuition that is being offered to them.



WILLYAMA WHISPERS

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Term 3 Week 2

Friday 30 July 2010

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you for the warm welcome everyone has extended to me in the two weeks I have been at Willyama High School. Willyama has strong traditions of "*Value and promote Diversity, Effort and Achievement*" and a very caring staff who provide many opportunities for your child. I have moved from Orange and look forward to working closely with students, staff and parents to make the good things at Willyama better.

The expectations of students at Willyama as Responsible, Respectful and Cooperative learners focus on:

Right Place Right Time – it is important for students to be prompt to all classes

Speak Well – this means being polite, listening respectfully, not yelling or using offensive language or put downs

Personal Best – always be ready for work, actively participate in all activities and do the best you can

It was wonderful to see many parents at the Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher evening held on Tuesday night. This is a great way to meet with teachers to find out how your child is progressing and share the good things your child is achieving at school. I would encourage all students to develop a regular study routine using summaries of course work and practice past exam papers to prepare them for the trial exams which commence on Monday 16 August. Thanks to Mrs Hicks for organising Centrelink to present an information session about financial support for those young people who wish to pursue tertiary education.

Parent Teacher Night for Year 7 to 10 will take place on Tuesday 17 August in the Library. Please come along to encourage your child in their schooling.

Senior music students last week were fortunate to have a team of Higher School Certificate markers present a workshop that helped them prepare for their performances in the HSC. They were very impressed with the standard of performance of our students. Well done.

In week 4, music students will participate in the Barrier Schools Choral Festival. We have many talented students so I encourage you to go along and see their performance.

The Science Labs renovated by the BER funding were completed and students are enjoying the updated facilities which make learning more relevant and enjoyable. The canteen facilities have also been updated to meet Industry standard.

On 10 August, Broken Hill High School and Willyama join together for a Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Information evening. All students in Year 10 are encouraged to attend and find out about many new options available for 2011. Students must stay at school until they are 17 or must have a minimum of 25 hours of school, training and work. Research has shown that the longer students stay in education or training, they will have better opportunities and lifestyle in the future.

Principal's Report continued

I am concerned with the amount of cyber bullying and the impact this is having on the interpersonal relationships of the students. This includes:

- Posting hurtful messages on social networking sites
- Sending repeated unwanted messages either by SMS or email
- Excluding someone from an online group
- Creating fake social networking profiles or websites that are mean and hurtful

Students need to be aware there are real world consequences for their virtual world actions. These postings can be used as evidence in the future.

If this is happening to students, please tell someone as ignoring the problem won't make it go away and there are steps they can take to address cyber-bullying.

How can parents prevent and address cyber-bullying?

- Investigate what your child is doing online
- Communicate with your child
- Use family safety software to keep track of what your children are able to access Online
- Research your Internet Service Provider's policies on cyber-bullying
- Report cyber-bullying to the school or if you have serious concerns contact your local police
- Block communications from cyber-bullies.

The next P & C meeting will be held on the Monday 9 August. I invite you to attend to support your child at school and I look forward to meeting you there.

Shirley Ellis
Relieving Principal

RIVER TRIP 2010

Late last term a group of boys and girls from Years 8, 9 and 10 had an opportunity to attend a special enrichment camp held over 3 days on the banks of the Darling River in Kinchega National Park.

The group got away to a good start and enjoyed the bus trip to Menindee. Once on the dirt, and with the distractions of town beginning to drift away, some of the boys down the back let their imaginations run wild, forgetting that they were on a 20 seat bus and playing out their dreams of being world class rally drivers telling us how they would be doing "mad drifts" and "massive jumps".

A short time later we arrived at the camp site. After a quick look around, the group realised their first challenge had arrived without them knowing. The trailer that had all the tents, sleeping gear and food had disappeared and they would need to go and find it in order to set up camp. After a brief discussion the trailer was quickly located / unloaded and our camp was set up.

River Trip continued

For the staff this was probably one of the highlights - watching a tribe made up of chiefs with very few Indians is always entertaining. Setting up tents (some for the first time) was not as easy as they thought. It was at this point we noticed the beginning of what would become a trend for the week: "Girl Power". The girls not only set their tent up first, winning the challenge, but also decided that it would be quicker and more convenient for the week if they went and pushed the trailer with the last remaining bits and pieces back to camp. It was an awesome display of teamwork and a top job to see the girls pushing the trailer over the rise and into camp. This determination and dedication was evident throughout the entire camp from all the kids that attended. Each challenge or activity was met with determination, courage and mostly good spirits.

By the end of an exciting few days the group had taken on a whole range of enrichment activities including the mighty ruins to river trek, the tangled challenge web, volunteer work at the woolshed, R & R time on the river bank fishing and making a traditional platted leather key chain.

Before long, it was time to head back to reality. It was back onto the mini bus and we headed for town. After two nights and three big days every one had enjoyed themselves but the call of a hot shower, comfy bed and mobile phone reception was loud and clear for the group.

Finally I must thank the support received from Mission Australia, Broken Hill PCYC, and NSW National Parks and their staff for everything that they did for us. It was all greatly appreciated. It was an excellent camp that was enjoyed by all and has opened up a new world of possibilities for WHS and outdoor recreation.

Simeon Kloczko – Teacher Boys and Girls Strategies

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT ? www.fatherfigure.com.au

WHO

All Father Figures: Dad, Coach, Grandfather, Teacher, Uncle, male role models etc

WHAT

An opportunity to have a free breakfast and get some real world advice on how to be the best dad or father figure you can be. An opportunity to help others be the best they can be.

WHERE

Free Demo Breakfast (register for Breakfast and DVD via website or through Willyama High School on 80881055) RSVP 27th for catering needs.

WHEN

Tuesday 3 August, from 7.30am to 8.30 am

WHY

Kids are our future and research has shown just how important positive male role models are in contributing to the success of our youth. We will be looking at things such as :-The power of father figures, How are they different? Helping with education, Specific things for boys, girls and teenagers.



For more info please contact Simeon Kloczko or Cameron Wells at Willyama High School on phone 08 80881055 or online via our website's forum.