

MENTAL HEALTH

The Family and Carer Mental Health Program has information sessions available for families and carers:

16 September ~ Mental Health Information Session, Musicians Club Meeting Room, Crystal Street 10.00am - 12.00noon. Contact Sharon on 8087 6661 to register.

25 - 26 September ~ Mental Health First Aid, University Department of Rural Health 10.00 am - 4.00pm. Contact Sophie on 8080 1535 or Tanya 0428 965 310 to register by 17 September.

FATHER FIGURES

The Father Figures Breakfast went very well at the Barrier Social Democratic Club on Tuesday 3 August.

Not only was there a great breakfast to be had, but all 25 father figures who went to the meeting walked away with a more positive outlook and constructive ideas to improve on what they already do as male role models.

If you want to know more about the Father Figures Program and you are a Father Figure, there will be another breakfast on Tuesday 14 September at 7:30am at the Barrier Social Democratic Club. All Father figures are **welcome**.

For more details contact Simeon Kloczko at Willyama High School 80881055.

TERM 4 CALENDAR

13 September	Year 11 Yearly Exams Start HSC Practical Music Exams
14 September	P&C Meeting Year 7-8 Oz Civics Film Festival
16 September	Pedal Prix - Murray Bridge
20 September	Year 10 Trial School Certificate Science Exam
23 September	Year 12 Graduation Day
24 September	Year 12 Mufti Day

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

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

Principal: Tony Hicks
PO Box 708
BROKEN HILL NSW 2880
Phone: 08 8088 1055
Email: willyama-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
<http://www.willyama-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Term 3 Week 8

Friday 10 September 2010

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Best wishes to Year 12 Music students who will perform for their Music exam on Monday. I would ask all students to stay away from the quad on Monday to minimise noise that would interfere with their performances.

Year 12 have two more weeks of schooling left so it is important that they attend all lessons for final revision. Hopefully their regular study routine will prepare them well for the Higher School Certificate Exams next term. Students need to make sure they have a timetable of their exams in a prominent place in the home, maybe stick it to the fridge, so all in the family can see it.

The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday 23 September, with the whole school celebrating students' 13 years of schooling. This is an exciting time for them and I wish them well in their exams and future lives.

The "Real Game" was held last week with all Year 7 participating and linking via video conference with students from Coonamble, Gulargambone, Bourke and Nyngan. The activities were based on real life scenarios using numerical problem solving. The students were provided with lunch and the comments from visitors congratulated our student's behaviour, participation and engagement on the day. Well done all.

Next week will see a variety of activities:

Year 11 Yearly exams commence on Monday and continue till the end of term.

Year 7 and 8 students will attend the AusCivics Film Festival to view the film "Broken Hill" being launched here on Tuesday.

Pedal Prix students will go to Murray Bridge on Thursday to compete in the new vehicle. Good luck.

School holidays commence on 25 September.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Shirley Ellis

Relieving Principal

PARENTAL SURVEY

As part of the ongoing review and improvement of Willyama High School, we ask that parents and carers complete the survey found on the link below. This will give us some feedback about how you feel Willyama High School is going.

The survey is completely confidential, and your responses will assist in making Willyama a better place for students. To make the collection of the data easier, we request that you complete the survey online, however, if you would prefer to complete a hard copy, your child has been given a copy of the survey to pass on to you.

The survey can be found at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/whssurveyparent>

Thanks for your input.

HSC EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FIELD TRIP

On Thursday 2 September the HSC Earth and Environmental class (Catherine Beahl, Manon Hill, Colby Pearce and Ned Pollit) accompanied students from Broken Hill High School to visit the two BeMax Mineral Sands Mine sites “Gingko” and “Snapper” near Pooncarie.

The mineral sands include Zircon, Rutile, Ilmenite and Leucoxene from which valuable elements such as titanium are extracted. These minerals are removed from the water table using massive dredging machines and then separated using magnetic, gravitational and electrostatic processes both at the mine site and at the plant on Kanandah Road.

I would like to thank Mr Gavin Swart and his team for giving their time so generously and for a magnificent lunch. Thank you also to Mr Trevor Dart and the BHHS EES students for this trip and all the adventures over the last two years. A special thanks to Mr Trevor Cutjar from Buses-R-Us and all the bus drivers from Murton’s and Buses-R-Us who helped show us the world.



Miss Kelly tries her hand at mining



Miss Kelly and Class



Colby Pearce



YEAR 9 PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

During Week 6, Year 9 Willyama High School students were involved in a Peer Support Training Day that will prepare them to be effective leaders. This program develops their personal skills, working with different people, learning about their roles and responsibilities, understanding group dynamics and developing strategies to manage a group.

The Peer Support Program is in line with the Commonwealth and State Government’s strategies for promoting mental health amongst children and adolescents. It recognises that students’ mental health is an essential component of their wellbeing.

Throughout the day students were involved in sessions which provided them with the opportunity to practice or improve their leadership and life skills in group contexts. They were involved in various group challenges and provided the goods on all occasions. This included the group juggling with tennis balls and their ability to use their problem solving skills to find a solution to creating a costume out of one newspaper that they could wear to a fancy dress party.

Overall the day was a huge success with all students actively engaging in each of the sessions. The second session will be held soon at Willyama High School with identified leaders who will assist with our 2011 Year 7 students and their transition from primary school to secondary school.

Willyama High School would like to congratulate Year 9 for their efforts throughout the day. Well done.

