

### PBL End of Term Rewards Day

Congratulations to those students who have achieved 90% or more attendance, gained 16 or more merit certificates and/or received 40 or more champion tickets.

In the next couple of weeks make sure you catch up with your Year Advisor to receive a permission note to attend the end of term trip to the pool.

Keep up the fantastic work.

### Keep Your Promises: Your Weekly Fathering Tip

The other routine that I've followed fairly rigorously is that if I'd promised my kids that I'd be home for something special I'd always make certain I was. This is very important. I would often get planes very early in the morning just to get back for school sports or other important events. You really should move heaven and earth to keep any commitment you've made like that to your children. I never promised to be home if I couldn't be and I'd explain that to them.



### 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.

### THE FAST CENTRE

The FAST centre is open for all Willyama students on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.00pm 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.



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Term 4 Week 4

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I had the pleasure of attending the West Darling Sports Presentation on Friday night where a number of our students were recognised for their achievements in sport over this past year. Congratulations to all students who received awards, it was wonderful to see so many Willyama students involved. A very fitting tribute was given to Ellysia Oldsen with the announcement of a new West Darling award in Ellysia's honour. This award is to be presented annually to a student who most demonstrates outstanding success and commitment to school sport. A very well deserved accolade.

There are a number of great traineeship opportunities in town at the moment for Year 10-12 school leavers. These are available at Broken Hill Tourist Park, The Dental Centre and Red Robin Deli. Please see Mr Hughes, our Careers Adviser, for further details if you are interested.

The HSC exams conclude this Wednesday and students finally get some 'down time' as they await their results. HSC results are released on 19 December and ATARs on 20 December.

Nominations have been received for our new school captains for 2014 and students will vote later this week after hearing their addresses on assembly. Good luck to all involved.

We are all looking forward to the SRC's Colours of Summer Festival to be held on 15 November. More details inside this newsletter.

Mr Kloczko will be leaving us temporarily for the remainder of this term as he takes up the position of relieving PBL coordinator across the region. We wish him well in this position.

The next P&C meeting on 14 November will be the final one for 2013. It will be held at the Mulga Hill Tavern starting at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Grant Shepherd  
Principal

Willyama SRC presents 'The Colours of Summer Festival' – Friday 15 November, 3:30pm to 7:30pm



Willyama SRC is holding 'The Colours of Summer Festival' as the final event of Acceptance Week.

This event is designed to promote healthiness, happiness, individuality and giving back. All money raised from this event will go back to the school for the benefit of all students who attend Willyama High School.

The festival is a family

friendly afternoon of activities, music, food and fun culminating in the Colour Run at 6pm.

Other activities include: BBQ, ice-cream bar, cake and lolly stall, fairy floss, slip and slide, music performances, electronic games, three-legged races, tug-of-war, donut-on-a string eating competition, coin toss, guessing competition, private stalls and much more.

So come along, bring the family and enjoy an afternoon of fun activities, music and food.

#### **RESPECT REPORT - Christmas Shopping comes early at WHS**

The Rewards shop has new stock just in time for Christmas. If you wanted to make a head start on your Christmas shopping or get yourself a treat then the Rewards shop is the place to be.

Now in stock:

A range of cool new 4 & 8 Gb USB Thumb Drives

Portable MP3 players

A range of Rechargeable IPOD & MP3 Speaker docs

And don't forget we still have iTunes cards, hats and other great computer accessories.

So make sure you collect your champ tickets today for being a Champion every day.

Remember a Willyama Champion shows Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation.

*Simeon Kloczko*

#### **Australia's number one Anti-Bullying and Leadership development speaker Visit planned**

Brett Murray is Australia's most sought after youth speaker. With 24 year's experience working with young people, teachers and parents, Brett is now recognised as Australia's number one, and one of the world's foremost experts on Anti-Bullying and Leadership development. Brett has an extensive and very impressive career CV. Having spoken for the United Nations, addressed the National Press Club in Canberra, shared the stage with youth psychologists and authorities such as Andrew Fuller and Collet Smart, and is endorsed by such people as Olympic Gold medallist Kerri Pottharst, Sam Cawthorn (Young Australian of the Year) and Dr Timothy Hawkes Principal of The Kings School North Parramatta.

After his first visit to Broken Hill being a huge success in 2010 Brett is returning to Broken Hill in December this year to present to not only the local schools but also a proposed community and parents sessions to be hosted by Willyama High School.

Brett's commitment and enthusiasm to supporting youth is not only aimed at building the potential of young people but recognises the vital role that parents and the wider community play in the positive development of our youth.

Brett's commitment to the youth of Broken Hill has seen him offer his services at a massive 50% off but we still need the support of local organisations or businesses that would like to help sponsor either the community/parent's session or any of the school sessions. This support will ensure that all students and parents from our community can participate.

Brett will be speaking on a range of issues tailored to each of his audiences. Topics will include, dealing with change; how to be a true champion; what parents need to know about the kids of today; and 'Make Bullying History' - an amazing anti-Bullying seminar for students of all ages.

Please check out Bretts profile at [www.brettmurray.com.au](http://www.brettmurray.com.au) or check him out on you tube [http://youtu.be/BiJ7gAY\\_bLg](http://youtu.be/BiJ7gAY_bLg)

If you would like to help sponsor this visit or register your interest in attending the Parents and Community session please contact Simeon Kloczko at Willyama high school on

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