

FAST Centre 2013

One of many exciting programs that Willyama High School has run over the past few years is the FAST (Free After School Tutoring) Centre, and it is with great delight to announce that the FAST Centre will be up and running again in 2013. In the past, a number of students have used the centre by receiving expert tuition in subjects where they were experiencing difficulties; utilising the great number of resources available to them in the school library, or simply studying in a relaxed, educationally friendly environment. So, if your child is experiencing difficulties with his or her work, or if they are having difficulty completing their homework at home with all the distractions of home life, then the FAST centre is there to help. The FAST centre started again in Week 4 this term on **Monday 25 February**. It will be open every Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-5:00 pm in the school library, with afternoon tea provided and all students are welcome to attend. For further information about the FAST centre, please don't hesitate to contact the school.



English Staff 2013

Ella Waters, Kay Henderson, Ingrid Seck, Nicole Harrington and Christi Elliott.

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.

Solving Equations

Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/RId5/44/algebra

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>



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Term 1 Week 5

Monday 25 February 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Willyama High School in 2013. I hope everyone has had a great break and is ready to work hard and participate in the many different activities on offer at this school.

I would like to welcome our new staff members to the school:

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| Mr Matt Cawley | Head Teacher Science |
| Ms Alison Lloyd | Mathematics |
| Ms Rebecca Millstead | Mathematics |
| Ms Christi Elliott | English |
| Mr Mike Sheldon | Rural Area Relief |
| Mr Kyle Usher | Tutorial Centre |

These teachers have been a wonderful addition to Willyama High during the first few weeks. We are extremely fortunate to have obtained teachers of such a high standard.

I would also like to welcome our Year 7 students as well as our students in Years 8 - 12 who have joined Willyama. I am sure you will enjoy your new school.

I would also like to acknowledge the passing of Mr Greg Mate who was an extremely well respected and highly professional member of our staff for nine years. Greg will be sadly missed. There will be a Memorial Service for Greg on Saturday 2 March at 11:00am at the Sturt Club. All are welcome.



Vocational Education

Many kids now use Year 11 and 12 to get a head start on a traineeship or an apprenticeship, or gain other valuable industry experience.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/vocational-education-at-school>

2013 HOUSE CAPTAINS



Pictured are: Front Row: Kate Baldwin, Tayla Pettitt, Whitney Smith and Connor Esling
Back Row: Shae McQuillan, Chad Spangler, Codie Whitehead, Ashlee O'Neil
Absent: Luke Baldwin, Jason Masclet, Cooper Murray, Lachlan Tiziani

PBL 2013

We have heard what you and the students have said so 'we are having a face lift this year'.

You will hear the same language of Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation but look out for the new school PBL logo.

Students will continue to be reinforced by receiving Champ Tickets for following values but the champ tickets have a fresh new look, sporting the 2013 logo.

Champ tickets will still be traded in by students to collect on rewards but this will also look a bit different by way of a PBL shop.

The team behind the team are busy looking into merchandise for the PBL shop and exploring what the term and end of year 'big' rewards will be.



NSW SCHOOL-BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based vaccination program.

In 2013 the following vaccines will be offered:

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) vaccine for all Year 7 students

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be offered to Year 7 male and female students, and to Year 9 male students, as a 3-dose course over a six-month period (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school into Year 8).

Hepatitis B vaccine for all Year 7 students who have never received a course of hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby.

Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine for all Year 7 students who have not previously received varicella vaccine or had chickenpox disease.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child's school. Please ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the Consent Form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and, for female students only, link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.