



PBL NEWS

Just a reminder to hang on to your champion tickets as the PBL shop is coming soon. You will be able to exchange your tickets to purchase a range of gifts from the shop. We are always looking for your ideas of what we can stock the shop with, so keep the ideas coming in.

ALSO

End of Term Rewards Day is just around the corner. Students will be heading to Patton Street Park for an afternoon of fun and a BBQ on 12 April (period 5 and 6). Students can also go to Bell's Milk Bar at their own cost.

Criteria to attend this day are one of the following;

95+% attendance

3 merits (Years 7, 8, 9 and 10) / 2 merits (Years 11 and 12)

30 Champion Tickets

See your Year Advisor for the permission note and further details.

LASERFORCE MILDURA

Laserforce Mildura are coming to Broken Hill during the second week of school holidays: 21 to 26 April 2013. Opening times are 10.00am to 6.00pm at Centro Plaza behind McDonalds in the car park.

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.



WILLYAMA WHISPERS

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Term 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This will be the last Principal's message I write for the Willyama Whisper. As you would be aware I have accepted a transfer to Lake Illawarra High School.

It has been an honour to have worked at Willyama High for over 20 years, and I have felt particularly honoured to have been the Principal of this wonderful school.

To the students and parents both past and present I would like to thank you for the support you have given to me personally and to the school over the years. It has been very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank our wonderful staff for your efforts and the work you do with our students. The school is in great hands with quality people like you in front of our classes. Once again, thank you.

Tony Hicks
Principal

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School breaks up on Friday 12 April 2013

Staff return on Monday 29 April 2013

Students return on Wednesday 1 May 2013

YEAR 7 LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

In LOTE, Year 7 are learning about Japan. In their studies they have learnt about Japanese Festivals and they are currently learning about Japanese food and eating manners.

Check out the great Cherry Blossom prints by Lydia, Jake and Georgia.

Thanks to Liam for our great photos.



Cherry Blossom art:

Lydia De Gruchy, Georgia McGregor and Jake Raddatz

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Seasons for Growth is an innovative education program which explores the effects of change, loss and grief. We will be running the program at the school in Term 2. If you are interested in your child participating in the program or would like further information please contact Kylie Wilson at the school on: 8087 2674

MERCEDES TONKIN

Most of us can hardly walk a straight line, let alone flip along a beam! However, for Mercedes Tonkin, Level 7 gymnast at the Broken Hill Gymnastics Club, it's all in a day's training. On any given day, you can find Mercedes effortlessly flipping on beam, swinging on bars, or turning somersaults on floor. In fact, last year Mercedes won the title: 2nd Overall State Champion for 2012, a title achieved with the combination of natural talent, the expertise of head coach Zoe Tonkin, and consistent hard work. Mercedes' training schedule is a gruelling five days a week, sometimes totalling 18+ hours. This year, Mercedes will compete in the State Team Trials in Adelaide, April 7, 2013. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best. We know you will make us proud!

Classes run daily at the Broken Hill Gymnastics Club. For more information, check <http://bhgkc.org.au>





Year 9 Life Skills Class

Year 9 have been reading books written by the wonderful Roald Dahl. At the moment we are reading the BFG, a great book about a very friendly giant. Check out these great Dream Jars made by our fabulous Year 9 students. Thanks to Trudy for her wonderful help!



Assignment starters A-Z

What projects or essays does your child have that are due by the end of term? One of them could be among the School A-Z website's assignment starters – resources designed to point you in the right direction.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

Buying an e-reader or tablet

E-readers may be a good way to get reluctant readers into books, plus they let you carry your library around with you wherever you go.

THE YOUTH INTERAGENCY EXPO



On 28 February Year 7 and our fantastic Peer Support leaders attended the Youth Interagency Expo at the Racecourse. Whilst we were there we learned skills to help us both now and in

the future. We attended workshops about cyber laws, healthy relationships, developing empathy for others and had a good go at the bongos too!

We had a great day and would like to give a very special thank you to our Year 10 Peer Support leaders; Courtney Harvey, Shelby Johns, Tayla Pettitt, Maddison Quintrell, Caitlin Lee, Jake Treloar, Connor Esling, Whitney Smith, Jess Midgley, Nicole Mustard, Georgia Borlace and Jayden Marks; David Lee, Jim Richards and the youth interagencies; our friends at Broken Hill High School and our wonderful teachers Mrs Jones, Mr Mann and Mr Librando.



7 Gilmore and Miss Waters

Wentworth – Mungo Trip

Thurs 14 & Fri 15 March 2013 Yr11 Biology & Ancient History & Yr12 Earth Science



On Thursday 14 March the combined Yr11 Biology – Ancient History and Yr12 Earth and Environmental Science classes with Miss Kelly, Miss Chennell and Mr Cawley set out for Wentworth.

First stop – Perry Sand Hills. Then after “check-in” at the Willow Bend Caravan Park we walked down to the Murray River to do some water, transect and quadrat sampling.

Unfortunately we found more introduced bamboo on the banks of the river than native species. After an amazing BBQ cooked by Mr Cawley and Paul the bus driver we slept soundly by the river and under the stars – complete with air conditioning and plasma TV’s.



The next day we woke up at 6am to hit the road by 7.30am to reach our next stop at Mungo National Park. At Mungo we visited the Visitor’s Centre and met the giant megafauna (diprotodont), had morning tea, saw the new Indigenous Meeting Place, and explored the old shearer’s shed. We momentarily lost a student in the sheep poo – but due to the “*What happens on camp – stays on camp*” rule we cannot reveal his name.

When our guides arrived we were allowed to walk out onto the sacred landscape and see ancient Aboriginal cooking places and preserved footprints of young children who walked these lakes 40,000 years ago.

The Earth Science and Ancient History students could observe – from a distance – the Lake Mungo stratigraphic sequence of clay, sandstone and silcrete (salt and sand) featuring the distinctive “lunettes” of the “Great Walls of China”.

The highlights of the five hour drive home included lunch at MacDonald’s in Mildura, a stinky toilet break at Lake Popilta and the voices of the “talented” Year 11’s auditioning for Australian Idol.

We would like to thank Paul from Thrifty Buses, the Wentworth Caravan Park, Buronga National Parks and Wildlife and Mrs Yates for helping to feed us. And finally a big thank you to Mrs Scott and Mr Cawley for all their help in making this trip possible.

