



World Cup Cricket

“The ICC Cricket World Cup will be the largest global sporting event of 2015. Regional NSW will share in the experience, with the launch marking the beginning of the World Cup Trophy’s tour across the nation, starting on Sydney Harbour.

“Over the next couple of months, the trophy will tour communities across the State, including Broken Hill,

Cobar, Dubbo, Coffs Harbour, Wagga Wagga, Goulburn, Bowral, Cootamundra and Queanbeyan.”

“Fourteen teams will compete in the ICC Cricket World Cup: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, Scotland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, West Indies and Zimbabwe.

To follow the trophy’s tour across NSW, visit: www.cricketworldcup.com.

Pictured above Nash Mitchell and Bailey Shepherd

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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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Congratulations to our SRC students on the fantastic job they did in organising and delivering the Colours of Summer Festival. It was once again an awesome afternoon bringing together the whole school community with the main attraction being the Colour Run. Laser Tag was also popular as were the other activities and the ice cream, fairy floss and cakes all went down a treat. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who banded together with the SRC, in particular their coordinators Ms Henderson and Miss Harris as well as the parents who helped. Thank you also to everyone who attended and participated making the afternoon the great success that it was.

A number of students have just returned from the Rewards Trip to Mildura. By all reports, the students had a wonderful time. A very big thank you to Mrs Gauci and Mr Carrett for all their organisation at such a busy time of year. The movie rewards afternoon will be held on Friday 12 December.

Congratulations to our students who performed in the recent school concert and to those students who were presented with awards at the West Darling Sports Dinner. We are very proud of you all.

We are looking forward to our Annual Presentation Night on Wednesday 10 December at the Civic Centre starting at 7:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise, showcase and celebrate the many fantastic achievements of our students over the year.

I would like to sincerely thank the Willyama High School P&C Association for their dedication and hard work this year. I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank outgoing president Maria Robinson for all her time and effort in her various roles over the past six years. It has been highly valued and much appreciated.

The last day of school this year for students is Wednesday 17 December. School will re-commence in 2015 with Years 7, 11 and 12 starting on 4 February and Years 8, 9 and 10 starting on 5 February. As the school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community for contributions and support this year. Please have an enjoyable Christmas break and a safe and prosperous New Year. We look forward to working with you all again in 2015.

SRC "Colours of Summer"

On Friday 21 November 2014 the Willyama SRC held their second annual "Colours of Summer" festival. On the day we were presented with beautiful weather and lots of people turned up to have a go at laser tag or run in the Colour Run. There were lots of great prizes available and over 150 people jumped at the chance to get covered with paint. The SRC were very happy with all the money raised and would like to thank the community who showed their support.



Katie-Lee Crowe and Clara



Colby Taplin and Clara

Shannon and Grace say goodbye to Xsel Science:

On Thursday 27 November 2014, after four years of hard work and frequent *yuckiness*, Shannon Graham and Grace McLean did their last Xsel Science practical in Room 3.30. Fellow xsel students Joshua D'Ettorre and Sophie Morrison



were present for this special moment. The Science staff of Willyama would like to wish Shannon and Grace the best of luck in their future studies and thank them for all the entertaining moments over the last four years.

Shannon Graham, Miss Kelly, Joshua D'Ettorre, Sophie Morrison (holding a slab of frozen liver) and Grace McLean.

Succeed in Science

Award-winning scientist and teacher Dr Mark Butler lists his 10 top tips to give your teenager the edge in the study of science.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/helping-your-teenager->

SciWorld comes to Willyama

On Friday 28 November 2014 a travelling Science show called Sci-World visited Willyama and Room 3.30 was turned into an auditorium for the day. Students from Years 7, 8, 9, Special Education and Year 12 Chemistry were treated to an array of different hands-on and colourful chemical experiments. We would like to thank the presenters Clara and David for travelling so far to spend time with us and share their joy of Science.



Kane Lance and presenter Clara show in Room 3.30



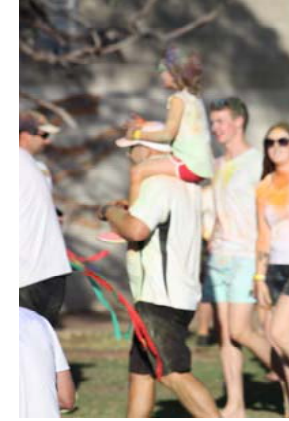
Year 7 watching the chemistry



Sophie Hilton, Jasmin Langdon and Zoe Chapman enjoying their only opportunity to sit on the desks in 3.30



Max Eggins getting into Sci-World



HSC Exhibition

The opening of the HSC Exhibition was held on Friday 28 November 2014 at the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery. Students in Visual Arts and Photography, Video and Digital Media from Menindee Central and Willyama High School completed a major project as part of their Higher School Certificate. All students are to be congratulated on the excellent effort they put into their work - it looks wonderful. The exhibition will be on display for the next few weeks at the gallery. Try to make the time to visit the gallery and you can find the exhibition upstairs.

Pictured below : Abbi Thomas, Thomas Elston, Sione Huxtable, Emma Hurst, Taylor Robinson and works by Rebecca Yates and Ashley Young.



Year 10 Work Experience

At Willyama we believe in supporting every student to experience life in the workplace. For several years, we have accomplished this through the Day 8 work experience program, where Year 10 students attend a workplace for a 3-day block followed by every second Wednesday for 2 terms. The Day 8 program has allowed students to develop their communication and interpersonal skills, to investigate career pathways, and build connections with members of the Broken Hill community.

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)



This term we have been working hard to set up a Positive Behaviour for Learning Student Action Group. These students have been volunteering their time before school and during lunch to assist with the organisation of our end of year reward trip to Mildura. They have been attending morning meetings, advertising, and liaising with staff and the student body to help plan the trip.

We are looking forward to working with this group of enthusiastic students in 2015 as they continue to assist with rewards, PBL lessons and providing feedback to staff on all things related to PBL. If any students are interested in joining this team next year come and see Mrs Gauci to get more details.