

SYDNEY COLLEGE OF ARTS

Visitors from Sydney College of the Arts ran a workshop in print-making for a group of year 8 students during Learning Week. Students learnt about Pop artists and the print technique, before making their own prints. They cut stencils from contact and worked on layering up their images to create interesting compositions. All students participated extremely well and enjoyed the chance to try something new!



HSC SEMINARS

Last term, 16 Year 12 WHS students attended the 2014 Dubbo HSC seminars. The workshops, held June 5-6, provided students with invaluable information about preparing for and maximising their marks in the HSC examinations. It was a worthwhile experience for all.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to all our very talented music and dance students who put on another magnificent display of entertainment on Thursday 26 June at the Civic Centre.

Thank you to all students, staff and community members who worked very hard to make the night such a wonderful success. Thank you also to parents and friends for coming along and supporting our school.

Congratulations to our students who travelled to Dareton to compete in the West Darling Cross Country. A fantastic effort by our girls who won their pointscore section. Our small number of boys meant we finished second to Coomealla High overall. Still a good result nevertheless and hopefully next year we can improve on this. Well done to the age champions, further details inside. A big thank you to Ms Roper and Miss Harris for their efforts in organising the team and travelling away with them.

The PBL rewards movie held earlier this week for Years 7-10 was very successful with a number of students enjoying popcorn and a movie. These students were identified and rewarded for their positive behaviour in upholding the school values of respect, responsibility and cooperation through criteria set by the students themselves. Thank you to Mrs Gauci, Miss Sullivan and others who helped with the organisation, and the teachers that gladly volunteered to supervise.

I would like to sincerely thank our P&C Association who have continued to support our students to access opportunities, whether they be sporting, academic or otherwise. Next P&C meeting is on 14 August 2014.

All half-yearly reports have been sent home. There will be a parent/teacher afternoon on Tuesday 22 July from 4.00-6.00pm. Please come along to discuss your child's progress with individual teachers.

Grant Shepherd
Principal

WEST DARLING CROSS COUNTRY

This year's West Darling Cross Country Carnival was held in Dareton. A quality team of 18 athletes made the trip and were rewarded with second place to Coomealla High. Individual results were as follows:

12 Years Girls	Maighan Mashford 1st
13 Years Girls	Angel Simmons 3rd
14 Years Girls	Georgie Kuerschner 1st
15 Years Girls	Georgia Treloar 2nd
16 Years Girls	Jessica Pryor 1st
16 Years Boys	Christopher Crowe 2nd
Open Boys	Angus Gillespie 1st/Terry Biswell 2nd

The team is to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and performances. A particular mention must go to Maighan and Christopher who demonstrated both heart and school spirit in running so well after bouts of travel sickness. A huge thank you also goes to Terry who came into the team at the last moment to help after a couple of late withdrawals. Fantastic effort by all!

LAW WEEK ACTIVITIES

As part of Law Week activities Year 12 Legal Studies attended the Broken Hill Court House. They were given the opportunity to experience being in the role of the judge, witnesses, lawyers and the jury, and viewed actual criminal cases in action. Correctional Services also allowed them to sit in the transport van and feel what it was like to be fitted with handcuffs and protective gear.

SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

Work experience report from Georgia McGregor

Last term I did work experience at Lifeline with Kim. At the shop I help the ladies to put clothes on the coat hangers, tidy up the shelves and help sort clothing. Thank you Kim for helping me.

XSEL

Dear Parents/Carers

2015 marks the beginning of a new offering for gifted and talented students in rural and remote schools across NSW. Under the Rural and Remote Education Blueprint, a virtual school will operate which incorporates the selective stream offering which xsel has delivered for Years 7-10 since 2010.

As a current xsel partner school, Willyama High School students are invited to make application for placement in Years 8-10 in the new virtual secondary school in 2015.

xsel will conduct a selection and placement process this year for the 2015 student intake in the ways it has previously - students deemed eligible by the selection panel are offered places in xsel as vacancies occur. Applicants will continue to be selected on two criteria: high academic achievement and demonstrated capacity for independent learning.

While there will be some operational differences between the new virtual secondary school and xsel, the goals and blended learning strategies are the same. In 2015, as a transition to a larger model, vacancies in the selective stream of the virtual secondary school are reserved for students from the 2014 xsel drawing area.

Applications for Years 8-10 2015 are open **Tuesday June 24 – Tuesday July 29**. Forms and instructions about how to apply will be available from the [xsel website](#) from June 24.

Further information about the operational aspects of the selective stream and the larger virtual secondary school will be available soon from the State Office development team.

Regards,

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