

## Share a Hobby with Your Child

My son and I sometimes load the mountain bikes onto the car then drive up to the mountains behind us and ride on trails for a few hours. To be perfectly honest the best part of the trip is the driving to the mountains and driving home again. I guess it's the anticipation of the adventure that we talk about on the way there and discussing what we both did on the way back. When we are on the trails we are both busy doing our own thing, mostly surviving the ride, so we don't talk as much. -John Kolbe

Sharing a hobby can be a meaningful time for you both.

Plan an outing on a regular basis, something you can both look forward to.

Take advantage of the time together to talk to each other.

### Thoughts?

[Join the discussion on the website.](#)

We love to hear from you too!

The Fathering Project Team



### 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 2 Week 5

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a fantastic couple of weeks at Willyama High School with a multitude of great things happening.

Firstly, well done to our 29 young science students who travelled to Cobar to compete in the annual Outback Science and Engineering Challenge. The team did extremely well to finish a close second to Lake Cargelligo but the thing that impressed me most was the feedback I received on how friendly, polite and well-behaved they all were. We are very proud of all of you.

The school cross country was held on a glorious day at the Broken Hill Golf Course. The participation was great to witness and congratulations to all students involved, in particular the age champions. The West Darling cross country will be held in Coomealla on 19 June.

It was also a fantastic effort by a dozen or more of our students who made the time to join the Broken Hill community in doorknocking for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal last Sunday. I know that your efforts were highly valued and contributed greatly to the Appeal raising over \$13000 to go towards the operation of Algate House and Catherine Haven here in Broken Hill.

This week is also a very busy week with Year 10 students involved in the Love Bites program and a number of students attending a performance of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the Broken Hill Civic Centre.

Fifteen HSC students will head to Dubbo on Wednesday 4 June to participate in HSC seminars across a whole range of subjects organised by Dubbo Distance Education. This should be a very worthwhile experience as they will be exposed to a number of quality presenters over the 2 days.

Year 12 mid-course reports will be sent home at the end of this week. Parents and caregivers of Year 12 students are invited to attend a

parent/teacher afternoon on Tuesday 3 June from 4.00-6.30pm to discuss their child's progress with individual teachers. HSC Trial exams are only 8 school weeks away being held on 11-22 August.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our teachers and support staff, too many to name, who continue to work hard to provide these great opportunities for our students as well as thank the parent community for your ongoing support so far over the year.

Grant Shepherd  
Principal

### CANTEEN NEWS

All profits from the canteen go back into the school and the P&C vote on where the money is spent.

P&C meetings are held on the second Thursday each month in the upstairs Library at 7.00pm.

*Orders* - Please order your lunch before the first bell each day – eg: fresh roll of your choice.

Salad platters, fruit platters and chicken fillet burgers can be ordered before the first bell each day.

As of Term 3, Tuesday 15 July, 600ml Coffee, Chocolate, French Vanilla & Dare coffee will not be sold. 375ml will be sold and 600ml feel good Coffee and Chocolate.

The TV screen, outside the canteen has the menu and prices for you to see and study while you are waiting to be served.

Thank you— if I can help you with anything PLEASE come and see me before the 1<sup>st</sup> daily bell.

Mrs “B”

### STUDY HELP FOR HIGH SCHOOL

It's often quite difficult parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don't feel bad, teachers' own children do exactly the same thing.) [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.



## Bridges to Higher Education Parents and Community Information Afternoon

Students and their parents, families, schools and community representatives are warmly invited to the Bridges to Higher Education Parent and Community Information Afternoon on Wednesday 11 June from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

This information session will be an opportunity to have your questions regarding higher education and university options answered.

Representatives from University of Sydney and Macquarie University will provide valuable information about the benefits of higher education for the whole community and the pathways into higher education, including:

- Subjects and courses offered
- Financial support and HECs
- Methods of study
- Indigenous alternative entry pathways
- Transition options between TAFE and University
- Accommodation and support

Date: **Wednesday 11 June 2014**

Time: **4:30pm to 6:30pm** (refreshments will be provided)

Location: **Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health**  
(behind Base Hospital, entrance via Morgan Street)

For further information about Bridges to Higher Education, visit [bridges.nsw.edu.au](http://bridges.nsw.edu.au)



Bridges to Higher Education is a partnership of the University of Technology, Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Western Sydney, University of Sydney and the Australian Catholic University which aims to boost the participation of communities underrepresented in higher education. This program is funded by the Commonwealth Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program.

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## FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 7 had to design and produce a new food suitable for sale as a canteen item. Each student created a folio and then produced their food item in a practical lesson that was then evaluated by their in-class peers.



## TECHNOLOGY

Mr Reilly's Year 7 Technology Class (7 O'Shae) have been busy measuring, cutting, hammering, gluing and nailing their pencil cases together and now they are up to varnishing their work. It needs to be applied carefully, making sure there are no drips or thick areas of varnish on the work. What a great effort.



## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2014 - AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE	BOYS	GIRLS
12	LIAM SPENCER	MAIGHAN MASHFORD
13	ROBERT JOHNSON	ELIZA CUMMING
14	JYE SMITH	GEORGIE KUERSCHNER
15	BAILEY SHEPHERD	GEORGIA TRELOAR
16	CHRISTOPHER CROWE	JESSICA PRYOR
Open	ANGUS GILLESPIE	CAITLIN LEE

**HOUSE POINTSCORE : KYARA - 136, YANCOWINNA - 158, HEXHAM - 128 points**







### SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On Monday 19 May, twenty nine budding young Willyama engineers accompanied by Miss Kelly and Mr Harris headed off to Cobar to participate in the Outback Science and Engineering Challenge.

Tuesday 20 May 2014 saw us wake up early and get our competitive juices flowing as we took our places in the “splinter games” arena. The challenges included building catapults, aeroplanes, hovercrafts, electric circuits, air propelled golf buggies and the mars rover. The nail biting finale involved a spectacular bridge building challenge. Overall we came a very close second place but “nothing crushes us” and we will be back next year! Thank you so much to Paul our bus driver from Thrifty buses, Newcastle University who sponsored the challenge and our hosts Cobar High School. Well done team – an amazing effort!!



Jasper Jones, Simon Holmes  
Adam Fell



Josh D'Ettorre

Shay Mason & Jessica Pryor  
Atalaya Kingdon, Estelle Winders

Adam Galea & Lachlan Wilmore



Georgia Treloar, Mackenzie Evans &  
Phoebe Kaye



Chelsea Masclet, Brittany Blows &  
Stephanie Harman



Blair Hoysted, Jakob Pruszinski  
Michael Gusling & Chas Johnstone



Bailey Shepherd, Emily Heiss  
Harvey Mercedes & Nevada Ford