

PBL

The PBL team, warmly welcomes our Student Representative Council, as they join us in 2014. One of our first tasks is to ask everyone to take a stand against bullying and violence on the National Day of Action, Friday 21 March.

Starting this week, the SRC will have an increased involvement in the school-wide Positive Behaviours for Learning program. From now on, our SRC members will have the opportunity to attend PBL meetings, and PBL members to attend SRC meetings. This new avenue of communication will allow students to voice their concerns and contribute ideas, such as, how PBL lessons are conducted and the types of rewards offered to students who display respect, responsibility and co-operation.

As you would expect, it is our aim at Willyama High School for all students to feel safe at school. We hope that all students will participate actively on Friday 21 March in the National Day of Action against bullying and violence to show their commitment to this goal. Some of the activities on this day, and throughout the following week, will include discussions during roll call to identify the skills needed to deal with and avoid bullying at school. Remember, if you, as a parent suspect bullying, or you, as a student experience bullying, there are people at school who offer support. Please talk to someone at school, so we can seek solutions together. Keep in mind, if you are going to display respect, responsibility and co-operation on a daily basis, then

there is no room for bullying or violence, at any time. Take a stand against bullying and violence on Friday 21 March, and follow the Willyama way by showing respect, responsibility and co-operation.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to all our swimmers who swam at the West Darling swimming carnival last week, particularly the age champions and Georgie Kuerschner who broke the record in the 14 years girls' 50 metre breaststroke. You did us all proud on the day with your co-operation, determination and great sportsmanship – all traits that Willyama students have become renowned for.

I have had the pleasure of accompanying some of our SRC representatives to induction ceremonies at other Broken Hill schools last week. These student leaders continue to demonstrate that they are outstanding role models for their peers and are worthy representatives of our school community.

Next weekend, a number of our running/walking group students and teachers head to Orroroo to participate in the 10 kilometre or half-marathon. They have been training hard and we wish them all well. The YMCA's Living Desert Dash is on a fortnight later (6 April) and we look forward to entering another strong contingent this year. Anyone is welcome to join the group who run/walk every Tuesday and Thursday morning starting at 7am. This is great way to improve fitness and help maintain a healthy lifestyle.

A Year 7 parent/teacher afternoon will be held on Tuesday 25 March from 4.00-6.00pm. This is an ideal opportunity for Year 7 parents to meet teachers and discuss students' progress.

Please remember that the Free After School Tutoring (FAST centre) is open every Monday and Wednesday in the school library from 3.30-5.00pm. This is a perfect opportunity to gain some extra help and tuition with classwork, homework or assessment tasks. Many of our highest achieving HSC students last year were frequent attenders at the FAST centre.

Grant Shepherd
Principal

RESPECT: I respect others – I use appropriate language – I am proud of our school environment



International Women's Day

On Saturday 8 March, Chloe Vella, Mercedes Tonkin and Sophie Morrison attended International Women's Day 2014 celebrations with Mrs A. Jones (Girls' Adviser). This has become a proud Willyama tradition

and the young ladies in leadership positions at the school represented their community in an excellent manner.

Abbey Johns of Year 9 sang two songs for the crowd.



Comprehension help at home

Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they're reading and then use the information in a certain way. **Here's how to check your child's comprehension and help them to improve.**

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can>

WEST DARLING SWIMMING CARNIVAL

RESULTS 2014 for Willyama High

Point Score

1st Broken Hill High School-808

2nd Willyama High School-796

New Records

14 Yrs Female 50m ~ Breaststroke – Georgie Kuerschner – 37.80

Pictured are Willyama High ~ West Darling Age Champions .



From left back ~ Jason Masclet 17+ years, Jesse Cohrane-Adolfson 15 years
Front ~ Kiara Pressler, 13 years, Maighan Mashford 12years, & Chelsea Masclet 15 years.

Thanks for the support from YMCA staff and students from Willyama and Broken Hill High Schools, and congratulations to all swimmers for their tremendous efforts.

Year 11 Biology

As part of their Biology course Mr Hughes' Year 11 class explored the local ecosystem when they visited the Living Desert .

