

SCHOOL HOODIES

School Hoodies are available at Totally Workwear , 121 Rakow Street.
\$50.00 Junior \$60.00 Senior.

HSC STUDY GUIDE 2014

The Sydney Morning Herald HSC Study Guide 2014 - a valuable resource for students, teachers and parents - will be available next month.

PCYC

Free Friday Night Program at the Broken Hill PCYC for young people 10-17 years!

Mix of games, sports, creativity and activities.

Plus you get free food and drinks!

From 6.00PM ~ 8.00PM at 58 Gypsum Street.

Bus transport home is available to those that need it!

For more information call Rowena at the PCYC on 8087 3723

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 2 Week 3

Tuesday 13 May 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 2 is back into full swing and it is always a very busy and productive term. Well done to all of our students who represented our school at the ANZAC Day march in the holiday—you were all wonderful representatives of our school at such an important occasion.

I would like to welcome Miss Ashleigh Saunders to our school and community. Miss Saunders is a new teacher in Science replacing Mrs Hannah Scott who has taken maternity leave.

NAPLAN testing is on this week for Year 7 and 9 students. These tests are important in that they provide us with specific information about individual students' literacy and numeracy capabilities that informs our teaching. Notes have gone home to students involved with more detailed information.

The school cross country is also on this Friday afternoon at the golf course. All Year 7 students and students from other years who have nominated to participate will be involved. It is a 3.2 km course and students aged 15-18 years are required to run it twice. It is a great opportunity to participate in some worthwhile physical activity and you don't have to be a fantastic runner to join in. Buses depart for the golf course at the end of lunch.

Our new photo student identification cards will be issued to students this week. They look pretty classy and will enable students to obtain student discounts/concessions and are barcoded to facilitate signing in and out of school by senior students. I would like to thank our wonderful P&C who have generously funded the new printer and materials to make the cards. If a student loses their ID card there will be a replacement cost of \$5. We have also purchased a webcam as part of the package and will be putting some processes in place to cater for students who didn't get a school photo taken this year.

The Annual School Report for 2013 has been completed and can be accessed via the school website.

Grant Shepherd
Principal

BOOK REVIEW

The Black Book of Colours

I like the Black Book of Colours because it represents how blind people feel and how the world is to them. I like how the author included illustrations with raised lines. Blind people can touch them and learn how to visualise them. It is also good for sighted people to experience how blind people learn. I recommend this book.

By Jasmin Langdon 7S

NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Pictured are the Year 7 doing the Premier's Reading Challenge



Maighan Mashford

Alex Wardrop

Isabel Holland

Katelyn Polak,

Adish Dahanayake Yapa

Imogen Pryor

Tarrant Wood

Angus Harrison

We love to hear from you too!

STUDY HELP FOR HIGH SCHOOL

It is often quite difficult for 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 is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

PBL

How do you use language?

The appropriate use of language builds strong, supportive relationships. It demonstrates respect and positive communication. It helps everyone to co-operate in achieving common goals and negotiate solutions when problems arise. As a result, our environments become more enjoyable for everyone.

This term the PBL focus is on using language appropriately. Students will participate in lessons explicitly teaching students what it looks, feels and sounds like to use language appropriately in the classroom setting. Our goal is to create supportive learning environments where students respect each other by using language appropriately.

PBL: A rewarding experience

As most of you know, the PBL program rewards students for being respectful, responsible and co-operative. To encourage positive behaviour, students currently receive "champ tickets" to exchange for goods at the PBL shop, as well as opportunities to attend end-of-term Reward Days.

Our second focus this term is to review the process to ensure it motivates all students to participate. Our students have been busy forwarding their feedback on the reward system to the SCR members for consideration in their next meeting. As a result, an improved reward system should be up and running shortly.

We look forward to keeping you up to date on our progress. The PBL team meets every second Friday in the Professional Development room.

Ms A Lloyd

ONE ON ONE TIME IS IMPORTANT

If you decide that your kids are a priority and you have control of your time then it is possible to spend lots of time with them even though you've got a busy job. For example, when Sue was working and couldn't pick the kids up from school, I took three afternoons off per week to pick them up. If I needed time off with them I just did it, no question. -Peter Le Soeuf

Find a way to drop off or pick up your child from school, even if it's only once a week.

Go together for an afternoon tea or a snack.

Use that time to ask how your child is getting along with friends on the playground or if anything is troubling them about school.

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

The Fathering Project Team

How to apply

To obtain an application package or to find out more information please contact Matthew Thompson, Athlete Program Coordinator at the Far West Academy of Sport on (02) 6847 3638 or email matthew.thompson@communities.nsw.gov.au.

Nominations close Wednesday 21st May 2014.

YEAR 7 SUPPORT UNIT EXCURSION

"On Thursday 10 April we went on an excursion to learn about Broken Hill's history as well as WW1 and WW2. First we went to the library to look at old photographs and articles in the archives which was very interesting.

We then went to the War Memorial to pay our respects to the Servicemen and women who fought and helped during wartime. Finally we visited the Returned Service League where we saw lots of interesting artefacts from the war. My favourite was the different uniforms and hats.

by Tyler"



SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Friday May 30 the Sydney Symphony Orchestra will be performing at the Broken Hill Civic Centre.

The program will include the Hummel trumpet concerto, Tchaikovsky second Symphony and other popular favourites.

A concert for High School aged Children will be held at 11.30 am and the Public Concert at 7.30pm.

The BMI Band and Community orchestra will join with players from the Sydney Symphony on Saturday 31 May for a playing extravaganza.

Tickets available from the Theatre, other enquiries email

education@sydneysymphony.com

YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL MEDIA



Year 11 Students have been looking at how a traditional darkroom operates and learning traditional printmaking techniques. Students made a pinhole after a number of experiments and have been able to take images using their pinhole camera. They developed

their images in the darkroom and have created their own photograms. Next, students will be using light sensitive papers called cyanotype prints and will be creating images on this paper.



YEAR 8 VISUAL ART

Mrs A Jones's Year 8 Visual Arts class looked at paintings of 16th Century Italian painter Archimboldo in Term 1. He was known for painting portraits of people made up of fruit and vegetables. Students learnt about making images in Photoshop and searched for pictures of fruit and vegetables on the internet. They then created a self-portrait made up of many layers. These works are on display outside the library. Have a look and see if you can guess who is who!



WEP Student Exchange – Memores and Skills for Life!

Choose from over 20 countries around the world to attend school, live with a welcoming host family and have the time of your life. Whether you wish to learn another language or choose English-speaking destinations like the USA, Canada or Ireland, students return with memories and skills for life.

“Up until now it really hasn't been real to any of us but now it's all official. Victoria is so excited and can't wait to leave. She has already begun emailing with her host mother and sister in Italy and will call on Skype on the weekend as the time difference makes it very hard during the week. She is being hosted by a family who have a daughter her age, so she is now saying that she will have another sister. To make it even better still, they live in northern Italy so she will get to experience her first "white" Christmas. Thank you so much for your assistance in making Victoria's Italy exchange a reality.”

~ Michelle - Mother of Victoria, semester program to Italy

Early Bird Special – Save \$500

WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12* a \$500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in January - March 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Early Bird applications close **30 May '14**.

*Offer not available to year 12 students in Victoria or in conjunction with any other offer or scholarship.

Interested in Hosting an Exchange Student?

Travel from the comfort of your armchair by extending your family with an overseas host brother, sister, son or daughter. Hosting an exchange student is fun and can result in lifelong friendships. Our students are due to arrive in July for a semester and year and can't wait to hear about the family they can call their own.

"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from Family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."

- Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Find Out More

Request a FREE information pack online: www.wep.org.au

Attend one of WEP's information sessions or open days

Visit WEP: Mon – Fri between 9am – 5pm

Call 1300 884 733 / 03 9598 4733

Far West Academy of Sport

2014 Football Squad

Program Staff Nominations

Nominations now open

The Far West Academy of Sport is looking for talented coaches and managers to be a part of the 2014 Football (soccer) squad program. Volunteer coaches and managers with an interest in athlete development and a good knowledge of football are needed to support our 2014 football squad to improve their core skills and progress through the athlete pathway.

Program positions available:

- 1 Position as FWAS Football Program Head Coach
- 2 Positions as FWAS Football Program Assistant Coach
- 1 Position of FWAS Football Program Manager

What are the benefits?

- An opportunity to improve skills and gain experience in a structured athlete development program;
- A chance to work with talented athletes and guide them on to higher representative achievements;
- Opportunities to attend development activities and gain accreditation free of charge or at subsidised rates where possible;
- Opportunities to work with, and learn from, experienced coaches and administrators;
- Official FWAS uniform; and opportunities to network with program staff from other regions

What does it involve?

The 2014 program begins in June and will run until October 2014. Throughout the season, coaches and managers will be required to attend regular training sessions/matches (approximately 8 commitments) and in addition a Sydney Tour in late September.