

SCHOOL UNIFORMS



Years 7-10 - grey pants (shorts or track suit pants) green polo shirt and green school jumper.

Seniors 11-12 - black pants, white shirt and green senior jumper.



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.

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>



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Term 3 Week 9

8 September 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to Emmie Stenhouse, Terry Biswell, Kate Baldwin and Veronika Holland on their achievements in successfully completing the Max Potential program this year. Terry Biswell will be heading off to trek the Kokoda trail. Thanks to the programs' sponsoring for giving him this great opportunity.

Well done to Chelsea Masclet and Sophie Morrison who have been selected to attend the University of Newcastle's Girls' Choices Summer School in December.

Connor Rogers has also done extremely well to be selected to attend the Live It! Program for boys. Only 100 Year 9 girls and boys are selected across the State so this is a great achievement and a very well-deserved opportunity for these three students.

It was a fantastic effort by the Willyama High School athletics team in continuing our school's domination of the West Darling Athletics carnival again this year. Congratulations to all of our representatives, in particular our age champions and record breakers. More details inside.

The Year 11 and 12 annual AFL games were held against Broken Hill High School last week. The girls played well and went down narrowly by 3 goals to the BHHS team and the boys played some great football to defeat the BHHS team by a couple of goals in another close contest. Congratulations to the boys on their victory and to both teams on the way they conducted themselves and played in the right spirit of the game. We are all looking forward to the Year 7/8 and 9/10 matches on 16 September.

The Term 3 PBL rewards day was held at the Year 11 and 12 football games. To be eligible to attend students needed 12 or more merits, a minimum of 95% attendance or 30 Champion tickets. Well done to all students who were rewarded with a day out at the footy with a free sausage and a drink for meeting the criteria.

The Year 6 into 7 Open Night was held last week. This was once again a very successful night and I would like to sincerely thank all of the students and teachers who came along and did a wonderful job of welcoming and introducing our year 7 2015 students and families to our great school.

Congratulations to our newly elected school captains and vice captains for 2015 (details inside). I'm sure you will all do a wonderful job.

This year our school is participating in the Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) online trials. All Year 10 students will be sitting the ESSA tests over two periods this Friday 12 September.

Year 12 students are nearing the end of their time at school before leaving to study for and sit their HSC examinations. The HSC Leaving Ceremony will be held on Thursday 18 September in the school courtyard starting at 12:10pm. All parents, caregivers and families of Year 12 students are invited to attend.

There will be a P&C meeting on 11 September in the school library starting at 7:00pm. One of items on the agenda will be discussion of, and an opportunity for input into, the new school plan for 2015-2017. All welcome.

Grant Shepherd
Principal



Discover the World on a WEP Student Exchange Program!

Are you ready for a bit of excitement and culture in your life? Looking to push your boundaries in 2015? Why not participate in a semester or year-long student exchange program to one of over 20 countries, including popular destinations such as the USA,

France, Argentina and Italy? **Applications for January programs are still open but will close soon!** Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something out of the ordinary, with a WEP high school exchange!

Sarah in Belgium: "I really loved the orientation in Brussels, I had such a fun time. My host family were really welcoming of me and have kept me distracted for the first few weeks, which has helped a lot. In fact, I've barely felt homesick compared to what I was preparing myself for! The students were all very excited to have an Australian around that they could speak English with! During classes I mostly do French worksheets that they have given to me, or try to translate the worksheet that the rest of the class is focusing on."

Early Bird Special!

WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 (excluding year 12 in VIC) a \$500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July - September 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Simply submit your full application online **before 28 Nov '14**.

Find Out More!

Visit www.wep.org.au and request a FREE information pack for you and your parents. Our brochure contains everything you need to know about WEP's not-for-profit student exchange programs to help you and your parents make this important decision.

If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au.

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in VIC, NSW and QLD.

2014 WEST DARLING ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

AGE CHAMPIONS	Female	Male
17 years +	Caitlin Lee	Angus Gillespie
16 years	Jessica Pryor	Runner Up - Ethan Slater
15 years	Georgia Treloar	
	Runner Up - Chelsea Masclet	
13 years	Angel Simmons	Zachary Murray
12 years	Maighan Mashford	

New Records:

17+ 200m - Angus Gillespie 24.20

17+ 100m - Angus Gillespie 11.30

15years Discus Georgia Treloar 28.31

15years Shot Put Georgia Treloar 13.36 (this record has stood since 1977 by D Shamroze!!)

CHAMPION SCHOOL RESULTS

1st - Willyama High School

2nd - Broken Hill High School

3rd - Menindee Central School

4th - Coomealla High School

Well done to our fabulous team: Congratulations on winning another West Darling Athletics Carnival. The kids who participated were fantastic and the age champions and runners up represented our school admirably. The weather was beautiful and the Willyama staff worked tirelessly. I would like to thank Year 11 SLR and all the helpers who assisted with the carnival, particularly Kereen Pascoe, Elka Buyrn, Madison Quintrell, Bailey Lehman and Nelle Stoltenberg.

2015 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the school Captains for 2015:
Cooper Murray & Whitney Smith
Vice Captains: Connor Esling & Caitlin Lee

They will take up their duties at the commencement of term 4



Pictured above from left: Caitlin Lee, Cooper Murray, Whitney Smith and Connor Esling.

Cyberbullying ~ prevention tips for parents

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/xHLLDH>



PEER SUPPORT

On Monday 18 August, Year 9 students participated in Peer Support training. Students participated in a variety of team building activities that promote establishing and maintaining relationships.

Peer Support training focuses on:

- ♦ Acknowledging personal strengths and characteristics
- ♦ Developing leadership skills
- ♦ Enhancing relationships with others
- ♦ Learning about the roles and responsibilities of a Peer Leader

The sessions were run by Mrs Jones, Mrs Clark, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Kubiak. All year 9 students participated extremely well with many expressing an interest in becoming a Peer Leader. From the cohort, 44 peer leaders were selected to assist Year 6 students during Open Night, orientation activities and school visits. We are happy to announce the following were selected as leaders:

Ebony Algate	Ada Banning	Sophie Barlow	Jordan Bloomfield
Brittany Blows	Tay'A Borlace	Alex Braes	Adelle Birch
Alex Cunningham	Tayla Dawson	Josh D'Ettorre	Brodee Doubtfire
Chad Dwyer	Sam Edgecumbe	Courtney Evitts	Ainsley Files
Nevada Ford	Cheyenne Garvey	Kirsten Groves	Stephanie Harman
Emily Heiss-Harvey	Billie Howe	Abbey Johns	Bronte Johns
Claudia Johnston	Nicholas Lynott	Chelsea Masclet	Harrison McIntyre
Rebecca McCrae	Sophie Morrison	Morgan Papas	Jack Picton
Kai Pressler	Connor Rogers	Bailey Shepherd	Lakisha Sloane
Abbey Stevens	Tahlia Tester	Brayden Thomas	Mercedes Tonkin
Sophie Williams			

Students had a challenge to create a costume using only newspaper and masking tape.



Good Fathering Improves Productivity: Your Weekly Fathering Tip

Focusing on being a good dad has helped me understand the pressures that other dads are under. It has also helped to make me a more balanced person. I am a fairly 'driven' person so if I didn't have family I think I'd become absolutely obsessed with work. I'm already described as being fairly driven so it is likely that I would focus on work to the exclusion of other things. I'd be driven in just one direction. Family is, and should be, the ultimate balance. ~John Dickson Being 'driven' is a good quality but it can easily become 'obsessive.' By focusing your 'driven' nature on being a good father you keep everything in perspective. Maintaining balance in your life makes you more productive in all areas. Thoughts?

Keep brains ticking over these holidays

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don't forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.