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Term 4 Week 6

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From the Principal's Desk

Halloween mufti day was recently held and was a great success. The day was the brainwave of some enterprising Year 11 students held as a fundraiser for their Year 12 Formal in 2016. It was a fun day with many students and staff enjoying dressing up and getting into the spirit of Halloween.

The SRC's Colours of Summer activities afternoon will be held on Friday 13th November and has a different spin on it this year. Instead of the Colour Run, activities will be held in sport time during the week culminating in final events being held during periods 5 and 6 on the Friday. We are all looking forward to what promises to be a great afternoon.

The current Year 12 Formal is on Saturday 21st November starting at 6:30pm. This is a night for parents/carers, teachers and Year 12 students to celebrate the milestone of finishing school. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each from the front office. A reminder that each student is permitted to invite parents/carers only.

After consultation with the staff and P&C it has been decided that the two school development days set down for the end of 2016 will be moved to the beginning of 2016. This does not affect start and end dates for students. Please contact the school if you have any concerns or queries.

School start dates for 2016 are:

1st February – Staff

4th February – Years 7, 11 & 12

5th February – Years 8, 9 & 10

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Year 6 Transition News

Lessons in Art and Science

During the Year 6 transition visit students learnt how to make a print using drypoint etching. This involved them scratching an image into a piece of plastic, inking up the plate and running it through the printing press. They all made some impressive artworks! The students then went to Miss Kelly's science room to dissect hearts and kidneys! A great day was had by all.

Annual SES Course News

Jaws of Life and Rescue Skills at Copi Hollow

Since 2013, Year 10 students have been invited to take part in an annual State Emergency Services (SES) Cadet course. During the week, cadets learn about the work of the SES, visit the local base and see how the equipment works.

This year 13 Willyama students and 5 Broken Hill High students took part in the program.

The students were able to take a tour of local emergency services including the fire service, Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS), ambulance service, and police. The course finished off with a day trip to Copi Hollow. At Copi students rode in flood boats, completed obstacle rescue courses and even cut up a car using the Jaws of Life.

Thanks to Marc Coulter from the local branch for organising this fantastic initiative in Broken Hill. Anybody over 16 is welcome to apply for SES membership - just head down to the local branch between 6-8pm Monday nights; it's a brilliant way to serve the community and make friends.



Metalwork News

Desert Equinox Solar Art Challenge

Seven Willyama Year 10 students have been attending TAFE every Wednesday since the start of the year to develop their metalwork skills as part of a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training.

This term, the boys' TAFE teacher Graham (Chook) Banks has entered them into the Desert Equinox Solar Art Challenge run by the Broken Hill Art Exchange. Whilst funding for the TAFE program was due to run out just 4 weeks into Term 4, Cindy Burke the local TVET coordinator managed to secure extra funding to allow the boys to continue to attend every week and complete the project. Thank you Cindy!! We look forward to seeing the finished product which will be a rotating helix structure that will hopefully be permanently installed at TAFE.

The Year 10 TAFE students are Jordan Bloomfield, Ben Bowshire, Jack Picton, Max Werch, Deklin Langdon, Tariq Odegard and Robert Ferguson. Special thanks to Chook for his vision and commitment to the project.



Food Technology News

Chocolate and Beetroot Cake

Year 9 Food Technology students harvested the beetroots planted last term and then prepared them to make a Chocolate and Beetroot cake in a practical lesson. Some lucky teachers got to sample the cakes and said they were the best chocolate cakes they had ever eaten. Way to go Year 9.



Canteen News

Free toast and vegemite or jam for breakfast still available

Just a reminder that the free toast and vegemite or jam is still running at the canteen. Breakfast runs every morning before the first bell. For more information see Mrs B in the canteen.

Angel Simmons and Georgie Kuerschner
proudly display their cakes from
Ms Harper's Food Technology class.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

End of Year Rewards

It's that time of year again when we reward our students for their effort in following our school values of respect, responsibility and co-operation.

Students from all year groups will be given the opportunity to travel to Mildura as part of the end of year reward day. The trip will include fun activities such as ten pin bowling, laser tag, the Bounce trampoline centre and the Aquacoaster. Students last year also soaked up the opportunity to shop, eat and have fun with their friends. We only have limited places so keep earning your e-Champs and Merits to be offered a place. Once offers go out it will be first in best dressed.

Unable to go to Mildura? Don't worry, because there will be a reward for students where they are given the opportunity to go to Silver City Cinemas to see one of this year's blockbuster films.

Finally, with Christmas around the corner the Student Action Group will also be running some excellent fundraisers for our school including the personalised Christmas bauble fundraiser where you can pick up a great gift for someone important in your life. Please see Mrs. Gauci for an order form if you have not already received one. The cost is \$3 per bauble and order forms and money need to be given to the front office ASAP.



Keep up the wonderful display of our school values and prepare to celebrate the end of 2016 with a bang!

P&C News

Next Meeting November 11

The Willyama High School P&C meets once a month. The P&C's next meeting is on Wednesday 11 November 2015 in the school library. Come along to the next meeting and see what the P&C is about. Anne Campbell President



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>

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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