

Running Group Race Dates for 2015

Sunday 7 June – The Mallee 12

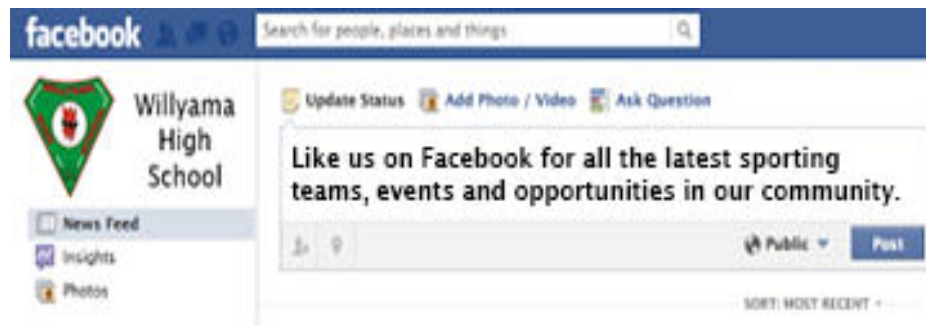
Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July – The Gold Coast Air Port
Marathon

Sunday 20 September – The Adelaide City to Bay

All family members are welcome to join us, there are 5Km, 10Km and 21Km running and walking races for all fitness levels.

Training is every Tuesday and Thursday from the front ramp at school –

7am start, returning by 8am.



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 1 Week 9

27 April 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Well done to everyone on a very busy and successful term. The school concert is always the highlight of the end of the term and I understand that this term was no different. I was unfortunately unable to attend due to a principals' network meeting in Renmark, but have heard many fantastic reports on return. Congratulations to all students involved. We have some amazingly talented students at this school. A very big thank you to Mr Devoy and Mr Mullard for their dedication and efforts particularly with the concert and all the work they have put in this term revamping our music rooms and performance space. We all look forward to the concert at the Civic Centre on 23 June next term.

Some of our Year 7 and 8 students attended an Aboriginal girls' camp at Mulberry Vale earlier this week. Thank you to Miss Kelly and Julie Philp for making this opportunity available to these girls. More details and photos inside.

A number of students' and staff participated in the YMCA's Living Desert Dash on the weekend. Whilst the numbers were down a little on last year, it was still great to see all the red shirts out there and you all did us proud. Running/walking group meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7:00am at the front of the school. All are welcome.

The end of term movie rewards afternoon was a great success thanks to the organisation of Mrs Gauci, Mr Carrett, the student action group and all others who helped. In order to attend students needed to have satisfied one of the following three criteria: 3 merits, at least 95% attendance or 20 champ tickets.

It is great to see the large number of students who are consistently meeting our school's key values of Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation.

We wish our Year 12 students well in their study over the holiday break as they work towards their important half-yearly examinations held on 20-28 April. Please remember that your teachers are there to help you as much as they can and the Free After School Tutoring (FAST) centre will be operating from 3:30-5:00pm every Monday and Wednesday during the course of the exams.

Please remember that everyone (all staff and students) starts back at school on Monday 20 April 2015. Our school development day will be held later in the term on a date yet to be confirmed by the presenters coming from Sydney.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work this term and wish all members of the school community a safe and happy Easter break.

Important upcoming dates:

20 April	All staff and students commence Term 2
20-28 April	Year 12 half-yearly examinations
27-28 April	Outback Science & Engineering Challenge - Cobar
29 April	Willyama High School P&C – Annual General Meeting
12-14 May	NAPLAN tests
15 May	School cross country
18-22 May	Year 11 half-yearly examinations

Grant Shepherd
Principal

DESERT DASH

Well done to all students, staff and family members of Willyama High School who participated in this year's YMCA Desert Dash. It was a day of great weather and wonderful community spirit. Thank you to the YMCA for putting on such an enjoyable event and to the Y's Men's Club for a great sausage sizzle.



Maighan Mashford, Evan Scott,
Kate Baldwin and Georgia McGregor



Avery Connor and Liam
Spencer



Back: Hannah Evers, Ben Harvey,
Mr Merrick, Courtney Harvey, Miss
Harlum, Liam Spencer.
Front: Georgia McGregor, Miss
Taylor, Maighan Mashford, Georgie
Kuerschner, Avery Connor, Kara
Jeffries, Kira-Lee Guthrie, Jazmin
Callegher and Miss Kelly.



Kira-Lee Guthrie, Jazmin
Callegher,
Kara Jeffries and Avery
Connor

RUNNING GROUP NEWS

On Sunday 22 March members of the Willyama High School Running Group participated in the Orroroo – Southern Flinders Ranges Half Marathon Festival. Mr Kloczko ran the 21km while Maighan Mashford, Kate Baldwin and Reece Mildenhall ran the 10km and Georgia Treloar (who recently suffered a tennis ball related injury) volunteered her services at the 5km water stop. Meanwhile Miss Kelly, Miss Harlum, Miss Taylor and Mr Merrick along with ex-student Georgia McGregor and family members Kathy Treloar, Heath Mashford, Reilly Mashford and Angela Trembath competed in the 5km. We would like to thank the Orroroo Community Gym, Orroroo Caravan Park, the Commercial Hotel and race organiser Dianne Barrie for yet another wonderful experience in the beautiful Southern Flinders Ranges – only three and a half hours from our door step.



Kathy Treloar, Georgia McGregor, Kate Baldwin, Selina Harlum, Maighan Mashford, Caitlin Taylor, Hayden Merrick, Reece Mildenhall and Maria Kelly

West Darling Swimming Carnival Results 2015

Willyama High School 1st
Broken Hill High School 2nd
Menindee Central 3rd

Age Champions

Jesse Cochrane-Adolfson 16 years Boys-Age Champion
Connor Esling OPEN Boys-Age Champion
Ellie Simmons 12 years Girls-Age Champion
Maighan Mashford 13 years Girls-Age Champion
Kiara Pressler 14 years Girls-Age Champion
Indianna Paull 16 years Girls-Age Champion
Deaken Treloar 13 years Boys –Runner Up
Zachary Murray 14 years Boys –Runner Up
Kai Pressler 16 years Boys-Runner Up
Lara Camilleri 13 years Girls-Runner Up
Angel Simmons 14 years Girls-Runner Up
Georgie Kuerschner 15 years Girls-Runner Up
Chelsea Masclet 16 years Girls-Runner Up
Cooper Murray OPEN Boys-Runner Up
Jessica Pryor OPEN Girls-Runner Up
Broken Records (new records set in 2015)
Jesse Cochrane-Adolfson
16 years Boys 50m Backstroke 00:33.0
16 years Boys 100m Backstroke 01:12.1
16 years Boys 50m Breaststroke 00:35.40

Congratulations to all competitors who represented our school with pride. Especially our Age Champions, Runners Up and Jesse Cochrane -Adolfson who broke 3 records. All students performed admirably and worked hard to win the 2015 West Darling Swimming Carnival convincingly. Well done.

A huge thank you to those students who went to assist with carnival administration on the day, particularly Mel Keenan.

Kai Pressler and Kiara Pressler represented West Darling at Combined High School Swimming.

TIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Thinking on your feet

This week's most common question on the School A to Z parent website:

Q: What's a surd?

A: A number that can't be simplified to remove a square root (or cube root etc). :eg: $\sqrt[3]{11}$

Here's some help sheets on surds. <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4056.pdf>

Bullying knows no bounds

When cyberbullying hits home ~ what one mum wishes she'd done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home>

CHERISH EVERYDAY MOMENTS

My high points with the kids were not so much the sport or speech nights when they won awards and praise from their peers, but all those occasions when we are just sitting at the table in the evening with the family together being happy. (As we spoke, Daniel and Georgia were doing the washing up behind us and laughing and joking with each other. He quietly pointed over his shoulder and nodded and said, 'That's what I mean ~ when the kids are happy in the family.') -Jim McCluskey

Cherish the every day moments together at home.

Make time to relax at home together as regularly as possible.

The Fathering Project Team

SPECIAL ED STUDENTS IN VISUAL ART



James Howe, Eric Degoumois and Daniel O'Neill are in the Preliminary Visual Arts class this year. They are making sculptural artworks that are based on paintings. Making a 2D work into a 3D work requires a great deal of thinking and problem solving. All three are working independently and creating exciting artworks!

