

Support Unit News

Year 9 have been learning about WW1 and WW2. They have written a poem about mateship.

Mates look out for each other

Always courageous

Trustworthy

Encouraging our friends

Support each other

Helping hand

Interested in sharing stories

Protecting our mate

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->

EMAIL ADDRESS

If you would like the Willyama Whisper emailed to you, please let the Front Office

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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Term 2 Week 10

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



The Willyama concert is always a fantastic way to end the term and this term was no exception. Once again Willyama students have had all of their hard work, practice and dedication pay off in a spectacular night of entertainment featuring a number of outstanding student performances in dance and music.

Congratulations to all students and staff involved. We are all very proud of you.



The Term 2 Rewards Afternoon was held recently to acknowledge and reward students for consistently following our school values of respect, responsibility and cooperation. The student action group, with some guidance from Mrs Gauci, organised a number of fun activities for students to participate in and Mr Carrett cooked up a great sausage sizzle. Well done to all involved.

Our SRC's 'Autism Awareness' mufti day was very successful with students raising around \$214.00. Well done to all involved.

School reports for Semester 1 have been sent home for all students. These can also be accessed via the student/parent portal. A parent/teacher afternoon will be held on 21 July from 4-6pm for parents/carers to discuss these reports and their child's progress.

Monday 13 July is the School Development Day for Term 3. All students return to school on Tuesday 14 July.

As the term comes to a close, I would like to sincerely thank the entire school community for a very productive term. I trust you have a safe and relaxing break and look forward to working with you in Term 3.

Grant Shepherd
Principal

Year Nine Visual Arts

Students were asked to develop a mixed media sculpture based loosely on the teacup and saucer form. The work was a visual representation of a word that had the 'tea' sound in it eg kitty, city, tear, and so forth. Congratulations to all the students for the thought and effort that they put into developing their concepts. The works were very diverse and were thoughtfully finished. Below are examples by Kelsey Graham, Shaylan Kingdon, Jessica Groves, Katie- Lee Crowe, Jordan Hoysted and Mason Jones.



Running Group Raffle Winners:

1st Prize: Mr W. Deeth (MAX Potential Coordinator)

2nd Prize: Miss R. Millstead

3rd Prize: Mrs C. Ford

Thank you everyone who has help support the running team in the various fund raisers we have held this term to get the team to the Gold Coast and to the Adelaide City to Bay.

Thank you to Mr H. Merrick for the generous donation of Sydney Thunder attire and autographed pictures which were used in the raffle

WEP Student Exchange – Learn and Discover the World!

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in NSW, QLD and VIC. Applications for short and long-term programs commencing from November 2015 onward are open now. Students can choose from over 25 countries to live with a volunteer WEP host family and attend an overseas high school for a summer, semester or year. To request program information for your family, visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

We look forward to hearing from students, interested in this wonderful experience. If you have any questions about our programs, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes

Judith Ortmann

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West Darling Cross Country

Our school cross country team again dominated the West Darling Cross Country this year winning the carnival by 50 points overall. Congratulations to all who participated, in particular our age champions and runners up pictured below.



1st 12 years girls
Runner up 13 years girls
1st 14 years girls
1st 15 years girls
1st 16 years girls
1st 17+
Runner up 17+

Ellie Simmons
Maighan Mashford
Angel Simmons
Georgie Kuerschner
Georgia Treloar
Jessica Pryor
Indiana Shamroze-Tumes

Runner up 12 years boys
1st 13 years boys
Runner up 13 years boys
Runner up 15 years boys
1st 16 years boys

Fletcher Kolinac
Quinn Parker
Liam Baker
Blade Crowe
Bailey Shepherd

Willyama High School 173 points
Broken Hill High School 123 points

NAIDOC WEEK FLAG



Tasman Martin and Caitlin Bloomfield with the NADOC week flag

To celebrate NAIDOC week the talented students of Willyama have created an amazing flag in the ACES room. Using the original design by Tasman Martin the students constructed a work of art based on the theme of “*We all stand on sacred ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate*”. Congratulations to Tasman Martin, Lakisha Sloane, Caitlin Bloomfield, Katie-Lee Crowe, Kylie Borlace, Sarah Harrap, Jamielee Hall, Kattie Poth and Ethan O’Meara for creating such a wonderful NADOC week flag.



Careers Online

Online is the place to go for what you want to know, now! So, we have established a careers website and Facebook page for distributing the most relevant information that comes through the careers space at Willyama.

The website, <http://willyamahighcareers.com/>, contains a lot of information about careers topics including our work experience programs, options for after students finish school, and retweets from relevant twitter users. But it also has a Students' Secure Area where you can build a resume, cover letter, or play with interactive skills and interests questionnaires. Students can start their resume on any computer and I will have access to see it and give feedback through teacher admin access.

The facebook page is for updates, photos, and events.

Whilst it is no longer possible to distribute all relevant information through traditional methods, essential information will still be sent home on a letter for parents or emailed to students. However it is a well known fact that in a race between facebook, snapchat, instagram, personal email and school email, the school email address runs a very poor LAST for most students! With these pages we hope to provide timely access to all the knowledge and opportunities you desire to make informed choices.

See you online! Doug Hughes (Careers Adviser).

Year 12

This term Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit Dubbo for HSC Seminars gaining some valuable information. They also attended CSU University's open day giving them an insight into courses that are available.



YourTutor – Free live online tutoring for all students

“School work is too hard. There’s something I’m just not getting and my marks show it. It would be nice to actually know what my teacher is talking about. Could be interesting to see what it feels like to move up in the class ranking. I might even enjoy school if I didn’t feel so confused. “I wish someone could help me. But I don’t have the money for a tutor, and it’s not like I want to meet up with someone *all the time*, I just need a bit of help.”

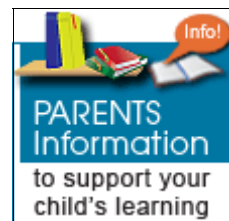
Does this sound like you or someone you know?

Sydney Uni has opened access for its YourTutor program to all Willyama students in Years 7-12. This open access was secured by feedback **we** gave them after they visited in 2014 for Learning Week! Go to <http://astar.tv/yourtutor/> to sign up. You can access a live tutor from 2:30-9:30pm Sunday-Friday. There are quizzes to test your knowledge too.

Any problems with the site contact Mr Hughes.

Useful information for parents

There are many items on this web site of particular interest to parents. They are sometimes a little difficult to locate as the number of pages of information here reaches into the thousands. This page is designed to assist you by providing direct links to the most recent and relevant ones.



[Parents' Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses](#)

[For parents of young children \(Primary years\)](#)

[For parents of teenage children \(Years 7–10\)](#)

[For parents of teenage children \(Higher School Certificate\)](#)

[HSC On-line parents information](#)

[Parents Associations](#)