



**PCYC | Safer Drivers Course**  
For Learner Drivers

Next Course: Thurs 6th August 4pm

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SAFE DRIVERS FOR LIFE

**PCYC | POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS**

PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course.  
Guiding young people in the right direction since 1937

The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

**Module one:** A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

**Module two:** A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: \$140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

To find your closest club or book into the next available course check out our website:  
[www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au)  
Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more

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### 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 3 Week 23

29 July 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week is Education Week and our school is participating in this year's theme of 'Celebrating Local Heroes' through researching a 'war veteran as a local hero' in Year 9 English classes. HSIE classes are also learning about Vivian Bullwinkel, a nurse from Broken Hill who was captured by the Japanese as a POW, a truly local hero. We all look forward to seeing some of the great learning that our students engage in as we join to celebrate the achievements and successes of all of our students, teachers and support staff in public schools across NSW.

Education Week kicked off a day early at Willyama with students involved in NAIDOC celebrations and tree-planting in Science classes last Friday. Students participated in a game of touch football after enjoying a tasty barbequed lunch with parents and members of the community. It was a very successful and enjoyable afternoon.

Education Week will conclude fittingly with the school athletics carnival on Friday. Parents are invited to come out to the Zinc Oval and watch students participate in a range of track and field events and novelty activities.

Congratulations to our students and teachers who travelled to the Gold Coast during the holidays to participate in the marathon, half-marathon or 10km races. By all accounts they had an amazing experience and were excellent ambassadors for our school. I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Miss Kelly, Mr Kloczko and Miss Harlum for all of their efforts in organising and accompanying these students on this trip.

The Year 10-11 subject information night will be held at the Civic Centre on 3 August. This is a valuable opportunity for parents and students to find out more information in order to make the most appropriate choices for studies in Years 11 and 12.

The University Admissions Centre will be holding a student/parent information night on Tuesday 4 August for Year 11 and 12 students.

For further information please see the flyer inside this newsletter.

Our P&C will also be holding the Annual General Meeting in the school library on Wednesday 12 August starting at 7:00 pm. Your attendance at this meeting is vital as we seek new executive members to replace those who have held their posts for a number of years and their children have finished at school or they are no longer able to continue. Please strongly consider coming along and standing for a position to help support your child(ren)'s education at Willyama High School.

Important upcoming dates:

31 July	Athletics carnival – Zinc Oval
3 August	10-11 subject selection night – Civic Centre
4 August	University Admissions Centre parent information night
5-7 August	Year 10 work experience block
12 August	P&C Annual General Meeting

Grant Shepherd  
Principal

### Support Unit News

In December this year, six lucky students from our support unit are embarking on a trip to Stewart House in Sydney. In order to help these students get there we have planned a number of fundraisers which we hope you will be able support.

### Cake Stall

Saturday 1 August at Newsworld, Oxide Street from 8am – 11am. Please come along and support our trip to Stewart House by buying delicious baked goods. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Selina on 0401 260 042 to arrange pick up if necessary.

### Now showing!!

Friday 7 August at 7:00pm Paper Towns Premiere!! Silver City Cinema, all tickets \$13.50.

Saturday 8 August 2:00pm **Special Screening** Inside Out. Silver City Cinema, all tickets \$13.50

Sunday 9 August 2:00pm Paper Towns, Silver City Cinema, all tickets \$13.50

### Fathering Tips

A good place to start is taking an inventory of how you are going at home with your kids.

Consider this:

- How many minutes per day do you give each of your children your undivided attention? 0, 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
- Where do your children fit on your priority list in relation to money, power, status and the meaning your work gives you?
- Where do they fit in with respect to your leisure activities and your friends?

Do you show your children that you want to be with them, and that it is not a chore for you?

Perhaps you have discovered after doing our little mental reckoning that your score is not as good as you would have liked. The brutal reality is that time is one of the most precious commodities for busy people.

Children know that too – time spent with children by dads who are busy is very much appreciated by kids (even if they don't say so at the time). Indeed such time spent with kids goes a long way to making them feel worthwhile: "If my busy dad is willing to give up time to spend it with me, maybe I am worth something after all."

The exact place where your time-work balance sits will vary according to your children's ages. They need more of your focused time when they are young, (the very time when it is most tempting to work harder to try to get yourself established in your vocation), an opinion garnered by Professor Bruce Robinson after interviewing hundreds of families for his parenting books. Literacy is an essential component of our modern world, so anything a father can do to build his children's literacy skills is a real bonus, and reading with a child is one of the best ways to bond with them.



## Student/Parent Information Night for students in Years 11 and 12

6pm

Tuesday 4 August

Broken Hill Musicians Club, Chrystal Street, Broken Hill

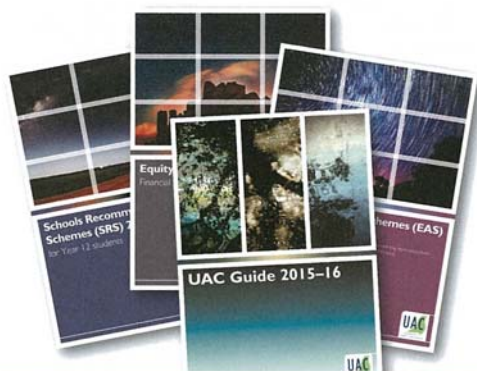
### Thinking about University?

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)\* in conjunction with  
Broken Hill High School and Willyama High School  
is holding a Parent Information Night

#### Find out about

- the **ATAR** (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank)
- Applications for
  - **Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)**
  - **Educational Access Schemes (EAS)**
  - **Equity Scholarships (ES)**
- Getting maximum benefit from your **course preferences**
- Eligibility for **Bonus Points**

*\*UAC processes applications for admission to most undergraduate courses at universities in NSW and ACT.*



### McDonalds Fundraiser

Come on down to McDonalds on Monday 12 October from 7pm to 8pm and have dinner to support our fundraiser! We will receive a portion of sales between this time so bring your friends and family for a great night!

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Y's Men of Broken Hill, Willyama High School's P & C, John Wren from Silver City Cinema as well as Mark Craven from McDonalds for their exceptional generosity in supporting our fundraising ventures thus far.

*Selina Harlum*

*Special Education Teacher*

### 7 LOTE

This term, Year 7 have begun the mammoth task of learning yet another language. Having started the year off learning Chinese, they are now beginning Japanese. In Week 1, most classes have had the chance to start learning Hiragana. Hiragana is one of the three writing systems Japanese uses that has 46 characters and is used to represent a combination of sounds. Year 7 are to be commended on

their ability to quickly pick up new sounds and learn the first five Hiragana characters in such a short time. These were then practiced by creating them using playdough. Over the upcoming weeks students will continue to learn Hiragana and be looking at a variety of cultural events in Japan. Well done Year 7!





## National Tree Day 24 July 2015

On Friday 24 July 2015 you would never have known it was the middle of winter! The sun was out, the temperature was great and Year 7 were busy planting trees for National Tree Day. Seven classes came down, one group at a time, planting a tree for each of the Year 7 classes.

The trees will grow as the Year 7's grow bringing natural beauty to our school grounds.

Planting trees wasn't the only contribution Willyama made to National Tree Day. 7T have created an amazing wall of posters to teach everyone about why trees are so important to our environment. Grace O'Neil gave an inspiring speech at assembly last week sharing what she has learnt about trees in the Year 7 Science topic the Circle of Life.

Happy National Tree Day Willyama!



Erika Mason, Ashli Fryer, Kaya, Gloria & Jorden from 7P



Mr Harris & 7B



Blake Pfeiffer 7B



Mason Bornholm & Lachlan Davis 7T

# WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS FROM YOU

Child  
Minding  
Available

What: Parenting Session

Venue: Liberty House, Broken Hill

When: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

**FREE event**

Dr Justin Coulson is one of Australia's most respected parenting speakers, authors, and researchers. He is the founder and owner of 'Happy Families', an Honorary Fellow at the University of Wollongong, and a Senior Associate at the Positive Psychology Institute.



"What your Child Needs from You" is about getting relationships right. *Justin will share the three essential keys to get to the heart of raising a happy child and creating a connected family.*

**For more information:**

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