



WILLYAMA WHISPERS

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Term 3 Week 5

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

There are lots of great things happening as we head into the second half of Term 3. The school athletics carnival was a great success with a number of students taking the opportunity to enjoy some physical activity on what was probably the warmest day this term so far. Results and photos will be in the next Whispers.

It is an exciting time of year as we start to work with our new Year 7 students and their families for 2016. Open night is on this Tuesday and this is a wonderful opportunity for these students and their families to come up and have a look around our great school. Information has been sent home through the primary schools.

NAPLAN results for students in Year 7 and 9 have been sent out this week. A very pleasing aspect of these results across the school was the above state average growth of Year 9 students in Writing from their Year 7 results (School 39.7 vs State 27.2). Please don't hesitate to contact the school should you have any queries about these results.

This term has seen the retirement of teachers Mr Denis Watts and Mrs Noela Jones as well as the retirement of our Library assistant Mrs June Luke at the end of next week. We wish them all well in their retirement and welcome our new teachers Miss Erin Smith (Art), Mr Mark McVicar (TAS) and Mr Cameron Jones (HSIE/English).

Our P&C Annual General Meeting was held recently in our canteen café-style area that has been given a very appealing makeover by Mrs Chris Boatswain and her helpers. I would like to sincerely thank outgoing president Maria Robinson and treasurer Dani Winders for their dedication to our school in these executive positions over the past few years. I would also like to thank Anne Campbell for taking over the president's position and Katrina Kaye for continuing on as vice-president. P&C still need a treasurer and secretary. Please strongly consider coming along to our next P&C meeting on 9 September and putting your hand up for one of these positions.

Grant Shepherd
Principal

QUESTACON COMES TO WILLYAMA

On Friday 14 August 2015 QUESTACON came to Willyama and dazzled Years 7 to 10 with exciting experiments involving erupting pressure canisters, vacuum powered bazookas, liquid nitrogen and exploding giant bubbles. The highlight of

the day was the biggest mushroom cloud Room 3.30 has ever seen but the only real bombing was photo bombing. Well done to everyone who participated and made it



Mary Barraclough, Jirana and Shakirah Brown .
Pictured above.



Maighan Mashford and Jasmine Algate



Mary Barraclough



Tyler Mew, Chantel Francis and
Shakira Brown with Ben and Jirana from
Questacon



Seth Brown



Toby Williams, Rory Schaefer
and Jirana



Jirana, Blade and Chelsea Masclet

WHS CHAMPION NEWS!

On Tuesday the 16 of June, students who have been following the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation attended our first Minute to Win It Carnival and BBQ. The carnival was open to all years and a large number of students attended. A good time was had by all and students were excited to try out our games with favourites being Cookie Face and Closest to the Pin.

Many thanks to all staff and students who helped to organise the event and a big thankyou to Woolworths who donated 200 sausages for our BBQ. We are in the process of organising this term's reward, so stay tuned and remember to keep following our school values to be eligible.

DENTAL EXAMINATION

On Monday 25 August 2015 Year 12 will have the opportunity to have a free dental examination at school provided by the Morgan Street Dental Clinic.

A consent form has been sent out and it would be appreciated if the consent forms could be returned to the school by Friday 21 August to enable scheduling of appointments around student's classes to minimise any disruption to their learning.

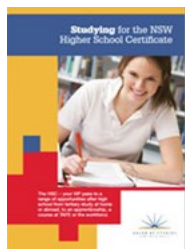
Appointment times will be listed on Monday 25 August from 9.00am. Students with study periods during period 1 and 2 may have their appointment scheduled during this time.

Essential planning documents for Higher School Certificate studies include:

HSC rules and procedures

Issued to HSC students, the [HSC Rules and Procedures guide](#) outlines the rules and procedures for the Higher School Certificate, available on Students Online.

Studying for the NSW Higher School Certificate



Studying for the NSW HSC

Published August 2012

This guide is for Year 10 students and anyone planning their Year 11 and Year 12 studies. *The information contained in this guide is accurate at the time of publication. Schools will be notified of any changes to the rules and requirements.*

Past Higher School Certificate Examination Papers and Notes from the Examination Centre

HSC Syllabuses, Support Documents and Specimen Papers

[HSC Resources and Textbooks](#) - provides a subject-by-subject guide to resources and textbooks that are available

HSC On-line parents information

Parents of HSC students will find the Parents Pages on the HSC Online website very valuable. There are hints on making life with an HSC student more bearable for both parents and students!



You will find this information at http://hsc.csu.edu.au/for_parents/



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COLOUR RUN

RMHC RIDE FOR
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WHEN: Sunday 23rd August

WHERE: Sturt Park, Chloride Street

TIME: - Registration from 10:30am
- 11:30am Start

COST: Adult- \$20, U13 years - \$10
& U5 years - Free

Pre-registration - Silhouette Salon or NAB



Inflatable Slide



Cake Stall



Bouncy Castles



Merry-Go-Round



BBQ



**Ronald McDonald
Guest Appearance**

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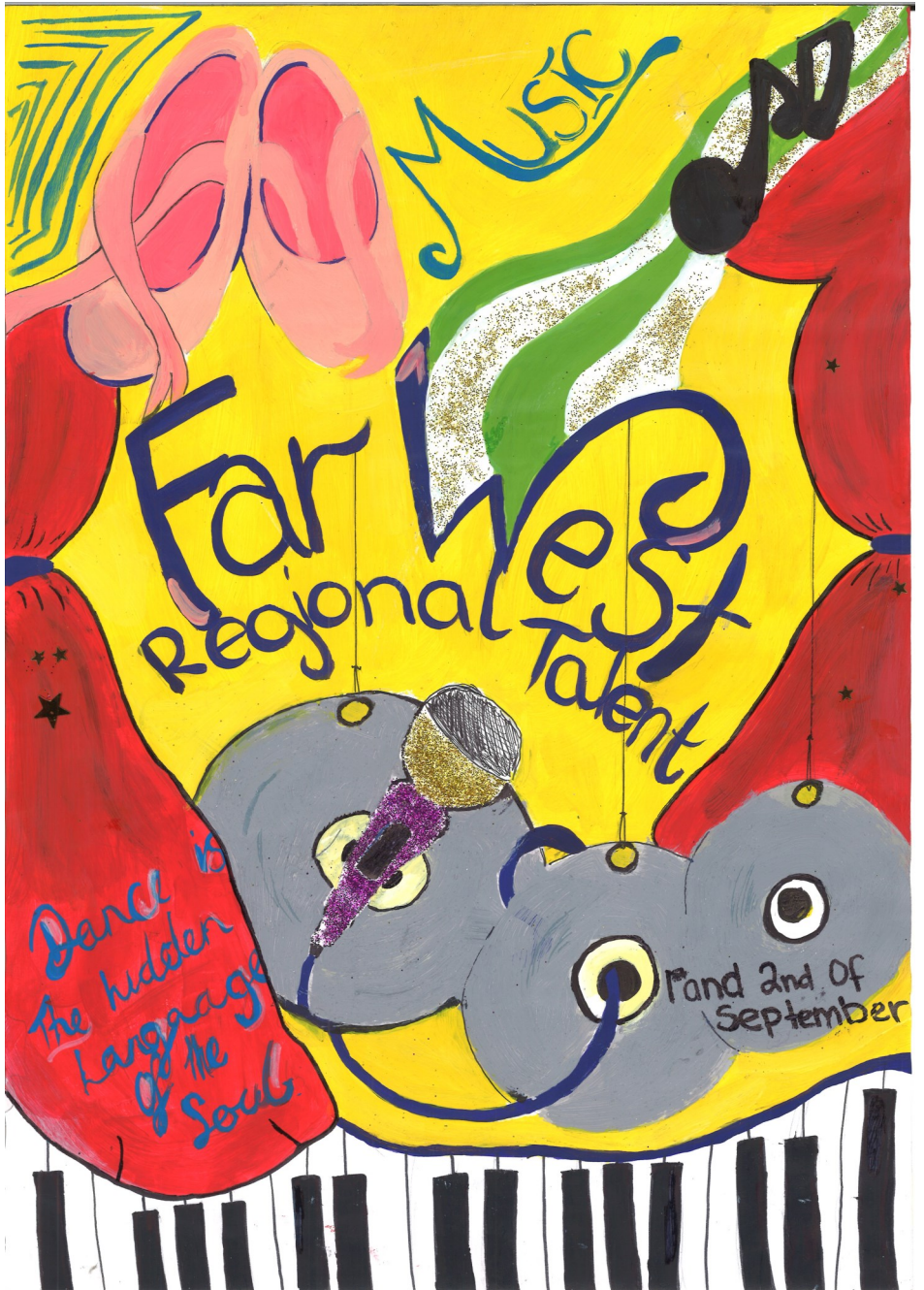


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Far West Regional Talent

Dance is
the hidden
language
of the
soul

1st and 2nd of
September

Important upcoming dates:

23-26 August Science and Engineering Challenge State finals - Newcastle
24 August Max Potential Showcase – Demo Club
27 August Year 11 Crossroads Part II
1-2 September Far West Schools Concert
7-9 September Kinchega camp for Aboriginal students
9 September P&C meeting
17 September HSC leaving ceremony (12:15pm)

Running Group Race Dates for 2015

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>

FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

Hear from one of our staff members, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

7.30pm (AEST)

Thursday, 13th August

Register online to reserve your place

www.studentexchange.org.au

1300 135 331 (cost of local call)



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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.