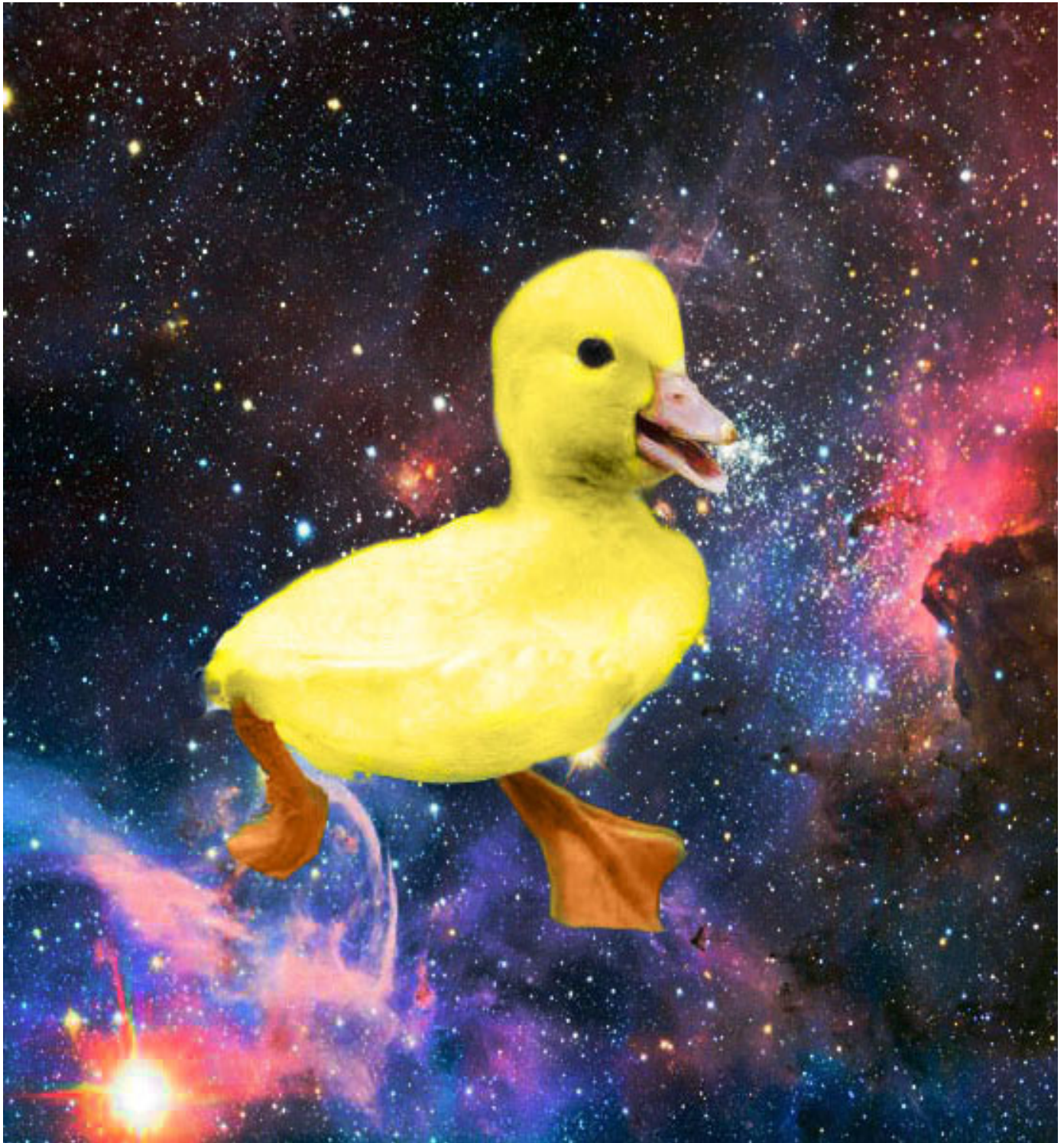


WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 1, Week 9, 22 March 2016

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Inspire - Reach for the stars! Photo shopped image completed by
Year 10 student Danni Dragomirovic

From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to our school swimming team on their efforts which resulted in WHS winning the West Darling Swimming Carnival again this year. Special congratulations to our age champions. It was the effort of the entire team of 31 students out there doing their best for our school that resulted in us winning the carnival by over 200 points. Well done to Jesse Cochrane-Adolfson, Lydia Hinton-Neal and Kai Pressler for breaking records on the day. More details inside.

Our school cricket team also had a great win against Broken Hill High School in The Alan Davidson Shield. After batting first and being in trouble early, we managed to put together a competitive total of 89 runs thanks largely to a solid 18 from Colby Stenhouse. Broken Hill High School started the run chase well but our boys hung in there and were able to bowl them out for 85 to win by 4 runs. A fantastic effort and we wish them well as they play Bourke High School in the next round.

Well done to our team of runners and walkers who participated in the Living Desert Dash fun run on 13 March. Although it wasn't our largest contingent of competitors in recent years, we are proud of those who did attend and have a go at participating in this great community event.

Motivational Media will be visiting our school giving presentations to all students on 1 April. Motivational Media aims to both challenge and inspire young people to develop strategies that will enable them to reach their true potential so that their life choices will not be diminished through avoidable, reckless and harmful behaviours. The proposed schedule is: Years 7/8 (Period 1), Years 9/10 (Period 2) and Years 11/12 (period 3).

Good luck to our girls' school soccer team who head to Condobolin this week to compete in the next round of the state knockout competition after defeating Broken Hill High School earlier this term.

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 April in the school library starting at 7:00pm. Please come along and have a say in your child's education. We need your support.

We hope you are all loving the new format of our Willyama Whispers since it has been taken over by Miss Erin Smith, our very talented art/history teacher. I'm sure you'll agree she is doing an amazing job and she would love to hear your feedback to make it even better.

We would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Easter break.

Grant Shepherd

Principal

SCIENCE

Year 8 Science VALID Testing Results

Over the next week, Year 9 students will be bringing home an envelope that contains their results from the 2015 Year 8 VALID Science Test that was completed online in November of last year.

This test is mandatory for all Year 8 students in NSW Government Schools and provides information on where our students are achieving in Science compared to other students in the state.

These results will be provided to all students who completed this test last year. If your child has not been provided with an envelope and you are unsure whether they completed the test, please contact Matt Cawley, Head Teacher Science at school on 8088 1055.

Willyama High School Concert

Come and check out the amazing music talent at Willyama High School. Entry is \$4 at the door.

School Hall on Tuesday 29 of March at 7.30pm.

Staff Profiles



Name: Linda Betts

Where are you from? Jervis Bay on NSW south coast

What do you teach? English

What's your favourite food? Chocolate

Chocolate or Vanilla? Chocolate

Favourite thing about Broken Hill? Everyone is super nice!

If you had to travel anywhere in the world,

where would it be? Germany

What sport code do you follow-which team do you follow? Don't follow football

An interesting fact about yourself: I met the man who uncovered the Terracotta Warriors



Name: Erin Smith

Where are you from? Born in Broken Hill - A grader!

What do you teach? Visual Arts, History, Geography and Drama!

What's your favourite food? Fruit

Chocolate or vanilla? Chocolate

Favourite thing about Broken Hill? This is such an artist thing to say, but - the colours! Living in Adelaide for 4 years and coming back to Broken Hill I appreciate the vibrant colours of the outback.

If you had to travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? Cuba

What sport code do you follow-which team do you follow? AFL - Sydney Swans and Local Footy - South

An interesting fact about yourself: I'm Vegan ☺

Desert Dash

Well done to Willyama students Mason Jones, Hannah Evers, Lachlan Edwards-Neal, Avery Conner, Tom McRae, Jesse Craven, Ayva O'Meara and Aiden Miani along with Mr Shepherd, Ms Harper, Miss Smith, Miss Kelly and Mr Kloczko participated in the 2016 YMCA Desert Dash.



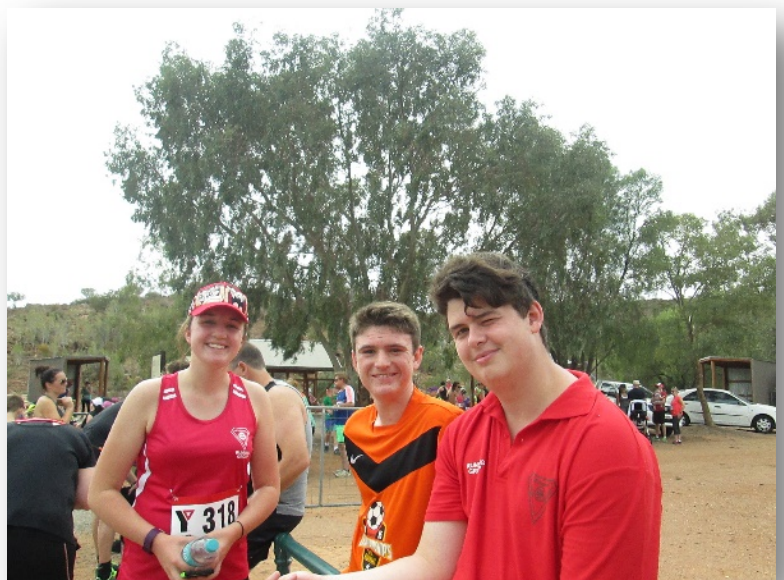
Pictured above are Staff: Mr Shepherd, Ms Harper, Miss Smith, Miss Kelly and Mr Kloczko

Year 10: Mason Jones, Hannah Evers and Lachlan Edwards-Neal

Year 8: Avery Conner and Tom McRae

Year 7: Jesse Craven, Aiden Miani and Ayva O'Meara

Whitney Brown and Hamish Brown are to be congratulated for their contribution to the event. They were part of the St John Ambulance squad and Jasmin Algate assisted YMCA staff to make this day a great community experience.

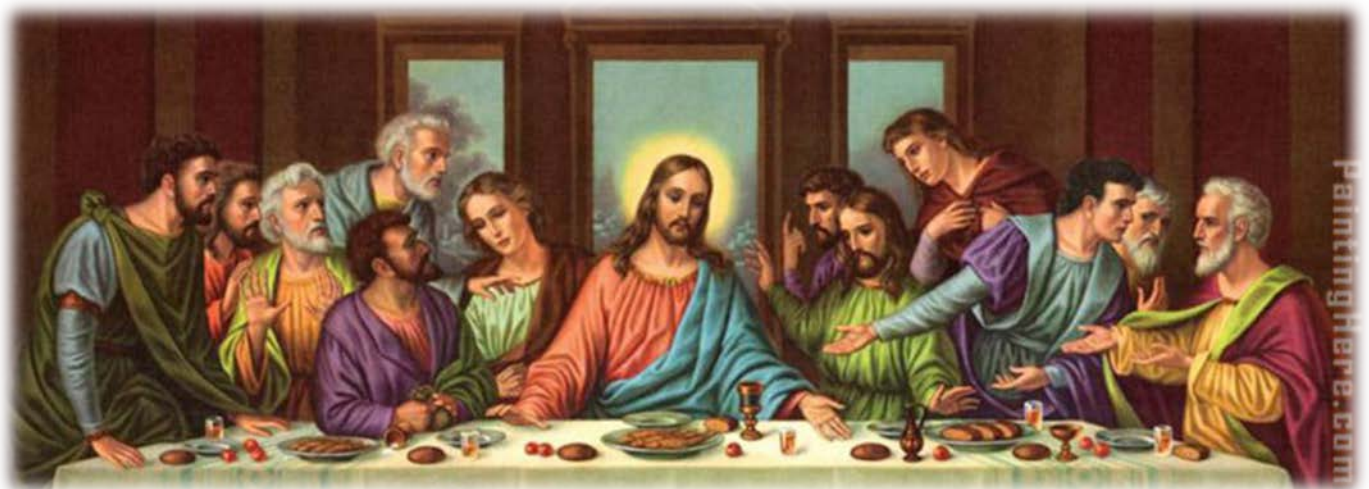


Pictured above Year 10: Hannah Evers, Mason Jones and Lachlan Edwards-Neal

Year 8 Drama Elective - Term 1

This term Year 8 Drama have been focusing on *The Elements of Drama*.

In particular we have looked at role play, facial expressions and body language. Along with the Drama Elements the class have been working on teamwork, collaboration and communication. One of the tasks the students have completed this Term is called '*Role Play Image*'. This involved the students working together to assign each other a character (role), practice their facial expressions and body language, set up the scene and then take an image. Below is an example of the task that had to be completed by the students.



Year 8 Drama students pictured above: Brianna Napier, Kira Guthrie, Jazmin Callegher, Cian Ryan, Hamish Brown, Brayden Whitford, Jazmine Ryan, Zoey Gasmier and Carrigan Bloomfield.

Student Leader Induction Ceremony



On Thursday 3 March 2016, Willyama High School held their annual Student Leader Induction Ceremony. This was a chance for our students to gain recognition from the school and wider community for their efforts in leadership.

Presentations were given by Sophie Morrison (Student Representative Council President for 2016) and the School Captains of 2016; Adam Galea and Georgia Treloar. Mr Shepherd spoke about the fact that students do not achieve through natural talent and fate. Rather, it is through perseverance and dedication that we become skilled and life-long learners. These presentations demonstrated how the student leaders of 2016 will lead and encourage others by setting a strong and conscientious example.

Members of the Student Representative Council and Sport Captains were presented with their well-earned badges. These badges are being worn with pride. 2016 in particular has proved incredibly promising in student leadership as the SRC and House Patrons received a record number of applicants in their respective fields.

During the ceremony both junior and senior music students showcased their talents with two engaging and contemporary performances. Afterwards, student leaders and their honoured guests were treated to a delicious and well-planned luncheon

provided by Ms Naomi Harper and her capable Year 10 Food Technology students. Judging by the empty plates, the luncheon proved to be quite a success.

The support the community has given Willyama High School student leaders of 2016 is overwhelming.

It is through this support that these students will undeniably go on to represent their school and promote positive learning and leadership in Broken Hill.



Library News



Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 have been encouraged to participate in the 2016 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

This is a great opportunity for our students to be exposed to a wide selection of quality literature and to promote a love for reading.

Last year 270,000 students from Primary to Year 9 took part in the challenge across NSW. The reading journey starts in March and finishes on 22 August 2016 at which time students are expected to have read 20 books. The PRC supports the wider reading outcome of the NSW English Syllabus for Years 7-10 and the expectations of the Literacy Continuum K-10.

All students who take part and finish the PRC receive an official Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate and their names appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

If you wish to learn more please visit <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> or contact me on 8088 1055. Please encourage your children to participate in this valuable program.

Nikki Adams
Teacher Librarian

Year 8 Japanese Elective

This term the Year 8 Japanese elective class have been doing a unit on food. So far they have learnt how to ask what foods are, how much they are and how to order different types of Japanese food. As a reward, they have had the opportunity to sample some popular Japanese food.

This week they sampled *Umeboshi*, which is a type of Pickled Japanese plum. This salty, sour snack is usually eaten with rice, but was not so popular with Year 8, or their teacher Miss Firman. Next they tried *Daifuku*, which is a soft rice cake with different flavoured centres. These were much better received than *Umeboshi*. Finally, they sampled *Pocky*, which is a sweet pretzel stick dipped in chocolate of different flavours, including green tea, strawberry and cookies and cream. They are looking forward to cooking at the end of the term.



Trying Umeboshi



Pocky, Oishii!

Ashli Fryer, Luke D'Ettorre, Grace O'Neill, Luke Hall, Brianna Napier, Erika Mason, Kaitaia Clark, Stephanie Reghenzani, Melady McLennan, Zali Kennedy

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 Swimming Carnival Report

The annual Willyama Swimming Carnival was recently held at the YMCA Aquatic Centre on Friday 4 March 2016. The day was a hot and humid one, but it didn't stop a good contingent of students showing up ready to race or support their House team.

Kyara won the day, scoring 628 points. Yancowinna second, with 558 points. Hexham finished third with 418 points. Several records went tumbling on the day. Lydia Hinton-Neal broke the 13F 50m Breaststroke, Kai Pressler broke the 17+ 100m Backstroke and Jesse Cochrane-Adolfson broke the 17+ 50m Breaststroke, 100m Breaststroke and 400m Freestyle. The age champions this year were: 12 Year Boys Riley King, 12 Year Girls Emily Scott, 13 Year Boys Campbell Rogers, 13 Year Girls Lydia Hinton-Neal, 14 Year Boys Deakin Treloar, 14 Year Girls Maighan Mashford, 15 Year Boys Zach Murray, 15 Year Girls Kiara Pressler, 16 Year Boys Eli Bock, 16 Year Girls Georgie Kuerschner, 17+ Boys Jesse Cochrane-Adolfson and 17+ Girls Jessica Pryor. Congratulations to all students who entered events. You all did your respective houses proud. It was a fun day had by all and we're looking forward to doing it all again next year.





West Darling Swimming Carnival Report

After a successful School Swimming Carnival, it was time to put Willyama's best up against the best of Broken Hill High and Menindee Central School to see who would be crowned West Darling Swimming Champions 2016.

It was a hotly contested day of swimming at the Aquatic Centre but it was Willyama High that came out on top with 932 points, Broken Hill High finished second with 706 points and Menindee Central School not far behind in third. There were several age champions from Willyama: 12 year Boys Riley King, 14 year Girls Maighan Mashford, 15 year Girls Kiara Pressler, 16 year Girls Georgie Kuerschner and 17+ year Boys Jesse Cochrane-Adolfson. Several West Darling records also tumbled, Lydia Hinton-Neal broke the 13years Female Breaststroke 50m, Jesse Cochrane-Adolfson broke the 17+Male Breaststroke 100m and Kai Pressler broke the 17+Male Backstroke 50m and 100m records.

Congratulations to all competitors and 2016 West Darling Swimming Champions!

External Competitions

Throughout the year, a number of external competitions are held in the areas of Mathematics, English, Science, Computers and History.

These competitions give students an opportunity to compete against other students from around the country and the world, and challenge students in subject areas in which they may have a particular interest or flair. The school encourages students to participate in these competitions, especially if they have a passion for a particular subject area, and we assist our students and families by heavily subsidising the entry fee. Each competition will cost students \$3.00. This is a significant discount given some of the competitions can cost upwards of \$15.00 to enter.

Should a student wish to enter one of the competitions below, they need to return an entry slip along with entry fee to the front office by Friday 1 April 2016. Students can get an entry slip from their classroom teacher or Mr Wells. If there are any questions about these competitions, please contact Mr Wells.

Competitions – ICAS Digital Technologies (Years 7-10 only) Big Science Competition, Australian History Competition (Years 7-10 only), ICAS Science, ICAS Writing, ICAS Spelling (Year 7 only), Australian National Chemistry Quiz, ICAS English.



KIDS CAMPS

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New friendships **Fun**
Great value **Safe**

Our Autumn Kids' Camps are now open for enrolments via our website. Here, you will find what's on offer for the autumn school holidays.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids' Camps are suitable for children aged 7 to 16 years and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential camps include:

- 24 hour supervision
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St Joseph's Soccer Club – "Free" Sausage Sizzle & Registration Night

We are a family friendly Club that offers the best junior development & pathways program in Broken Hill.

We field teams in all junior & senior grades from U6's to A Grade Men & we are holding a registration/information session for any boys & girls that are interested in playing soccer for St Joes. No previous experience is required.

Come along to our "free" sausage sizzle & registration night at Sturt Park on Friday 1st April
6pm to 8pm.

Need more information, call Anthony on 0428 879 275

GO JOEYS!

