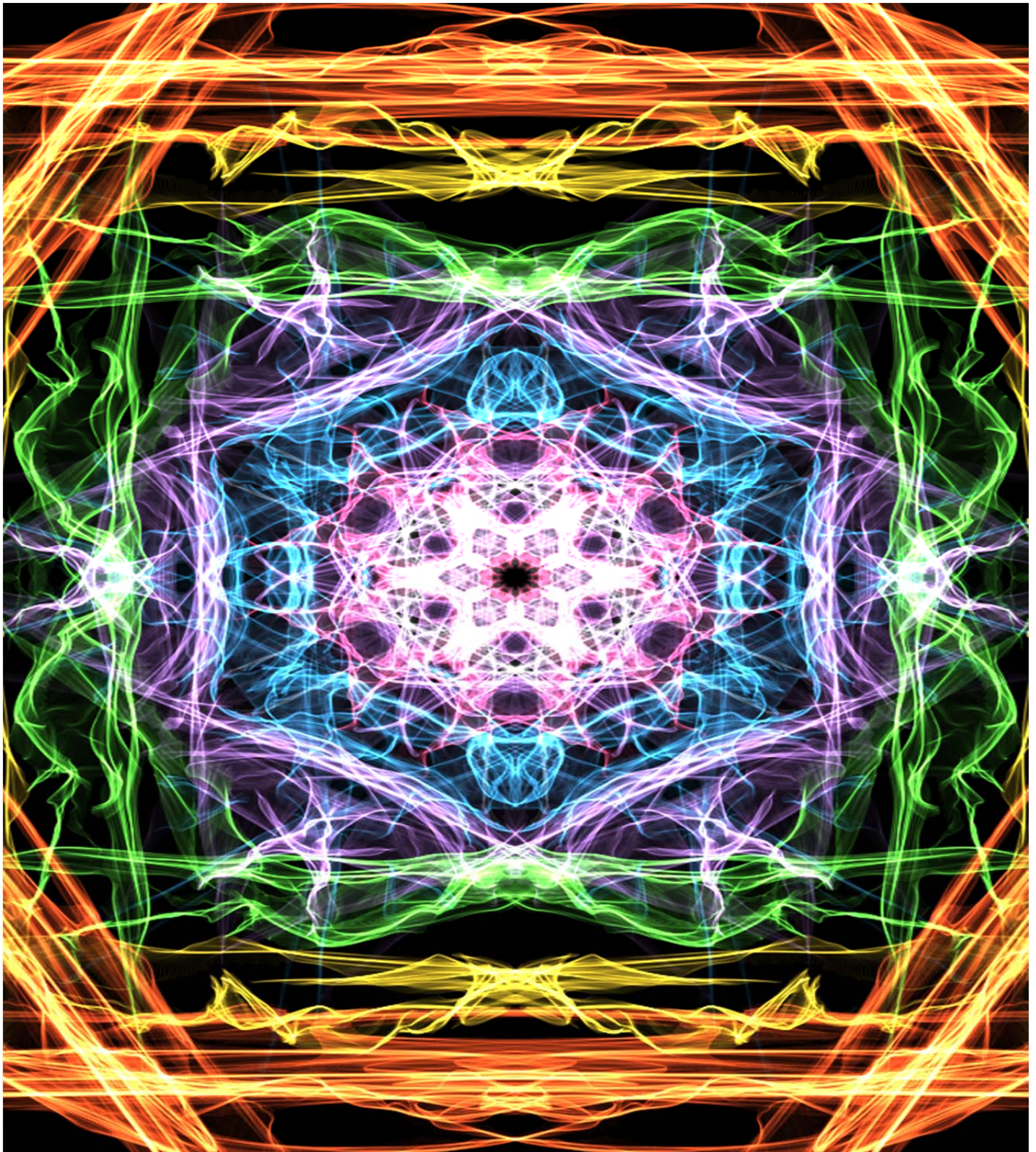


WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 1, Week 11, 6 April 2016

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Interactive Mandala- Kyle Mahoney Year 8 Art

Create your own Interactive Mandala at-

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From the Principal's Desk

What a wonderful evening we were treated to at the Willyama concert in our school hall last week! The standard of the performances was very high for a small but appreciative audience. It was a wonderful effort and great to see that all of those long hours of practice and perseverance are paying off. We are all very proud of you and your dedication. Well done to our school captain Adam Galea and vice captain Michael Gusling on stepping up and doing a fantastic job of compering the evening. Thanks also to Mr Bryan Mullard and Mr Jason Kok for their encouragement and organisation of this evening.

Our school robotics team had a very worthwhile 'first-time' experience competing in the FIRST-Robotics competition held at Olympic Park, Homebush recently. We really challenged our thinking and did extremely well outperforming many other rookie teams and some more experienced teams as well. Thank you to Mr Julian Mann, Miss Sally Jenkins and Miss Maria Kelly for their efforts in organising and supporting our team. We would like to sincerely thank those in the Broken Hill community who have supported us in this venture, it has been very much appreciated.

Congratulations to our girls' soccer team for travelling away and putting in an awesome effort against Condobolin High School. We won 7-1 and now go on to compete in the next round against Bourke High School. Thanks to Miss Sally Jenkins for all of her efforts in organising and coaching this team and travelling away with them.

Well done to the students who will be attending the Term 1 rewards afternoon at the movie cinema this week. It is fantastic to see so many students upholding our school values of respect, responsibility and cooperation and trying their very best with all learning activities.

Our school will be participating in the ANZAC Day march again this year. All members of the school community are invited to march behind the Willyama banner. Please meet outside Hungry Jacks at 10:15am. Participating students are asked to wear school uniform.

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.

There is a school development day on Tuesday 26 April and school returns for all students on Wednesday 27 April. Half-yearly examinations will be held for Year 12 students during the first two weeks of term.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Grant Shepherd - Principal

LOTE - Cherry Blossom Festivals

Spring is a beautiful time in Japan, where people travel across the country to experience Cherry Blossoms, or *Sakura*. Hanami, or flower viewing, is a popular event where people enjoy the *Sakura* by having picnics and BBQs out under these beautiful trees. Many towns plan events around the one to two week period where

nature flourishes with colour and fragrances, and there is a great festival vibe. One famous place to view *Sakura* is Ueno Park, where thousands of people vie for the best spot under the trees and party well into the night.

Hanami 花見

Hana= flower 花

Mi= watch 見

Cherry Blossoms= *Sakura* 桜



Photos: K Firman

Running Group - Orroroo

Willyama High School running group competed in a Fun Run in the tiny South Australian Outback town of Orroroo on Sunday 20 March.



Students, Georgia Treloar, Lachlan Edwards-Neal, Mason Jones, Jordan Hoysted, Maighan Mashford, Quinn Parker and Cooper Treloar participated in the 10 km leg of the half marathon trail along with Miss Smith and Mr Kok, and Riley Mashford the 5km race.



*Quinn Parker – Best Male Overall
10 km run*

Congratulations to Quinn Parker, Mason Jones, Riley Mashford, Emma Hocking and Heath Mashford who all came away with medals. Well done to former student Georgia McGregor and all the parents who participated in the 5 km walk.



*Riley Mashford – Junior Secondary
Medal 5km run*

We would like to thank Di Barrie from the Orroroo Community Gym, Kym and Heather Burtrum from the Orroroo Caravan Park for their amazing hospitality over the last three years. We have already put Sunday 26 March 2017 on the calendar for the 10th Orroroo Half Marathon.

The team is now hoping to participate in the Pichi Richi Marathon on Sunday 26 June in Quorn SA and the Adelaide City to Bay on Sunday 18 September this year. Training is on every Tuesday and Thursday between 7am and 8am from the school's front entrance ramp. You don't have to be a runner to join – walking is a great way to stay fit.



*Mason Jones – Senior Secondary
Medal (10km run)*

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.

Email Address

If you would like the Willyama Whisper emailed to you, please let the Front Office know and we will add you to our email distribution list.

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>

Staff Profiles



Name: Leah Roper

Where are you from? Sydney

What do you teach? PD/H/PE

Favourite food: Avocado

Chocolate or Vanilla: Not much of a sweet tooth!

Favourite thing about Broken Hill: People

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

What sport code do you follow-which team do you follow? AFL – Swans

An interesting fact about yourself: I don't like odd numbers!



Name- Cameron Wells

Where are you from? Newcastle

What do you teach? Maths

What's your favourite food? Lamb cutlets and veg

Chocolate or Vanilla? Vanilla

Favourite thing about Broken Hill? The people (so friendly and everyone has a story)

If you had to travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? England to watch Australia win a deciding Ashes Test at Lords

What sport code do you follow-which team do you follow?

Both NRL (Melbourne Storm) and AFL (Sydney Swans)

An interesting fact about yourself: When I was 18 months old I was accidentally run over by a tractor and broke my pelvis and both legs and had to learn how to walk again.

Spotlight on Libraries

Life's a beach for readers in Bulgaria

Even in these digital times, taking a book to the beach is a popular holiday pastime. Bulgaria's Black Sea resort of Albena now boasts its own open-air beach library, made of material resistant to strong wind and extreme sun, and in rainy weather the books will be protected by vinyl.



Biblio Burro – The Donkey Library, Colombia

Luis Soriano came from the small town of LaGloria. As a school teacher he noticed the immensely powerful effect books had



on his students. Using two donkeys, Luis decided to spend his weekends, carrying books to children in the community. Through this idea, his portable library, the 'Biblio Burro' was born.

"PRC on the way"

Premiers reading challenge -

Hamish Bolton, Grace O'Neill, Brianna Napier and Riley Mashford



The importance of Reading Out Loud

In this video Professor Rebecca Bellingham explains the benefits of reading out loud to our children. <http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/Why-we-should-all-be-reading-al>



Department
of Industry
Resources & Energy

2015-2016 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before 11pm
16 June 2016



\$150*
**TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS**

TWO MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>

* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW households with dependent children to cover the costs of their energy bills. In 2015-16 the rebate gives:

- up to \$150 credit on energy bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- up to \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in an on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme and receive electricity from the on-supplied operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- be a resident of New South Wales; **and**
- be an account holder of an electricity retailer, **or** a long term resident of an on-supplied residential community, **or** a resident of an on-supplied retirement village, **or** a resident of an on-supplied strata scheme; **and** whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence; **and**
- have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2014-15 financial year, **and** have received a payment in respect of that eligibility.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

You'll need to have:

- lodged your tax return for 2014-15 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you're not required to lodge a tax return; **and**
- received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2014-15.

HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** - it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** - download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme where you live.

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

If you have a DHS Health Care Card, you may also be eligible for the Low Income Household Rebate. Visit our website for more information.

C.P. PEOPLES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Please come and join us this Saturday morning in the Town Square from 9.30 til 12.30 for a family fun day to help us celebrate as C.P. Peoples Chemist turns 100.

Come and enjoy a free sausage sizzle, jumping castle, face painting, merry-go-round, cake stalls and the chance to throw wet sponges at Alex.

There will also be raffles, giveaways and 20% off everything instore*

*Conditions apply



OUTBACK PHARMACIES

C.P. PEOPLES CHEMIST

SOUTH PHARMACY

TEMBS DAY & NIGHT
PHARMACY