

# WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 2, Week 3, 9 May 2016

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Artwork completed by a talented Year 8 student who wishes to remain anonymous

## From the Principal's Desk

We are well and truly back into the swing of things in Term 2 with Year 12 having just completed their half-yearly examinations. We wish them well as they receive their results this week and gain valuable feedback on how to improve their learning for the remainder of the HSC course.

NAPLAN tests are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings this week for Years 7 and 9. We encourage all students to give their very best effort in these diagnostic tests so we can evaluate in detail what students know and can do to further guide our teaching practices.

This term has seen the exciting launch of our new 'free and frequent' reward system Vivo. It replaces the previous e-champ system and is much easier for staff to use and for students to access their feedback. This system also aims to promote, encourage and reward positive behaviours in line with our school values of respect, responsibility and cooperation. The school aims to utilise the online rewards as well as integrating some school-based rewards into the system.

School photos have arrived and been sent home with students and we are currently in the process of making new student photo identification cards for 2016.

Congratulations to our girls' soccer team who put in a fantastic effort to score another great win, this time defeating Bourke High School 7-1. Thanks to coach Miss Sally Jenkins for her time and effort with this team.

School cross country is on Friday 13 May 2016 and names need to be down outside the PDPHPE staffroom.

Our P&C meeting is on this Wednesday in the school library starting at 7:00pm. We would love to see you there. Make sure you check out the staff profile inside this week.

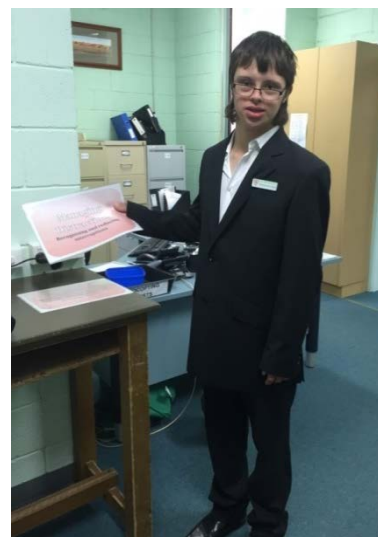
Upcoming events:

10-12 May	NAPLAN
13 May	School cross country
16-17	May Love Bites – Year 10
20 May	Take Blaktion workshops
23-27 May	Year 11 exams

Grant Shepherd  
Principal

## Work Experience

Pictured is Eric Degoumois who is currently doing Work Experience every Wednesday morning from 8:30am – 12.00 in the Front Office at Willyama High School.



His first day on the job was Wednesday 4 May. Eric is a very capable worker assisting the office staff with many duties.

## 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.

# West Darling CHS Netball

**Please come and support the West Darling Combined High Schools' Netball fundraising events.**

Cake Stall on Saturday 7 May at the Coles complex and Monday 9 May at McDonald's

7:00 – 8:00pm.



**WEST DARLING CHS NETBALL**

**McDonald's Fundraiser**

WHEN: MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY

TIME: 7-8PM

WHERE: MCDONALD'S BROKEN HILL

Please come along and support the fundraising event for the West Darling Netball Team.



## Canteen News

Mrs Boatswain and the Willyama High School P&C would like to say a huge thank you to Jan Hayman, Paul Rogers, Marion Capple, Cath Welsh, Anne Hancock, Donna Manuel, Stephanie Burgess and the SRC students for volunteering their time at recess or/and lunch in the Willyama High School Canteen. Their assistance is very much appreciated.

If you would like to assist in the Canteen from 11.00am to 2.00pm any day of the week you would be made welcome.

## P& C Meetings

**Our P&C Meetings are once a month in the school library starting at 7:00pm.**

Please come along and have a say in your child's education. Meetings last for approximately an hour. All are welcome to attend.

11 May, 8 June, 10 August, 7 September, 12 October & 9 November.

# Willyama High School Robotics Team Fundraising Event

**Centro Westside Plaza Saturday 14 May 2016, 9am to 2pm**

- Robotic demonstrations and displays outside Dick Smiths
- Sausage sizzle and cake stall outside Woolworths

Please come and support our Year 10 & 11 Robotics Team in their efforts to go to Sydney in July to compete in the international robotics challenge FIRST AUSTRALIA ROBOTICS DUAL DOWN UNDER at Macquarie University 22-24 July 2016.

Any questions please see Miss Kelly or Mr Mann at Willyama High School.

*<https://firstaustralia.org/programs/first-robotics-competition>*

## 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:** Big Mky or Big Mak

**Favourite Hip Hop Song:** My class said anything by Kanye, but I would say when I'm gone

**Enjoy:** Hanging with my crew G Shep he is a master on the turntables and Sweet who is a dope B Boyer

**Chocolate or Vanilla:** Vanilla Ice Ice Baby. (1990)

**Where do you come from:** The Ghetto (Souf) Hood

**What do you teach:** SAC (Society and Culture) & Rhymes

**Favourite Food:** Gin & Juice "Snoop Dog" (1993)

**Favourite thing about Broken Hill:** Plenty of real life experiences to rap about

**Travel to:** Flo Rida

**Sport Code/Team:** Lakers

**Interesting Fact:** "Everything is to the back with a little slack"  
from Criss Cross – Jump(1992)

**Note:** This was completed as part of Year 12 Popular Culture study on Hip Hop.

# Support for HSC Examinations

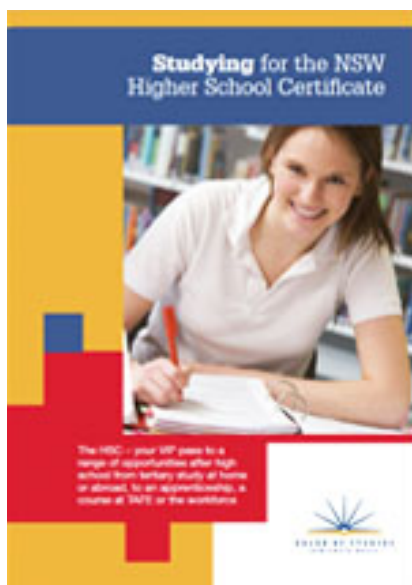
## *Information for Students and Parents*

The Board of Studies has a program to help students with practical support in their Higher School Certificate examinations. This practical support, known as provisions, assists students to read examination questions and to write their answers. Provisions include rest breaks and extra time. The use of any provision is not written on the student's results.

**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](#)

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## Hearing check online for kids



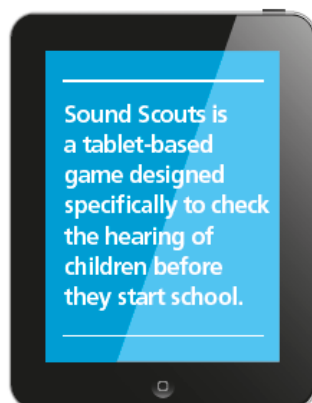
### Introducing the new Sound Scouts game

Sound Scouts is a brand new app that can accurately check a child's hearing at home. It helps families with children who are about to start school or already at school, where a hearing loss is suspected.

### The technology

The technology and science behind the game was developed by Australian Hearing's world-renowned research division, the National Acoustic Laboratories, in conjunction with cmee4 Productions.

Ideal for children aged from four years nine months to 15 years old, the game is fun and easy to play on Apple and Android tablet devices.



### What does Sound Scouts do?

While Sound Scouts is based on science, playing the game enables a valid hearing check for children and detects hearing problems, including those due to ear infections. The screening will help determine whether the child has:

- Normal hearing
- A hearing loss
- Needs medical intervention
- A problem understanding and processing speech in noise



### How to get Sound Scouts

By downloading the game via iTunes or Google Play for use in a quiet environment, preferably with good quality headphones.

Cost: \$14.99.

Find out more at [www.soundscouts.com.au](http://www.soundscouts.com.au)



### For health professionals:

Contact the Australian Hearing GP enquiry line for more information 1800 776 631



### For parents:

Contact Australian Hearing on 131 797

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