

# WILLYAMA WHISPERS

Term 2, Week 8, 17 June 2016

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*Artwork completed by Year 12 Student Daniel O'Neil Contemporary art study,  
recreation of Australian Art*

## From the Principal's Desk

We have another great Whispers for you this fortnight as we head towards the end of a very productive Term 2. This fortnight's striking cover is brought to by Daniel O'Neil in Year 12. Great job Daniel!

Well done to Stephanie Harman, Bronte Johns, Lakisha Sloane, Taylor Fletcher, Kara Jefferies, Kira-Lee Guthrie, Jazmin Callegher and Avery Connor who represented West Darling SSA at CHS football (soccer) in Sydney a fortnight ago. It was a wonderful effort to go away and compete against the very best in the state and to come away with a couple of wins is a bonus. We are very proud of all of you. A big thanks goes to Miss Sally Jenkins for organising and taking these girls away and all others who helped make this trip possible including our P&C Association who subsidised each student. More details and photos inside this Whispers.

Our school robotics team are currently making their final preparations to travel to participate in a competition in Sydney in the school holidays. Our team have spent a lot of time re-building and improving our robot using the valuable knowledge and skills they have gained throughout the course of the year. Mr Julian Mann and Miss Maria Kelly have also been very busy with all the organisation and various fundraisers to make this all possible. We would like to sincerely thank community groups and members who have supported our team throughout the year. This has been a new venture for us this year and we really appreciate all the support.

Great work by Georgie Kuerschner and Hannah Evers on representing our school at the regional SRC conference recently. Both of these girls are excellent role models for their peers and from all reports they gained a lot from the conference. See Hannah's report inside this Whispers for more details.

Congratulations to Lauren Fisher who has been elected as an SRC representative at Aurora College (virtual selective school). It is a wonderful achievement and a very big honour for Lauren as her cohort stretches across the entire state. We know you will do an awesome job.

The end of term rewards activity will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 30 June. This will be for all students who qualify with their Vivo points and merit certificates for consistently upholding our school values of respect, responsibility and cooperation. Students will be given more information in the next few days.

West Darling cross country is on this afternoon (Friday 17 June) at Memorial Oval. We wish our students well and look forward to reading all about it in next fortnight's Whispers.

Half-yearly reports have been completed by teachers and are in the final checking stages. They are due to be posted home on the dates below. They will also be available on the parent and student portal as soon as they are finalised. The links for registering and logging onto the parent and student portals are below. They are also on our school website. If parents don't have the family access key or are unsure how to access the portal please contact the school. Students can logon using their normal Department of Education logon.

For parents to register use: <http://web1.willyama-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/register>  
For ongoing access use: <http://web1.willyama-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>

24 June – Year 10  
27 June – Year 9  
28 June – Year 8  
29 June – Year 7

Please take the opportunity to come along and discuss your child's progress with their teachers at the appropriate parent teacher afternoons on the dates below.

Upcoming events:

21 June      Years 11-12 Parent Teacher afternoon (4-6pm)  
24 June      Lorin Nicholson  
26 June      Pichi Richi fun run  
30 June      End of term reward afternoon  
2-17 July    School holidays  
18 July      School development day  
26 July Years 7-10 Parent Teacher afternoon (4-6pm)

*Grant Shepherd*  
*Principal*

## Staff Profiles



**Name:** Matt Cawley

**Where are you from?** Ballina NSW

**What do you teach?** Science (Chemistry)

**What's your favourite food?** Steak & seafood, but really anything.

**Chocolate or Vanilla?** Chocolate

**Favourite thing about Broken Hill?** Sunshine

**If you had to travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?** Bora Bora (Tahiti)

**What sport code do you follow-which team do you follow?** NRL Manly Sea Eagles

**An interesting fact about yourself:** I beat Matt Shirvington (former Australian athletic champion) in a running race!



**Name:** Bryan Mullard

**Where are you from?** Newcastle

**What do you teach?** Music

**What's your favourite food?** Turkish/Indian

**Chocolate or Vanilla?** Chocolate

**Favourite thing about Broken Hill?** It's clean.

**If you had to travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?** The Mediterranean

**What sport code do you follow-which team do you follow?** None

**An interesting fact about yourself:** My first music band was a Punk Rock Band called Goobis.



# West Darling Soccer

**During Week 6 the West Darling Girls football team travelled to Sydney to represent the West Darling Region at the CHS football carnival.**

The team played four games and one final while in Sydney. They were victorious against Northern Beaches Secondary School Cromer Campus, winning 1-0. They were unfortunately defeated by North Coast in a fast paced game seeing them lose 3-0.



The next day the girls were again victorious against Northern Beaches Secondary School Mackellar Campus, winning 2-0. The girls were then defeated by Western in the afternoon. The final game was played the following day with the girls losing to Riverina in a very skilful match.

Whilst competing in the carnival the girls had the pleasure of meeting Servet Uzunlar, a former Matilda, who gave the girls a short coaching session and some great game advice. All girls played exceptionally well throughout the week and were a credit to the West Darling Region.



Most Valuable player for West Darling throughout the tournament was Kira-Lee Guthrie.

Pictured above are the team consisting of players from Willyama High School and Broken Hill High School.

# Land of The Rising Sun

**Year 7 Japanese have been learning Kanji, one of the three writing systems in Japanese. Kanji was originally taken from China, and is said to look like pictures. So far they have been working on Kanji numbers.**

This week we have been looking at the Kanji for Japan and its links to the phrase 'land of the rising sun'.

日 Ni= Sun

本 Hon= Origin

日本= Japan

Some classes have been experimenting using play dough to recreate these characters. Others have been getting creative and making posters displaying these symbols. Most importantly, everyone has been giving their best in learning this new writing system.



## SRC

**This year, the Willyama SRC chose to be a part of the 2016 regional SRC Conference. Georgie Kuerschner and I were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to represent our school and town at this event. Held in Warrumbui, the conference was a substantial distance away but the travel was well worth it. Georgie, some girls from Broken Hill High School, a few students from the Coomealla area and I travelled from Broken Hill to Cobar. Here, we collected more SRC representatives before travelling onto Warrumbui.**

The camp was three full days packed with workshops, forums and group activities that taught us about leadership and student voice. We were given new ideas and processes that we can implement in our school and SRC and learnt about the way that other schools in our region function. Our SRC is currently working on implementing three 'Big Ideas' that Georgie and I discussed at the conference and we hope that they will make a difference in our school community.

We would like to thank Mr Shepherd, the rest of the SRC and the P&C for subsidising the cost of the trip as well as Miss Conners and Miss Young for driving us to and from Cobar. Lastly, we'd love to thank Murray Walpole and the rest of the camp coordinators for making the entire conference possible. The overall experience was fantastic and Georgie and I would love to return next year along with more SRC members.

*Hannah Evers*

## Young Carers

Teens 13-18 years

Young carers help family members or friends who have:

- an illness
- a disability
- a mental illness
- an alcohol or other drug problem

Do you help out with:

- cleaning or cooking
- getting your relative around the house
- taking your relative to medical appointments
- giving medicines
- washing and dressing
- even just making sure your relative is feeling okay.

Then you may be a young carer.

Young carers usually say that they like caring for someone but it can also be hard work and tiring. Sometimes it's fun, but it can also be demanding and challenging.

**If you would like to talk to someone who will listen, call - 1800 242 636**



# Community Minded People

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**Willyama High School**

**Friday 24th June 2016**

**9:10 am & 10:05 am**

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## Fathering Tips - Eat Meals as a Family

"My work as a carpenter has always allowed me to spend extra time during the day with Cherith and the kids. I deliberately chose things that way. I often get home for lunch or call in at other times during the day between jobs." - Patrick Gangemi

- Try to find one meal during the day you can eat as a family. Perhaps breakfast if dinner is a problem.
- Make it a priority to be home for that meal. Be sure that you sit together around the table.
- Use the time for each person to talk about what is going on in their lives. Be sure both parents share as well as the children. Include everyone in the conversation.

For more tips, please visit the [dedicated section](#) in our website.