

WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 3, Week 2, 29 July 2016

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First Prize NAIDOC Week Banner

Artists: Tasmin Martin, Kylie Borlace, Katie-Lee Crowe, and Caitlyn Bloomfield

2016 NAIDOC Week Theme- *Songlines: The living narrative of our nation*

Principal's Update

What a fantastic effort by our students in winning the NAIDOC week banner competition held across Broken Hill schools recently!

A lot of time and effort went into designing and making this banner and we are very proud of all involved.

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with parents this week to discuss your child's learning and look at ways to improve. We know some parents couldn't make the parent/teacher afternoon so please feel free to contact any of our teachers for a chat on the phone or to make other arrangements.

Our school is looking at ways to improve our communication methods and we have a communications expert working with us over the next 12 months. Willyama is working to improve our newsletter and would love to hear feedback from our school community.

A subject selection information night for Year 11 2017 will be held at the Musicians Club auditorium on Monday 8 August starting at 6:30pm. This is held in partnership with Broken Hill High School and it is a valuable opportunity to gain information about the HSC and specific HSC subjects.

The school athletics carnival date has been changed from 5 August to 12 August.

Upcoming events:

1-2 August	Year 8 Interagency program
3 August	Medical Health Academy
8 August	Year 11 (Year 12 2017) Subject Information Evening
8-9 August	Year 8 Save a Mate program
12 August	Athletics Carnival – Zinc Oval
12-15 August	Year 11 Adelaide University visit

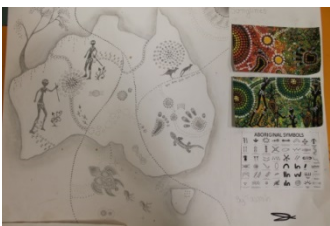
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Front Cover- NAIDOC Week Banner

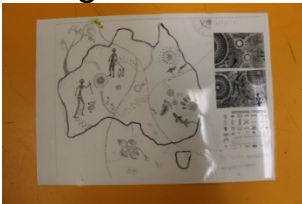
Congratulations to Tasmin Martin, Kylie Borlace, Katie-Lee Crowe and Caitlyn Bloomfield who created the NAIDOC week banner we see on the Front Cover.

Tasmin Martin came up with the design which needed to follow the criteria of this year's NAIDOC week theme, *Songlines*. Songlines are the dreaming tracks of how ancestors 'sung' the land into life. They are an important narrative of how the land, animals, and lore came into existence and crisscross throughout Australia.

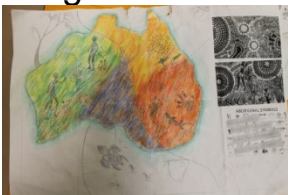
How was the Artwork Created?



Step 1. The Design: Tasmin Martin created the design in line with the criteria 'Songlines.' It was done first on A3 paper and lead pencil.



Step 2. Scan and Transfer: The design was then scanned into the computer and printed on transparent paper so that the girls could use the projector to get the image on canvas.



Step 3. Colour? Before the girls began they had to outline the colours they wanted to use.

Step by Step layering up:

The girls then slowly layered up the canvas, starting with the background; sea and land. They slowly added details and the top design.



Tanabata- Star Festival

Tanabata is a festival celebrated in Japan and brings the community together as it wishes for the two star lovers to meet.

It happens on 7 July , when Japanese people write wishes and hang them on bamboo trees, or make big kites to hang in the town. Japanese people pray for good weather, so that the two lovers can meet. This festival is important for Japanese society because it brings people together, to give them hope and make them happy.

Written by 7 Hofstadter

七夕=Tanabata

七=7

夕=Evening



National Tree Day Water Wise Garden Competition

During Term 1 Year 8 Science studied living things.

Students turned Miss Kelly's class into a greenhouse filled with succulent cuttings, they replanted all their succulents into the garden beds.

On Wednesday 20 July Miss Harper entered this ambitious effort into the National Tree Day Water Wise Garden Competition. If successful we could win \$7000 to improve the garden beds around the school. Cross your fingers!

ACES Health Excursion

On Friday 22 July 2016 Willyama students attended a one day health workshop called 'Take Blaktion' which was facilitated by Maari Ma and Far West Health Services. The workshop was hosted by Elizabeth Wymarra and Bjorn Steward who are indigenous comedians that regularly feature on the ABC TV series 'Black Comedy'. We would like to thank Jo Lenton, Regan Chesterfield, Clayton Anderson and Tarissa Staker for making this event possible and welcome back Elizabeth and Bjorn with gratitude and appreciation anytime they wish to work with our students in the future.



Seth Brown, Ella Gray, Elyscia Mackiewicz, Sammarah-Lea Williams, Pansy Newman, Paige Pigdon, Shakera Williams, Lakisha Sloane, Beckham Cunico, Jasmin Langdon, Teresa King, Shakiera Eades, Courtney Bessel-Grose and Deanna Suckling with Miss Kelly and Mr Bergman outside Liberty House.



Teresa King, Deanna Suckling, Pansy Newman Ella Gray, with actress and comedian Elizabeth Wymarra

First Australia Dual Down Under Robotics Competition

On Wednesday 6 July the Robotics team travelled to Sydney to compete in the Robotics Competition.



We enjoyed a very wet and windy day at Circular Quay and Darling Harbour on Thursday and from Friday 8 to Sunday 10 July the students battled it out against twenty three other teams including overseas competition from China and Brazil. On the final day of the Battle our robot Andy (named after our NASA trained mentor Andy who visited us in February this year) finished in 9th place. We would like to thank past Willyama teachers Mr Singh, Miss Saunders and Mrs Saligram for coming out to support us as well as Maryanne and Jesse Craven for being part of our cheer squad. This whole experience would not have been possible without the support of so many sponsors to whom we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation.



Alex Braes, Katie-Lee Crowe and Hannah Evers with Mr Mann at Macquarie University



Do you love playing basketball? Are you aged between 10 & 18





Do you want to improve your skills? If yes then nominate for the upcoming skills & development 8 week season where you will get the following





1. Games each week in even teams to improve the individual skills of each & every player





2. Group training sessions each week held by coaches to help develop your skills



3. Fun & Exercise playing with and against your friends

4. Close fun & exciting games each week

If you answered yes please give your name via Facebook or email jenn221253@primus.com.au

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.

Who Done It??

Last week, our Year 9 and Year 8 students in the support unit were confronted with a puzzling mystery!

They arrived to find Miss Lever's room trashed! Chairs everywhere; a strange message on the board; a mystery white powder and lots of odd bits left behind by some of the suspects. The students worked together to take photos of the crime scene, tag and bag evidence and develop a suspect list and some possible scenarios. This forms part of the students' science unit this term – forensic science. The students are currently analysing evidence found at the scene of the crime, including footprints, fingerprints, hair, handwriting samples and various types of twine and thread. Stay tuned to find out 'who done it'!



The scene of the crime



Year 8 and Year 9 working together to piece together the clues.

40 Hour Famine

Jasmine Algate



This August I will be participating in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine to help make a stand against global hunger. The 40 Hour Famine encourages all those who partake in the challenge to give up something they can't

live without. Those who are no stranger to me and my loud, boisterous personality know that I rarely ever stop to take a breath when talking, so to challenge myself and help make a change, I have chosen to give up talking for 40 hours. The money I raise will support World Vision projects around the world that help children and families break free from poverty and hunger. Please support me in this challenge by donating and sharing my page with your friends. <https://40hf2016.everydayhero.com/au/jasmin-4>

Thank you in advance - your support is greatly appreciated!

Olympic Rewards Day

The end of Term 2 Rewards Day involved a range of different Olympic-inspired events, where students had the opportunity to dress up in the theme of their designated country.

Some of the activities included vortex throwing, paper plane throwing, paper plate discus, closest to the pin golf shot and many more. At the end of the day there could only be one winning country. This year France took home the gold medal for best overall performance. An honourable mention went to Japan, who were the best dressed team.

Congratulations to all students who participated. You all did your countries proud.

