

# WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 2, Week 10, 30 June 2016

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Year 10 Visual Arts - Artists from top to bottom, Danni Dragomirovic, Sienna Sulich and Kelsey Graham  
Confessions from Anonymous - Year 10 Artworks, article inside

## From the Principal's Desk

**We have had a another great fortnight at Willyama High School to finish off a very productive term. It is well worth your while to checkout what is showcased inside another great cover featuring artworks by Danni Dragomirovic, Sienna Sulicich and Kelsey Graham. Well done girls!**

Congratulations to our 228 students who qualified for the free barbecue and Olympic Games themed afternoon yesterday. These students had received either 135 or more Vivos for consistently upholding our school values of respect, responsibility and cooperation or 3 or more school merit awards for consistent effort and application or other reasons this term. I really enjoyed the afternoon and I hope you did too. Thanks to everyone who helped organise and run the afternoon. For students who missed out this time, it is time to set yourself the goal of trying that little bit harder across all areas to qualify for the end of term rewards at the end of next term. Free Silver City Show tickets were the rewards at the end of Term 3 last year and they may be in the pipeline again this year. We are all here to support you to achieve this goal.

Well done to Ms Naomi Harper and our Hospitality and SRC students for their fantastic efforts in contributing to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise vital funds for the Cancer Council last week. Thanks also to all who supported this very worthwhile cause.

I was fortunate enough to be able to get out to Memorial Oval to watch our students go round in the West Darling cross country. Competition was fierce this year with a number of strong runners from Broken Hill High School to compete against, as well as a couple of Wilcannia runners. It was an extremely proud afternoon for us. We continued our winning streak in this competition brought about by not only our age champions but our gutsy runners who participated and did their best picking up valuable points from the minor placings. More details inside this Whispers.

Continuing with the running theme, our walking/running group and their families travelled to Quorn last weekend to compete in the fun run events run in conjunction with the Pichi Richi marathon. Thanks to Miss Maria Kelly for her organisation and a big congratulations to Quinn Parker who came second overall in the 10.5 km race which is a massive

achievement especially considering he has only just turned 14! Check out the great photos inside. Our running group has had a few weeks break and we are looking forward to re-booting it next term with Adelaide's City to Bay fun run in mind on 18 September. All new members are welcome, both walkers and runners. We train every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:00-7:45am. Set yourself a challenge, I'm going to!

We were all treated to an inspirational talk by Lorin Nicholson who visited most schools in Broken Hill this week. Lorin's story was based on taking on life's challenges whatever they may be to climb your own mountain. We are extremely grateful to our P&C association for funding this extremely worthwhile opportunity for our school.

Good luck to our Robotics team who head to Sydney in the holidays with Mr Julian Mann and Miss Maria Kelly. I'm sure it will be another very worthwhile experience and we look forward to hearing all about it on your return next term. We know you will do us all proud.

All half-yearly reports have been posted home. They are also available on the parent and student portal. The links are on both the school's website and Facebook pages. Please don't hesitate to contact the school should you require any assistance with this.

Please take the opportunity to come along and discuss your child's progress with their teachers parent teacher afternoon on 26 July.

Upcoming events:

2-17 July	School holidays
18 July	School development day
19 July	Flinders University visit
20 July	Careers Expo/NAIDOC barbeque & activities
22 July	Take Blaktion/Stress Down Day (Lifeline)
26 July	Years 7-10 Parent Teacher afternoon (4-6pm)
5 August	Athletics carnival

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday and we look forward to continuing on with some more great learning in Term 3.

Grant Shepherd  
Principal

# Confessions from Anonymous Artworks

**Students from Year 10 Visual Arts have been looking into what makes a Postmodern artwork.**

This term students discovered that Postmodern artworks involve audience participation, and the idea that an artwork can come in many different forms – even a postcard! Students were set a task to collect confessions from people and create artworks in the form of postcards using text and layers. This creates audience interaction in 2 ways – collecting ideas from people and then once the postcards are completed viewers have to read the confession.

The students had to create nine individual postcards and board them up on black cardboard.



## 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.

# Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

**On Friday 24 June, students from Year 11 Hospitality and Year 10 SRC worked together to serve large cups of hot chocolate and a plate of jelly cakes, to the students and staff at Willyama High School. This was part of the national campaign of “The Biggest Morning Tea”.**

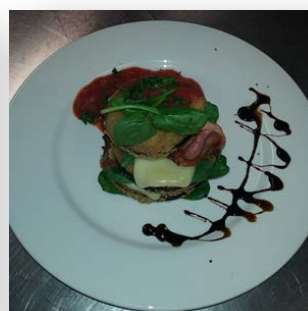
In 15 minutes during Friday's recess break, \$550 was raised. This sum goes towards the Cancer Councils ongoing efforts. These include prevention and awareness programs in the community and schools; patient support; assistance for families and carers with anything from accommodation to telephone support as well as contributing to the independent research grants which was over \$70 million last year.



## Kitchen News!

Year 11 Hospitality students have been producing foods from produce grown in the school gardens. Our eggplant was crumbed and made into a stack with bacon, baby spinach and mozzarella cheese. This was finished with a passata sauce and balsamic glaze.

A lemon curd was made using lemons from our trees. Pastry shells and meringue were prepared and students produced Lemon Meringue Tarts.



# Black Out Poetry in Year 9 English.

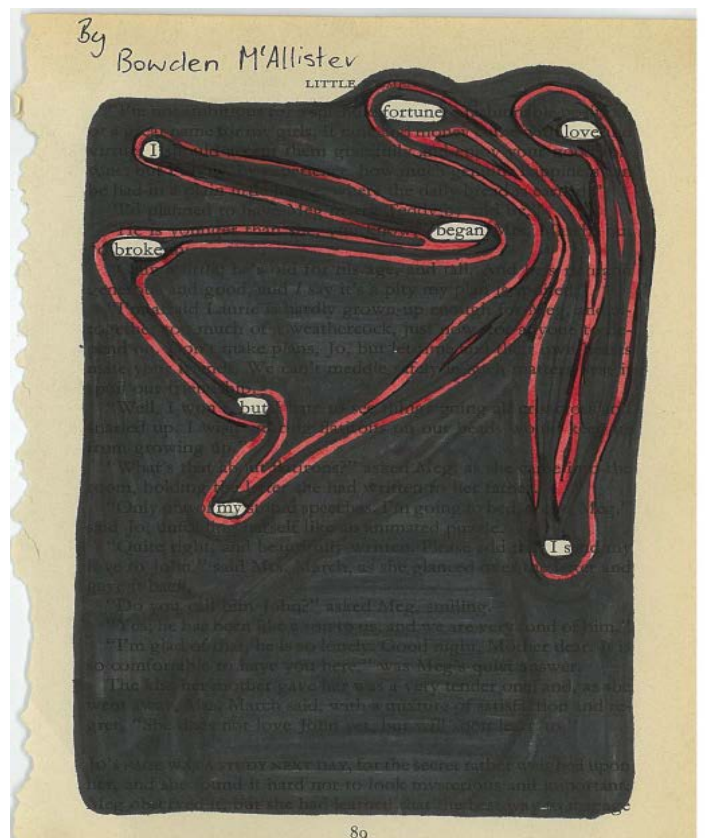
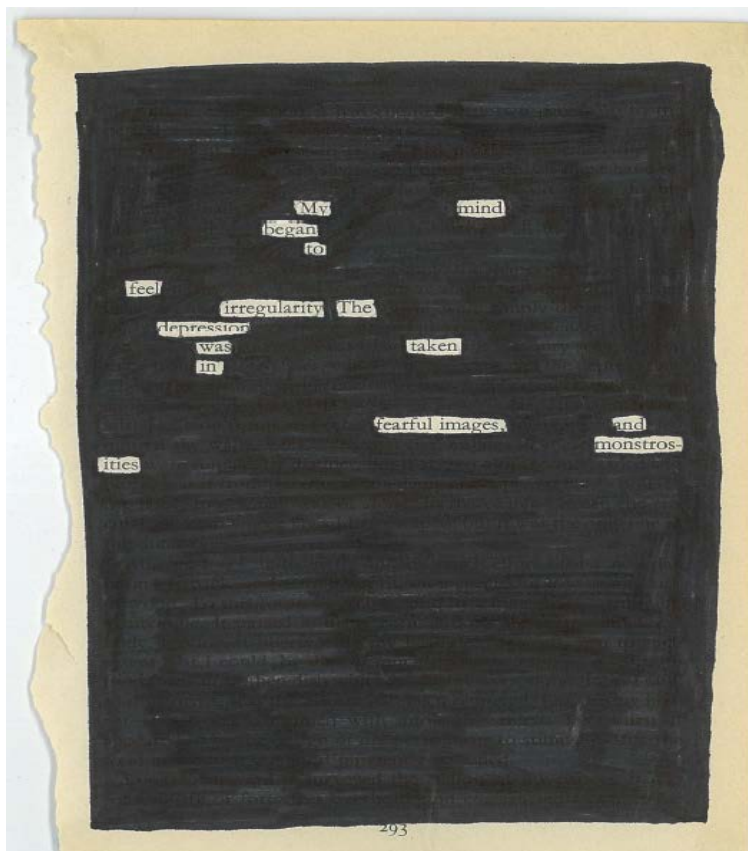
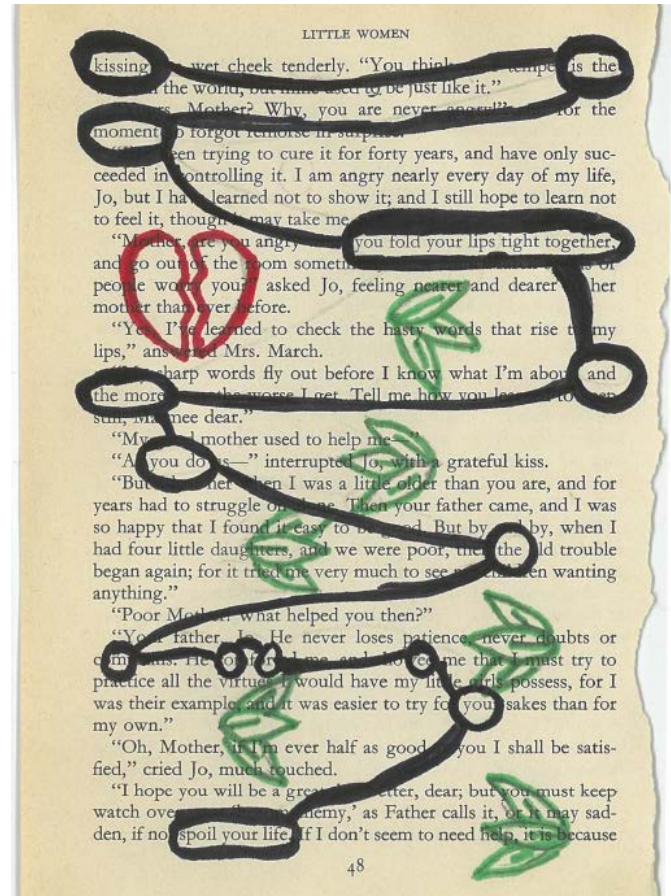
This term the students of Year Nine have been studying contemporary forms of poetry in English.

We wanted to showcase some of the beautiful and perceptive poetry written by our students in Black Out form. This is where you are given a piece of text and you 'black out' superfluous information to form lines of poetry. Enjoy their stunning work!

*"I began broke but my fortune is love."*

*"My mind began to feel irregularity. The depression was taken in fearful images and monstrosities."*

*"Kissing is the moment you fold your lips tight together and the more you do the more you spoil your life."*



## Lorin Nicholson comes to Willyama.

**On Friday 24 June, students and staff were invited to attend inspirational presentations by Aussie battler Lorin Nicholson.**

He is a musician, writer and public speaker who has achieved much despite only having 6% of his vision. Lorin inspired our students and teachers with tales of his perseverance and resilience, peppered with beautiful guitar solos and down to earth humour. His overall message to us was that no matter the obstacles we face, we can still overcome these with dedication and willpower. We are so proud that Lorin and his father were able to visit Broken Hill and hope that it is the first of many visits.



*Year 11 and 12 students who had a special presentation on leadership*

## Stay Active to Stay Warm!

**Year 11 boys Ben Bowshire, Jack Picton, and Deklin Langdon have some words of advice to stay warm over the holidays.**



With winter well and truly here, they encourage their peers to stay warm over the holidays by being active. The boys are often found on the basketball court at recess and lunch, playing with students from all different years. 'Basketball is a great way to have fun with your friends and keep fit. I like it because even though it is so cold, when you are being active it keeps you warm.' –Deklin Langdon

From everyone here at Willyama, have a great holiday!

# West Darling Cross Country

**On Friday 17 June, 40 students from Year 7-12 represented Willyama at the West Darling School's Cross Country.**

Students competed against some stiff competition from not only Broken Hill High School but also Wilcannia Central School. Cool weather paved the way for perfect running conditions and some excellent times were set by a number of students.

Willyama took out the day with 285 points edging out a strong Broken Hill side who finished on 240 points. The difference came in the depth of our running squad. Both schools finished with the same amount of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places but it was our dominance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes that got us the biscuits on the day.

Our squad consisted of the following students.

<u>12 Years</u>		<u>15 Years</u>	
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
Ayva O'Meara	Ben Milnes	Angel Simmons <b>(AC)</b>	Zac Murray
Sharnta Whitford <b>(AC)</b>	Riley Mashford	Whitney Brown	
Emily Scott	Riley King	Ella Cunningham	
Paige Fargher		Shakirah Brown	
<u>13 Years</u>		<u>16 Years</u>	
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
Ellie Simmons	Aiden Slattery	Georgie Kuerschner	Kingsley McIntyre <b>(AC)</b>
Lydia Hinton-Neal	Campbell Rogers	Kelsey Graham	
Kalliopi D'Souza	Oscar Ware	Hannah Evers	
<u>14 Years</u>		<u>Opens</u>	
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
Jazmin Callegher	Quinn Parker <b>(AC)</b>	Jessica Pryor <b>(AC)</b>	Bailey Shepherd <b>(AC)</b>
Maighan Mashford	Liam Baker		
Maddi Basset-White	Hamish Brown		
	Seth Brown		

**(AC)** – Age Champion

## Staff Profiles



**Name:** Maria Kelly

**Where are you from?** Dandenong – 50km South of Melbourne

**What do you teach?** Science and Maths

**What's your favourite food?** Cheeseslaw

**Chocolate or Vanilla?** Chocolate

**Favourite thing about Broken Hill?** The people & the cheeseslaw

**If you had to travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?** Walcott Quarry in Western Canada to see the Burges Shale or Mistaken Point in Eastern Canada which are the most important invertebrate fossil sites in the world

**What sport code do you follow-which team do you follow?** If I was forced to pick it might be ALF because I grew up across the road from Waverley Park which is the Hawthorn training grounds – which are nowhere near Hawthorne

**An interesting fact about yourself:** I first came to Broken Hill in July 1990 as a trainee Geologist and celebrated my 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday at the Demo where my fondness for cheese slaw first started



**Name:** Sarah Gauci

**Where are you from?** Newcastle

**What do you teach?** History, Geography and Society & Culture

**What's your favourite food?** Peanut Butter Oreos

**Chocolate or Vanilla?** Chocolate

**Favourite thing about Broken Hill?** the sunsets, the people and the peanut butter cookies from The Caff!

**If you had to travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?** London, London and London!

**What sport code do you follow-which team do you follow?** AFL – Essendon, NRL – Melbourne Storm

**An interesting fact about yourself:** I cannot say Irish Wristwatch

## Running Group - Pichi Richi Marathon

**It may have been 3°C but that did not deter the members of the Willyama Running Team who braved the bitter weather conditions early Sunday morning on 26 June and ran in the Pichi Richi Marathon Running Festival.**

Mr Dave Parker, Quinn Parker, Hannah Evers, Emma Hocking (BHHS), Georgia Treloar, Cooper Treloar, Lachlan Edwards-Neal and Mason Jones did the 10.5 km run in the icy Flinders Ranges with Quinn Parker gaining Second Place Male in the 10.5 km run. Miss Kelly and Ms Belinda Neal walked the 10.5 km, meeting many interesting people along the chilly journey.

Ms Trenaman and Caitlyn Hocking from BHHS and Ms Ashley from Menindee Central School joined the other Willyama parents in Mrs Kathy Treloar, Mr Corey Treloar, Mrs Stacey Evers and Mrs Charisse Jones in the 5 km walk and Miss Steph Halpin from Menindee Central School slogged it out in the full 42 km marathon from Port Augusta to Quorn.

Well done to all team members and thank you to the Port Augusta Rotary Club and the Austral Inn Hotel Quorn.

Our next away race is on Sunday 18 September in Adelaide for our fifth go at the City to Bay. Training will recommence next term on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7am at the school's front ramp. All are welcome regardless of fitness levels. Running Group is more than just participating in running races - it is building team spirit through non-competitive family-based experiences and every race is an adventure in itself.



*Cooper Treloar, Quinn Parker, Hannah Evers  
And Georgia Treloar at the  
Quorn Railway Station*



*Mr Dave Parker, Quinn Parker, Hannah Evers, Emma Hocking,  
Georgia Treloar, Cooper Treloar, Lachlan Edwards-Neal, Miss Kelly  
and Mason Jones at the start of the 10.5Km Run in the Flinders  
Ranges*



*Emma Hocking, Hannah Evers, Georgia Treloar,  
Cooper Treloar, Mason Jones and  
Lachlan-Edwards Neal*



*Quinn Parker – Second Place Male  
10.5Km Run*



*Emma Hocking, Georgia Treloar,  
Cooper Treloar and Quinn  
Parker*

## Email Address

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## 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.

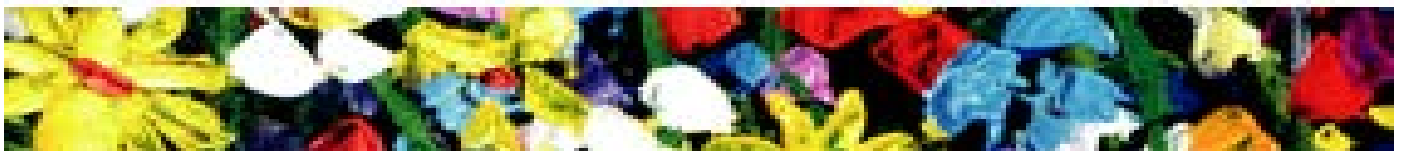
<http://web1.willyama-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/webcal/calendar/1>

# Fathering Tips

**Celebrate Family - "In our family as the children grew up we had a tradition of celebrating anything good that happened to one of them.**

Whether it was a school report, merit certificate, runs at cricket, joining the school band or anything really, we would have a celebration at the meal table. One of the children would have to stand up and propose a toast and make a small speech. Later as they got older we kept a bottle of champagne in the fridge for such occasions. It was done semi-seriously and the kids all learnt to be able to give praise and to speak in front of others." - Ian Brayshaw

- Create your own family celebration tradition.
- If there isn't an obvious reason to celebrate, invent one.



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