

WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 2, Week 3, Date 8 May 2017

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Curiosity Cabinet by Shaylan Turley Year 8

Principal's Update

Well done to our students and staff who recently represented our school to pay respects to Australia's service men and women in the town's ANZAC Day commemoration. Photos and more information inside this Whispers.

Some staffing changes this term include Ms Ingrid Seck taking on the role of Head Teacher Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) across a number of schools in the district. Ms Michelle Colburt has taken on Ms Seck's classes and the role of relieving Faculty Leader English. Our Mathematics teacher Mr Josephus Bumaat concluded his temporary engagement with us at the end of term and we are hoping to have a replacement teacher soon.

Year 12 students resume normal classes this week after completing their half-yearly exams. It is time to reflect on results, utilise important feedback and knuckle down in order to strive to achieve to our very best in this all important HSC year.

NAPLAN testing is also on this week from Tuesday to Thursday for Year 7 and 9 students. All students are encouraged to participate fully throughout to show us what they know and don't know to better inform our teaching practices.

Our P&C meeting this week will have an information session focused on the changes to the HSC for 2020. The first group of students this will impact is our current Year 9 students. There will also be a proposal put forward for discussion in relation to the refurbishment of our senior study centre in the upstairs library. Please come along for the opportunity to be informed and have your say.

Upcoming events:

- 9-11 May NAPLAN – Years 7 and 9 (periods 1-2)
- 10 May P&C meeting – school library (7pm)
- 15-16 May Year 10 Love Bites
- 17 May Youth Expo
- 19 May School cross country (periods 5-6)

Grant Shepherd
Principal

Students Participate in Commemoration

On ANZAC Day, our school captains and students participated in the local commemoration service. It was of significance that our students participated, as our nation is still observing 100 years since our ANZACS fought in World War One. School captains, Kai Pressler and Chelsea Masclet spoke during the service and did so with sincerity and great respect. Thank you to all students who participated in representing Willyama and also to those representing other community organisations on the day.



We hope that next year we continue to see more of our students participating in such a special national event.



Student Representation Interview

Name: Seth Brown

Year: 9

Event: Sunraysia Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

The Experience: On 7th April I travelled to Lake Cullulleraine to participate in the Sunraysia RYPEN leadership conference.

The weekend was a skill-building experience aimed at high school students to develop their understanding and skills of what it means to be a leader.



I learnt a range of new skills that I can apply to school and life beyond education; including problem-solving and appreciating life. It was awesome meeting new people from the Sunraysia region and I would thoroughly recommend any students putting their hands up to go to next year's event as it was a really valuable experience.

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 Whispers emailed to you, please let the Front Office know and we will add you to our email distribution list.

West Darling Girls Football Fundraiser

Friday 12 May 2017 West Darling Girls will be holding a cake stall at recess, to raise money for the girls to go away and compete.

Please drop by and pick up some yummy treats ☺



Give Mum a Break

How can you give your wife a break from parenting duties?

- Use a vacation day? Come home early to cook dinner? Take the kids out of the house one evening a week?
- Find a way to create space for your wife to take time for herself away from the children.
- Use that time to build relationships with your children. Have special 'Dad' activities that you do together. Everyone will start to look forward to Mum's day off!

"For a period of time Merrin was getting exhausted in her role as mother. So I took five weeks of annual leave in the form of one day a week, every Wednesday, to look after the children while she went off and did whatever she liked for the day. It might have been shopping, seeing her friends or whatever. We wrote it on our calenders as 'Merrin's Day.'" - Glen Begley

Cabinets of Curiosity

Students in Year 11 Visual Arts created Cabinets of Curiosities. There were many fun and creative pieces made.



Tasmin Martin



Danni Dragomirovic



Zac Murray

Girls Make Your Move

It's thought that nine out of ten young Australian girls aren't as active as they should be for their health and wellbeing – so the YMCA and the Federal Government have joined forces to reverse this trend with the 'Girls Make Your Move' campaign, which is



about empowering and supporting more young women to take part in fitness and other physical activity by providing easier pathways for participation.

As part of the campaign, from now until the end of June, YMCA Broken Hill will offer girls aged 12-19, 30-days FREE access to their fitness centre and group fitness classes.

The partnership was formally announced by YMCA Australia CEO Melinda Crole at the YMCA-managed Gungahlin Leisure Centre in the ACT in the presence of Canberra Capitals Basketball, Marianna Tolo, Under 17s Australian Basketball, Ezi Magbegor and Louise Burrows of Australia's Rugby team, The Wallaroos.

Ms Crole says: "Studies show young girls are twice as likely as boys to be inactive and that they experience more barriers preventing them from being as physically active[i]. This lack of regular physical activity can affect their health later in life.

"The YMCA believes in the power of inspired young people and we wanted to make a positive impact to teen health during this National Youth Week, as such we are absolutely delighted to announce our partnership with Girls Make Your Move and

look forward to assisting young girls across Australia to find activities they enjoy and lead happier, healthier lives.”

Coordinated by the Australian Department of Health, Girls Make Your Move is inspired by Sports England’s successful ‘This Girl Can’ initiative, which has already encouraged nearly 3 million young women in the UK to be more active.

Go to australia.gov.au/girlsmove to access this offer and get moving for free. Just download a voucher and bring it along to your local YMCA to start getting active, fit and healthy.

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Are you Registered for the 2017 Soccer Season?

The 2017 Soccer season starts this coming weekend. The St Joseph’s Soccer Club is raring to go, looking to nominate teams in all grades – from Under 6’s through to the senior grades.

Soccer is a great sport for children of all ages – not only does it increase kid’s fitness, skills and coordination but teaches them vital life skills such as co-operation, teamwork and communication! Boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen, experienced players or those totally new to the game, serious contenders and those that just want a run with their mates – everyone is welcome!

If you would like your child or yourself to join the 2017 Soccer Season with the St Joseph’s Soccer Club and you have not yet registered, contact Sean Patterson. Alternatively, visit the ‘*St Joseph’s Soccer Club Broken Hill*’ [facebook](#) page for further information.

GO JOEYS!