

WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 1, Week 11, 7 April 2017

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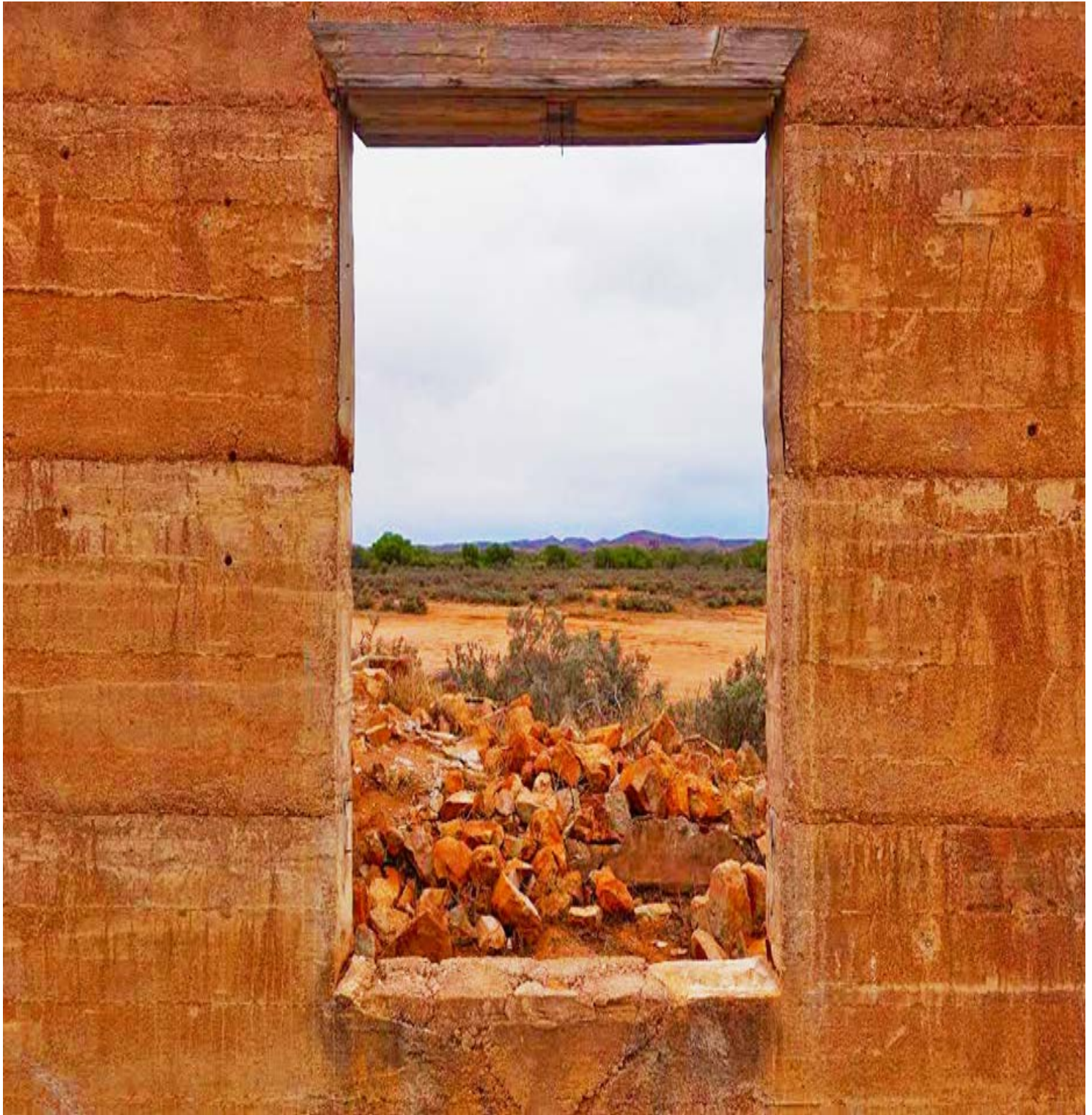


Image-Tanvi Singh Year 10 Photography as part of *Capturing the Outback* Assessment Task.

Principal's Update

A massive congratulations to our students Kalyce Pressler and Lydia Hinton-Neal on both winning gold medals in their respective individual 100 metre breaststroke finals at the NSW CHS Swimming Championships held in Sydney this week.



Kalyce also won bronze in the 400 m I.M. Congratulations to our other swimmers Joshua Plimer and Kiara Pressler who also swam personal bests. These are amazing achievements and we are all very proud of you.

There are so many other wonderful things happening with our students at the moment including Lauren Fisher's selection as the Australian female ambassador to attend the United States Space School and the efforts of our robotics team in their recent competition in Sydney. More details inside.

A reminder that there is no School Development Day next term and students are due back on Monday 24 April. Enjoy the holidays and Easter break.

Grant Shepherd

Principal

West Darling Swimming Carnival

After a successful school swimming carnival, it was time to put Willyama's best up against Broken Hill High and Menindee Central School. It was a hotly contested day of swimming at the Aquatic Centre with Broken Hill High finishing on top with 872 points. Willyama finished second with 700 points and Menindee Central School not far behind in third.

Age champions from Willyama were: 13 year Boys' - Riley King, 15 year Girls' Maighan Mashford, 16 year Girls' Kiara Pressler and 17+ year Girls' Georgie Kuerschner.

One West Darling record tumbled. Kalyce Pressler broke the 13 years Breaststroke 100m record with a time of 1:22.81. Congratulations to all competitors and all 2017 West Darling Swimming Age Champions!

United States Space School



Lauren Fisher, in Year 10 has recently gained the opportunity to attend the United States Space School in Houston, Texas. Her visit will take place in July this year.

Lauren has undertaken a rigorous selection process run by the Sydney University Department of Rural Health. She is looking forward to participating in this once in a lifetime opportunity and will be a fine ambassador for our

school and the city of Broken Hill and Australia.

Lauren will be undertaking various fundraising activities between now and July and she would be grateful for any assistance provided to help her achieve this fantastic opportunity.

SRC

The Willyama SRC Leadership Induction Ceremony was held on 8 March 2017. The ceremony acknowledged all new and returning members.

Last year the SRC was responsible for several fundraising events for local charities including RUOK (suicide prevention) and The Fight Cancer Foundation. Students were also given opportunities to develop their leadership skills at the NSW SRC Leadership Conference and have their say on local health issues affecting young people in Broken Hill, with members from NSW Health.

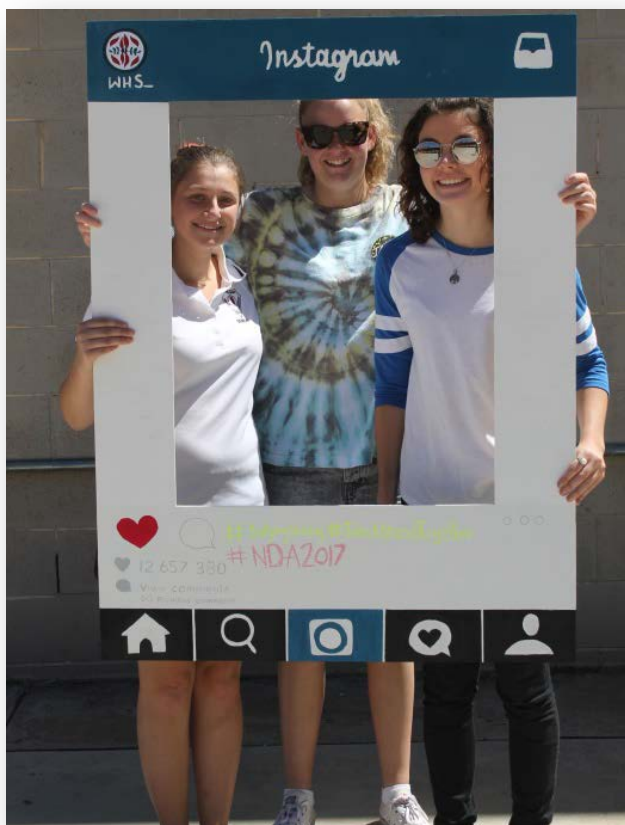
This year the SRC has more fundraising and leadership opportunities planned and hopefully it will be the most successful year yet.



SRC News: National Day Against Bullying and Violence:

On Friday, 17 March, over 1,810 schools across Australia pledged to take a stand against bullying. Willyama High School participated in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and our pledge event saw a great number of our students get involved. The students had their photo taken with the Willyama SRC Instagram frame. By taking the photo the students were pledging to take a stand against bullying and participate in continuing to make Willyama a supportive and inclusive schooling environment.

If anyone requires any further information see <http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au>



WHAM! Willyama High Advanced Mechatronics:

Congratulations to the students who travelled to Sydney to compete in the First Robotics competition. Although the students did not come home with the win, Willyama's robot named Jitterbug, won the award for most creative design. For more information about the competition or to watch highlights visit: <https://firstaustralia.org/programs/first-robotics-competition/>



The WHAM! Team with the trophy for most creative design



Team Members watching the competition

Science and Engineering Fundraiser

Students Nikita Mundy, Seth Brown, Luke D'Ettorre, Braith Lance, Ethan Kelly, Grace O'Neil, Charlize McLeod-Quin, Shanae McMaster, Mary Barraclough, Ryan Fletcher, Jordan Fisher, Chantel Francis, Ben Remmert joined Miss Kelly, Miss Smith, Mr Mann and Mr Harris as well as Jitterbug the robot on Saturday 1 April at Westside Plaza for another very successful fundraiser.

A massive thank you to the parents who contributed so generously to this event. Thank you to Brock Jones who contributed but could not be there, as well as, Morgan Street students Evelyn Mann and Jorja McHenry for making "Kelly-copters" to hand out to people at the Plaza. We would also like to express our appreciation to Westside Plaza, Woolworths and 2BH Radio Station for their support.

Parents of team members are invited to join the Willyama High School Science and Engineering Facebook page for important information leading up to the competition in Cobar in June.



Mr Harris, Ethan Kelly and Seth Brown



Grace O'Neil, Charlize McLeod-Quin, Shanae McMaster, Mary Barraclough, Ryan Fletcher, Jordan Fisher, Chantel Francis and Jitterbug the robot.

UPCOMING AT THE BROKEN HILL REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Movie Night at the Gallery

Tod Brownings' 1932 classic, Freaks! Movie Screening.

Friday 7th April - 6pm onwards

\$10 at the door (\$5 members)

Learn Collography (Printmaking Technique)

Ran by the Broken Hill Print Collective

Sunday 23rd April - 10am – 4pm

\$60 (\$55 members)

Drawing Workshop at the Junction Mine

Ran by Artist in Residence Andrea Jenkins

Saturday 22nd April - 10am – 3pm

\$20 (\$15 members)

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