

# WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 1, Week 8, 14 March 2017

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## The FAST Centre

The FAST centre is open for all Willyama students on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. The FAST Centre 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.

# Principal's Update

Congratulations to our young leaders who were inducted at our Student Leadership Induction Ceremony last week. It was wonderful to have so many parents, carers and families supporting our school at this important event.

Our school's communications team has been working towards re-branding our school including re-designing our school logo. The following proposed design is the creation of our art teacher Erin Smith drawn up digitally by a graphic designer.



We are interested in, and value your input and feedback. Please don't hesitate to call or email us. Contact details are on the front page of this Whispers.

Good luck to our swimmers who are participating in the West Darling Swimming Carnival this Friday. We know that you will try your very best and do us proud.

## Upcoming events:

- 17 March West Darling Swimming Carnival
- National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
- Mufti Day – St Pats Green Day (Year 12 fundraiser)
- 22 March Year 11 Crossroads Part 1

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Principal



# Library News

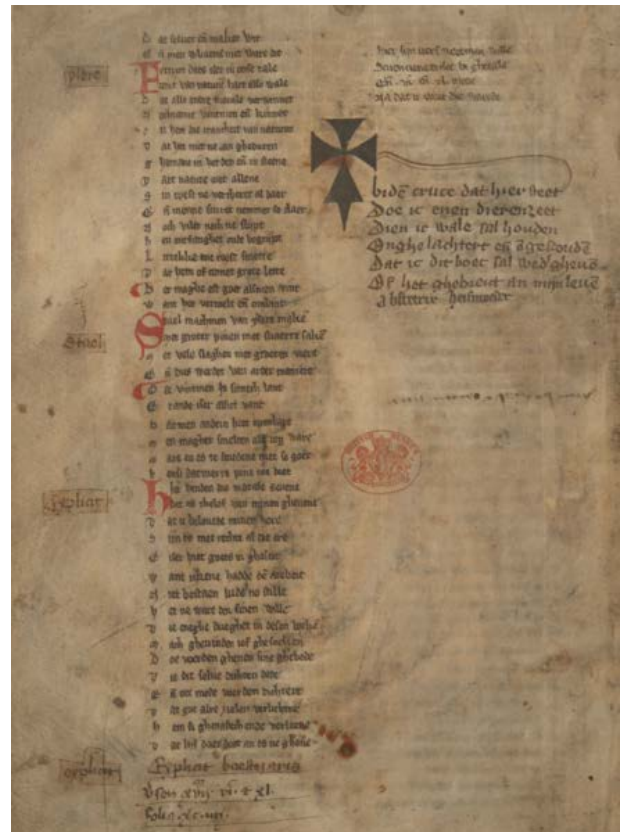
Students have made a great start in the Library this year. It's been a pleasure to see them keen and eager to learn and to explore the Library in a respectful manner.



## A Little Bit of Trivia

There are few things which mark so vividly the contrast between matters medieval and modern as Libraries.

Recently the British Library published this digitised manuscript providing rare evidence of a medieval lending Library. An oath, written on the last page, states that its borrower swears on the cross, drawn next to the text that he or she will return the manuscript or die. The oath is signed by a woman, in a 14th- or 15th-century hand, who identifies herself as 'abstetrix heifmoeder' ('obstetrix' meaning midwife).



# National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 17 March, Willyama High school will be taking part in the 'National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence'. On this day, our school will be trying to educate about the impact of bullying and promote an inclusive and supportive school culture and community.

How are we going to make a difference? Our School Representative Council will be hosting a pledge booth, where you can come and take an Instagram photo to promise to stand for the cause. All students are encouraged to pledge and take a stand against bullying.

## Visual Arts Excursions

All Visual Arts students have begun to visit the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery as an enhancement to their learning in Art. Students will view each exhibition when on display in the gallery, listen to talks about the artists and get time to make responses to both the touring artworks and permanent collection. The afternoons are completed with time in the gallery workshop where students make visual responses to the exhibition they have just seen.

Pictured are students from Year 8 Mandatory Art classes in the gallery and in the workshop.



# Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey will be sent home with students soon. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school as soon as possible. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

## Email Address

If you would like the Willyama Whispers emailed to you, please advise the Front Office and we will add you to our email distribution list.



## AGE CHAMPIONS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

	Boys	Girls
<b>12 Years</b>	Dylan Wolstenholme	Sophia Brain
<b>13 Years</b>	Riley King	Kalyce Pressler
<b>14 Years</b>	Ethan Callegher	Lydia Hinton-Neal
<b>15 Years</b>	Jayden Parker	Maighan Mashford
<b>16 Years</b>	Joshua Plimer	Kiara Pressler
<b>17+</b>	Kai Pressler	Georgie Kuerschner
<b>RECORDS</b>		
<b>13 Years 100m Breastroke</b>	Kalyce Pressler	
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## Staff Profile



**Name:** Sally Jenkins

**Where are you from?** Maclean, North Eastern NSW.

**What do you teach?** Science

**What's your favourite food?** Anything Mexican

**Chocolate or Vanilla?** Vanilla

**Favourite thing about Broken Hill?** The amazing landscape surrounding the area

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

New Zealand

**What sport code do you follow - which team do you follow?**

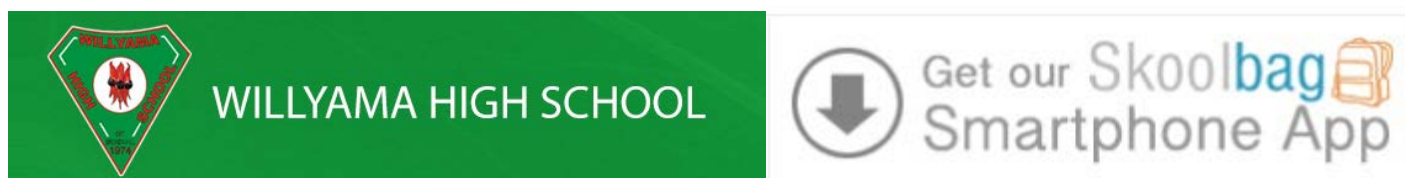
NRL – The Gold Coast Titans

**An interesting fact about you:** I have sailed half way around the world with my Dad.

# 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>



## **Celtic United Soccer Club**

Would like to invite valued current players and new players to the Broken Hill Soccer Association 2017 season.

Celtic United are holding our registration day on  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**  
**4.30 pm to 6.30pm**  
**BH Soccer Grounds**  
(Beryl Street)

Celtic United offer teams for juniors aged from U6 to U17  
Senior Teams for Men A & B Grades, Women A Grade

### **Contact Details**

You can find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1603893689863784/>

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