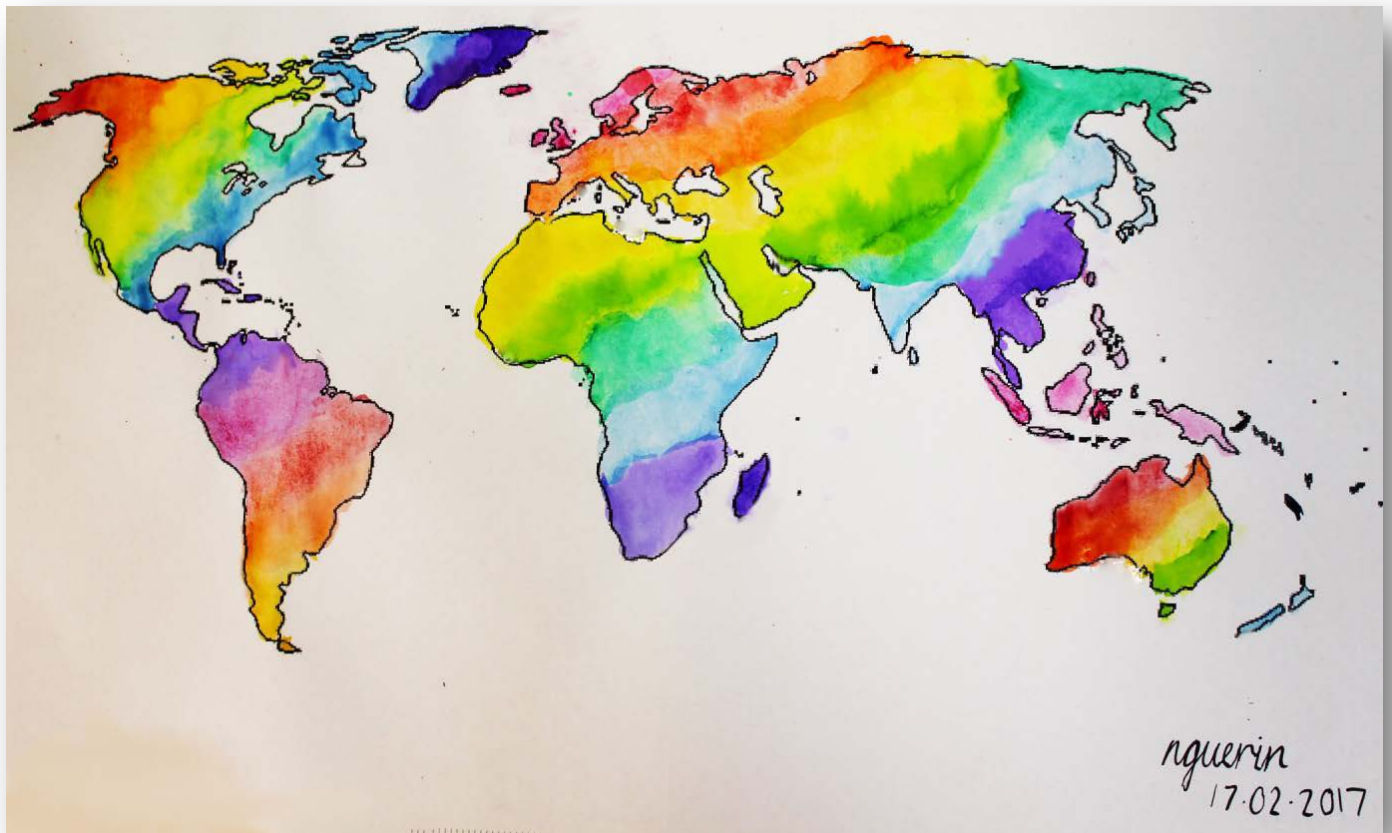


WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 1, Week 4, 20 February 2017

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Year 8 Art- Water Colour experimenting technique - Nellie Guerin



A Year 7 class enjoying their learning in Japanese

Principal's Update

Welcome back to all staff and students for 2017. We would like to particularly welcome our new Year 7 students and our new staff members to our wonderful school.

Our new teachers are: Mr Daniel Ancora (Music), Mr Ben Hussell (Music/Art), Mr Barton Johnston (English), Mr Riley Elvery (Maths) and Mr Josephus Bumaat (Maths).

Year 8 students have started an exciting new program called Spell-It. This research-based program explicitly teaches spelling to students and is being implemented through English classes five times a fortnight with the aim of improving student learning outcomes in both spelling and writing.

After consultation with staff and our P&C association, the school development days set down for 24 April and 17 July will be transferred to 19/20 July. This is to enable expert trainers to come to Broken Hill for 2 days to train staff in Quality Teaching Rounds. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Upcoming events:

24 February	School Swimming Carnival
28 February	Meet and Greet (4-6:30pm)
3 March	School photos
8 March	Student Leadership Induction Ceremony (12:15pm)

Grant Shepherd



Port Adelaide Visit

Willyama High School was lucky enough to have a visit by four Port Adelaide players – Chad Wingard, Sam Powell-Pepper, Jarman Impey and Dougal Howard. The players spoke to the students about their lifestyle as a professional athlete, resilience and promoting the game in Broken Hill. The students had the chance to ask the players questions and also get photos with the stars.



World's Greatest Shave Cake Stall

Year 11 students Georgie Kuerschner and Kelsey Graham are taking part in The World's Greatest Shave. On Wednesday 22 February 2017 there will be a cake stall at recess and lunch in the canteen area to help raise money for the students. The money raised will go towards the Leukaemia Foundation. The girls will be shaving their hair on 19 March 2017 in Silverton.



SRC 2017

We would like to congratulate our SRC members on being elected for the 2017 year. An SRC Planning Day took place on Wednesday 15 February 2017 and students quickly dived into their representative positions. The day started with students bonding over a competitive round of stacking boxes and puzzles. The SRC planned the fundraising events and charities they would like to support in 2017. The SRC will focus on the Leukaemia Foundation; Fight Cancer Foundation and the Rural and Remote Autism Network of Broken Hill. In addition the students are aiming to raise money for the school to present a 'gift' to Willyama at the end of the calendar year.

Our first event will be supporting a Cake Stall to be held on Wednesday 22 February 2017 for Georgie Kuerschner and Kelsey Graham's commitment to the World's Greatest Shave.

SRC 2017		
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Jasmin Fryer Madison Lambert Evan Mason Campbell Quintrell	Hamish Bolton Riley Mashford Cooper Treloar Ayva O'Meara Madysun Camilleri Hannah Campbell	Grace Crowley Ellie Simmons Stephanie Reghenzani Ethan Kelly
Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Jack Stacey Alex-Jack Heitman Jasmin Algate Lauren Fisher Chantel Francis Maighan Mashford	Zachary Murray Kingsley McIntyre Hannah Evers Georgie Kuerschner Angel Simmons Chelsea Regan	Britney Blows Mercedes Tonkin Stephanie Harman Sophie Morrison Chelsea Masclet Kai Pressler Josh D'Ettorre Bailey Shepherd



Mr Carrett and Kingsley McIntyre getting the job done!

School Drive Subsidy

If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit
transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Can't get online?

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call 131 500.

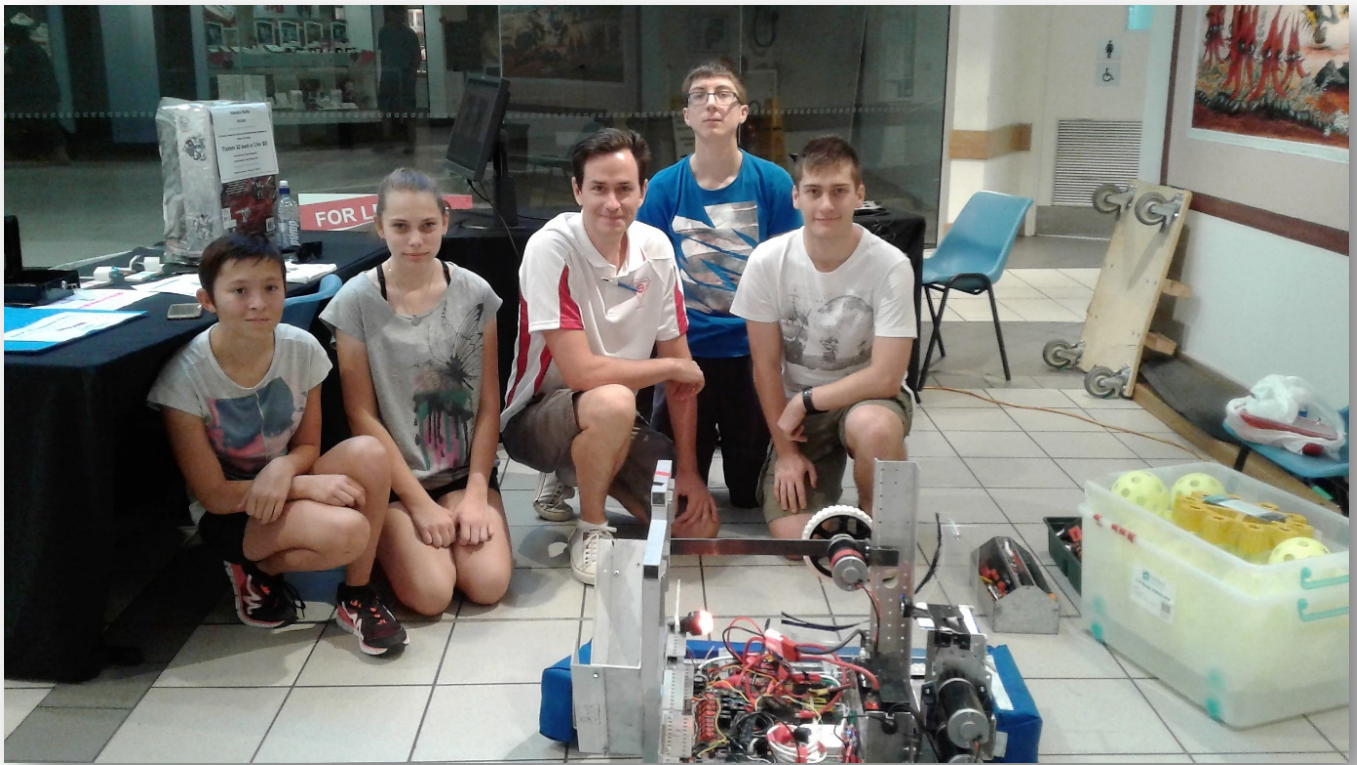
Whispers Robotics February Fundraiser

Well done to everyone who contributed to the Robotics fundraiser held at Westside Plaza on Saturday 11 February 2017. A massive thank you to parents and staff who baked cakes in 45 degree heat Thank you to Westside Plaza for their ongoing support and Big W for their generous raffle donation. We raised over \$800 and will be sending the team to compete in Sydney in March for their third FIRST-USA Robotics tournament

Miss Smith and Mrs Mann



Jordan Craig and Ali Baiton



Charlize McLeod-Quinn, Ashli Fryer, Mr Mann, Luke and Josh D'Ettorre with Jitterbug the new Robot

Whispers Running Group 2017

Due to the extreme heat the Running Team are taking a break from training this term.

However, if enough people express interest the team might be up and running again next term.

Usually by now we are training hard for the Desert Dash and the Orroroo Half Marathon, unfortunately both these races will not be run this term. The Desert Dash may be rescheduled for September and the Orroroo race has been cancelled due to the Masters Games in Port Augusta.

If there are any students, staff or parents keen on being part of the Running Group please let Mr Shepherd, Miss Kelly or Miss Smith know that you are interested in joining the team and we will make a decision on what new directions the team might take when the cooler weather gets here.



*Miss Kelly and Mr Ackerman at the Coffs Harbour Australia Day Fun Run last month
(If these oldies can participate in fun runs anyone can...)*

Library News

Our Yr 7 students started their Library Skills classes this week. Once a week in term one, instead of their normal English or Science class, students attend Library classes to learn how our Library works, and the services we offer. They learn how to use the Library's catalogue, access hardcopy and digital resources, take notes and make notes, write a bibliography for different media and develop their information skills.

Access to E and Audio Books.

Literacy and Literature are major focus areas for the Library. To complement our hardcopy collection, the Library has purchased an extensive collection of e and audio books to engage students to read for pleasure. To access please login to student DET portal using school user name and password, Select Oliver icon, Other Searches, Resource Type, Choose the letter "O" for Overdrive, Select either E or Audio books, Click on a Book and Borrow.

A Bit Of Trivia

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

Event Health Services - Broken Hill Cadet Division

St John Ambulance Aust (NSW) Broken Hill Cadet Division is opening its doors for new members to come along and join the Division.

Are you between the age of 8 and 17?

Do you have an interest in doing something good for your community?

If your answer is yes and you want to form friendships that last a lifetime and have fun, then join the St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Broken Hill Cadet Division.

We meet every Wednesday evening from 6.45pm to 9.00pm (except school holidays) at the St John Ambulance Hall McGilvary Drive (over the railway line on the way to the Broken Earth Café).

Further details can be obtained by contacting superintendent Sandra Haring on 0419 408 132 or Email: Sandra.haring@one.stjohnnsw.com.au