

WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 1, Week 8, 21 March 2018

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Mandatory Year 8 Art: Students are recreating artworks from Australian Artists. Students' artworks were created by Danika Hoskins, Callum Jordan and Emma Cranby.

Principal's Update

Congratulations to our school swimming team on their awesome efforts in winning the West Darling swimming carnival last Friday. We had a team of great participators a number of age champions and record breakers. More details in the next Whispers.

Congratulations also to our elected student leaders for 2018. I have been a very proud principal accompanying representatives to various SRC induction ceremonies in local schools. The new blazers, shirts and ties look great and I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Miss Amy Young for her efforts in getting these organised.

We have been trialling the new online HSC minimum standards reading and numeracy tests with some Year 10 students. Students are now required to reach a minimum standard in reading, writing and numeracy to meet the requirements for the award of the HSC. Students will have two opportunities in each of Years 10, 11 and 12 plus a few years after Year 12 to meet these new standards. More information is available on the NESAs website.

We had a great roll up to our 'meet and greet' afternoon last week and we would like to thank all parents and carers who took advantage of this opportunity to come and meet their child's teachers to discuss how we can work together to best support their education. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to contact our school on 8088 1055 to organise a time to speak with a teacher. – *Grant Shepherd/Principal*

Upcoming events:

23 March AFL Swan Shield

30 March - 2 April Easter break



SRC

Over the next 2 weeks the SRC are running a Loose Change Easter Fundraiser. We are encouraging students to bring in any loose change they may have into roll call and place in a money container. The roll call with the most change at the end of the 2 weeks will receive a giant basket of Easter Eggs. There will be prizes for 2nd and 3rd place as well.



The SRC induction ceremony was held on Wednesday 28 February 2018.

Our SRC for 2018 are as follows:

President: *Jack Stacey*

Vice President: *Maighan Mashford*

Secretary: *Lauren Fisher*

Treasurer: *Riley Mashford*

Liaison Officer: *Ayva O'Meara*

Publicity Officer: *Jasmin Algate*

Year 7: *Ella Camilleri, Halle McNamara, Piper Murray & Cohen Tonkin.*

Year 8: *Jasmin Fryer, Madison Lambert, Evan Mason, Tess Muscat, Campbell Quintrell, Sarah Jane Smith.*

Year 9: *Hamish Bolton, Hannah Campbell, Riley Mashford, Sydney Moynihan, Ayva O'Meara, Campbell Rogers & Cooper Treloar.*

Year 10: *Seth Brown, Grace Crowley, Ethan Kelly & Ellie Simmons*

Year 11: *Jasmin Algate, Lauren Fisher, Maighan Mashford & Jack Stacey*

Year 12: *Caitlyn Bloomfield, Ella Cunningham, Hannah Evers, Georgie Kuerschner, Kingsley McIntyre, Zachary Murray, Chelsea Regan & Angel Simmons*

House Captains

HEXHAM

SENIOR: *Eliza Cumming, Kingsley McIntyre*

JUNIOR: *Macy Edgecumbe, Logan Berryman*

KYARA

SENIOR: *Melisa Keenan, Jack Stacey*

JUNIOR: *Grace Crowley, Liam Baker*



YANCOWINNA

SENIOR: *Katie-Lee Crowe, Zachary Murray*

JUNIOR: *Meg Butcher, Seth Brown*

Canteen

A big thank you to Connor Ormsby who gives up every recess and lunch to help in the canteen. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

NAPLAN

Willyama High School has been selected to be involved in the NAPLAN online assessment this year.

During Week 8, Years 7 and 9 will be involved in a practice NAPLAN online, where students will have the opportunity to log into the NAPLAN platform and complete an 'Omnibus' assessment. More information has been provided in an information letter to parents and carers, and via our facebook site.

Bush Tucker

On Wednesday 14 March, students in Year 10 International Studies participated in a bush tucker excursion to South Regeneration area to forage for food. Staff and students alike were delighted when they could correctly identify, forage and taste some bush bananas, gum tree limbs and pigs face plant. Students were also quick to notice the native mistletoe, mulga trees and quandongs. A huge thanks to Julie Philp for taking time out to teach the students how to identify plants and what to look out for.



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.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival was held on Friday 22 February. Thank you to all students who came and participated in the competition and novelty events and supporting the athletes.

House points and champions are:

- 3rd – Kyara with 472 points
- 2nd – Yancowinna – 622
- 1st – Hexham – 623 points

Age Champions

- 12 yrs male -
- 12 yrs female – Whitney Roderick
- 13 yrs male – Ethan Attard
- 13 yrs female – Emily Marks
- 14 yrs male – Coen Berryman
- 14 yrs female – Kalyce Pressler
- 15 yrs male – Ethan Callegher
- 15 yrs female – Lydia Hinton-Neal
- 16 yrs male – Colby Schiller
- 16 yrs female – Lauren Kuerschner
- 17 yrs male – Zachary Murray
- 17 yrs female – Kiara Pressler

New Records:

14 yrs girls 50m Free, Kalyce Pressler – 29:56
14 yrs girls 50m Breaststroke, Kalyce Pressler – 36:89
14 yrs girls 100m Breaststroke, Kalyce Pressler – 1:17.9
Intermediate 200m Freestyle, Kalyce Pressler – 2:21.4
15 yrs girls Breaststroke 100m, Lydia Hinton-Neal 1:20.8
Intermediate Freestyle Female Relay, Yancowinna Relay 2:21.9





Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

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. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 12 March and 13 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary and is confidential.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 23 March 2018. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/pdf/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12018.pdf