

# WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 4, Week 4, 8 November 2019

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Still Life painting by Anna Bolton in Year 8 Mandatory Visual Arts

# Principal's Update

Term 4 is well underway with us approaching the halfway point at the end of next week. There are lots of great things happening both at the end of last term and during this term as showcased in this edition of our Whispers.

It is a very important few weeks of the year as students across our school undertake end of year assessments in many of their subjects. Year 11 students have begun their HSC year and it is vital that they take the opportunity to build a solid foundation this term in all of their subjects' assessments which will count towards their final HSC mark. There is plenty of support available from class teachers, both in class and at the FAST Centre, as well as from our senior study coordinator Mrs Sarah Molloy and Careers Adviser Mr Anthony Tidball.

Planning for staffing and timetabling in 2020 has already begun. Congratulations to Mr Matthew Cawley who has been successful at interview in gaining a permanent Deputy Principal position in our school. We have also had appointed a new permanent Faculty Leader in HSIE on merit, Mr David Proctor, who will move out from Sydney and start with us next year.

The HSC examinations are almost completed with our final paper, Physics, being sat on Monday 11 November. There is now some downtime for our Year 12 students and we look forward to celebrating with them and their parents at the HSC Formal on 30 November. HSC results and ATARs will be both be released on 17 December.

Grant Shepherd

Principal



# Year 12 Leaving Ceremony

Thursday 26 September was a significant day for our year 12 students. After 6 years of hard work, they attended their leaving ceremony. They shared with us some of the memories they will take with them as they leave their Willyama family, including some funny moments with various teachers they've had. Mr Shepherd and Mrs Clark both gave Year 12 some advice to take away with them and we then shared in a luncheon with their teachers and their guests. We wish Year 12 the best of luck for the future.

Mrs Clark  
Year 12 Advisor







# School of the Air Visit



On the last day of Term 3, Year 6 from School of the Air came to cook fried rice in the junior Food Technology Kitchen. Willyama's Year 9 students assisted the Year 6 students with preparing their dish and cleaning up. It was a great experience for all involved.

Mrs Shannon Bush

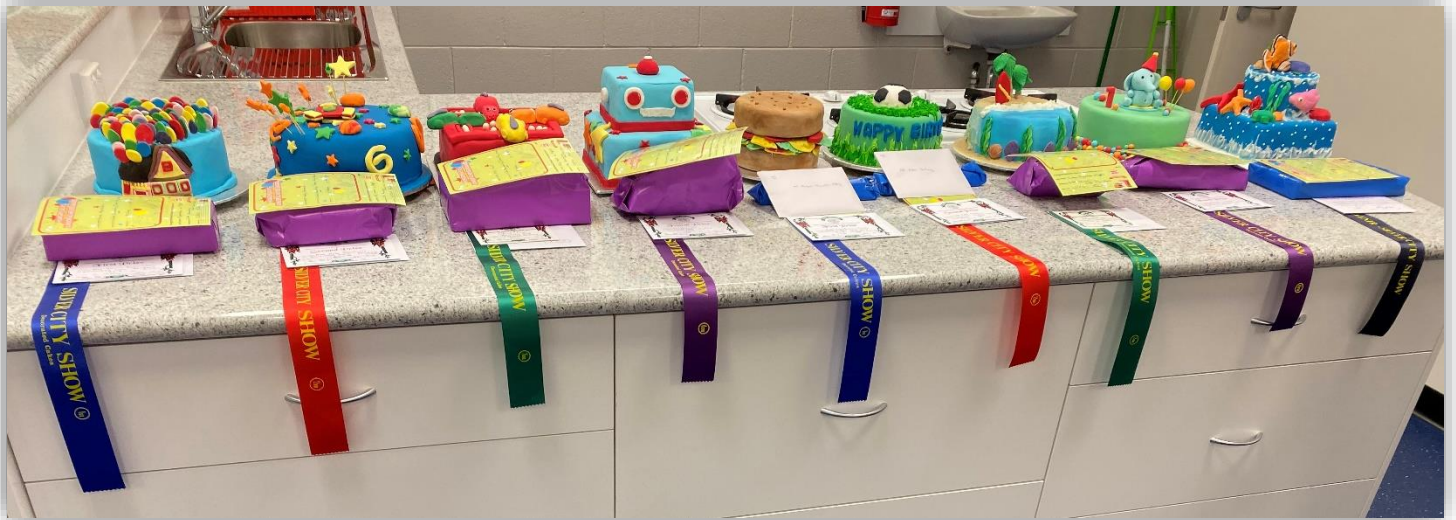




# Cake Decorating Awards

A morning tea was recently held with Year 10 and Mrs Slater to thank her for all the assistance in cake decorating for the Silver City Show. Mrs Slater presented the students with their show ribbons and prizes. We look forward to having Mrs Slater back next year to assist the Year 10 Food Technology class with their cake decorating.

Mrs Shannon Bush



## Year 8 Elective Visual Arts

In Term 3, elective Visual Arts students explored seed pods and created sculptures based on their observational drawings. They also enjoyed a workshop at the Regional Gallery where they used found objects to create a hanging pod sculpture. These artworks have been combined as an entry in The Desert Equinox Art Competition which is running at the moment. The artwork is inside the glass doors at the ANZ Bank on Argent Street if you would like to have a look!

Alison Jones



## Year 9 Photographic and Digital Media

It was a warm and sunny day on Monday Week 2, so Year 9 Photography students had a chance to explore shutter speed while using the cameras in manual mode. Water balloons were suspended and burst with a pin, while students had to determine precisely when to hit the shutter button!

Alison Jones





# The Book Worm Buddies

The junior book club meeting happened to fall on Halloween so we celebrated with Halloween crafts and discussed our favourite scary books!

The Book Worm Buddies meets in the library at lunchtime on Thursdays Week A. New members are always welcome! See Ms Henderson in the library if you would like to join!



## Lunchtime Fun in the Library!

The library is a hub of activity every recess and lunch. Students are welcome to come in and play games, read a book or magazine or just relax and chat with friends.



We have just added Jenga to our collection of games!



Chess is always popular...



Lots of noisy Uno challenges are fought...



Discover a new card game...



Minecraft worlds are created and shared...



Or enjoy reading the latest bestseller on the comfy couch!

See you in the library soon 😊

# Mental Health Awareness Day



On Thursday 24 of October, the SRC hosted a Mental Health Awareness barbecue. At the event were representatives from various local services in Broken Hill including the school Counsellor and Nurses, Headspace, Novita, Far West Local Health, Catholic Care, Maari Ma and Stephanie, our social worker student.

These organisations and people provide support for mental health in our school and the wider community and were at the event to meet and tell people about their services, which was much appreciated. Many students and teachers came and enjoyed the free lunch and supported the Mental Health Awareness Day. The event was a total success.

Sarah-Jane Smith

(SRC member)



## 2020 NASA Space School



Applications are now open for any girl who is 15 years and over in 2020 to attend the NASA Space School which is sponsored by the Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health and The University of Houston Clear Lake.

There will be a Parent Information Session on Thursday 14 November 2019 at 5pm at the Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health (Auditorium 1).

Application forms are available from Willyama Science staff. Applications close on the 6th December 2019.



## Dates to Remember

- Monday 11 – 15 November – UNICEF Fundraiser Activities
- Thursday 21 November – Year 10 Life Ready Workshop
  - Thursday 5 December – School Fete
- Wednesday 11 December – Presentation Night
  - Friday 13 December – ACES Picnic
- Wednesday 18 December – Last Day of Term 4 🎄



## The BRAVE Program.

The BRAVE Program is an online program for the treatment of anxiety in young people. It was developed by a team of researchers from the University of Queensland, Griffith University and the University of Southern Queensland, and has been specifically designed to teach young people the skills they need to reduce anxiety and to cope with stressful situations.

The BRAVE Program is based on Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and has been running in Australia for over 13 years. Therapy techniques used in this program include: relaxation training, identification of emotions and thoughts, positive self-talk, coping skills, problem solving and graded exposure.

The BRAVE program was converted into a self-directed therapy program (BRAVE Self-Help), which is now freely available to all Australian young people, aged 8-17 years old, and their parents. The program is suitable for all types of anxiety. There are four different programs available: one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years, and one for parents of children and teenagers of these age groups, respectively.

If you are interested in completing the BRAVE Program please visit <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/> for more information

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**@ BROKEN HILL PCYC  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14  
FROM 6.00PM**



**COMPLETION OF ON-LINE COACHING MODULES  
FOR MARCH COACHING COURSE ATTENDEES ONLY**

**@ 6.00pm**

**LEAGUESAFE ON-LINE COURSE  
(MINIMUM REQUIREMENT TO RUN WATER)  
OPEN TO ANYONE AGED 14 +**



**@ 7.30pm**



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30TH NOVEMBER 2019  
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