

# WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 4, Week 7, 25 November 2019

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Mixed Media artwork by Faith Devlin in Year 9 Visual Arts

# Principal's Update

There are lots of great things happening as we approach the end of a very productive school year. It was wonderful to have our new Year 7 students for 2020 here on a full day's transition last Monday undertaking a full schedule of lessons and attending the disco. We look forward to having you all as part of our school next year. A big thank you to Mr Shane Kegel (Year 7 Adviser 2020) for his organisation and all teachers who volunteered to teach extra lessons and supervise at the disco. More details inside this Whispers.

We all look forward to our HSC Formal this Saturday night to officially acknowledge the end of Year 12 and celebrate with these students and their parents. We also look forward to HSC results and ATARs due to be released on 17 December. Congratulations to a number of students who have already received early entry into their chosen university courses.

It is also that time of year where teachers are kept very busy marking end of year assessments and writing reports.

Reports are due to be sent home and uploaded to the student/parent portal on the following dates:

9 December - Year 10

12 December - Year 9

16 December - Year 8

17 December - Year 7

Our school's Annual Presentation Night will be held at Broken Hill Civic Centre on 11 December. All students and parents are welcome to attend and students gaining awards will receive an invitation home. Enjoy the last few weeks of the term and year. The last day of attendance for students is Wednesday 18 December.

Grant Shepherd  
Principal



The winning entry of the Barrier Ranges Bearded Dragon Colouring Competition by Krzysztof Wierzejski



# UNICEF Fundraiser Activities

In Week 5 Willyama's SRC held a week of games and activities to raise money for UNICEF.

UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) promotes the rights and wellbeing of every child around the world.

Throughout the week activities held included a UNO competition, obstacle course on the oval, games of chance, minute to win it activities, longest kick competition and on Friday students were encouraged to wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation.

The SRC also held a BBQ lunch, by the end of the week \$430 was raised which will be sent to UNICEF to help them achieve their mission.

Hamish Bolton

(SRC Publicity Officer)



## Barrier Ranges Bearded Dragon Colouring Competition

Willyama High School recently held a Barrier Ranges Bearded Dragon colouring in competition in conjunction with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service to raise awareness for the endangered species.



# Orientation Day & Disco

On Monday 18 November WHS hosted our annual Year 6 Orientation Day. The day enabled 2020 Year 7 students to experience a day in the life of a high schooler. The students met their future Year 10 peer support mentors who took them through a range of activities including a mapping exercise around the school and some small group activities aimed at strengthening relationships and building resilience in our new learners.

WHS hosted a range of taster lessons over the course of the day in subjects such as TAS, CAPA, English and Science. The PDHPE faculty directed the afternoon session in the Hall, which saw students participating in a range of hands on sporting activities in a round robin style competition. The feedback from students on the day was overwhelmingly positive, indicating that they are excited about their upcoming transition to the high school setting.

The day was concluded with the Year 6/7 Disco which was hosted in the Hall exclusively for current and future Year 7 students. Many students began to form new relationships with their peers as they conversed and danced to music classics like the Nutbush, the Macarena and YMCA. Whilst the Disco was being held in the Hall future parents attended an information night in the Staff Common Room hosted by the 2020 Year Advisor and Deputy Principal.

We are confident that the day strengthened our future students' sense of belonging and community, better preparing them for the commencement of their studies in 2020.

Shane Kegel  
Year 7 Advisor



Artworks completed by Year 6 students from Morgan Street Public School in their taster lesson.



# Year 8 Cupcake Assessment

Year 8 recently had a Cupcake Assessment Task, take a look below at some of their submissions.



# Maari Ma Indigenous Art Prize Workshops

Willyama High School students have been working hard in preparation for the Maari Ma Indigenous Art Awards which will be held in February 2020.

Thank you to Kathy Farry from West Darling Arts who generously donated thirty canvases for students to paint on.



Many students have taken canvases home to work on their pieces and others have been working hard at school during lunch time to complete their entries for the competition.

Miss Kelly



Shania Mills, Lakesha Johnson, Daphne Kennedy and Ava Cunico working on their entries

## NASA Space School

Willyama High School students Claudia Standley, Sarah - Jane Smith & Michelle Coombes attended an information evening at the Broken Hill University of Rural Health on Thursday 14 November 2019. The girls are applying to attend the 2020 NASA Space School in July 2020. The girls will be involved in an intensive interview process to enable one female student from Broken Hill to travel to Houston, Texas next year to participate in the two week long program at NASA.

Applications are still open to any female student who will be fifteen or older in 2020. Students interested in applying next year for the 2021 program are welcome to ask Miss Kelly and the current applicants questions about the program.



Claudia Standley, Isabella Ball (BHHS) and Sarah - Jane Smith at UDRH



# Library News

## SRC UNICEF Fundraiser: UNO Tournament

A group of very experienced and professional UNO players gathered in the library at lunchtime on Tuesday 12 November to fight to be declared the UNO Champion of Willyama!!

In a series of nail-biting knock out rounds, the players were whittled down until only the best remained. Congratulations to John Hillier of Year 7 who was our Grand Final winner!



## Summer Holiday Reading

The library staff are working very hard to get the latest large delivery of books ready for borrowing. Make sure you think about your summer holiday reading wish list and reserve or borrow the books you will need to stay happy and entertained over the long hot summer!

The junior and senior book club members, who recommended many of the great books we ordered, have enjoyed unboxing the deliveries as they have arrived!



# Book Club

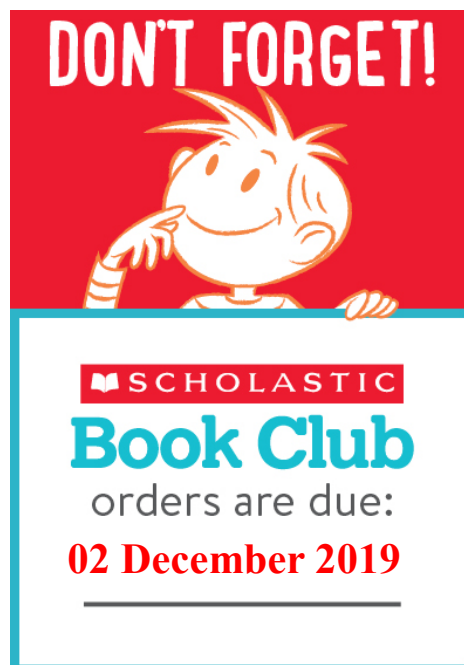


Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 is available now!

**With lots of great Christmas gift ideas, make sure you get your copy!**

If you would like your student to bring one home, remind them to collect a catalogue from their roll call teacher or from the Library. It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your student's order is submitted directly to Scholastic and the books will be delivered (free of charge) to school. You can place your order at **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)** or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. There is no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read!





## Community News



**PATTON VILLAGE**  
**PATTON VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday  
30th November 2019  
4pm - 8pm  
@ Patton St Park

FREE face painting  
FREE Jumping Castle  
and Santa!  
Market Stalls  
Food and Drink  
Hot Donuts & Fairy Floss

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**Broken Hill Y's MENS**  
Breakfast with Santa  
At YMCA

Join us for  
Breakfast with  
Santa!

8:30am  
30th November  
2019



Tickets \$2  
Available from Busy Kids, McDonalds,  
YMCA, YMCA Aquatics Centre, Town &  
Country Cycles, and the South Post Office










## MENTAL HEALTH INQUIRY BROKEN HILL PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday 28 November, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm  
Broken Hill Civic Centre, 31 Chloride Street

The Productivity Commission is keen to hear your views on our draft recommendations. What are we getting right, what needs further refinement and what's missing?

The hearing will interest a wide range of consumers, carers and other stakeholders, including government agencies, employers, professional and community groups in healthcare, education, employment, social services, housing and justice which contribute to improving mental health for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds.

SUPPORT SERVICES	MENTAL HEALTH	OUTCOMES
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Employment</li> <li>• Social Services</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Justice</li> </ul>		 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic participation</li> <li>• Social participation</li> <li>• Engagement and connectedness</li> <li>• Productivity</li> </ul>

Register now to discuss the inquiry draft report or to observe the proceedings of the public hearing:  
[www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/mental-health/public-hearings](http://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/mental-health/public-hearings)

Read our draft report on mental health:  
[www.pc.gov.au/mental-health](http://www.pc.gov.au/mental-health)

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or phone Tracey Horsfall on 02 6240 3261

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## ABORIGINAL MEN'S WORKER BROKEN HILL OR WILCANNIA

CatholicCare provides a broad range of innovative social services in response to the needs of communities in Western NSW.

We are seeking a caring and enthusiastic individual to support and mentor Aboriginal men in Broken Hill and Wilcannia.

You will provide a mix of activities to Aboriginal men and their families including parent education, one on one support and group workshops.

The position is part time and offers a wonderful opportunity to increase participation rates of fathers to engage in peer support groups, playgroups, pre-school and school, to promote greater involvement in their children's lives.

This position can be based in either Broken Hill or Wilcannia, and presents a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the well-being of others. A current valid driver's licence is a requirement for the position.

An attractive remuneration package is on offer commensurate with qualifications and experience. Only those who specifically address the essential selection criteria will be considered.

For an information package and the selection criteria, please visit:

Website: [www.ccwf.org.au/positionsvacant](http://www.ccwf.org.au/positionsvacant)

Email: [careers@ccwf.org.au](mailto:careers@ccwf.org.au)

Phone: 02 6850 1788

Applications close: 5.00 pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019



Proudly part of the Catholic Social Services network and the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes



## HSC Showcase

Join us to celebrate the annual exhibition of school leavers' Visual Art & Design projects, the **HSC Showcase**.

The works of these young artists were submitted for the HSC, showcasing a body of work resulting from their last two years' of study.

Work on display from Willyama and Broken Hill High Schools highlight the upcoming artistic talent in the far west region.

**Exhibition Opening | Thursday 28 November, 6pm**  
Exhibition | 28 November -15 December, 2019

404 - 408 Argent Street, Broken Hill  
[www.bhartgallery.com.au](http://www.bhartgallery.com.au)  
08 8080 3444 | [artgallery@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artgallery@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au)

image: Airlie Brown, Broken Hill High School

## Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 4 December – Concert Under the Sails
  - Thursday 5 December – School Fete
- Wednesday 11 December – Annual Presentation Night
  - Friday 13 December – ACES Picnic
- Monday 16 December – Year 8 & 10 Year Awards Assembly
- Tuesday 17 December – Years 7, 9 & 11 Year Awards Assembly
  - Wednesday 18 December – Last Day of Term 4 🎄

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



On Friday 6 December, Week 8, the SRC are planning to hold a school fete during the afternoon. Stalls will fill the Willyama school yard offering activities for all age groups. Please come along and enjoy the Willyama Fete. Funds raised from the event will be put back into making our school a better place for students, teachers and the community.

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