

WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 1, Week 4, 18 February 2019

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Principal's Update

Our school year has kicked off smoothly with all of our new students and staff settling in nicely and getting straight into being engaged in meaningful learning experiences.

Our new teachers include: Mr Luke Turner (Science/Agriculture), Mr Chris Bush (PDHPE), Mr Luke Barnes (PDHPE), Mr Rory Skinner (PDHPE), Miss Micaela Jordan (Special Education), Mr Patrick Jenkinson (Special Education), Miss Kyra Yea (HSIE), Mr Ryan Coulter (HSIE), Mrs Shannon Bush (TAS), Mr Andrew Magarry (TAS), Miss Abbie Wilkinson (Japanese) and Ms Tracy Henderson (Teacher Librarian).

Our new School Learning Support Officers include: Ms Samika Jones, Mrs Tayla Pettitt and Mr Elliot Mallon.

Our School Leaders Induction Ceremony will be held in our school courtyard on 27 February starting at 12:15pm. We look forward to this important event on our calendar inducting our school captains, SRC representatives and house captains into their vital leadership roles within our school.

It has been great to finally have our school library fully operational again with our new Teacher Librarian, Ms Tracy Henderson, arriving. See inside this Whispers for more information about our newly revamped library and how it will operate this year.

This term we will be forming merit selection panels to advertise for the permanent Faculty Leader positions in both English and HSIE. We need a parent representative on each of these panels. Any parent/carer who is interested in being involved is asked to call me at the school on 08 80881055. We are looking forward to a very productive year.

Grant Shepherd
Principal



Year 7 Combined Schools Information Day

Year 7 went on an excursion to the Racecourse on the 14 February to participate in a combined schools information day. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to participate in activities and information sessions by various organisations around Broken Hill to assist their development in mind, body and social interactions.

Some of the experiences included practicing teamwork skills to raise a bucket off the ground using only rope and ockie straps, training in how to wrap snake bites to slow the circulation of venom and revising the importance of healthy food substitutions. Ms Buckman and Year 7 would like to thank the Year 10 Peer Support leaders, Ms Millstead, Mr Ancora, Ms S. Jones and Ms Wilkinson for their help in making this a memorable experience.

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Library News

A fresh, new space for 2019!

Students were welcomed back to school this year with an updated look for the library. The space was reorganised to emphasise three really important resources in a school library: books, technology and people. There are now two large areas for teachers to use to enhance teaching and learning. Classes can be booked into the computer research area, which includes 33 desktop computers. The second area is a large open learning space with plenty of desks and chairs that can be rearranged to suit the needs of the class.



A major stocktake was completed at the end of last year with many outdated and damaged books removed from the collection. New shelving has been installed which complements the library's bright colour scheme. The fiction section is now at the entrance to the library and the new, comfortable seating creates a welcoming atmosphere and will definitely encourage readers to visit. The collection will be expanded with new fiction and non-fiction books purchased throughout the year.

Suggestions for new resources are always welcomed and to help with this process there is a suggestions box now located at the library entrance. Just fill out a suggestion slip and put it in the box for consideration.

We are very grateful for the generous P&C donations that made the refurbishment possible!

Students are welcome to come to the library before school and at recess and lunch, and not just for borrowing or returning books. They can also choose to play a game of chess, use a computer for research or to play games, work on an assignment or homework or just enjoy the space with some friends.

A reminder that students must eat their recess or lunch *before* coming into the library.

The library's operating hours are 8.30am to 3.45pm daily, as well as recess and lunchtimes. On Mondays and Wednesdays the FAST Centre is located in the library from 3.30 until 5pm.

Dates to Remember

- Friday 22 February - School Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 27 February - School Leaders Induction Ceremony
 - Friday 1 March - School Photos
 - Wednesday 6 March - SRC Planning Day
- Friday 15 March - West Darling Swimming Carnival



Annual Swimming Carnival



When : Friday 22 February 2019

Where : Broken Hill Regional Aquatic Centre
Students to make own way to and from Aquatic Centre.

Cost : \$4.50 entry fee (payable on entry) or YMCA Membership card

Time : 9.00 am start – 3.28 pm finish
Warm-up – 8.30 am
Open 400 m Freestyle – 8.45 am
Rest of events will follow in order

Carnival will finish in time for students to catch their normal bus.

Any students wishing to leave early will need to bring a signed note and hand it to Mr Neal or their roll call teacher during roll call.

Food : Year 12 will be running a barbecue.
The Aquatic Centre canteen will be operating.
Students will not be allowed to leave the pool to get food or have food delivered.
If you do not wish to use the canteen or barbecue, students will be required to bring their own food and drinks.

Clothing : "Sun Smart" clothing (e.g. hat, sensible shirt, sunglasses) and some sunscreen will also be provided.

All participating students will receive points for their house and students are encouraged to wear house colours on the day:

- Kyara - RED
- Hexham - YELLOW
- Yancowinna - GREEN.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact the school on 8088 1055.



LADIES TENNIS 2019

LADIES !!!!! LADIES !!!!! LADIES !!!!!

Nominations are now open for ladies tennis. We play on a Tuesday night at 7pm.

Nominations will be accepted for Teams OR Individual nominations will also be accepted for players who don't have a team to play for and teams will be formed for these players by contacting Jenny on 0417 665 427 or Leonie on 0458 503 306. Tennis will start on the 12th of February. Nominations will be accepted right up until the first night of play with late nominations also being accepted. If there are sufficient teams nominate we will form two grades.

So ladies and girls gather your friends together and form a team for a fun night of tennis. No age limit. Teams will need between 4 – 8 players depending on availability of your players due to other commitments (eg. Work).

The format for playing is 4 players per night with each player playing 3 sets each.

We will play either normal sets or fast four depending on what players vote for.

If you need more information please ask when nominating.

CONTACTS:

Jenny Powell on 0417 665 427

Leonie Channing on 0458 503 306

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FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 - 10

WHEN: TUESDAY AFTERNOON 3PM-4:30PM
WHERE: HEADSPACE BROKEN HILL (231 BLENDE STREET)
REGISTER: CONTACT OUR FRIENDLY ADMINISTRATION OFFICER
ON
02 9393 9699
HEADSPACE.BROKENHILL@FLOURISHAUSTRALIA.ORG.AU
OR VISIT US AT 231 BLENDE STREET

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