

WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 1, Week 9, 25 March 2019

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Harmony Day Mandala Colouring in Competition Winners:
Best Use of Colour, Most Creative and Judges' Choice

Principal's Update

As we head into Week 9 of Term 1, it is our great sporting prowess and valued contributions to Harmony Day that feature most strongly in this edition of Willyama Whispers.

Congratulations to our school swimming team who were successful in winning the West Darling Carnival held in Broken Hill recently. More details inside.

Well done also to our newly formed netball academy and our Rugby League 7s teams on their participation and achievements in recent weeks.

It was great for our students to be involved in a number of activities to celebrate Harmony Day and its theme this year of 'everyone belongs'. Highlights were student trips to Bugdlie Pre-School and our own lunchtime celebration held in the library. Lots of photos and more information are inside this Whispers. Well done to all involved.

'Tell Them From Me' surveys are being conducted over the next two weeks. These surveys give us valuable information about our school so we can continue to evaluate and improve what we do every day. Student, parent and teacher participation in these surveys is much appreciated.

It has been inspiring to see so many students taking advantage of our FAST (Free After School Tutoring) Centre each Monday and Wednesday afternoon. I would like to acknowledge and thank the many teachers who volunteer their time to assist our students with their learning after school on an ongoing basis. All students are welcome to come along and be part of this great learning environment.

Grant Shepherd
Principal



Willyama Sports Academy News

With the dawn of a new school year the emergence of a new Willyama Sports Academy team has surfaced. The Willyama Netball Academy has been formed under the watchful eye of Miss Emma Camilleri with 30 students willing to take on the challenge. The AFL Academy has also started its third year of operation with students from all year levels starting training and getting ready for another great year of school sport.

The Netball Academy has opened its campaign in both the local Broken Hill Netball League and the Knock Out Schools competition. The team decked out with flash new netball dresses hit the local courts with a bang taking victory in the senior grade in the first week. Many positive comments came from the style of play and also the professional attitudes that the students demonstrated on and off the court. These matches demonstrated that the Netball Academy will be a strong and dominant force throughout 2019.

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Rugby League 7s

On Tuesday 12 March, the under 14 boys and open girls Rugby League 7s teams represented Willyama High School at Alma Oval. Each team played three rounds of football against Wilcannia, Broken Hill and Menindee. Our students showed wonderful sportsmanship, resilience and team work. Congratulations to Callab Everuss and Bianca Johnstone for being named best players of the day.

E Hudson



West Darling Swimming

Willyama had a strong team representing the school at the West Darling Swimming carnival on Friday the 15 March. All students put forward their best effort competing in their races, and some even backed up in other races and relays.



The team was able to secure enough wins and places which gave us the winning edge taking out the carnival with 814 points. Broken Hill High came close with 704 points and Menindee Central School came third with 30 points.

The Willyama team also secured multiple age champions.

- 12 years Female - Alani Woods
- 13 years Female - Amalie Howse
- 15 years Female - Kalyce Pressler
- Open Female - Kiara Pressler
- Open Male - Colby Schiller

There were also multiple new records set at the carnival, Kalyce Pressler secured:

- Open Female 200m Medley
- Female 15 years 50m and 100m Breaststroke and 100m Freestyle

Thank you to all the competitors, teachers, staff and parents for the great carnival.

L Neal

Harmony Day Bugdlie Visit

Willyama High School students visited Bugdlie Preschool on Tuesday March 19 and Thursday March 21 in celebration of Harmony Day. Willyama students organised fun activities for the pre-school children and enjoyed participating in group activities. A big thank you to Katie Bassett-White and all the staff at Bugdlie Preschool for a wonderful two days.

M Kelly



Angus Thomson-Frisby and Tisharni Clark
playing in the sand pit with the pre-
schoolers



Emily Scott and Lydia Philp - Baulch
doing craft



Sydney Carter and Lydia Hinton-Neal
making hats



Harmony Day 2019

The library hosted Willyama High School's Harmony Day celebrations on Thursday 21 March. It was the twentieth anniversary of this special celebration that encourages us to respect Australia's cultural diversity and each other.

A party was held in the library at lunchtime, which was the perfect way to embody this year's Harmony Day theme: Everyone Belongs! Students from all year groups came along, not just for the party food but also to see all the entries for the school's Harmony Day colouring in competition. While our esteemed judges, School Captains Tanvi Singh and Jack Stacey, had earlier selected the official prize winners, students also had the opportunity to vote for their favourite Mandala in the People's Choice Award.

All entrants received a small prize to acknowledge their efforts.

And our official grand prize winners were:

Most Creative: Hanna Metcalfe, Year 9

Best Use of Colour: Latesha Etrich, Year 8

Judges' Choice: Hannah Beitzel, Year 7

The winner of the People's Choice Award will be revealed at Assembly next week and announced in the next newsletter.



In true Harmony Day spirit, our celebration was a team effort! Special thanks to all involved and especially:

- Mrs Bush and her Year 10 Food Tech class who made orange jelly cups for the party. They were a particular favourite (photographic evidence provided!)
- Ms Kelly for her enthusiasm and organisational skills
- Jessica Smith for organising prizes and decorating the library
- Mijonique Noble and Hannah Beitzel for their help promoting the event
- Latesha Thomas and Lilly-Grace Lawn for helping to set up and clean up afterwards.

T Henderson



Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 27 March – Year 11 Crossroads
 - Wednesday 27 March – UNISA Visit
- Friday 28 March – West Darling Boys and Girls Soccer Trials
 - Friday April 12 – Last Day of Term 1



Premiers Reading Challenge Update

Every Year 7 student has now begun their Premier's Reading Challenge journey! Each student will spend one English lesson a fortnight in the library where they will have a chance to read a book of their own choosing and simply for the pleasure of reading.

Since the start of the Challenge on 4 March, exactly 100 books have been borrowed from the library, which goes a long way to establishing a culture of reading in our school and for our students. Parents and carers can help keep the momentum going by encouraging your student to read at home too!

T Henderson



Premier's Reading Challenge 2019



THE ATOM PHOTO COMP 2019

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS 'TEXTURE'

There are five age-group categories:
Lower Primary (Years F-3), Upper
Primary (4-6), Lower Secondary (7-9),
Upper Secondary (10-12) and Open.

Prizes include Ted's Cameras gift
vouchers valued at \$500 for the
primary categories, \$1000 for the
secondary categories and \$2000
for Open.

TAKE 3 original photographs that address this
year's theme (go online for more info)

SUBMIT your 3 photos through our online entry
system at atomphotocomp.org

WRITE a short statement (no more than 300
words) and submit it with your entry

All photographs must be taken specifically for
the ATOM Photo Comp 2019. All entries must be
submitted online at atomphotocomp.org.

The ATOM Photo Comp 2019 is free to enter
and is open to all Australian and New Zealand residents.

ENTER YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS NOW!

atomphotocomp.org

Entries close midday AEST, Friday 10 May 2019

Presented by:



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Welcomes new & existing parents & players to
the 2019 Soccer Season. Senior training starts
20th March. Juniors start 3rd April 4pm
O'Neill park soccer Complex

Join facebook: Broken Hill Celtic United SC 2019

Celtic United Soccer Club

1st Trial Games Times

Friday 5th April - Under 14 pm - 6pm

Friday 5th April - Colts (U/17) - 7.30pm

Saturday 6th April - Under 6 - 9.30am

Saturday 6th April - Under 7 - 10.20

Saturday 6th April - Under 8 - 11.10

Saturday 6th April - Under 10 - Noon

Saturday 6th April - Under 12 - 1.10pm

Sunday 7th April - Mens A & B Grade & Women - 7th April

New players are encouraged to play the trials and see if you want to
play the season. All players Welcome. Registrations can be taken.

Phone 0499321863

For details or leave
message.



Supply your number
or ask for help with
how to apply



YOU ARE INVITED!

Saturday 6th April

Residents of Broken Hill are invited to attend the
morning Rotary Conference Session at the
Broken Hill Civic Centre to hear from local and
national inspirational leaders.

8:30am – 1:00pm

Cost: \$20 inc morning tea

Visit www.rotary9520.org

& click on [REGISTER NOW](#) or scan the QR code below

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An exciting choir and band concert of popular and classic music
featuring two of Australia's leading youth musical ensembles.

IN CONCERT:

Broken Hill Uniting Church
Cobalt Street, Broken Hill

5pm

Sunday 14th April, 2019

Vacancies for Girls



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BROKEN HILL
Girl Guides Units



Guides:

- ★ make new friends
- ★ go camping
- ★ have fun and adventures out of doors
- ★ make 'crafty' things
- ★ try new activities

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A Search for the next Rugby 7 Star

Email Tiffany Lynch at

tiffany.lynch@maarima.com.au

To sign a team of 7 up to our round robin Rugby 7 talent pool. If you don't have a team we can find one for you. Please have teams/names to Tiffany by Monday the 25th of March.

Who: Men and
Women aged 14-25

Everyone Welcome!

When: 29th of March 2019

Where: Memorial Oval

Time: Gates open at 4pm till 9pm

Why: Talent Scout's are on the lookout for their next possible future Indigenous rugby Olympic stars!

Free Food,
Giveaways, Jumping
Castle, Face-Painting
and more!