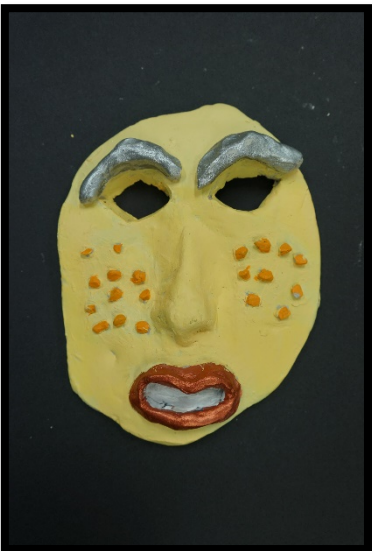


WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 3, Week 3, 5 August 2019

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Principal's Update

Welcome to our first Willyama Whispers for Term 3. It has been an eventful and very productive two weeks of term already.

Congratulations to Kalyce Pressler who has just returned from competing in the School Sport Australia National Swimming Championships. The highlight of Kalyce's week was winning a bronze medal in the 200m breaststroke final which is an outstanding achievement. Well done Kalyce!

It was good to catch up with a number of parents and carers at our parent/teacher afternoon and our NAIDOC celebrations. More details inside.

Parents and carers are asked to please ensure that that use the front office as the first point of contact with our school. Emails can be sent to willyama-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone calls made to 80881055.

Our school is currently undertaking consultation processes as part of a proposal to make our second deputy principal position a permanent one. The position would be advertised through the open merit process and would continue to be funded from the school's equity funds. If you would like further information or have some input into this decision, please feel free to contact me on either the school's email or phone number listed above.

A reminder that our school development day is on Monday 12 August. Students do not attend school on this day.

Grant Shepherd

Principal



NAIDOC Rugby Match

NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony

NAIDOC week got into full swing on Monday 8 July with many gathering for the annual flag raising and traditional smoking ceremony. It was great to see a past Willyama High School student, Hannah Evers, involved in raising the flag.

Thank you to those students and teachers who were able to take time out of their holidays to be a part of this ceremony and increase Willyama's community involvement.

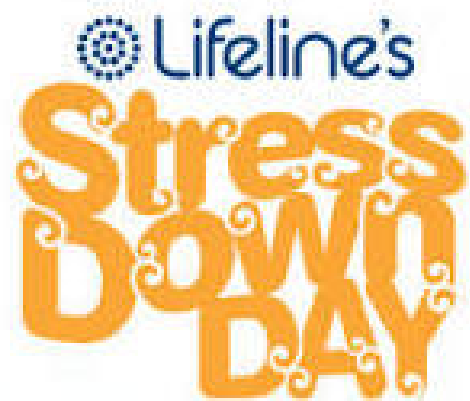
Hamish Bolton (SRC Publicity Officer)



Stress Down Day

On Tuesday 23 July everyone dressed down and came to school in their pyjamas, tracksuits and Ugg boots, along with a gold coin donation. SRC had a pancake stall at recess which was a hit. Overall our school raised \$449.10 which will go to Lifeline Australia to allow them to help people dealing with stress. Well done Willyama, thanks for your support.

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NAIDOC Celebrations

Willyama High School hosted a NAIDOC day of celebrations on Friday 26 July. The school held a number of events for the celebrations. A morning tea was held in the library with members of the local Indigenous community attending. A whole school assembly was held with performances and a barbeque lunch was provided followed by a rugby match to finish the day.



Maari Ma staff, Willyama High School students, Mr Ancora and NSWRL Blues Nathan Blacklock and Mark O'Meley.



NSWRL Blues Nathan Blacklock and Mark O'Meley addressing the assembly.



Information stall held by Maari Ma



School rugby match

Stymie

On Tuesday 30 July Rachel Downie from Stymie came to the school to launch a new wellbeing initiative in our school. Stymie is an online anonymous reporting system that allows students to have a voice at any time of the day or night.



Students can use any internet-connected device to make a notification at any time. The web-app prompts students to write a short description of an incident involving bullying or harm. They can also upload supportive evidence using screenshots of aggressive, threatening or harassing social media content or messages.

Stymie is a web application, meaning that students can access it via any internet browser. They do not have to download anything from a website or store.

Any child at a Stymie-registered school can make a notification about themselves or someone they believe is being bullied or harmed. This notification is automatically forwarded to the school, and managed by the appropriate members of staff.

Stymie helps schools overcome the bystander effect by enabling their students to report incidents of bullying and harm, safely and anonymously. Schools receive notifications via email, dealing with them according to their existing wellbeing framework.

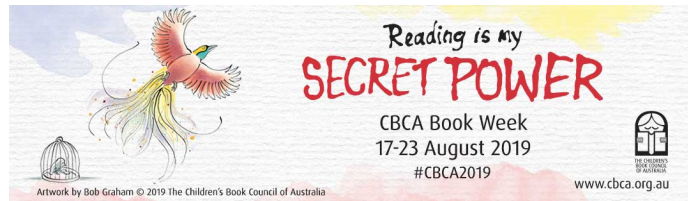
Rachel ran an introductory session with each year group and delivered information on not only how to use the Stymie system but also crucial information regarding self-harm, suicide, social-media responsibilities and bullying.

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Library News

CBCA Book Week 17-23 August



To celebrate Book Week the library will be hosting a whole swag of activities and events, including two competitions that are open to all students.

1. Creative Writing Competition

Students are invited to submit an original story that uses the idea of a secret OR a secret power as an integral element. The story should be between 500 to 1000 words and needs to be submitted to Ms Henderson in the library on (or before) Monday 19 August. The winner will be announced at the Book of the Year luncheon, which will be held in the library on Friday 23 August. The winning story will be awarded a \$100 Far West Gift Card.

2. Bookface Challenge Photography Competition

The Bookface Challenge involves finding a book that has a face or a body part as the central image on the cover and photographing yourself holding the book so it covers your own face or body part. Here are some examples:



<https://www.smores.com/84zvs-bookface-challenge>



https://twitter.com/otter_books_inc/status/995082769322536961

Students can use the library to find an appropriate book cover, or source a book from their personal collection. The photograph can be printed or submitted as a digital file. Entries close on Monday 19 August and the winner will be announced at the Book of the Year luncheon, in the library, on Friday 23 August. The winning photo will be awarded a \$50 Far West Gift Card.

Senior Book Club

Because of the popularity of our Book Worm Buddies Book Club, a second book club for senior students has been launched. The Book Worm Buddies is ideal for students in Years 7 and 8 and continues to meet in the library at lunchtime on Thursday Week A.

Senior Book Club is great for students in Years 9 to 12 and now meets in the library at lunchtime on Tuesday Week B. This week, the Senior Book Club received their copy of the book we will all be reading this term.



The Raven's Tale is historical fiction that explores the life of Edgar Allan Poe as a 17-year-old by Cat Winters, an award-winning, critically acclaimed author who is known for her skill in blending history with the supernatural.

New members are always welcome – see Ms Henderson in the library if you would like to join the Senior Book Club 😊

T Henderson

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.



Book Club

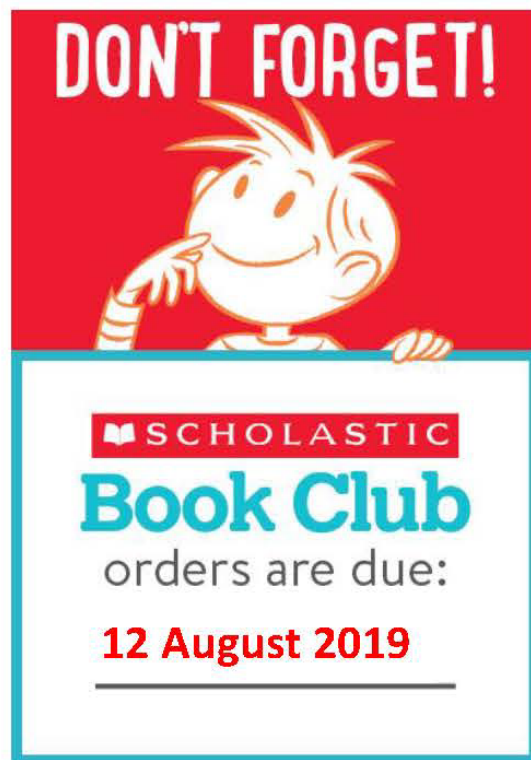


Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 is available now!

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.

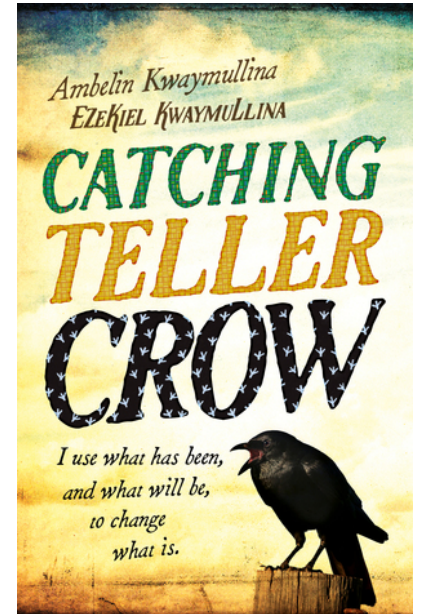
It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your student's order is submitted directly to Scholastic and the books will be delivered (free of charge) to school. You can place your order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) 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!



Book Review - Catching Teller Crow

This amazing novel defies all readerly expectations. Is it a ghost story? Is it crime fiction? Is it magical realism? An Aboriginal Dreamtime story? Is it prose or poetry? Actually, it is all of these things and so much more. It is compulsive reading – you won't want to put it down! Having said that, when I finished reading it, I needed to just sit with it for a while to process everything. In fact, I'm still thinking about *Catching Teller Crow*, which is the sign of a very powerful story.



The mystery that is central to the plot is told through two characters. Beth, a totally relatable 15 year old, and the strange yet charismatic Catching.

While Beth is exactly like most teenaged girls (she questions her identity, fights with her dad, can be incredibly selfish at times) there is one surprising difference: Beth is a ghost and her dad is the only one who can see and hear her! Beth feels responsible for her dad – he is withdrawing from family, work and life in general because of his overwhelming grief.

So Beth stays close to him and encourages him to really investigate a suspicious fire and the unknown victim. Beth's dad is a senior detective whose job it is to assist country cops with complex investigations and Beth knows that if her dad can just find the passion he used to have for his work that he will be okay.

Through their investigation, they meet a witness, Catching, whose story draws Beth and her father into a very dark place and makes them question everything they thought they knew about humanity, about crime and its impact - not just on survivors but the intergenerational damage that becomes the sad legacy of traumatic experiences.

The ending of *Catching Teller Crow* gave me goosebumps! If you enjoyed *The Lovely Bones* (Alice Sebold) and *Life of Pi* (Yann Martel) you will absolutely love this book! I would recommend this one for older readers, 16 years and over.

Catching Teller Crow is available to borrow **now** in our library.

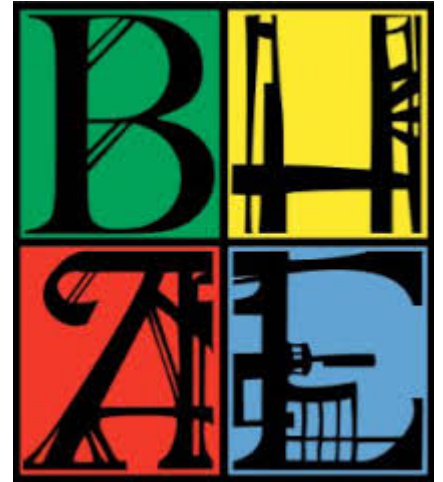
T Henderson

Art Competition

Entries are invited for this Art Competition and Exhibition. Artworks can be in any media, including all Visual Arts forms, as well as literature and performance. There are four categories for entries:

- Air, Water, Solar (sun/fire/light etc.) and Earth
- There is a prize of \$1000 in each category.
- Artworks will be exhibited around Broken Hill from Friday 18 October.
- Entries close 30 September

Please see Mrs Jones in CAPA for more information about how to enter.



Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 August – Love Bites (Year10)
 - Friday 9 August – School Athletics Carnival
 - Monday 12 August – School Development Day
- Monday 12 August – RASP information Night (Year 10-11)
 - Tuesday 13 August – Year 10 Art Gallery Excursion
 - Friday 16 August – Year 8 Art Gallery Excursion



Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that 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.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26 August and 6 September. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

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 August 20 2019.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

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This year our school has registered to participate in the **NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge**.

The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport and physical activity to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Over Term 3 2019, Willyama High students will be monitoring physical activity levels during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport lessons. Physical activity outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award. The aim is to work towards an average of at least 60 minutes of activity a day for ten weeks.

Our school will be working towards a roll group award at the conclusion of the Challenge.

We would like to invite families to support us in encouraging students' healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together.

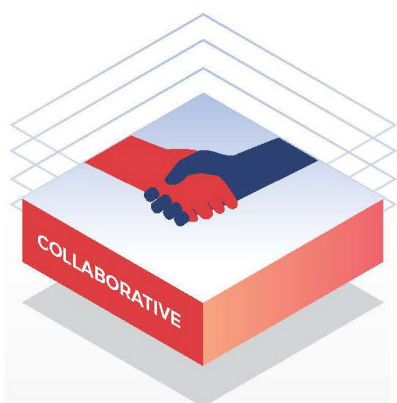
All students will be issued a log in and will be encouraged during Roll Call and PDHPE classes to download the free PSC Tracker app for smart phones, to aide in recording and monitoring their physical activity levels. Recording will occur weekly in Roll Call.

Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience.

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School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**



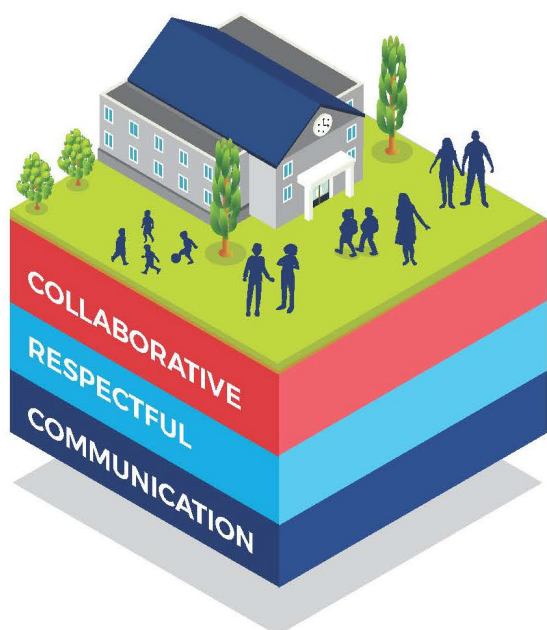
We work in partnership to promote student learning.



We treat each other with respect and fairness.



We communicate in a positive and constructive manner.



Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel safe and respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

Unacceptable behaviour:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.

We all play a part

Community News

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2 RETURN FLIGHTS
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