The winning entry of our Bookface competition submitted by Hanna Metcalfe
Principal’s Update

Our Year 6 into 7 Open Night was held this week and was well-attended by Year 6 students and their parents. Our Year 9 peer support leaders did a terrific job of showing groups around and providing information about our school. We look forward to more transition activities in coming weeks.

Book Week was highly successful at Willyama with a number of students and staff becoming involved in some great activities to showcase the importance and value of reading. There are more details and some great photos inside this Whispers.

We are excited to have the upgrade to our new Food Technology kitchen finalised and put to good use by students this week.

Junior elective night for Years 7 into 8 and Years 8 into 9 will be held on Monday night 16 September. More information will be sent home with individual students this week.

Another important event we are looking forward to is our HSC leaving ceremony which will be held in our school courtyard on 26 September at 12:15pm.

Grant Shepherd
Principal
Book Week 2019

The library hosted a full week of activities to celebrate Book Week, which ran from Monday 19 to Friday 23 August.

This year’s theme was:

![Book Week Poster](image)

…and so each day’s activity was designed to empower students by encouraging their love of reading!

**Monday: Book Trivia Competition**

Our trivia teams fought to prove their book trivia credentials!
Tuesday: Pop Up Library

Today, we took the library to the students!

Wednesday: Book Tasting

Students “tasted” and rated a selection of new books.
Thursday: Secret Power Riddle Hunt
Six secret missions: solve the riddles, follow the clues, find the hidden treasure!

Friday: Book of the Year Luncheon
The Grand Finale: a fancy dress party!
Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 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 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!

13 September 2019
Students are excited to get in and use the new domestic kitchen after extensive renovations have been completed. It is now a fantastic resource that models a modern day domestic kitchen. At Willyama students are able to access two amazing facilities in the Food Technology area, that being a full commercial kitchen and now the renovated domestic kitchen.

Mrs Shannon Bush

The before and after photos of the renovations to the Junior Food Technology Kitchen.
National Parks Excursion

Year 10 & 11 students recently visited the National Parks and Wildlife Depot to learn about career opportunities.

Willyama High School Parent Tell Them From Me Survey

As part of the survey process with Tell Them From Me we are inviting parents to participate in a parent survey and share their perspectives with the school. Parents are able to access the survey through the below link.

http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/d3nwz
Congratulations to the following students for participating in the Australian Geography and History competitions.

**Geography Competition**
- Hannah Beitzel
- Raidah Imran
- Sydnie Lindsay
- Piper Murray
- Faith Devlin
- Riley Mashford

**History Competition**
- Hannah Beitzel
- Sydnie Lindsay
- Samuel Smith
- Raidah Imran
- Riley Mashford

**Art Workshops**

Visual Arts and Photography students participated in a variety of workshops in week five, learning how to interpret their ideas in new ways. A big thanks to Blake from the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery, and to Louise from the Moran Arts Foundation.

Mrs Jones
Fowlers Gap Excursion

Willyama Year 7 students, along with Miss Kelly and Miss Garland, attended a one-day excursion to the Fowlers Gap Science Research Centre on Tuesday 27 August 2019. The University of NWS runs the Fowlers Gap Science Research Centre Excursion and on this occasion, postgraduate university researchers facilitated activities such as echidna tracing and water quality testing, as well as, species population sampling and astronomy skills. Students had a great experience and we thank the staff at Fowlers Gap for their enthusiasm and time.

Miss Kelly
Dates to Remember

Monday 9 - Friday 20 Sept – Year 10 Work Experience
Thursday 12 - Friday 13 September - AEGG Menindee Camp
Monday 16 - Friday 20 September – Macquarie University Walanga Muru Rising Star Leadership Camp
Monday 16 September – Junior Elective Night
Thursday 26 September – HSC Leaving Ceremony 12:15pm

For further information please go to https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy
**Community News**

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**Your Health Link Photographic Competition**

**Competition Theme**
Healthy Life Healthy You

Grab your mobile phone or camera and start snapping

[Link: yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au]

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**LIVING WELL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2019**

**Theme: My Tribe**

We are social beings. We connect and interact with people and places that we feel close to. Environments where we feel safe, secure, strong or supported. We are seeking photographs that portray people that you feel comfortable around and/or places that you feel comfortable being. It could be your family, relatives, friends or an iconic person in your life. It could be an event that you attend, gathering that you hang out at, or a place that you work to refresh and be inspired. Tell us about the people and places where you feel acknowledged, accepted, loved by submitting a photograph with a title and description (maximum 100 words) that captures your idea.

**Prizes**

1st Prize: $300
2nd Prize: $200
3rd Prize: $100

**Information & Registration**


**Submission By**

30.09.2019

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**South Community Centre**

**GAME ON**

9am until 3pm

For more information contact
Sam 0400 895 719

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