



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

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TERM 4 WEEK 8

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DATE/EVENTS

*Homework Centre Mondays 3.30pm to 5.00pm Weeks A & B
Thursdays Week A ONLY*

*Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Wednesdays*

Tuesday 3rd December - Formal Assembly

Thursday 5th December - Discover Dubbo
Excursion Rooms 1 & 2

Monday 9th December - PRESENTATION
EVENING

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Students of the Term for Term 4



Year 7 Claire Piper



Year 8 Tyson Deebank



Year 9 Cate Smith



Year 10 Ebony Martin



Year 11 Amber Bates

**Congratulations to our
Students of the term
and
Sportspersons of the term for
2019**



Abbie Smith



Cooper Black



Principal's Report

Dear School Community,

There is a saying, "the more things change, the more they stay the same". I can't help but think of this when sitting down to pen this final newsletter report for 2019. There has been substantial staff change, educational change, deteriorating weather, changing initiatives and seasonal change; yet there is a constant at Nyngan high School that I could not be any more proud of... the fantastic community of students and families that make up our school.

I am exceptionally proud to be the Principal of Nyngan High School, we have dedicated students, dedicated staff, supportive parents and caregivers and a supportive community who create opportunities for our kids that has to be admired. The resilience of enthusiasm is infectious, students keep coming back for more, to do more and to take on more opportunities. Yes, sometimes we need coercion, persuasion and patience but that is all part of growing our young people, taking safe risks, trying something new and yes sometimes failing. This resilience to keep coming back for more is the aspect of our community that I am most proud of and look forward to seeing where we end up in the coming years.

And in a similar light, I hope that when each student and family looks back on their year, it's important to reflect on what opportunities you grabbed with both hands and what things you passed up or maybe gave up on. I hope you took some great opportunities and had a chance to grow as a person or take on a new challenge and succeed at something you previously maybe feared.

In my first term here I have witnessed many highlights which make me proud to be associated with Nyngan High School, but this isn't about me this is about what opportunities our students have taken across the whole year. We have such a diverse school which shows strength in all areas: academia, sport, culture, creative and performing arts, career development, community engagement and leadership.

Some of these highlights include:

- ◆ The swimming and athletics carnivals- seeing our enthusiastic students participating to the absolute best of their abilities.
- ◆ Attendance and leadership from school members at important community events such as ANZAC day, Harmony Day, NAIDOC Week, Nyngan Show, School Spectacular
- ◆ Our SRC and junior AECG working tirelessly to run school events like Positive Ed games, celebration BBQ's and regularly visiting the residents at the Mick Glennie Hostel.
- ◆ Seeing our kids have opportunities to grow through programs like Duke of Ed, Braspeak, Sista Speak, Aboriginal dance, Drumbeats, Art workshops and representative sport.
- ◆ The Tongling No15 Middle School students returning to Nyngan High, helping our students to experience a totally different culture and educational setting.



Reminder for the Start of 2020

Whilst our school staff return to duty on Monday 3rd February, 2020, students commence the following two Staff Development Days:

Years 7, 11 and 12 students return on Wednesday 5th February

Years 8,9 and 10 students will return on Thursday 6th February

An SMS and Facebook reminder will be sent out early next year.

Alternate Work Organisation (AWO) in 2020

We are awaiting information regarding our AWO (Mid-Term break) from our Director Educational Leadership, Mr Charles Dwyer. Our school community and partners are all in favour of this arrangement for our school and I am hopeful to hear very soon about intentions from the Department of Education for 2020.

I will notify the community as soon as we receive any word on this matter.

School & Community Partners

I would like to thank our two major partner associations for their ongoing support of our school and a continued commitment to helping provide an environment which supports kids at all times.

The **Nyngan Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group**, led by Mrs Marea Johnson, is an asset of our community; who continually advocate for the best interest of our Aboriginal students, which is beneficial for all students. With the support of the AECG we have been able to offer a magnificent array of cultural experiences for our students and many opportunities for our community to embrace Aboriginal culture in a significant way. I encourage all school community members to come along and get involved with the AECG to help provide great opportunities and education for our kids.

The **Nyngan High School Parents & Citizens Association**, led by Mrs Neralie Quarmby, has been a very welcoming and hard-working group this year. They have again taken up the challenge to fundraise on behalf of our school and provide financial support and moral guidance for school decisions. Our P&C is a vital cog in the wheel as our school moves forward to provide a better educational and learning environment for all students. I would like to encourage all parents and carers to join our P&C to provide their voice in our school.

Major decisions in all capacities of our school are made in consultation with both of these community bodies, to influence the direction of the school, joining these bodies is the best way to have your voice heard.

Farewell to Staff

As with every school year, we farewell some staff members who are moving onto new adventures in many ways. This year we are only losing one of our team in a permanent capacity and one is taking an opportunity elsewhere in the community.

Mr Dal Forno has gained himself a permanent position through merit selection and is moving to Mudgee High School. Tristan has proven to be a wonderful staff member, who strives to have his students achieving highly in the PDHPE faculty.

Mr Dal Forno has been an asset to our school community and the wider community during his time here. We are exceptionally proud of Tristan and wish him the best in the future.

Mrs Wendy Robb has taken a contract at another local school for 2020. We thank her for her service and particular dedication to the SRC and the numerous classes she took on short notice. We have thoroughly appreciated Wendy's approach and application to making our school the great place it is.

Thank you for 2019

Finally I thank you all for your efforts this year and wish you a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. I look forward to what the 2020 school year brings.

Kind regards,

Benn Wright
Principal



Tongling Delegation visit to Nyngan High School and Community - 2019



Deputy Principal News

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands of the Wongaibon people and pay my respect to the Elders – past and present – for they hold the memories, traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the country.

A better understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures develops an enriched appreciation of Australia's cultural heritage and can lead to reconciliation. As a school community, we all have a role in creating an environment that values, supports, and uphold the rights of all its members.

It is always with great pleasure that I acknowledge our students, our staff and our parents on occasions such as these. When I reflect on the term I am reminded of our wonderful school, particularly our students. This term I have had so many opportunities to participate with students in learning and extracurricular activities and I could not be more proud of these young people before us. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this journey. As I often say, you guys teach me so much more than I could ever teach you and this term you have proven that once again. You have been resilient, inspiring and wonderful role models for our school. You took up many opportunities available to you, from sporting, dancing, cultural and educational, our students did it all: school spec, entertaining our Tongling visitors, visiting universities and dancing at a deb ball to name a few. During these activities you have shown us all what it is to take a risk, put yourself out there and step out of your comfort zone. I admire you for these qualities. It is not always easy to have this confidence, particularly when we live in an isolated rural setting, but you have embraced these challenges and grown tremendously. You have shown that distance is no barrier. Thanks must go to the committed staff and parents who make these opportunities available, without you they would simply not be possible.

As students you may not always get it right, but mistakes are what make us stronger and without them, we cannot grow. Trust me, as adults we do not always get it right either, but we need to learn from these challenges and rise together through tough times. In this stressful and busy world we live in, it can be easy to get caught up in the negative, however, this term you have epitomised lifelong learning and positivity. We could all learn a lot from you. Thank you for being you and reminding us that life and learning are fun and exciting.

The following students have exemplified these very characteristics and are recipients of the positive education awards for Term 4.

Year 7 Charlotte Ryder

Year 7s little pocket rocket has grown in confidence over the last year. Never backing away from a challenge, she has always been willing to give new things a go, proving to herself and others that anything is possible if you simply just try. A powerful message to all. Keep up the great work!

Year 8 Siarra Chatfield

Siarra is a quiet achiever who goes about her business on a daily basis. She is not quick to judge and is a friend to all. She demonstrates the core values we hold dear at Nyngan High School and always maintains a positive outlook.

Year 9 Jack Buchanan

Jack is always looking to be the best Nyngan High School student he can be. He strives for academic success, represents his school with pride, and displays great enthusiasm in the way he is always looking for a new challenge.

Year 10 Nicholas Monaghan

Nic is unfailingly kind. He has an amazing ability to know when someone is upset or not coping. He will often notice even before the teacher does and let them know. Nic hates to see other people disrespected or mistreated and always looks out for those around him, staff included. He also has a winning smile and wicked sense of humour, you can always count on him for a laugh.

Year 11 Randell Robb

You consistently display an impressive work ethic and apply it to everything you do. You work tirelessly and without fuss to get through anything life throws your way. You hold your morals close and stand up for what you believe in. These values you encompass are those that will bring you endless success. Keep up the good work and don't back down.

The students who have received 100% attendance for the term are:

Jet Besant, Angela Tang and Max Hoare

In closing, I would like to officially welcome Benn Wright to the Principalship at Nyngan High School. I know firsthand what a tough gig it can be and he has risen to the challenge not only in our school but already in the community. It has been a great start to his time as principal and we all look forward to working with him for many years to come. What a great school he has landed in.

Thank you to our entire school community for a huge year and I look forward to many more ahead.

Angie Bush
Deputy Principal



P&C News

A big thank you to all those who have volunteered to assist the P&C this year. From manning the Nyngan Show and Nyngan Senior Rugby League gates, selling raffle tickets and to attending our meetings that are held twice each term, your help was greatly appreciated.

I would also like to sincerely thank Mr Wright and Mrs Bush for their invaluable guidance and time to our P&C this year.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing time over the holidays.

**“May the Christmas season fill your home with joy,
your heart with love and your life with laughter”**

Thank you

Neralie Quarmby - President



TAS/PDHPE Newsletter

As we are coming to the end of 2019, the TAS/PDHPE Faculty have begun reflecting on all the teaching/learning and extra-curricular activities our students have participated in this year. We have students represent Nyngan High School in Rugby League, Netball, Touch Football, Cricket, Agriculture and Primary Industries, Dance and Careers. Each student that participated in these activities showed tremendous school citizenship, pride and represented Nyngan High School to the best of their ability.

Mrs Smith returned this week from the ‘Aspire Year 8 Beyond the Gate’ Program in Sydney. The Aspire program is designed to introduce students to a University environment and to encourage them to think more broadly about their future. We hope Brydie, Tyson, Connor and Ebony enjoyed their time in Sydney and we thank Mrs Smith for accompanying them on the excursion.

As the year closes, we have the hard task of farewelling a treasured staff member. Mr Tristan Dal Forno will be leaving Nyngan after spending 5 years with us. He has accepted a permanent PDHPE position at Mudgee High School, who will gain a passionate, supportive and extremely energetic teacher. Mr Dalf Forno has been an integral component to our successful sporting program, having introduced our girls to Rugby Union and opened the avenue for our students to participate at State level in Rugby Union. We will miss his goofy personality, unwavering support and maybe his ‘dad’ jokes...

The entire TAS/PDHPE Faculty is committed to providing our students with quality learning right until the end of 2019. Mrs Milligan will be working with Stage 5 Food Technology on Convenience Foods, with the creation of the recipe booklet that students will bring home in December. In Stage 4 Mandatory Tech, students will continue to work on sewing machines and complete activities that involve stitches, sewing seams and hems. Mr Dal Forno, Mrs Smith and Miss Stafford will be continuing to break down skills during practical lessons in the Net/Court Games unit of work.

Lastly, as I prepare for some time away on Long Service Leave, I would like to thank everyone for supporting me during my time Relieving as Head Teacher of this amazing faculty. We welcome Mrs Noelene Walsh back in the chair in Week 10.

Tiarna Stafford
Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE (Rel)

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



Nyngan V Dubbo

After a lengthy off season, Nyngan High resumed its campaign in the Alan Davidson Shield Open Boys cricket, facing Dubbo College on Wednesday. The lads knew Dubbo would be a formidable side, boasting a number of first graders and state representatives. Nonetheless, the vibe around the camp was strong and the boys were keen to buoy each other.

Dubbo won the toss and sent Nyngan in at Owen Payne oval, where the deck was looking immaculate. Unfortunately, mechanical issues meant the town's roller could not be removed from the pitch square and the game was moved to Number Two. Dubbo's confidence was palpable; electing to bowl first in school cricket errs on arrogance, but the Nyngan lads were up for a fight.

And fight they did. Opening sticks Rory Quarmby and Max Hoare blunted the Dubbo openers, with a delicate blend of good running between wickets and power hitting. What was most impressive however, was the students' willingness to get in behind the ball with a stoic defence. After 10 overs, we were none down and Rory and Max had done what had been required of them. Max was run out soon after for twenty odd and Rory was joined by his elder brother at the crease in a scene reminiscent of the Waugh brothers batting together during Australian cricket's golden period. At drinks Nyngan was 53, but crucially had 9 wickets left in the shed.

Bill lost his wicket looking to up the ante not long after drinks and Trae Smith arrived at the crease. Lacking the power of some of his bigger teammates, Trae manipulates the field by running hard and deflects the ball very cleverly. He and Rory put on a few before some (perhaps over-) aggressive running saw Nyngan's second run out. The Black brothers, batting 5 and 6, showing power that belies their small frames, sent a few lovely pull shots to the massive boundary. Trae, recognising their natural abilities, continued to turn the strike over beautifully. When they went, the skipper Tyler Martin joined Smith for the last couple of overs and the two put on twenty in no time to budge the total up to 5/154 off the allotted 40 overs with Trae finishing with an influential 25 not out. It was an incredibly mature batting performance from a young top order against a good attack.

Dubbo sent out some hitters to open their innings, but they were frustrated by the tight line and length offered by Martin and Brett Moon. Moon, whilst new to cricket, has all the attributes to be a fine quick bowler, most notably a desire to learn and improve. The first wicket to go was caught Black, bowled Black as Cooper was sure to hold onto a chance off the bowling of his older sibling. Could have been messy. Moments later, Kyle Hall pulled off an outstanding bit of fielding that would have made Andrew Symonds proud. Fielding at point, he dove to stop a well hit cut shot, picked the ball up whilst on the ground and with his non-throwing hand fired it in to the keeper, Rory, who removed the bails before the Dubbo batsman's bat was grounded. It typified the effort of the Nyngan boys in the field. Cody and Naite chased the ball hard. Trae and Rory had great chat and Digby, despite the presence of a fierce and bright sun, has a lovely pair of hands.

In the end, the Dubbo batsmen were too experienced and punished anything loose, to reach the total in the 26th over. Cheers to Tristan Dal Forno who scored and organised and goes above and beyond when it comes to anything Nyngan High sport. Thanks to the boys, who were an absolute pleasure to coach this year and will come back strong again in February.

*Mr T Miles
Head Teacher
Maths/CAPA*

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



Joining in at the ELC

This week Exploring Early Childhood have completed their practical application of their current assessment task. Students selected a picture book of their choice and created three different activities that could be done in conjunction with the book. The most fun and enjoyable part of the task was then reading the book to the Joey's Room at the ELC and conducting one of their activities. Although it was very nerve wracking Amber did a fantastic job gaining praise from the room leader and staff in the room.

Amber selected the book "There was an Old Lady who swallowed a star" by Peter Crombe. Her activities included sequencing what the Old Lady swallowed, looking at what the Old Lady swallowed and recognising the beginning sound then extending from sound to letter recognition. The activity that the children at the ELC participated in was to decorate their own Christmas Star which of course the Old Lady had swallowed.

A huge thank you to the Early Learning Centre staff and children for always welcoming us during our visits and being so accommodating.



Mrs Robb
Exploring Early Childhood Teacher

The Royals have Arrived at Nyngan High School!!!!

Our chickens finally arrived home on Friday 29th November and have settled in to their new home beautifully. Their estate had been carefully prepared and fluffed by the Primary Industries students who will be taking extra special care of them over the remainder of the year.

On Monday The Royals were put through the Inauguration process of being handled and weighed. All six of our pullets ranging 678 g to 774g have already consumed over 2kg of food - which has to be weighed as well. Duchess Catherine, Duchess Meghan, Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie, Princess Anne and Princess Charlotte have been enjoying the dusty weather and checking out the Ol' Girls that already rule the Chook House. Although they are not allowed to mix they do have a good chat over the fence.

With weekly weigh ins set to soar especially with the amount of food they are consuming it will take no time at all for them to begin laying eggs.



Mrs Walsh's Roosters have taken back to back titles. It is now up to her Feathered Princess to do the same. Watch out Royal Easter Show 2020!

Mrs Robb
Relieving Primary Industries Teacher



Western Sydney University
Rural Indigenous Student Visit

In Week 7, six students and Miss Boyden were fortunate enough to attend the WSU Rural Indigenous Student Visit. The excursion took place from Monday to Friday and saw Will Gudgeon, Reagan Stanley, Lilly Meldrum, Carol Lord, Bella Leatham, and Toby Palmer travel to Sydney for a week of workshops and cultural experiences across 3 campuses.



On Tuesday, students went to technology based workshops, programming actions into robots and creating rockets that were then launched. Carol decided to launch her rocket again, and the heavy rains started pouring and her rocket, aptly named the Cazdog after it's creator, was never seen again. She had a great time though!

On Wednesday, we travelled to Hawkesbury campus where we were able to participate in workshops on agriculture, environmental science, and forensic science. Perhaps the most exciting of them all was the animal science workshop where Reagan spent the better part of an hour bonding with a black headed python named Witchy, and Carol conquered her fear of snakes.



In the afternoon, students participated in cultural activities. Our students sat enthralled as Bigambul elder Uncle Wes Marne told us stories of his childhood and Dreamtime stories.

After that, they enjoyed some painting, using traditional Indigenous symbols to inspire them. Reagan gifted her artwork to Uncle Wes in appreciation.



Thursday was a huge day and the kids were exhausted but still engaged in heaps of great workshops. Lily and Bella were fortunate enough to

bring a plastic mannequin back to life so he could live to see another day.

The action didn't just happen during the day! During the night, the camp guides had set up some awesome activities for students to complete including trivia, team building games, basketball, a movie night, pool and ping pong, and a talent quest! Carol won best dancer at the talent quest and received a huge box of chocolates for her efforts, much to the delight of Miss Boyden who snuck some later on.

As we were getting ready to go, we reflected on what an awesome time we had. The kids made awesome friends, they had great information given to them, and a few of them are considering university!



LOTE News

This term, 4E LOTE were seen at times about the school taking photographs of flora, fauna and other natural aspects of our local environment. These photos were then labelled in both English and Ngiyampaa and have been posted around the school, spreading the beauty of our local Aboriginal language and culture. So if you happen to visit the school, have a look for the amazing photographs and learn some Ngiyampaa at the same time!

Punan (Dust)



Purruungkaa (bull ant)



Kali (Water)



R Partridge
English Teacher



Maths/CAPA News

The Maths/CAPA faculty have had a busy few weeks and are sad that the year is coming to an end very soon. Our students are still working very hard, especially our seniors who have either completed their first HSC assessments or are about to.

Year 12 Standard 2 sat their first HSC assessment task last week and although the expectations of Year 12 may have come as a shock to them Mr Lennon is confident they will rise to the challenge. **Stage 5 Maths** are working out the odds; are they certain, even, likely or not likely???? Although in class they are studying the probability of throwing even numbers on dice, they are all certain that they will enjoy the Christmas break. **Stage 4 Maths** are learning about the history of numbers. They are discovering how numbers first came about by looking at how ancient groups used number systems. This includes making notches with sticks and counting with pebbles. They also look at how communities have expanded overtime and how their need for larger numbers grew. In response many civilisations invented symbols for large numbers. Now we have a system of 10 symbols (0-9) which can make up any number no matter the size.



The Music department have been busy teaching our Tongling Delegation some drumming techniques. **Year 12** have been selecting their elective music pieces which they will study until the end of Year 12. No pressure!!!!

A group of students have formed a Christmas Choir and have been practising singing Christmas Carols for the upcoming Carols by Candlelight. Miss Collier is sure they will make our school very proud. A shout out to Kailee, Elizabeth and Jordan for their amazing performances at the Tongling assembly last week.

Miss Hughan's Art classes are completing masterpieces. **Year 12** have been working on concepts for their Body of Works, this can be very challenging and confronting for some as they will need to stick with this idea for the next 3 terms.

Stage 5 Visual Arts have been doing graphite drawings with great success, think drawings of dogs, horses, koalas and cockatoos. Stay tuned for a sneak peek in the next newsletter.

Stage 5 Photography have been directing and producing a music video clip for "The Git up". A shout out to all of the brave students who have performed in front of the camera.

Stage 4 Visual Arts students are learning about perspective and have completed a series of one point perspective drawings.

I hope everybody enjoys the last couple of weeks before a well-earned break.

Miss Hughan



Checking in with the Chook, Fantastic new books.



Otherwise known as Pig by Catch Tilly

A hard hitting and compelling novel about physical bullying and how it can destroy the victims—and what motivates a bully to want to be someone who is feared. Morgan, otherwise known as Pig by the school bully, is a smart mouthed kid who, even in the face of a targeted campaign of bullying, refuses to back down. The novel shows what happens when we have the courage to accept help and speak our truth.

Yr 8 up

The year we fell from space by Amy Sarig King.

Liberty likes to draw star maps, she knows where all the constellations are but chooses to join the stars in a different way. In-fact, she was going to change the way people see the universe, but now her parents have split up and she can't seem to make sense of the stars anymore.

The only thing that makes her feel any better is talking to her meteor—her meteor offers really great advice, but she can't tell anyone that.

On top of everything else she discovers that her father has depression and, when her sadness threatens to overwhelm her, she wonders if she too will develop similar symptoms.

Starting high school is never fun, but it's especially hard if your whole family has just fallen from space and nothing is the same as it used to be.

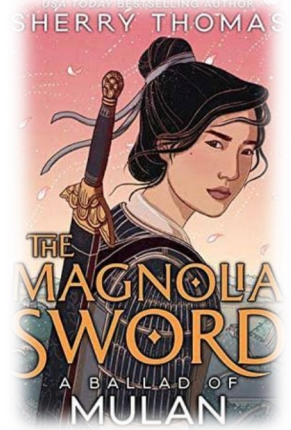


The Magnolia Sword: A Ballad of Mulan by Sherry Thomas

All her life, Mulan has trained for one purpose: to win the duel that every generation in her family must fight. Then a messenger from the Emperor arrives, demanding that all families send one soldier to fight the Rouran invaders in the north. Mulan's paralysed father cannot go and her brother is just a child, so she joins the army as a man.

Thanks to her martial arts skills, Mulan is chosen for an elite team under the command of the princeling, the royal duke's son. As they cross the Great Wall to face the enemy beyond Mulan and the princeling must find a way to unwind their past, unmask a traitor and uncover the plans for the Rouran invasion...before it's too late.

Yr 8 up

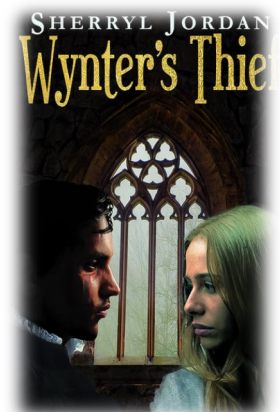


Wynter's Thief by Sherryl Jordan

Fox is a fringe dweller, with a T branded on his cheek that marks him a thief. He lives on his wits and moves from village to village. Wynter is a water diviner, chained by her drunken, gambler of a father. She finds water for a drought-strapped village, but they turn on her and want to burn her as a witch.

When Fox rescues Wynter, together they flee. They dream of finding a safe place, but Wynter is being pursued....and Fox is a thief.

Will they ever find a place where they can build a new life together?



Go! By Steve Worland

Jack has just discovered the one thing he loves: go-kart racing. With the support of his mentor, Patrick, and his best mates—Colin and Mandy—Jack must learn to control his reckless streak.

Only then will he be in with a chance of defeating the best drivers in Australia and win the national title.

This wonderful book, by one of the screen writers of Paper Planes (a great movie, see it if you haven't already) is to be released as a major motion picture in 2020. Get in early and see what all the fuss is about.



Furious Thing by Jenny Downham

Sometimes a girl gets furious because the world is an unfair place.

Lexi tries so hard to do everything right, but every time, somehow, it all goes horribly wrong and once again her Furious Thing takes over.

As her mother's wedding to John approaches, Lexi's anger is going to lead her to question everything about herself and who she really is.

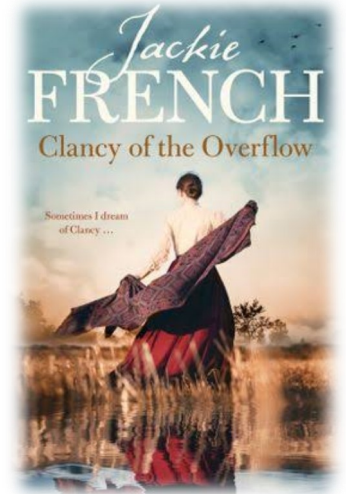
Yr 8 up

Clancy of the Overflow by Jackie French

The final book from French in the sweeping Matilda saga. Jed Kelly has finally persuaded her great aunt Nancy to tell the story of her grandparents.

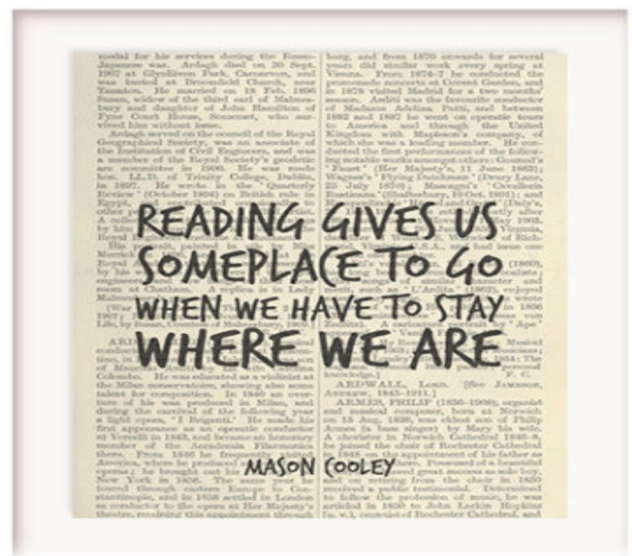
But the story is not the history that Jed expects. More tales lurk behind the folklore that surrounds Clancy of the Overflow.

This book explores the hidden stories of the women that shaped Australia's long history, that forged a nation, and whose voices need to be heard.



That moment when you're reading a book and the whole world around you does not exist anymore.

Incredible



Science/Special Education

It's hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for the year, it only seems like yesterday when I was writing the first one for the year!

The Science/Special Education team have had a busy year, with staff change overs and unfilled vacancies, however, it has still been business as usual in the classroom. I would like to thank the team of Mr Casley, Mrs Hamblin, Mr Walsh and Mrs Milligan for all their hard work this year. I would also like to thank Mr Matherson, Miss Collier and Mrs Robb who have also taught in the faculty this year.

As assessments for the year have been completed, Stage 4 and 5 Science are working on their team work and problem solving skills taking on a number of STEM challenges, such as building bridges and towers, looking at liquids with different viscosities to make lava lamps and trying their hands at special effects and tricks often used in the movies, while looking at the science which makes them work. The students are really enjoying these challenges and have been able to make plenty of links with what they have learnt this year.

The MC class have been learning about water and the water cycle in their Geography lessons and are working on methods to conserve and best utilize this precious resource, which is so topical in the current drought. There has also been some wonderful cooking produced by these students, which hopefully they have been able to reproduce for their families at home. It has been very pleasing to see the Stage 5 MC students participating in work experience at the supermarkets and primary school, allowing them to develop confidence and life skills. The highlight of their year is the Dubbo excursion which occurred on Thursday and I look forward to hearing the stories of their adventures and experiences. On a sad note for the MC class, we will say goodbye to Bryce in Year 10. He has been at Nyngan High School since Year 7 and leaves us to attend Dubbo Senior campus next year. It has been wonderful to watch Bryce grow into a fine young man, we will definitely miss his smile, but wish him all the best for the future as he moves into the next phase of his life.

Next year the faculty will have a few more changes, we will welcome Mr Arnall who has accepted a permanent position as a Science/Maths Teacher. We also say Bon Voyage to Mr Walsh who will be taking leave next year to travel. He will leave a big hole in the team and will be very much missed, but we wish him well and look forward to hearing of his adventures when he returns in 2021. Miss Scott will be joining us in the LaST role for 2020 and we look forward to having her join us and all that she will bring to the role.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday!

Emma Partridge
Head Teacher Science/Special Education



Science Happenings !!

