



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

20th to 26th November—Year 10 Rotary Excursion “Your City” - Sydney

24th November—SRC Day—Dubbo

26th November—Twenty 20 Cricket—Cobar

1st December—World Kindness day—Mick Glennie Hostel

2nd December—Stage 6 Industry Study Excursion—Dubbo

6th December—Platinum Excursion—Dubbo

FROM THE OFFICE

Reminders:

- **If you have changed address or phone details please let the front office know so the correct information can be updated into the system**
- **Could we please ask that any outstanding fees are paid to the front office - if you are unsure of what you have please call into the office and we can let you know - many thanks**

From the Principal

Hello parents and community members. As you are aware, we are fast approaching the end of the school year and although we only have four weeks remaining, I would urge you to ensure that your child is attending school everyday. All students will be engaged in meaningful, high quality work until the last day of the school year and it is an expectation that students attend school each and every day.

We are busily finalising our staff and programs for 2011 and am pleased to be able to confirm a number of changes that will come into effect on day one term 1 2011.

Lunch Passes

A decision has been finalised to remove the current lunch pass system. This will mean that all students will remain at school between 8.40am and 3.10pm each day. If parents wish to have lunch with their children, they are requested to pick their child up from the front office at 1.20pm and return them to the office by 1.50pm. The school canteen will be modifying its menu in 2011 to allow a larger choice of food and drink to assist with this. Occupational Health and Safety concerns have been the driving force behind the decision to remove the lunch passes. If you would like more information on this, please do not hesitate to contact me on 68321004 to arrange an appointment.

School Day

The length of the school day will alter slightly in 2011 to allow for a more structured pastoral care program to take place during roll call. The school day will begin at 8.40am rather than 8.45am. This will not affect any student who catches a school bus as all buses have usually dropped at the school prior to 8.30am.

Break Times

There has also been a slight change in the way that lunch time and recess will work. Instead of having a 20 minute recess break and a 40 minute lunch break, beginning next year, there will be two 30 minute breaks. This is after consultation with the student body and results that suggest our students are very hungry at around 11am.

School Uniform

Thankyou to those who responded to our uniform survey. It is clear that the majority of people are happy with the school policy on school uniform and as a result, this policy will remain. This includes the wearing of black leather school shoes. I would like to reiterate that any parent who has a genuine need for assistance with any aspect of our school uniform can make an application with the principal to assist with the purchase of a school uniform.

Staffing

There will be a small number of changes to our staffing for 2011. Some people will be taking leave while others will be leaving our school. I will publish this list once all changes have been confirmed.

Your City Excursion

This week Demi Jeffrey, James White, Aaron Leek and Nichole Wake will be attending Sydney to take part in the Rotary Club of Sydney's Your City excursion. This is an outstanding program of skills based workshops to assist with transition to senior school and eventually into further education or the work force. I wish these students the very best and I sure that they will do our school proud.

Beyond the Line

Last week, Nyngan High School hosted more students from the Beyond the Line program. This is a Departmental program designed to attract new teachers to Western NSW. I would like to thank Mr Sonntag for his leadership with this program and I am sure that the students had a wonderful time.

Year 8 Rich Task Presentation

An invitation is extended to all parents and members of our community to attend the Year 8 Rich Task presentations during period 3 on Tuesday this week in the library. A light lunch will be provided at the conclusion of period 3 for Year 8 and their parents along with those members of the community in attendance. For further information, please contact Mr Sonntag on 68321004.

Year 10 Work Experience

As yet, I have not had the opportunity to visit our year 10 students on work experience however, i will do that this week. I have been informed by a number of our host businesses or educational facilities that the students have been doing extremely well. Work experience continues this week. Year 10 students will return to school next week if they have not already arranged to extend their work experience program.

Congratulations

On behalf of Nyngan High School, I would like to congratulate Luke Wye who has been successful in his application for XSEL the virtual selective school in 2011. Luke will remain enrolled in our school and complete English, Maths and Science classes through online learning with other gifted students from around the region. Well done, Luke!

AECG Partnership Agreement

On 1st December, our school will host an assembly to recognise the Department of Education's commitment to the AECG. All parents and community members are invited to attend. Further details will appear in next week's newsletter.

I hope you have a wonderful week and I look forward to speaking with you next week.

Kind Regards

Chad Bliss

Year 7 Incentive Program

From the beginning of this term Year 7 has been participating in an incentive/rewards program. We have targeted the behaviour of "Following Teacher Instructions" in all of their classes. Each teacher informs me of every student's progress, from every lesson, in regards to this target. By no way or means is this system replacing or being involved within the school's discipline or merit levels system. It is simply to recognise those students who continually try their best in all classes and are displaying the correct behaviour of following teacher instruction thus ultimately learning.

Students have been able to express their ideas about what 'reward' they should receive. Some of these have been very interesting. At this stage, we are in the planning phase of establishing an excursion, albeit local. Once information is finalised we will be informing those students who are eligible.

Thank you to all of Year 7 who have taken on this challenge. It is wonderful to see the learning that is occurring in our classrooms. I have enjoyed my little chats and reminders at times over the term. Keep up the great work and remember: your behaviour, your choice – is it the right one?

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 68321004.

Mrs W. Robb

HT Mathematics

Mathematics Matters

Firstly I must say congratulations to Tyrone McPhee, who was the winner of last week's problem. He suggested that I eat the chocolate before I get to the car. I like that idea!

Nyngan High School has been fortunate enough to trial Mathletics for the remainder of this term. We have purchased a 12 month licence to cover 2011. Students will be issued with their login details this week. Please take the opportunity to have a look at this interactive site with your child. Not only are students able to answer questions and receive instant feedback they are able to access step by step explanations. This is another tool to empower our student's learning that we feel could assist them to achieve their best.

Year 9 Mathematics have finished off Consumer Arithmetic and started graphing straight lines. It is becoming tricky with their work, as they need to remember that $x=3$ is a vertical line while $y=6$ is a horizontal line. Mrs Robb has been constantly telling her class that this work is very important, just because it is the end of the year means nothing. They are sick of hearing about it but there were some questions on this topic in this year's School Certificate. No slacking off allowed.

Year 8 have been having a fabulous time in sport lately, there is a bit of rivalry happening albeit in fun. Although I am pretty sure Year 9 last Friday were aiming for me way too much in Dodge ball. I have since decided that this is one game I really don't like, my bruises agree. However rebound ball got just as competitive, but we all enjoyed ourselves.

Year 11 General Mathematics have been investigating interest rates and home loans. It is sometimes a difficult concept to comprehend especially when you are a teenager who has no interest in buying houses, just yet. No doubt they will look back and think of this time when they do venture into mortgages.

Just a reminder that there are the following assessment tasks coming up.

HSC General Mathematics – Financial Mathematics & Measurement (15%) – In class Test on Thursday 25th November.

HSC PDHPE – Health Promotions Program (10%) – Assignment due Friday 3rd December.

Important information

Please take note – I am not the only chocolate loving person within this school.

Last Thursday I took a box of 48 chocolates, large Freddo's and Caramello Koala's to school to sell. Guess how many were left over?

Well I will tell you. 5! Did you get that? 5!

I sold 43 large, giant, supersized chocolates, and I only bought 1! Honestly!

So who is the chocolate monster? Mmmmm.....

Remember,

We aren't meant to deal with life alone that's why God created chocolate.... EAT HEARTY!

Have a great week.

Mrs Robb

2010 Cattle Team

In 2010 the Nyngan High School Cattle Team was very successful. We attended the Nyngan, Coonamble and Condobolin show and brought ribbons home from each. Our team has been very strong this year and a huge thank you must go to Pat Bourke for all his work and Mr Bliss for his continued support of this program.

Sadly, we farewell three members of our cattle team. Hayley Lane, Emily Tilden and Brendon White. In 2011 Hayley and Emily will be continuing their studies at an agricultural college while Brendon is getting some hand on experience as a jackeroo before training to be a stock and station agent. I personally will miss all three of them as they have been both enthusiastic and diligent in their work and very valued members of the cattle team. I am very proud that they see their future in agriculture and look forward to hearing of their learning adventures.

Noelene Walsh

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