



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

1st December—World Kindness day—Mick Glennie Hostel

2nd December—Stage 6 Industry Study Excursion—Dubbo

3rd December —Discover Dubbo Day—Room 3 Excursion to Dubbo

6th December—Platinum Excursion—Dubbo

Pictured Below: Some of our students who took part in the Community Concert last week (And staff !!) Congratulations on a fantastic job! We have some very talented students and staff in our school and community



Below: Room 3 students wearing the masks they made at school—I think they may have frightened Miss Nagy!! What a great job they have done on their masks—well done

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

Welcome to another wonderful week at Nyngan High School. Last week was an absolutely spectacular week in terms of student participation, success and commitment to our school community. It is always pleasing to be part of the tremendous achievements of our school and to watch the way the school and wider community come together in such a positive way.

Community Concert

The community concert last week was two of the best nights I have had the opportunity to be involved in since coming to Nyngan in December last year. All of the performers from across our wider school community should be extremely proud of what they achieved under the absolute brilliance of Angie White. It is a tribute to Angie and her team for what she is able to accomplish with performers from 3yrs to 83yrs of age. Congratulations to everyone who was involved.

XSEL Selective School

Last week I informed you that Luke Wye had been selected to attend the XSEL virtual selective school for 2011. This week I am again ecstatic that I can announce Tom Waterhouse as our second student who has been successful in gaining a position in this highly sought after and exclusive virtual selective environment. We are one of only two schools in our region to have more than one student selected to be part of this program. This is further evidence that students who attend school in Nyngan can be just as successful (if not more) than students from larger regional and metropolitan setting. Congratulations to Luke and Tom. I am looking forward to supporting you in 2011 and beyond.

Rich Task

Last week saw the culmination of a lot of hard work by our Year 8 students with the completion of their "Rich Task". This task was based on the theme of Water and was designed after a visit to the Macquarie Marshes in term 3. Congratulations to those students who were selected to present their work to our parents on Tuesday last week. It was a wonderful hour listening to the passion and educational value that our students placed on this task.

SRC Excursion

Our SRC students spent last Wednesday in Dubbo as a reward for their leadership in 2010. All of the students had a wonderful time and I am told that the bus was twice as full on the trip home with Christmas presents and a myriad of other wonderful items.

AECG Partnership Agreement

On Wednesday this week, Nyngan High School will be holding a very special assembly to recognise the commitment between the school and the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). The assembly will run for 30 minutes from 11.30am and I would encourage all of our school community to take the time to attend and witness this very special occasion. For further information, please contact Kyri Martin on 68321004.

Platinum Excursion

Next Monday 6th December will be our Platinum excursion for all students who have reached Platinum level or higher in our merit system. We have about 45 students who are eligible to attend Dubbo for a fun day of ten pin bowling and laser skirmish. **A reminder that all notes are due to the front office by Wednesday of this week.**

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Declan Hoare for his selection for the third year in the Western Region Cricket team. Declan has been selected as the opening bowler. Congratulations also to the 20/20 cricket team who played in Cobar on Friday. The team won convincingly and Miss Stead and Ms King were extremely impressed with the sportsmanship and level of participation.

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

King Regards

Chad Bliss

P&C News

Hi Everyone. We had our last meeting for the year on Monday the 8th November which was very well attended. Steph Carter came and discussed face book with us for a short time and gave a slide show demonstration on how it works and the legal ramifications involved. I found this to be very informative and would again like to thank Steph for her time in attending and to the parents who attended also. I'm sure they would agree with me that we got a great deal out of it.

Well there is not much happening with the P&C this term other than our Scholarships and prizes for presentation night. The lockers have been ordered and will be available for use at the beginning of 2011. We are only having one fundraiser for this term which is a raffle that will be drawn on presentation night 13th December, 2010 as we know that coming up to Christmas is a busy and costly time for everyone. Tickets are available at Jazz Em Up Hair Salon and Nyngan Innovations and are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and you could win a \$300 open order anywhere in Nyngan which could be very handy just before Christmas. Thanks to Janelle for helping me sell the tickets and to Lyn Webster who will be having a day selling them at IGA. If anyone else could give up a couple of hours to sell some tickets it would much appreciated. All proceeds will be going towards the purchase of the lockers as we need to build some funds back up.

Thanks for a great year and for every bodies support throughout 2010.

Steph Waterhouse

P&C President

Nyngan High School

English HSIE Report

What has Year 7 been up to? The teaching and learning has continued at a cracking pace.

Year 7 HSIE

A small group of Miss MacDonald's students have undertaken a Collaborative Research Project in History. With no more than a deadline, the resources in the library and their massive brains, these students have begun to plan, research and produce an artefact that represents what they have learnt about Medieval Europe. Students have approached this task enthusiastically and are progressing well. Stay tuned.

Miss Rixon's class has been investigating the lifestyle of Indigenous North Americans, and comparing this history to Australia's colonisation story. Students will soon create their own collection of North American Indian artefacts, including a dream-catcher, totem pole and tepee.

Year 7 English

Recently, Year 7 undertook independent study, researching and presenting a feature article on their idea of an Australian Hero. Miss MacDonald's students worked very well collecting, organising and analysing information on their hero which could be included in their final product. In the end the students had created many quality feature articles which looked closely at their hero's personal narrative, and explained their understanding of what it means to be an Australian Hero. Meanwhile, Mrs Bush's Year 7 class has spent fourth term studying an e-novel; a novel that is located and studied online. They have been very engaged in The Goob Factor and have improved their figurative language skills dramatically through the e-novel study. Parents might want to see what e-novels are available free online, and share the experience of reading with their child.

Cryptic Challenge:

The first student to come to Mr Cavanagh with the correct answers to these cryptic questions will win a **spectacular** prize*.

Headless shovel makes a dump. (5 letters)

Initially, a person eats primate. (3 letters)

Confused moon starrer stares at the moon! (10 letters)

* Be aware that your idea of *spectacular* may differ from Mr Cavanagh's.

Science News

Stage 4 students have been working on their Guided Research Project this term. This year's project was an investigation of the buoyancy properties of the Dead Sea and the relationship between the concentration of salt and the density of the water. I am looking forward to seeing the final results with year 8 projects due tomorrow, and year 7 also due this week. I am pleased to be back from my two weeks in Sydney HSC marking this year's Physics exam papers. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss science with very experienced science teachers who have a passion for their subject. Even meal conversations were scientific discussions and debates. It was excellent!

Please remember to ensure students are wearing the correct leather footwear until the end of the year as these are required for practical activities. It is very disappointing when we have an experiment planned and some members of the class can't participate. This is the time of the year that we have a bit more flexibility in the program and can delve into other interesting aspects of science.

Leonie Montgomery—Head Teacher Science

Twenty 20 Cricket

As the cricket team arrived in Cobar it wasn't long before wranger won his first toss and chose to bat. As the opening batsmen headed out it didn't seem to long and they were headed back to the sheds. Caleb took his place at the crease and after 3 short runs the leg stump disappeared! Wranger talked up his 50 on the way to the crease and his innings came to an end after that and he wasn't a wranger anymore he was a golden duck!

Then Jake and Ethan put 24 extra runs together on the board, and they both were caught. Dwayne and Josh put on 106 run partnership with Dwayne 38 and Josh 30 and then the sundries top scored on 40. Our innings ended on 182.

After a short lunch break we headed on the field to defend our score. The main wicket takers were Dwayne and Jake both 3-12 followed by Bailey, Jack and Caleb all taking wickets. Cobar were out for 76 and because of our tight bowling only 6 sundries occurred compared to Cobar 80.

This is the first time Nyngan have won the competition since it started in 2006. A big thanks to Mr Lupton, Olivia and Miss Stead and the bus driver.

Sport - Year 8

Over the past month the Year 8's have been participating in a fun competition during sport on Wednesdays. We helped set up six small teams of a five-a-side and organised a structured draw to pit each team against each other. The students came up with team names and really got into the spirit of playing fun, competitive sport. Over the month, the students played a variety of indoor and outdoor sports such as floor hockey, European handball, OzTag and soccer just to name a few. We've been really impressed with the students' willingness to participate and the sportsmanship shown throughout.

Congratulations to the "Bingo Baby" team of Nelson Salter, Jake Waterhouse, Tegan Douglas, Shannon Quinton and Rachel Tilden who won the competition and a \$25 voucher to spend at our wonderful canteen .

Miss Mander-Jones and Mr M Walsh

