



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

13th December—Presentation Night

15th December—Last day of school for students

School Resumes for Years 7, 11, and 12 on Monday 7th February, 2011

School resumes for Years 8, 9 and 10 on Tuesday 8th February, 2011

FROM THE OFFICE

Reminders:

- Could we please have all of the Year 7 Information for 2011 regarding the Burrendong Excursion and the General Information sheets to be filled in and returned to the school ASAP

Thank you

From the Principal

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2010. This has been a wonderful year for so many reasons. We have had success academically, in the sporting arena, through creative and performing arts, in student leadership, through cultural experiences and through citizenship.

It has been an absolute pleasure leading such a wonderful team of dedicated professional staff and enthusiastic and motivated students, the majority of whom strive to achieve their best each and every day. This year will culminate with our annual presentation evening tonight and I would encourage each and every one of you to make the effort to attend what will be a highlight on our school calendar for 2010.

Last Friday our Year 10 students had their graduation ceremony to mark the completion of their first four years of high school. For many of these students, they will return in 2011 and begin their senior years of schooling, for a small few, they will enter the workforce or further education and begin a different path in their lives.

Whatever the destination of all of our students in 2011, I would encourage you to continue your educational journey. When we stop learning, we stop living and it is through the education that you receive at Nynган High School that will significantly contribute to what and who you may become in later life.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a further three students who last week were successful in gaining entry into the Western NSW Region IXTEND program for 2011. This program offers students the opportunity to participate in an action learning program with 60 other students across the region. Congratulations to Bethany Young, Caitlin Willcockson and Zara Hoare (St Josephs) who will join this program at the beginning of 2011. Each of you should be proud of the achievements of your children this year. Striving for success and integrity is the philosophy on which we work each and every day and I am confident that each child in our school knows more today than they did on the 2nd February when they began the 2010 school year. All children have a better understanding of each other and how to learn. They all have grown as individuals and I am so proud of the achievements that they have made.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our school in 2010. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. I am excited about the journey ahead in 2011 and I encourage you to continue to share this journey with our wonderful school. Have a wonderful festive season, spend some quality time with your family and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 7th February 2011 ready for another exciting year.

With my warmest regards - Chad Bliss Principal

Last days of School

On Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th December the school will be operating on a slightly different time schedule. All students will be combined and will participate in a variety of activities. There will be no recess break during these two days however lunch will be extended: 11.30am to 12.30pm, the canteen will operate during this time. Tuesday afternoon has pool activities organised. It was essential that any student who intended to attend school on Tuesday have a swimming competency note signed & returned to school last Friday. If children attend school on Tuesday & don't have a signed note then the student will not be able to go to the pool and there will be other duties, like cleaning or class work, that will be arranged for the student at school, under minimal supervision. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 68321004.

Mrs W. Robb

HT Mathematics

Year 7 Incentive Program

As you are aware from the beginning of this term Year 7 have been participating in an incentive/rewards program. We have targeted the behaviour of "Following Teacher Instructions" in all of their classes. Today Monday 13th December those 15 students who were eligible, participated in an afternoon of fun organised activities at the pool including lunch. We had a wonderful time as you can see from the photo. Thank you to all year 7's teachers for their involvement in the program. Thank you to all Year 7 and congratulations to those who attended the excursion. Keep up the great work and remember: your behaviour, your choice – is it the right one?

Mrs W. Robb

HT Mathematics

Mathematics Matters

As you are aware from last week's newsletter I will not be Head Teacher Mathematics next year. I would like to thank everyone for their support, guidance & encouragement over the years that I have been Head Teacher, it was greatly appreciated. A big thank you to the Mathematics Faculty staff, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Smith, Miss Lidster, Miss Nagy, Miss Stead, Miss Mander-Jones & Mr Corby, for their continued dedication towards Nyngan High School, its students & making my job very entertaining. I have enjoyed my time as Head Teacher and no doubt will miss at least some aspects of the job.

It was a difficult decision, but as they say one door closes another opens. I have been fortunate to be able to continue classroom teaching 3 days a week & look forward to the new & exciting challenges that 2011 will present. I wish everyone a safe & relaxing break & a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs W. Robb

HT Mathematics

Girls Choices Maths and Science Camp, Newcastle University - Sunday 5th December – Friday 10th December

Ashlie Kennedy, Tayla Martin, Imogen Wardman and I headed off early Sunday morning for a long, wet drive to a little town called Newcastle. You may have heard of it? When we arrived, we settled into the university dorm rooms with our new friends from Gloucester, Woodenbong and Hay and got down to the important business of making awkward conversation.

Throughout the week we went to several lectures, including one by Bernie Gibbs (from 'The New Inventors'). We learnt how to test DNA, how a coal port works, what careers are possible in Maths and Science and toured the amazing library. Amongst all the fantastic learning and experiments, we also visited Merewether Beach where we were instructed that we could only go up to our knees....Ashlie. We patted koalas, enjoyed a 3D journey of the universe and danced ourselves silly at the 'fully hectic' disco in the Forsyth Cellar. The girls swam at the Forum and attempted to negotiate the huge blow up slides while I watched and laughed from the grandstand. A personal highlight was watching the nine girls in our house bond over the creation of an amazing outfit for the 'Waste is Art' fashion show from discarded fabric and found objects (ie. garbage). A personal highlight was watching the nine girls in our house bond over the creation of an amazing outfit for the 'Waste is Art' fashion show from discarded fabric and found objects (ie. garbage). A personal highlight was watching the nine girls in our house bond over the creation of an amazing outfit for the 'Waste is Art' fashion show from discarded fabric and found objects (ie. garbage). I'm happy to report that I was able to sneak in a real world Maths application when we needed to use the

circumference formula ($C = 2\pi r$) to determine the size of the neck hole. Maths + style = an awesome creation.

The week ended with sad goodbyes and the exchange of email addresses. As a teacher I could not have been more proud of the generosity of spirit, integrity and leadership qualities the girls displayed throughout the week. More than that, I wish I could bottle the fun and laughter we shared.....so I could sell in on eBay. I'd make a killing!

Miss J. Lidster

