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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

6th December—Platinum Excursion—Dubbo

9th December—Formal Assembly 12.50

10th December—Year 10 Formal Assembly 9.30am

13th December—Presentation Night

15th December—Last day of school for students



Pictured above is the group of SRC students who visited Mick Glennie Hostel for World Kindness Day. Pictured below are from L to R: Abby Lane, Brooke Carthew, Luke Wye, Kelsie Thompson and Damian Lewis with two of the Mick Glennie residents. A lovely morning tea was enjoyed by all.

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 Week 9. With only a week and a half to go, we are busily finalising plans for 2011. It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce our new Deputy Principal for 2011 as Nicole Hunt. Nicole has been Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts and Gifted and Talented programs at Muswellbrook High School for the past 5 years. Nicole will bring to our school a tremendous wealth of knowledge and experience and I am sure that you will enjoy her leadership style. I am also pleased to announce Mr Kingsley Hunt as our new Head Teacher Mathematics. Kingsley was Head Teacher at Nyngan High school in 1996 and has been a head teacher at numerous schools in the Hunter and Central Coast over the past 14 years. Both Nicole and Kingsley will begin officially on 2nd February 2011.

We have also been fortunate enough to appoint a number of other staff for 2011. These staff include Tara-Jane Ireland in Hospitality, Cecilia Swift in Music, Alex Hamilton in Science and Hellene Underwood in English.

Whenever we appoint new staff, it usually means that we farewell others. It is with great sadness that there will be a number of staff leaving us either permanently or for 12 months. Mr Manfred Sonntag will be taking up the Deputy Principal position at Chatham High School in 2011. Manfred has been at our school for the past three years as Deputy Principal and relieving Principal in 2009. I would like to sincerely thank Manfred for his leadership and commitment to public education during this time. We will be losing a dedicated, passionate and very able person. We will also be farewelling Mrs Wendy Robb as Head Teacher Mathematics. Wendy has been here for 13 years and has been a Head Teacher for much of that time. Wendy will be returning to our school 3 days per week as a classroom teacher in 2011 and will concentrate on other ventures along with spending some time with her family. Thankyou Wendy for your commitment to Nyngan High School over a long period of time.

Miss Malee Lipman will be taking 12 months leave to travel internationally and hone her hospitality skills in Japan. She will return in 2012. Mrs Angie Bush will also be taking 12 months off in readiness for the birth of her 2nd child. We all wish you the very best of luck.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Tim Graham who has been with us for only a short period of time but will leave a huge dent in the music programs here at our school. Good luck Tim with your new ventures.

Thankyou also must go to Tony Dawson who has spent 2 years at our school and will be leaving us at the end of the year along with Ms Lyndall Sue who has been our rural area relief teacher for 2010.

I would like to thank each and every one of our staff who are leaving the school the very best of luck in your future careers and I look forward to seeing the value you will add to your next school. I appreciate your dedication, passion and professionalism and I am sure that you will be successful in whatever field you pursue.

This week we will be interviewing for the National Partnerships Deputy Principal along with the Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer. I will be sure to let you know how we go with these positions in our final newsletter next week.

Church Service and Formal Assembly

On Thursday we will be having our final church service of the year commencing at 9.00am. I would like to extend an invitation to all community members to join our school in celebrating the achievements of Nyngan High School in 2010 at this service.

At 12.50pm on Thursday we will also be recognising the achievements of our students in term 4. Students will be presented with merit awards for their hard work. All parents and family of these students have been sent an invitation and I would encourage you to attend this assembly which will formally congratulate some of our student body.

Year 10 Farewell

On Friday at 9.30am we will be farewelling the graduating class of Year 10 2010. All parents and family members of our Year 10 students are encouraged to attend this special occasion to celebrate the achievements of Year 10 students over the past four years.

School Disco

On Thursday evening we will be holding our final school disco for 2010. Last week, a number of letters were sent out to students regarding their status about attending the disco. The disco will run from 7.30pm – 9.30pm and only students who have not been notified that they are on the excluded list are invited to attend. Notes must be returned no later than Wednesday and a copy of the school social policy is attached for your viewing.

Presentation Evening

Next Monday 13th December will be our annual Presentation evening recognising excellence across a range of areas within our school.

Could you please RSVP by Thursday of this week your availability to ensure that you will be able to access a seat.

AECG Partnership Agreement

On Wednesday last week, Nyngan High School was fortunate enough to host an assembly recognising the commitment between our school and the Aboriginal Education and Consultative Group (AECG). I have attached a copy of the partnership to this week's newsletter for those parents and community members who are interested. This is a great opportunity to forge an even stronger relationship between the school and the AECG to ensure that we continue to improve the education outcomes of our Aboriginal students.

I trust you will have a wonderful week and I look forward to my final newsletter for 2010 next Monday.

Below is a copy of the speech given by Jackson Williams Hedges at the AECG Assembly last week.

Kind Regards

Chad Bliss

Principal

" I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land where this meeting takes place today.

My name is Jackson Williams Hedges and I am fourteen and my grandfather is a Waridijari man, . my father is Bungalong and my mother is Wiradjuri.

I am proud to be Aboriginal and I am proud of my culture. I am lucky to have my grandfathers stories of my people and I have great respect for my elders knowing how much they struggled and continue to struggle to keep our culture .

My land is very important to me as I have learnt through my elders what our land means to us. It is our soul.

When I go to visit my grandfathers and mothers hometowns it makes me feel strong inside knowing that this is where my people came from.

At school I like that we still learn about our culture. I loved going to VIBE in Moree this year to be surrounded by other koori kids all showcasing their talents was a feeling you can't describe. The most important thing my family has taught me is that I must listen to these stories that they tell so I can pass them. If the stories stop then so will our culture".

MICK GLENNIE HOSTEL VISIT

Last Wednesday the SRC made a special visit to the Mick Glennie Hostel for World Kindness Week. The students took gifts along for the residents of the hostel and enjoyed a lovely morning tea.

The residents of the Hostel were delighted to have the students visit them and after a slow start many bright and happy conversations took place. The students heard many stories from growing up on the land, dancing and experiencing the war.

It was an extremely worthwhile activity that all enjoyed. It really made some of the residents' day and the staff have asked if we can make it a more regular occurrence as it was so rewarding to all involved.

Extract from Curriculum Support

Frequently asked questions

'Can a parent insist that their child is to wear soft shoes, not leather, in an industrial arts workshop and write a note to the school accepting responsibility of something happens to the child?'

In the absence of any medical certification, the Personal Protective Equipment requirement is not negotiable. A parent signing a disclaimer provides no protection for the Department. The student and parent need to re-evaluate participating in the subject.

Basically the PPE requirement is a condition of entry into the workshop or laboratory and was developed by undertaking a risk management exercise.

Parents, please support us!

Appropriate footwear is essential. We need your help in providing your child with the appropriate footwear and then insisting that students wear them each day. Correct footwear for sport is also essential to provide adequate support.

Some students are using footwear as an excuse for not doing work. We need your support to ensure students are completing their work to achieve their certificates.

Shoes make excellent Christmas presents!!

Leonie Montgomery

2011 Requirements

Being prepared for school is very important. Below is a list of the specific items needed for each subject areas. Should you have any concerns please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Regards

Noelene Walsh

Head Teacher TAS

Nyngan High School will be handing out a diary to all students on return to school in 2011. All students need a pencil case complete with pens, pencils, ruler and rubber. A USB Thumbdrive is also recommended. Students should also have a scientific calculator. All books should be covered and labelled accordingly.

MATHS 240 page exercise book (A4 is fine)

PDHPE 160 page exercise book (A4 is fine)

SCIENCE minimum 196 page exercise book (stapled not glued or spiral bound)

No loose leaf folders or books shared between subjects

ENGLISH / AUSTRALIAN STUDIES 120 page A4 exercise book for Australian Studies / HSIE

TAS—Year 7 D & T - 3 x 64 page exercise book plus display folder

TAS—Year 8 D & T - 3 x 128 page exercise book plus display folder

VISUAL ARTS - Visual Arts Process Diary

QUICKSMART

As a part of the evaluation phase of QuickSmart I need to survey parents/caregivers. I will be ringing home within the next week to ask you a few questions about what impact QuickSmart has had on your child. The survey should take about 5 minutes. Thank you in advance.

Tanya Buchanan

QuickSmart Co-ordinator

Peer Support

On Monday and Tuesday last week most of Year 9 went to the RSL Club to start our Peer Support Training for 2010.

Over the two days we learnt different strategies we can use when having the 2011 Year 7 students in peer support groups. We learnt about how to conduct ourselves during this and how to handle different situations by participating in lots of activities over the two days.

We focussed on what it takes to make a group work successfully and we created our own Group Agreements. Lots of activities helped us develop skills so we can communicate effectively. We also did lots of activities on empathy, decision making, problem solving, instruction giving and assertiveness.

We are looking forward to becoming Peer Support Leaders in 2011 and can't wait for Burrendong.

We would like to thank Mrs Hamblin and Mr Parker for the two days.



Students participating in an activity at the Peer Support Training day at the RSL Club last week

