



# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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## DATE/EVENTS

### UP COMING DATES T

#### 21st November

Year 10 Work Experience

#### 22nd November

Schools Spectacular Ex-cursion

#### 24th November

Western Studio of Per-forming Arts Dance Con-cert

#### 25th November

20/20 Cricket in Cobar

#### 28th November

P & C Meeting 5.45pm

#### 1st December

Formal Assembly



Tongling No. 15 Middle School delegation enjoyed a variety of activities while visiting Nyngan including above a shearing demonstration and catching a fish at the Bogan River.



## **From the Principal**

Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

Welcome to week 7. We officially have four weeks until the end of the school year. This time will go extremely quickly and I urge you to continue to support our school by ensuring your children attend school every day and they are encouraged to actively participate in learning.

Last week we were fortunate enough to host our Chinese friends from Tongling No. 15 Middle School. We had a great week and many students and staff had the opportunity to become involved in the activities that were arranged for the delegation. Although it was an extremely busy week with many planned activities, our students and staff thoroughly enjoyed hosting our sister school. We are now in preparations for our return trip during the first half of 2012.

On Saturday evening, our school band, under the direction of Mrs Hunt travelled to Warren to participate in the launch of the Relay for Life program. I would like to congratulate the band "Rewind" along with our parents of the students and Mrs Hunt for your ongoing commitment to furthering the performing arts capacity of our school.

## **School Based Apprenticeships**

In 2012, Tritton Mines will again offer two school based apprenticeships to our students. They will also be offering an Administration traineeship in 2012. If you believe your child would benefit from a career with Tritton Mines please read the details in this newsletter. Students have until 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to make an application. This is a fantastic opportunity which could secure the future careers of a number of our students.

## **Welcome New Staff Member**

I would like to welcome Mr Jesse Murphy who has joined our school for the final 4 weeks of the year in place of Mrs Swift. Mr Murphy is a recent graduate and is looking forward to his time in Nyngan.

## **Student Attendance at School**

As you are aware, it is a requirement by law that all students under the age of 17 who are not working full time attend school. Our school is currently reviewing a number of processes associated with the monitoring of student attendance. One of the strategies we are developing is a SMS system to notify you if your child is not at school. If you have changed your mobile phone number this year and have not informed our school, could you please phone Bev Bush or Melissa Salter to update your details. We will provide more information on this change as it is rolled out.

## **Congratulations HSC Students**

I would like to congratulate our 2011 HSC class on their achievements in gaining early entry into University. All students with the exception of one, who applied to a variety of universities have been accepted into their course of choice. We have students who will study subjects in 2012 such as Pharmacy, Psychology, Teaching, Science and Human Movement to name but a few.

## **Year 10 Work Experience**

Over the next fortnight, all year 10 students are involved in the Work Experience program. For parents, this means that all Year 10 students must attend their designated place of work as if they were going to school. If students are ill and cannot attend work, you are asked to contact the school as well as the employer. The businesses in Nyngan give up a great deal of time to support our work experience program and I expect that all of our Year 10 students will uphold our core school values whilst they are representing their families and our school over the next two weeks.

## **Dance Concert**

On Thursday this week, the end of year concert that Angie White coordinates will occur. For many of our dancers, this will mean that they will not be at school. Angie has written to all dancers and informed them that they are expected to be at the Palais at normal school time. I will receive a list off Angie of the students in attendance and ensure that students are marked at involved in community business. This will not affect your child's attendance. For students not involved in the concert, a note went home on Thursday of last week inviting all students to attend the concert on Thursday at 10am. All notes and the \$5.00 entry charge needs to be returned to the front office by Tuesday at the latest. Late notes and monies will not be accepted as we will need restructure our school day.

## **School Spectacular**

Good luck to our Aboriginal Dance and State Drama students who leave Nyngan tomorrow and travel to Sydney to participate in the NSW Schools Spectacular. I wish each and every one of you the very best and I look forward to seeing you all on Friday and Saturday night.

## **Yarning Circle**

A reminder that the third Yarning Circle will take place outside of the our school library at 1.30pm this Wednesday. For further information please contact Graham Parker on 0417915280.

## [Survey for School Musical](#)

Following is a link to a survey which has been set up by the Creative Arts staff. It is a 3 minute survey about what you may have liked about the musical and if you would like to see another one next year. I urge you to take 3 minutes to complete this.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L6FCCFX>

### **P&C Meeting**

The final P&C meeting for the year will take place next Monday evening at 5.45pm at the Caddyshack. If you would like to attend could you please phone Steph Waterhouse on 68321847.

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

With my warmest regards,

*Chad Bliss*

*Principal*

### **From the Deputy Principal**

#### **Warren Relay for Life Launch Concert**

Last Saturday night, crowds of people from Warren and Nyngan were entertained by Nyngan High School students, among other performers. Our students, Sophie White, Chloe Dunn, Brook Carthew, Nelson Salter, Malachi Dutschke, Caleb Dutschke and Lee Wright performed a total of four musical items – “Apologise”, “I’m Yours”, “New Divide” and “Someone Like You”. Five students from Western Studio of Performing Arts also danced two numbers – one jazz ballet piece and one tap dance. Ellie Smith, Zara Hoare, Britt McClelland, Emerson Alderson and Jarrod Blake sparkled in their beautiful costumes. The audience were extremely appreciative of our students’ talent and professionalism on the night. Thanks goes also to the parents who supported with travel and cheers from the audience – Melissa and Steve Salter, Di Dunn, Michelle Blake, Nicole Alderson and Leonie Smith. A special mention to Leonie Smith who invited our students to perform, they gained experience in performing to an audience that did not know them well and came through with flying colours!

#### **String Ensemble and Concert Band Rehearsals**

A special thank you to Mrs Swift who has been coming into the school to teach our students during their ensemble rehearsal times. This is not expected, seeing as Mrs Swift has just had her third baby, Freya, but is definitely appreciated by our enthusiastic students. Mr Murphy, Mrs Swift’s replacement until the end of the year will also be in attendance.

They look forward to seeing students at rehearsals!

### **ESSA**

This week, students will be involved in ESSA testing. We wish our students the best of luck and trust that they will do their best work. External testing allows for us as teachers to know which areas to focus our teaching on to enhance our students’ skills and is a valuable means of self evaluation.

### **School Facilities Standards Review**

You can now have your say on the classrooms of the future by participating in an online survey as part of a comprehensive review of the School Facilities Standards. The standards, developed during the 1970s, outline how school facilities are designed and built. The review will consider changes in the way education is delivered, technological advances and increased community expectations.

Your ideas will be used to assist in creating design standards that will inform the development or refurbishment of schools that are appropriate for the future. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is open until November 28. [www.surveymonkey.com/sfsparent](http://www.surveymonkey.com/sfsparent)

### **Short Film Competition**

Bicycle NSW is calling all budding film makers to submit a three-minute video to promote bike riding as a sustainable, healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport and recreation. The film does not have to have dialogue and is free for all schools and students under 16. The prizes are \$1000, \$500 and \$250. Entries close 3 February 2012. For more information and to register: <http://bicyclensw.org.au/content/calling-all-budding-film-makers>

### **Safe Partying**

Final exams are nearly over and many students will want to let off steam. Whether your teen parties at home or on the Gold Coast, you will want them to have fun yet stay safe.

Being approachable and knowledgeable about the potential risks is a good start. Some good information for parents can be found at:

School A to Z: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/time-to-party>

My Nite: [www.mynite.com.au/](http://www.mynite.com.au/)

Drug Education Network: [www.den.org.au/resources/parent-info/](http://www.den.org.au/resources/parent-info/)

*Kind Regards,*

*Nicole Hunt*

*Deputy Principal*

## **P&C News**

Hi Everyone,

Just a reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm at the Caddyshack, Nyngan Golf Club. Items on the agenda will be the mid term break, and having a chaplain at the school, fundraising for the sound equipment and various other items relating to 2012. Hope to see you there.

*Stephanie Waterhouse*

*Nyngan High School P&C Association*

*President*

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### **Room 3**

#### **ASX Game**

Our class competed in the Australian Stock Exchange competition where we all had \$50,000 to invest in a variety of shares. We were able to invest in companies like Commonwealth Bank, Pizza Hut and Video Ezy. We could buy and sell over a four week period. Tyrone was victorious with a profit of \$2,414.93 from a well-balanced portfolio. The 3 girls (Rhi, Jess and Coral) in the class were in the top 5 and showed great skill with their investing. Mr Walsh came 8<sup>th</sup> and was two spots higher than Johnathon who came last. Awesome fun!!!!

*Tyrone*

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### **Problem of The Week**

We had no entries for teh squares and rectangle problem last week. So, get out last week's newsletter and see if you can locate al the squares and rectangles. Late news .....Helene Galvin was another correct entry in the circle problem from the previous week. Well done!!!

*Tanya Buchanan*

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### **TAFE Certificate III in Agriculture**

Year 12 student Declan Hoare has just completed a Certificate III in Agriculture as well as his HSC studies. This is a competency based course, no theory exams, that was originally scheduled to be completed in 2012. Due to Declan's higher level of skills and the high level of practical hours he has worked on the farm he has just been notified that he has completed the course this year. Throughout the year he travelled to the TAFE Rural Skills Centre in Dubbo to complete 4 blocks of Theory and Practical classes. This required him to be out of his Nyngan High HSC classes for over 2 weeks. If he had not already completed some of the modules he would have been out of HSC classes for over 4 weeks.

The courses covered were Farm Machinery Servicing; Farm Safety; Certificate I in Chainsaw Use and Safety; Tractors and GPS (satellite management of tractor movements in a paddock); Stock Handling and Working Dogs; Livestock Production- Sheep and Cattle; Conventional Fencing; Electric Fencing design and Fire Fighting. The students also attended a National Sheep show, travelled to a sheep stud and also attended the fat lamb sale on a Monday at the Dubbo Saleyards to have practical experience in the fat scoring and marketing of sheep. Declan was able to achieve the certificate III this year as he had already completed Certificate II in his Primary Industries course completed in year 9 and 10. There are many career benefits skill wise to being able to complete a certified traineeship whilst completing the HSC studies, as well as enabling the student to earn award wages or above and save a substantial amount of money whilst still living at home.

In 2012 Declan is planning to further his career in the agriculture industry as well as continue his representative cricket commitments- beginning next week with his invitation to play in the state u19's carnival in Sydney.

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*Careers*



### **School Based Apprenticeship in Plumbing**

Year 11 student Josh Sibbald has completed his first year of a Plumbing Certificate 111 with a local employer. Josh has completed one day each school week of work experience with his employer as his on the job training. He has attended Orange TAFE to complete his off the job training in 3 day blocks every 3 to 4 weeks. Josh has fulfilled his obligations with enthusiasm and commitment.

School Based Apprentices are required to enter into a training contract for a nominal duration of generally five years, comprising two years part-time in Years 11 and 12, followed by three years full time after completing the Higher School Certificate. The advantages of completing a School Based Apprenticeship are that you receive a Higher School Certificate while being paid for part time work and you attend a structured work based training delivered by TAFE.

Becoming an apprentice is an exciting and challenging time. By combining work and study you quickly gain the skills and experience you need to create a successful career.

For more information see your Careers Advisor or go to [www.sbatinnsw.info](http://www.sbatinnsw.info)



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### **WINNERS !!**

The winners of the raffles for the Schools Spectacular were: Jan Sammut won the first prize of \$500.00; Paul McGregor won the TV / DVD and Khan from the mines won the Watch and Voucher - Congratulations to our lucky winners and thank you to everyone who supported the School Spectacular by purchasing tickets.



Pictured above are the dance group that performed in Warren on Saturday from L to R: Jarrod Blake, Zara Hoare, Emerson Alderson, Ellie Smith and Britt McClelland and below is the Band Group who also performed musical items from L to R: Chloe Dunn, Malachi Dutschke, Lee Wright, Sophie White, Oliver Dutschke and Nelson Salter

