



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 2011

TERM 4 WEEK 8

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

28th November

P & C Meeting 5.45pm

1st December

Formal Assembly

2nd December

30/30 Cricket Cobar

4th—8th December

University of Newcastle
Girls Summer Camp

5th December

Platinum Excursion

6th & 7th December

Year 10 Crossroads

8th December

Year 10 BBQ 5pm—
6.30pm

Year 10 DISCO 7.00pm—
9.00pm - for whole
school as well

PEER SUPPORT LEAD-
ERSHIP TRAINING

9th December

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12th December

Presentation Night 7.00pm
Palais Theatre

13th December

Year 10 Formal Assembly

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR 2011



Students from Nyngan High School and Public School who performed last week in Sydney at the Schools Spectacular. And below our students on the BIG STAGE performing.



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

Welcome to Week 8. I had the recent pleasure of travelling to Sydney on Friday afternoon to watch 16 of our students at the School Spectacular. In its 28th year, the School Spectacular is the pinnacle of performing arts talent across the Department of Education and Communities. There were 3500 performers involved in a range of performances from singing, dancing, bands, drumming and drama.

Our Aboriginal dance students were part of a 130 strong Aboriginal Dance Ensemble with students from schools right across the state. To say our students were fantastic would be an understatement. They were exceptional. The dance was choreographed by the Bangara Dance theatre, a world renowned Aboriginal dance company with some of the greatest choreographers in the world. I was truly humbled to be present to watch our students involved in a production that would make all of you extremely proud that your child attends a Government high school.

Along with our dancers were three senior students who entertained tens of thousands of people with their drama improvisations. Malachi Dutschke, Brooke Morton and Dylan Chadburne were outstanding as they posed for curious onlookers in the foyer of the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

This amazing opportunity would not have been possible without the commitment and organisation of Miss Roots along with Mrs Underwood, Marea Johnson and Raylene Weldon. Miss Roots planned, organised and calculated every minute of the 6 day trip and I would like to thank my staff for the hard work they put into making this opportunity a reality for our students. It is a performance that will remain with our students for many years to come.

I have been to the School Spectacular a couple of times before and watched it on ABC for the past 10 years. I have never seen such a wonderful production in the time I have been involved in Education.

If you would like to see our students, ABC will televise a one hour special on 18th December and ABC2 will have the full performance on New Years Eve this year. I can thoroughly recommend this production to you.

End of Year Concert

I would like to congratulate then many high school performers who participated in the end of year concert with Western Studio of Performing Arts last Thursday and Friday. I had the opportunity to view the show on Thursday and it was superb. Well done to all of our student performers. You were outstanding.

Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10 students are currently involved in their work experience program. All reports have been very positive to date and I would like to thank the businesses in Nyngan who continue to support our students and our school.

P&C Meeting

Tonight Monday 28th November 2011 will be the final P&C meeting for 2011. The meeting will be held at the Caddyshack restaurant. I would encourage all parents and members of our school community to attend, 5.45pm start.

Platinum excursion

Next Monday, 5th December our Platinum excursion will be held. Those students who have reached Platinum level in our school merit system will be eligible to attend. Notes will go home early this week.

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

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss

Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Hairspray

Congratulations to the many students in our community who were involved in the Western Studio of Performing Arts Concert "Hairspray" last week. Nyngan High School students and staff enjoyed watching as audience members last Thursday and felt enormous pride as we saw our Nyngan High School students succeeding in their dances. Nyngan is lucky to have Angie White and all of the helpers who made this concert the success it was.

Schools Spectacular

Last Friday and Saturday Nyngan High School Aboriginal Dance Ensemble and 3 of our Drama students performed for audiences at this year's Schools Spectacular. The performance began with Malachi Dutschke, Brooke Morton and Dylan Chadburne performing in the foyer as audiences entered the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Dressed in white costumes, they engaged audiences with their improvisations of their given characters. It was interesting to see that their fame transferred easily from Grease in Nyngan to white people at the Sydney Entertainment Centre as girls flocked around Dylan and Malachi as their fans.

Our Nyngan High School and Nyngan Primary School Aboriginal Dance Ensemble joined with many other schools as part of the Schools Spectacular Aboriginal Dance Ensemble in four performances. The students were taught by highly talented choreographers and dance teachers to perform to a level that they surprised themselves. They were fantastic!

For a small school with 19 students involved, Nyngan High School should be very proud of the Performing Arts skills that our students are developing. The students and staff were all extremely tired but I sensed a feeling of satisfaction in knowing that they had done a good job representing our school and learnt some additional skills during the experience. I was an audience member who was very proud of our students at the Saturday Matinee performance. The show was recorded and will be shown on the ABC in December, so have a look if you are able to.

Playground Behaviour

It has come to the attention of staff that students have been engaging in a new trend designed to annoy their peers called "Topsing". This involved using a hand to hit the top of another student's hat. Inside the hat there is a small metal disc that is pressed into the head and causes pain. All students have been spoken to about this activity, specifically those who have been participating, which include boys in Years 7 to 9. All students agree that this causes significant pain.

As such, they have been warned that anything that causes injury or pain is considered aggressive behaviour and will not be tolerated at school.

Nyngan Carols by Candlelight

Organisers of the Nyngan Community Carols have invited Nyngan High School student to participate in the performance of carols in the park on Saturday 10th December. Students will prepare two items to showcase the school's talent and join with others in the playing of many other group carols. Students are asked to see Mrs Hunt if they would like to be involved in this performance.

Australia Day Film and Photography Competitions

Two competitions are currently open that celebrate what it means to be Australian.

The Australia Day Council's Living Australian online photography competition is running with the theme of 'Make your Mark Australia' for 2012. The junior division prize is \$1000 and a Canon EOS 600D DSLR Camera. The open division carries a cash prize of \$4000 with the winning image immortalized on an Australian stamp.

The Reel Australian Short Film Competition is also open. Students can submit an original short film in response to the question: 'What makes a mark on your Australia?' There are three divisions: junior, open and mobile with prizes including cash, an iPad2 and a camera. Both competitions close on 6 December. More info at: www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au.

Healthy Lunch Ideas

We are all so busy in the lead up to Christmas, but it is still important to provide your child with healthy, nutritious and filling lunches and snacks at school. The School A to Z website has some great quick and easy lunchbox ideas.

The site has printable recipes and food tips as well as allergy buster lunches for the most sensitive. And remember as the weather warms up, freeze a water bottle and place in the lunchbox (wrap in a cloth to keep food dry) to keep food at a safe temperature for consumption.

Go to www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes

Youth Info a Click Away

Links and resources for young people on areas including: legal rights; school and beyond; health and wellbeing; disabilities; work and money; getting help; are available on the YouthNSW website. The site includes a comprehensive list of grants and funding available to young people to pursue specific projects. Go to: www.youth.nsw.gov.au/

Kind Regards,

Nicole Hunt

Deputy Principal



**CASINO
ROYALE**

Yr 10 Disco

When:

Thursday 8th

December

Time:

7pm- 9pm

Cost: \$3

**Come dressed
in your best
James Bond
outfit**

007

Casino Royale- Yr 10 Disco

On Thursday 8th December, the SRC will be holding a disco for Year 10 in the school Gym. The disco is from 7pm – 9pm and there will be a \$3 entry fee. Please see attached information and permission slip. The theme is **James Bond 007, Casino Royale** and there will be competitions and prizes given out for the best dressed students. It will be a great night full of fun to celebrate with Year 10. So come in your slickest outfit and see who the best Bond is!

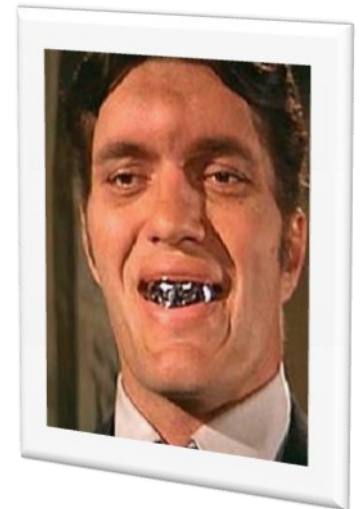
Miss A. Rixon- SRC Co-ordinator

Costume Ideas

James Bond- Choose your fav Bond



Bond Villains- Who is the best villain of all Bond time?



Bond Girls- come as one of the famous girls in your prettiest dress



Year 8 Table Tennis Comp

We had an exciting tournament last week with the Year 8s. One of the highlights was the convincing win by Cassie Bartley over Bailey Smith in the round robin. Tim Lewis, Jake Fitzpatrick, Ash Frankham and Pat Walsh all won through to the semi-finals and showed some great moves throughout. Pat Walsh showed us his style by defeating Jake Fitz and Tim Lewis defeated Ash Frankham. The grand final was an intriguing battle between Pat Walsh and Tim Lewis who had very different playing styles. The first set was enthralling as they traded points but it was Tim who held his nerve and took a close 11-9 win. The second set was also close but Tim took it 11-6 and was crowned the Year 8 champion for 2011. He was asked how he felt after winning the prestigious event and he said "No comment". Obviously overwhelmed!! Congratulations to Tim and all the people who played in the Year 8 table tennis comp.

Thanks

Brandon Hodge Piper and Mr Walsh



Pat Walsh Left and Tim Lewis Right playing for the Year 8 Table Tennis Champ. Congratulations to Tim who won.