



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 2011

TERM 4 WEEK 9

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

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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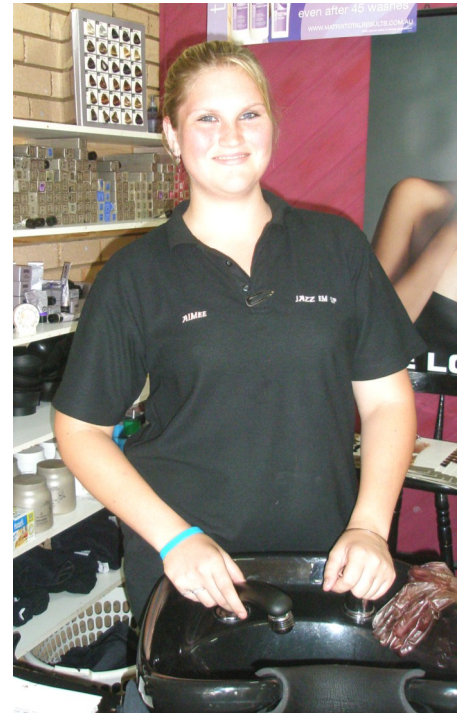
12th December

Presentation Night 7.00pm
Palais Theatre

13th December

Year 10 Formal Assembly

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE



Year 10 Work experience students at their respective jobs are from above: Oliver Hoare, Aimee Small and pictured below: Jorja Whelan and Dean Jeffery. Don't they look the part!!!!



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

Welcome to week 9. Last week we celebrated our final whole school formal assembly for the year. We had a huge number of awards handed out which continues to prove the great things that are occurring at Nyngan High School each and every day. I would like to congratulate all award recipients particularly our students of the term. Year 7 – Zoe Angove, Year 8 – Luke Wye, Year 9 – Nelson Salter, Year 10 – to be announced at Year 10 Graduation Assembly and Year 11 – Dylan Chadburn. Our sportspeople of the term were; Chloe Dunn, Zara Hoare, Jackson Hourn and Oliver Hoare.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Luke Wye who has been successful in his application for the International Rotary Exchange Program. Luke will travel to New Zealand during term 2 next year and attend a school with his host family. Luke and the Wye family will then host a New Zealand student at Nyngan High School in term 3. Well Done Luke!

Year 10 Camp

This week Year 10 students will attend a camp with Mrs Buchanan. The students will participate in a range of activities on Wednesday and Thursday culminating with their farewell disco on Thursday evening. I look forward to seeing all of Year 10 involved in this wonderful initiative.

Tongling Interviews 2012

This week we will be interviewing students who have applied to attend the 2012 Tongling student exchange. We are in the process of organisation for the 2012 exchange and Mrs Underwood and myself will travel with our delegation during the middle of 2012.

School Development Days 2012

In 2012, the school staff will again complete our mandatory school developments at the beginning of the year rather than at the end of the year. The staff will return to work on Wednesday 1st February 2012. Year 7, 11 and 12 students will return on Monday 6th February and all students will begin on Tuesday 7th February 2012.

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Congratulations to the following students who were successful at gaining a school based apprenticeship or traineeship with Tritton Mines last week.

John King – Electrical apprenticeship

Brad Brook – Heavy Vehicle Mechanic apprenticeship

Josh Kirkpatrick - Heavy Vehicle Mechanic apprenticeship

Brooke Davis – Administration Traineeship

These students will work either one or two days per week at the Tritton Mine site and will attend school for the rest of the week. Each student will then have an opportunity to take up full time employment with Tritton at the end of Year 12.

Arthur Hall VC Memorial Road Opening

On Thursday, I will be accompanied by 8 students from our student leadership team and will be attending the new Brewarrina to Coolabah road naming. The road has been named after Arthur Charles Hall. Arthur Hall came from Coolabah and Mayor Ray Donald has worked hard to have the road name changed in honour of Corporal Hall.

Arthur Charles Hall VC (11 August 1896 – 25 February 1978) was an [Australian recipient](#) of the [Victoria Cross](#), the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to [British](#) and [Commonwealth](#) forces.

He was 22 years old, and a [corporal](#) in the 54th Battalion (N.S.W), [Australian Imperial Force](#) during the [First World War](#) when the following deed took place for which he was awarded the VC.

On 1 September 1918 at [Péronne, Somme](#), Corporal Hall rushed a machine-gun post, shooting four of the enemy and capturing nine, with two guns. Continuously in advance of the main party, he personally led assault parties, capturing many small parties of the enemy and machine-guns. On the morning of 2 September during a heavy barrage, he carried to safety a comrade who had been dangerously wounded and was in urgent need of medical attention.

His Victoria Cross is displayed at the [Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia](#)

Presentation Evening

Next Monday evening (12th December) we will hold our Annual Presentation Evening at the Palais Theatre from 7.00pm. All parents and members of our school community are invited to attend. This is the one evening of the year that we are able to recognise academic, sporting and performing arts excellence. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Year 10 Graduation Ceremony

On Tuesday 13th December we will be holding our Year 10 graduation ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 9.30am and all parents and members of our school community are invited to attend.

I hope you have a wonderful week and I look forward to speaking with you for the final time in 2011 next week.

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss

Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Nyngan Community Carols

Several Nyngan High School students will be performing at the Nyngan Community Carols in the park this Sunday. They will rehearse during lunchtimes, sport and after school this week in preparation. It would be lovely to see a large audience at the Carols, so come along and support our students who will be performing and have a fun night getting into the Christmas spirit.

Day VIEW Club Performance

This Wednesday, Sophie White, Nelson Salter and Chloe Dunn will be performing at the Outback Motor Inn as invited guests of Day VIEW Club. They will sing a few songs to entertain the ladies. It is wonderful to see community members recognising and appreciating the talent we have at Nyngan High School.

Platinum Excursion

Today, Mrs Montgomery and I had the privilege of accompanying students who have achieved Platinum level on a rewarding excursion to Dubbo. The students played games of bowls in the Ten Pin Bowling Alley, followed by enjoying some Christmas shopping at Orana Mall. What a pleasant day and a fitting reward for such excellence demonstrated consistently by these students who are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Yarning Circle

This Wednesday at 1:30pm, there will be a Yarning Circle held at school. Please contact Raylene Weldon with any enquiries regarding this circle. All community members are welcome to attend.

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 lunchbox 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

SRC Report

What an **AMAZING** year!! The SRC have worked tirelessly in 2011 in planning and running various school and fundraising events. Throughout the year they have eagerly participated in a wide range of leadership opportunities which has contributed to their growth and success as Nyngan High School students.

Although the year is nearly over, the SRC are still busy organising and planning. Below are the upcoming events.

- **2012 SRC Nominations** are currently under way for years 7, 8 and 9. We are looking for positive and committed students who would like to participate in school and community events as well as developing their leadership skills. Nominations are due to Miss Rixon by **Wednesday 7th December** and voting will be during Roll Call on **Thursday 8th December**. Nominations for next year's Year 7 and Year 11 will have their nominations and voting at the beginning of Term 1, 2012.

- **Thursday 8th December**- Voting for 2012 SRC during Roll Call
- **Thursday 8th December**- The school captains and 6 members of the SRC will be travelling to Coolabah with Mr Bliss to attend the Brewarrina Road Opening
- **Thursday 8th December**- Disco 7-9pm. *Theme: James Bond Casino Royale*. Don't forget to have the permission note signed and to the office with \$3 by **Tuesday 6th December**. All students **MUST** be present at school on Thursday or they will not be allowed entry into the disco. If you have any questions please phone the school.
- **Wednesday 14th December**- *Ally Robb Fundraiser*. The SRC will be running a cake stall and activities in the *Alice in Wonderland theme* to raise money for the Ally Robb trust. Students will donate a gold coin during Roll Call for wearing a costume or mufti. Any money or cake donations are welcomed and all proceed will go to the Ally Robb Trust. See attached poster.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the SRC of 2011 and to say that it has been an absolute pleasure for Mr Fox and I being the coordinators of such a committed, enthusiastic and positive group of students. The SRC looks forward to another fantastic year in 2012.

Miss A. Rixon

SRC Coordinator



NYNGAN COMMUNITY

Carols



SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2011

DAVIDSON PARK

COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

(Town Hall if weather is bad)

BBQ—PROCEEDS TO RELAY FOR LIFE



Bring along chairs or picnic blanket and enjoy an evening of singing and entertainment as we celebrate Christmas !

DRAMA WEST PERFORMERS IN SYDNEY



Drama West students from Nyngan High School who performed at the School Spectacular in Sydney recently. Don't they look fantastic dressed in their costumes and they had a great time performing.

Pictured above are from L to R: Dylan Chadburne, Brooke Morton and Malachi Dutschke with their teacher Mrs Hellene Underwood.