



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

22nd October - P&C Meeting 5.45pm NHS Staffroom

22nd October - HSC exams continue

Friday 9th November & Monday 12th November
MID TERM BREAK

SCHOOL PHOTO GROUPS are available from the front office for re-ordering please call in and view them - you can collect an order form from the office.

Homework Centre every Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Nyngan High School Library & Senior Study Evening Year 11 & 12 students Mondays from 7pm to 9pm



Pictured above is Nyngan High School Principal, Mr Chad Bliss, being presented with a gift from the Tongling Middle School Principal. And below are the Nyngan Delegation of students with the Tongling students in front of the school. Just a tad bigger than Nyngan High !!!!



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

The Nyngan delegation to Tongling, China, recently completed an eleven day cultural exchange visit. The six students from Nyngan High School were Emma Beetson, Emily Bandi, Zoe Sibbald, Josie Angove, Sophie White and Maddy Carthew. The teachers who accompanied the students were myself and Helene Underwood.

This was the fifth school delegation to travel to Tongling. The program of activities in China was full and varied, and included visits to the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Olympic complex and other cultural icons of China.

A highlight of the visit was the three days spent at the Tongling No 15 Middle School. Our sister school has an enrolment of 3000 students from Years 7 to 9. Our delegation participated in Music, Art and Science classes, to observe the similarities and differences between our systems of schooling. All were impressed by the energy, good humour and friendliness of the Chinese students and teachers.

The Nyngan community can be very proud of the students who represented it. All six of our young citizens displayed qualities befitting ambassadors of Nyngan, and of our public education system.

The adults were particularly impressed by the students' willingness to try new food, engage in all activities, and accept the generosity of the Chinese hosts with great courtesy. The adults remarked that the students were also very resilient during any stressful episodes of airport security checks, long flights and bus trips, and a very full itinerary.

Needing to raise a significant amount of funds to add to the Bogan Shire Council, Tritton Mines and Nyngan RSL's generous support, the students have spent the past six months raising money for the trip. Can I congratulate and thank the parents of each of our students who contributed to the fundraising efforts of our school and did a tremendous job ensuring that we raised the required funds. To the community of Nyngan, Thankyou for your support. We would never be able to achieve the things we continue to achieve without your support and I am truly thankful for the ongoing assistance you continue to provide to us.

The students worked as a team, made strong connections with the local community, and as a result, valued the experience of fund raising as a means to a very worthwhile end.

I would like to acknowledge the support of the town and its Council. Special mention must be made of Council's Cathy Ellison, who coordinated bookings, visas and itineraries.

It was a trip that we will never forget and one that I would encourage your children, if given the opportunity in the future, to fully participate in.

HSC Begins

The Higher School Certificate has begun and all of our Year 12 students are now underway with their exams. I haven't had the opportunity to speak with our Year 12 students since arriving back in Australia however, I am told that the start of the exams have gone extremely well. I trust that this will continue over the coming month. If your child needs any additional support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers for support. We are here to support you in every possible way.

Congratulations to the P&C

I would like to congratulate Steph Waterhouse and the P&C committee for the wonderful dinner that they held on the school grounds on Friday evening. We had about 60 people in attendance and it was a fantastic evening with great food and some wonderful student entertainment. Miss Lipman and the Hospitality students were exceptional, as were our music students under the leadership of Mrs Swift and our Dancers under the guidance of Miss Stafford.

Thankyou to the members of our community who came to support the P&C dinner. I am sure you had a wonderful evening.

There will be a P&C meeting this evening beginning at 5.45pm in the school Common Room. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

It is great to be back in Nyngan and I am looking forward to my final term at Nyngan High School. As always, if you require anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me on 68321004.

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

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss

Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

HSC Exams

The HSC continues for our students this week with the following exams:

Monday 22nd Mathematics 9:25am-12:30pm
Tuesday 23rd General Mathematics 9:25am-12noon
Wednesday 24th Primary Industries 9:25-11:30am
Wednesday 24th Hospitality 1:55-4:00pm
Thursday 25th Business Studies 9:25am-12:30pm

We wish our Year 12 student the very best of luck!

Schools Spectacular Dance Rehearsals

Our Combined Ensemble Schools Spectacular dancers are attending rehearsals in Dubbo on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The students will be travelling by bus with Miss Stafford and her drivers – Mr Fox on Tuesday and Mr Hunt on Wednesday. The students will be rehearsing their dance to be performed at the Entertainment Centre later this term.

Asthma Friendly Schools

This Thursday, our staff will be attending Asthma emergency care training which will make us an Asthma Friendly School. Parents of asthma sufferers are asked to ensure that the school has up to date copies of their care plan should they have an asthma attack at school.

Homework Centre

A reminder that the Homework Centre will be in operation in the Library from 3:30-5pm Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please encourage your children to access this wonderful free service available to all students.

Tongling Report to Council

The students who have recently returned from Tongling, China will be walking down to the Bogan Shire Council to report on their trip this Thursday. The students will walk and be accompanied by Mrs Underwood. Full formal school uniform is required please.

Girls'/Boys' Afternoon

This Thursday during Period 5, our PDHPE teachers and Viv Cleaver will be educating our children on nutritional eating and enjoying a healthy, active lifestyle. We encourage parents to discuss these important issues around healthy eating with their Stage 5 students.

HSC-University Pathways

Talented students can begin their university studies while still at school. They can study by distance with the option of a weekend residential, or attend university on campus for an early experience of the university environment.

Find out about the courses on offer:

www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/pathways.htm

Career Options

Is your child trying to decide on a career pathway? These videos show 25 young apprentices and trainees telling inspirational stories while on the job.

Find out more: <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL78g8-WmjFKvFrtgPCB5CalbSAJCX7MAh&feature=plcp>

Budding Artists

Young aspiring artists could get off to a great start by entering this competition to design the look for Youth Week 2013. Winners get to showcase their work and win \$1000.

Find out how to enter <http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au/>

A Degree at TAFE

If your child has decided to embark on a degree course at TAFE in 2013, remember their application needs to be in by October 26.

Go to the application: <http://www.highered.tafensw.edu.au/applying-and-fees/how-to-apply.html#.UJJaLK5Nt8E>

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

Nicole Hunt

Deputy Principal

P&C News

Hi Everyone, We have a P&C meeting tonight at 5.45pm and would love to see you there.

We still have some 300 club tickets that we need to sell and can be purchased from myself, Jodi Douglas or Lyn Webster. We would really like to draw this in the next couple of weeks so please dig deep to buy a ticket and you could win \$1000 or one of five draws of \$100. All proceeds to go towards the purchase of a new school bus.

We had another very successful P&C Dinner on Friday night. Not sure of the proceeds just yet but should be able to give you an idea next week. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported us because without people attending, it would not have been the success it was. We had staff, students, parents and community members who came along to offer their support. None of it would have been possible though without the work of some very dedicated teachers and students. Special thanks go to Miss Lipman and Miss Nash for their time and dedication in bringing us some wonderful food, it was fabulous. Also for her leadership with the children who cooked or assisted with serving, you were all fantastic. Also a huge thank you to Mrs Swift & Mrs Hunt for bringing us the musical entertainment and to all the children who entertained us, you were all wonderful. Thanks also must go to Miss Stafford for bringing us the dancing and the fantastic dance moves of our students, wow, you all helped to make it a great night. Also a mention to Miss Byrne and her students who helped to paint jars that contributed to our decorations. Miss Byrne also stayed back after a long day at school and helped us decorate. Thanks to Chris Ryan also who belted out a couple of tunes for us that were very good. Thanks to Mr Bliss for his support as well.

I would also like to thank the following people who helped it all come together - Melissa Salter for her ticket selling skills and drumming up people to attend and Steve Salter for his assistance with the band and setting up and packing up; Lyn Webster for all her help and support always and helping to set up on Friday afternoon; Nicole Alderson for her time in helping to setup on Friday afternoon; Jocelyn King for helping set up; Michelle Blake for all her work in getting the refreshments and lending us some equipment; Di Dunn for her help in setting up and for doing the bar again on the night; Leah McClelland for helping Di do the bar & Jodi Douglas for organising our licence and dealing with the money; to Trevor Waterhouse who did whatever I asked him to do; and the Bogan Shire Council who loaned us tables, chairs and crockery for the night. Also a big thank you to Helen and Rhonda for their work in getting the grounds ready. Thanks also to anyone who helped pack up after it was over. Will let you know more next week.

Thanks for Listening. Hope to see you tonight.

Stephanie Waterhouse

Nyngan High School P&C Association

President

Indoor Cricket Week

Last week saw a large number of students sign up for some fun games of Indoor Cricket at recess and lunch. The talent scouts were kept busy with some exciting play. The highlight for me was the dynamic partnership of the girls— Mel Fitzalan and Tahlea Ryan who smashed 20 off the boys during one game.

The final game of the week was an epic battle of Indoor Cricket between the talented Year 11 team and the experienced Teachers' side who were dressed to impress in their cricket shirts and white zinc splattered on their faces (**for indoor cricket**). Unfortunately on the day, the Year 11s suffered a major setback before a bowl was even bowled. They lost Oliver, Marc and Adam for various reasons which left them searching for players. They recruited well with Reece Tyack, Caleb Dutschke and Jackson Barrow stepping up on short notice. The teachers were also on the backfoot with Mr Walmsley a late withdrawal but we drafted Travis Small who is an exciting up 'n coming talent from Year 9.

The young guys were first to bat and were never really able to get going. The gun combo of Jackson Williams—Hedges and Ryan Beetson edged out a meagre 6 runs but things went sour for the other two pairs. Caleb and Reece came away with a -5 score and the flashy pairing of Lupp and Barrow were just outclassed by Mr Fox's swinging deliveries to finish with -8. You do the maths. I heard some in the crowd say they would've done better not batting because they ended up on -7. Luckily they had some strong bowling to come.

Mr Bockos and Miss Dunk soon showed that the faith the selectors had in them was justified by scoring 17 in no time at all. Game over was the cry but the Year 11s dug deep to see Mr Hunt and Mr Fox finish with -2. Could the Year 11s stage a remarkable comeback? No! Travis was solid in defence, whilst Mr Walsh hit a couple of runs and the teachers were convincing winners with a total of 29. Rematch was chanted around the ground as the crowd left the indoor arena. Maybe?

A big thanks to all who played this week. It was a real pleasure to see everyone having a go and being so positive. A big thanks to Anthony Jarvis for being the official photographer and to Brandon Hodges Piper for helping organise the games, as well as umpiring the prestigious Year 11 vs Teachers game.

Mr Walsh



STAGE 4 EXAM ROSTER

The time has come! End of year exams are just around the corner. Here is a guide for Stage 4 students to help them manage their study time.

Remember if you need any assistance or a quiet space to study, the homework centre will be operating on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30pm to 5pm.

Good luck,

Mrs Swift & Miss MacDonald

Week 4

PERIOD	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1			Davidson Shield Matches	04ASE Mac SC4O Hamilton	
2	04ENO Bush			MT3 Hamilton	
3					
4		SC4E Hamilton SC4A Fox			
5	MT4 Lipman				

Week 5

PERIOD	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1			04ASA Rixon		
2		04PDHPEA Dunk 04MAO Lidster			
3	04MAA Nash		04PDHPPEE Bockos		
4	04PDHPEO Bockos			04ENE Rixon	
5			MT1 Lipman	04MAE Walsh	

Reminder

Year 10 and 11 students along with their parents and caregivers, are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday 23rd October at 4pm in the Library. In attendance will be Rebecca Morgan from Charles Sturt University. Rebecca will speak on University Entrance and early entry specific to CSU.

Mrs Walsh will also speak about UAC

(University Admissions Centre).

No need to RSVP just come along and bring your questions with you.

Nyngan Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Committee will be holding an AGM on:

When: 31st October, 2012

Where: Nyngan Local Aboriginal Lands Council

Time: 1.00pm

Please note only fully financial members are eligible to vote

Thank you

Marea Johnson

Secretary

YARNING CIRCLE

Nyngan High School had our first Aboriginal Men and Boys Yarning Circle on Wednesday, which was an informal gathering to develop better communication and connect with our young male youths. The next Yarning Circle will be held on 31st October, 2012.

R Weldon

AEO NHS

P & C Meeting tonight , 22nd October, Nyngan High School Staff room commencing at 5.45pm.

Grease Photos

Anyone wishing to order photos from the Grease musical please contact me as soon as possible.

Packs will be \$20 and then you will receive a free DVD of the musical. Names are being taken now.

You can see me at Nyngan Innovations on Monday, Tuesday & Friday.

Thanks

S Waterhouse

Hi all,

It is that time of the year again when Western Region SSA Open Boys Cricket Trials will be held in Dubbo on Wednesday 21st November.

Please refer to the Western SSA website for nomination forms and details:

http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/western/trial_chp_info/sec_boys_cricket.htm

In the past, I have looked at students from Years 10-12 only due to the standard played at NSW CHS level, but I would encourage students from all school ages to attend to be identified for future years and obviously for the side selected for 2013.

Regards

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