



# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

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## DATE/EVENTS

## UP COMING DATES

**Monday 29th October** -  
Stage 4 Exams

**Wednesday 31st October**  
Davidson Shield - Bourke

**Friday 31st October**—  
AECG AGM Meeting 1.00pm  
Nyngan Local Aboriginal  
Lands Council

**Friday 2nd to Sunday 3rd  
November** - Duke of Ed Ab-  
seiling & Rockclimbing Ex-  
cursion

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



Our very wonderfully talented (and colourful) Girl Band, pictured with their Music Teacher Mrs Cecilia Swift, who performed in O'Reilly Park last week for Universal Children's Day. They entertained the crowd with some great music and singing during the afternoon. Thank you very much for your participation—once again Nyngan High has shown what wonderful talent our students' possess.

They are pictured from L to R: Mrs Cecilia Swift (Music Teacher), Kiarna Stephens, Georgia Salter, Abby Lane, Zoe Angove and Ellie Smith.

**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.

## **Dear Parents and members of our School Community**

I would like to begin this newsletter by paying my deepest respect to the family of Dylan Wilson who lost his battle for life on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Dylan was remembered through a moving funeral service held in Warren this afternoon. Delegates from Nyngan High School were among the mourners to pay their respects to Dylan and to his family, friends and loved ones.

On behalf of the staff and students of Nyngan High School, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Dylan's family and friends. This is a tremendous loss to our school community.

## **Exams**

This week Stage Four students will begin their yearly exams. Exams will run for up to two weeks. I would encourage all parents to ensure that their child is preparing fully for their exams.

Stage Five exams will begin next week and a timetable is attached to this week's newsletter.

## **Good Guys Week**

This week is Good Guys Week. A week where our students can be given extra merit awards and rewarded with a chocolate (or apple if they wish) for their great work across our school. Please ask your child if they have received an award throughout the week and congratulate them if they have. It always makes our children feel special to receive merit awards and even more special when, as parents we take a keen interest in what our children are receiving at school.

## **Congratulations to Miss Lidster**

I would like to congratulate Miss Lidster who has accepted a position as Maths Teacher at Lambton High School in 2013. Miss Lidster has been with our school for the best part of five years and will be missed next year. We will begin the recruitment process to fill this and a number of other vacant positions over the coming weeks.

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

*With my warmest regards*

*Chad Bliss*

*Principal*

## **Deputy Principal's Report**

### **Funeral for Dylan Wilson**

At a funeral service in Warren at 2pm today, Nyngan High School students and staff paid their respects to Dylan Wilson, a student of Nyngan High School. Dylan was a Year 8 student who passed away on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. Dylan is remembered as a happy young leader who had a lot of potential to succeed. He will be sadly missed by our school community. Our school has made a donation to the Heart Foundation in lieu of flowers, as requested by Dylan's family.

### **HSC Exams**

The following HSC Exams will be held this week:

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October PDHPE 9:25am-12:30pm

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Physics 9:25am-12:30pm

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Legal Studies 1:55-5pm

We wish our students continued luck and success in their exams this week.

### **Stage 4 Exams**

Students in Years 7 and 8 will be doing exams over the next two weeks. Please encourage your children to be completing any revision issued by their teachers. They can also be reading through and studying the work that they have completed that their teachers have told them will be included in their test.

### **Davidson Shield**

Students will be travelling to Bourke High School, this Wednesday for Davidson Shield. They will be leaving from the front of the school at 6:30am and returning to the front of the school at about 5pm. Full sports uniform, including any specific sporting equipment is required please. Touch Football will be at Davidson Oval, Futsal at the PCYC, and Basketball and Slide Hockey will be at Bourke High School. We wish our students the best of luck in this competition.

**Duke of Ed Blue Mountains Abseiling & Rockclimbing** - leaving NHS at 8.00am 2.11.12 and returning to NHS late in the evening on 3.11.12.

### **Schools Spectacular**

Students selected to travel to Sydney for Schools Spectacular should be ensuring that they are attending all rehearsals to prepare for their dances. There was a vc rehearsal today from 11:40 until 2pm in which our students joined with others across the state preparing their dances. Those wishing to purchase tickets to watch the show are urged to access [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au) to avoid disappointment closer to the dates.

## xsel Exams

All xsel students will be completing their yearly exams for all English, Maths and Science this Thursday. The timetable will be as follows:

<b>2012 xsel Yearly Exam Timetable</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
8:50	Start Maths	Start Science 1	Start English 1
9:25	Finish Maths		
9:30	Library for Study Time	Finish Science 1	
9:45		Library for Study Time	Finish English 1
			Library for Study Time
10:10		Start Science 2	Start English 2
10:50		Finish Science 2	
10:55			Finish English 2
	<b>Recess as Normal</b>		
11:35	Start Science	Start English 1	Start Maths
12:10		Finish English 1	
12:25		Library for Study Time	Finish Maths
12:30		Start English 2	Library for Study Time
12:40	Finish Science		
1:05	Library for Study Time	Finish English 2	
	Short Lunch	Short Lunch	
1:30	Start English 1	Start Maths 1	Lunch as Normal
2:05	Finish English 1	Finish Maths 1	Library for Study Time
2:15	Library for Study Time	Start Maths 2	
2:20			Start Science
2:40	Start English 2		
3:15	Finish English 2	Finish Maths 2	Finish Science

Students are advised to ensure that they have all food with them brought from home on this day as there is limited time for going to the canteen.

If there is a clash in exams, xsel exams will be completed as above and the Nyngan High School exam will be completed at an alternative time. Students are asked to arrange this with their teachers please.

### **Private Tutoring**

Are you thinking about a private tutor to complement your child's education? This article explores questions about what to look for in a tutor, what you would want your child to achieve and tips on what to ask a potential tutor.

Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors>

A reminder that free, qualified tutors work in the Nyngan High School Homework Centre each Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5pm. All students are encouraged to attend to get extra help with homework, assignments and study for exams.

### **Rainforest Heroes App**

Is your child researching the rainforest ecosystem? This new, free iPad app helps students capture their discoveries—at the zoo or from home—and save them as a report.

Go to: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/taronga-zoo-rainforest-heroes/id558373157?ls=1&mt=8>

### **Quenching your child's thirst**

In the coming summer months what are the best drinks to prevent dehydration? And do you know the recommended daily intake of water for your child's age?

Find out the facts: <http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/kids-teens/stats-and-facts-teens/teens-nutrition/drinks-for-hydration.aspx>

### **Asthma Action Plan**

If your child has asthma you want to feel as confident as possible about leaving them at school. Here's a checklist on what you need to do, and what you can expect of others. Go to: [http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/Childcare\\_info\\_for\\_parents.aspx](http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/Childcare_info_for_parents.aspx)

### **What's It Like At High School?**

Show your teen this video to ease them into the idea of high school. It has great tips on making friends, getting organised, planning assignments and studying.

Go to: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php>

### **Planning a future**

The myfuture career information service helps young people make career decisions and plan career pathways. It provides inside information on occupations and industries, offers details on courses and advice on how to get a job or start a business.

Go to: <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/en.aspx>

*Kind Regards,*

*Nicole Hunt*

*Deputy Principal*

### **Ixtend Expo**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Ixtend program. The theme for this year was 'Nourishment'. Each of the Year 8 students involved approached this topic from remarkably different angles demonstrating the broad range of skills and interests that the group possessed.

The three participants who completed the program were Zoe Angove, Jarrod Blake and Geordie Parker. Their final tasks for the program were unique, insightful and well developed. Our collection included a humorous speech, an interesting innovation and a stunning piece of contemporary art. Each of the students received very good marks for their final product and their learning logs (their thought processes which were noted and discussed as they constructed their final piece), for which they are to be commended.

Zoe and Geordie travelled to Dubbo on Friday to present their final work to other Ixtend students across the region. Both spoke extremely well when presenting and received rave reviews from the Ixtend Coordinator (even if she was a little thrown at the idea she was nearly over the hill at 40 years old). It was a great chance for these students to meet with like-minded young people in the region and share their ideas and experiences. Morning tea was as dynamic as the presentations themselves; both went down a treat if I do say so myself!

It has been a pleasure to work with these students for the past 2 terms and see their skills and understanding develop along the way. I hope that they enjoyed their experience and are as proud of their achievement as I am of them.

*Miss MacDonald*





Ixtend students - pictured far right of picture—Geordie Parker and Zoe Angove attended the Ixtend Program in Dubbo last week, along with Jarrod Blake (not in picture).

### **CAREERS NEWS**

Firstly, many thanks to the students and parents who attended the Careers Meeting last Tuesday. Rebecca Morgan from CSU was very impressed with the interest and questions from the people present and wished to convey her thanks for allowing her to talk to you.

### **Work Experience**

There are still a number of Year 10 students who have not completed their forms or at least discussed their Work Experience options with me. The forms are now overdue and I ask that you return them this week.

A reminder all Stage 5 have their Resume assessment task due this Friday 2/10/12. It can be either printed off and submitted or emailed.

### **Sparkies - Electrotechnology**

Congratulations to Jared Ribaux and Josh Nolan on their first residential school.ter, the TVET coordinator, reported back that the boys were great ambassadors for Nyngan High School. Well done gentlemen.

### **Shearing Time**

A huge Thank you to me husband for his annual shearing of the sheep. Last Wednesday, James Walsh spent 2 hours shearing the sheep and giving the Stage 5 Agriculture class first hand experience at shearing.

Congratulations to the students for their willingness to have a go and the teamwork they showed on the day. Thank you to Miss Hamilton and Mr Wall for their work completing this annual task. The sheep were also backlined and drenched by the students .

*Mrs N Walsh*

*TAS Head Teacher*



**CLICK GO THE SHEARS !!**

Photos of the annual shearing of the Ag Plot Sheep—which was very kindly done by Mr James Walsh and the students. We would like to thank Mr Walsh very much for his time in helping out our students and showing them the finer points of shearing. Well done to everyone on a great job!!



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***

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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](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***

***Trent Colley***

***Relieving HT PD/H/PE and Moodle coordinator***

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**Nyngan Netball Registrations are due for the Ladies Summer Comp.**

Registration Forms and More Information can be obtained from Karen Hawley—contact number: 0429 616 302.

Games will be played Wednesday nights at 6pm and 7pm time slots, depending on how many teams are nominated. If you are unable to find a team but would like to play please come and see me or contact me on the mobile number.





Pictured above - Nyngan High Students, Josh Nolan and Jared Ribaux who completed their first residential in Electrotechnology . Both boys have been wonderful ambassadors for Nyngan High. Well done. Pictured below is the whole group who were involved in this course.

