



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

Wednesday 14th November
- School Spec meeting in the Library at 5.00pm

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- AECG Annual General Meeting at 1.00pm in the Lands Council

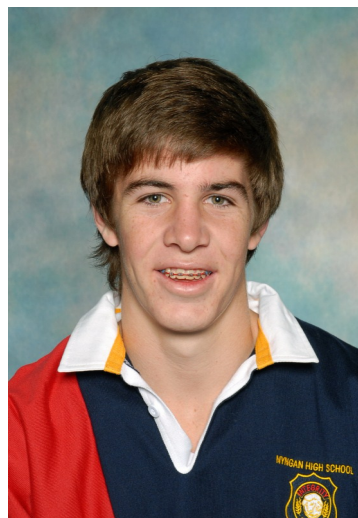
Friday 16th November -
Open Boys CHS Cricket - Dubbo

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



Nyangn High School Year 12 student, James White, with his completed Major Design Project.



It is with great pleasure and pride that we congratulate James White on his outstanding work in the Higher School Certificate Major Work for Industrial Technology – Timber.

Attention to detail such as this has resulted in James' project being nominated to be part of 'InTech' and will be exhibited at the Sydney Timber and Working with Wood Show held at the Sydney Showground, Homebush.

Congratulation to James from the students and staff at Nyngan High School.



JAMES' INTECH SUCCESS!

It is with great pleasure and pride that we congratulate James White on his outstanding work in the Higher School Certificate Major Work for Industrial Technology – Timber. James made a piece of poolside lounge furniture, turning and sanding each of the many fine pieces of timber, in which the quality of workmanship was evident, even to the untrained eye.

James received a letter from the Board of Studies inviting him to send his work in to InTech in 2013. InTech is an exhibition of outstanding Major Projects from HSC Industrial Technology students.

The exhibition covers all Industrial Technology focus areas – Timber Products and Furniture, Automotive, Electronics, Graphics, Metal and Engineering and Multimedia. The exhibition includes students' folios that document the design, management, communication and production of their projects.

InTech will be exhibited at the Sydney Timber and Working with Wood Show held at The Sydney Showground, Homebush.

EXHIBITION DATES AND TIMES:

Friday July 26 - Sunday 28 July 2013

10.00 am - 5.00 pm daily

This means that James' work is considered by the HSC Examiners to be exemplary and a wonderful example to future HSC students who will attend the exhibition to learn what it takes to achieve the highest results in the state.

This continues the high level success of Nyngan High School students at a state level, proving once again that our students are equivalent to the best in their fields across the state. For any parents who ever considered sending their children away to boarding school, this is yet another example of how your children are enjoying the best teachers, opportunities and experiences, whilst remaining amongst their family and friends in the wonderful educational environment of Nyngan High School.

Along with this, we also celebrate the success of the quality teaching skills of Mr Cameron Walmsley, who has worked with James extensively to assist him in achieving his potential.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

Welcome to Week 6. We are half way through the term and I trust that your children had a lovely Mid Term Break. On Sunday, we commemorated Remembrance Day at the cenotaph. Remembrance Day is a special occasion for Australians. At 11 am on 11 November, 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November, the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of those who had fallen.

On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919, two minutes' silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony at the new Cenotaph in London. The silence was proposed by Australian journalist Edward Honey, who was working in Fleet Street. At about the same time, a South African statesman made a similar proposal to the British Cabinet, which endorsed it. King George V personally requested all the people of the British Empire to suspend normal activities for two minutes on the hour of the armistice "which stayed the worldwide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of Right and Freedom". The two minutes' silence was popularly adopted and it became a central feature of commemorations on Armistice Day.

On the second anniversary of the armistice in 1920, the commemoration was given added significance when it became a funeral, with the return of the remains of an unknown soldier from the battlefields of the Western Front. Unknown soldiers were interned with full military honours in Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triumph in Paris. The entombment in London attracted over one million people within a week to pay their respects at the unknown soldier's tomb. Most other allied nations adopted the tradition of entombing unknown soldiers over the following decade.

After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all who died in the war.

In Australia on the 75th anniversary of the armistice in 1993 Remembrance Day, ceremonies again became the focus of national attention. The remains of an unknown Australian soldier, exhumed from a First World War military cemetery in France, were ceremonially entombed in the Memorial's Hall of Memory. Remembrance Day ceremonies were conducted simultaneously in towns and cities all over the country, culminating at the moment of burial at 11 am and coinciding with the traditional two minutes' silence. This ceremony, which touched a chord across the Australian nation, re-established Remembrance Day as a significant day of commemoration.

Four years later, in 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11 am on 11 November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

Congratulations to Luke Wye who spoke so well and represented Nyngan High School at the Nyngan commemoration of Remembrance Day. His public speaking skills have obviously developed during his Rotary Exchange to New Zealand. We thank Luke for his work on Sunday.

Cattle Team

Congratulations to Abby Lane, Pat Walsh, Jake Fitzpatrick, Nathan Shone, and George Bennett who travelled to Tenterfield last week with Mr Fox and Mr Wall to participate in the NSW Northern Steer Show. Our team came from the furthest location and it took more than 10 hours to get to Tenterfield on Monday. The team did extremely well, picking up 3rd place in the 480kg class and 1st place in the 400kg class. Congratulations to our cattle team on a wonderful achievement.

Year 12 Scholarships

I would like to announce that James White and Malachi Dutschke have been successful in their applications for the 2012 P&C and Bogan Shire Council Year 12 Scholarships. These students will be presented with their scholarships at Presentation Evening on Monday 10th December.

P&C

Congratulations to Steph Waterhouse and the P&C who were successful in their application for the volunteering grant. Our P&C have been given some money from the Federal Government to purchase equipment for the school and our P&C community. Thankyou to the P&C for their tremendous work throughout the year.

Duke of Ed

Mr Milligan is off on yet another adventure this week with a number of our students. The students will be travelling up Macquarie River from Wellington to Dubbo on Thursday and Friday. I hope you have a wonderful time and I look forward to hearing all about it next week.

Principals Conference

On Thursday and Friday this week, our school will host all of the Principals from the Bourke Group of Schools. This is another fantastic opportunity for our school to show other people just how great we are. Our hospitality students will be providing lunch for our guests and our wonderful canteen will provide morning tea.

School Spectacular

There will be a meeting on Wednesday this week for all parents and students who are attending the school spectacular. The meeting will begin at 5pm in the school library, and all parents and their children are expected to attend. Final information about next week will be handed out by Miss Stafford.

AECG AGM

There will be an AECG Annual General Meeting this Wednesday 14th November at 1pm at the Lands Council. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

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

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss

Deputy Principal's Report

Peer Support Leader Applications

Year 9 students who would like to be involved in the Peer Support Program next year need to hand in their applications to Mrs Hamblin today or tomorrow. Applications will need to be handed in to the Front Office after 10 am on Wednesday as Mrs Hamblin will be away for the rest of the week.

xsel Feedback

xsel have requested feedback regarding the xsel examination period that our students recently completed. Parents or students wishing to contribute to the Nyngan High School evaluation response and invited to email their thoughts to nicole.hunt@det.nsw.edu.au by Friday 16th November at 9am. Ideas from students, staff and parents will be compiled and sent off on Friday at 3pm. Thank you in anticipation of your valued input.

Stage 5 Exam Timetable - Mrs N Hunt

Below is the Final Exam Timetable for Stage 5 students :

Week 6	Monday 12 th Nov	Tuesday 13 th Nov	Wednesday 14 th Nov	Thursday 15 th Nov	Friday 16 th Nov
P1	MIDTERM BREAK	5FT LIPMAN	5ITT Walmsley		
P2					
P3					
P4		5CO Rixon 5MU Swift 5ITM Walmsley			
P5					

Schools Spectacular Parent Information Meeting

There will be a parent information evening for all students attending Schools Spectacular tomorrow, Wednesday 14th November. The meeting will provide detailed itinerary, list of requirements and expectations. Mrs Hunt and Miss Stafford look forward to meeting all of the Schools Spectacular parents in the Library on Wednesday. One week to go!!!

Aboriginal Summer School Technology and Science - Mrs N Hunt

ASSETS is an Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science. It will be held from December 14 to 22. 30 students from around Australia will be invited to attend following an expression of interest. They are looking for students who:

- Have just completed Yr 10 studies
- Have an interest in, and aptitude for Science, Technology and Mathematics
- Identify with their respective Aboriginal culture and heritage
- Are prepared to challenge themselves academically and culturally
- Want to meet and work with like-minded people

If you are interested in this opportunity, please see Raylene, Mrs Hunt or your Science or Maths teacher.

Yarning Circle

There will be a Yarning Circle Wednesday 13.11.12 starts at lunchtime. Students will walk to the Men's Shed and Police Station with Raylene Weldon, Mr Bockos and Grahame Parker. There is no cost involved. Full school uniform is to be worn please.

AECG Meeting and AGM

Tomorrow Wednesday 14th November at 1pm there will be an AECG Meeting and AGM held at the Lands Council. All interested parents and community members are invited to attend.

Duke of Ed Qualifying Expedition - Bronze

Our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students are participating in a Qualifying Expedition this weekend. Students leave NHS after school on the 23rd of November at 3:15pm and return to NHS at 9pm on the 25th of November. The supervisors on the expedition are Mr Milligan and another adult yet to be announced. Transport will be by car. The cost for students is \$10 for equipment and \$30 for transport. Dress required is as per training and conditions. Notes and money are due to the office by 13.11.12.

ESSA

Year 8 students completed their ESSA Exams today. The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) is an assessment program for all students in Year 8. An interactive, multimedia online test called ESSAonline that is held in November each year. It is a diagnostic test that will provide information about what your child knows and can do in science. Tasks in the test are framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus.

Students were tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation, which includes using a simulated experiment
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas using a variety of strategies.

ESSAonline takes approximately 80 minutes. It contains video, animations, audio, graphics, text and a variety of test items. It also includes a survey about students' attitudes to the test, science and their learning of science. Each student needs earphones to be able to complete ESSAonline on a computer.

The confidentiality of each students' results is safeguarded by NSW legislation which prohibits the publication of results of particular individuals. The legislation also prevents the results of schools being publicly revealed in a way that ranks or compares the results of particular schools. Additionally, information provided by students about their language base, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background and survey responses are treated confidentially to ensure that all students' right to privacy is maintained.

Results of ESSAonline will be available in Term 1 2013. A personal report prepared for each student will describe the scientific knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how the student's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

Principals' Conference in Nyngan

On Thursday and Friday this week, we will be hosting the Term 4 Bourke Principals' meeting. There will be 35 guests in our school, including the Regional Director Carole McDiarmid, Paul Loxley, School Education Director for the Bourke Group of Schools, other School Education Directors and Principals from the Bourke Group of Schools.

Student Laptops

All students are asked to please have their laptops at school on Wednesday as Kyri needs to check serial numbers for the asset stocktake.

WSPA Mamma Mia Concert

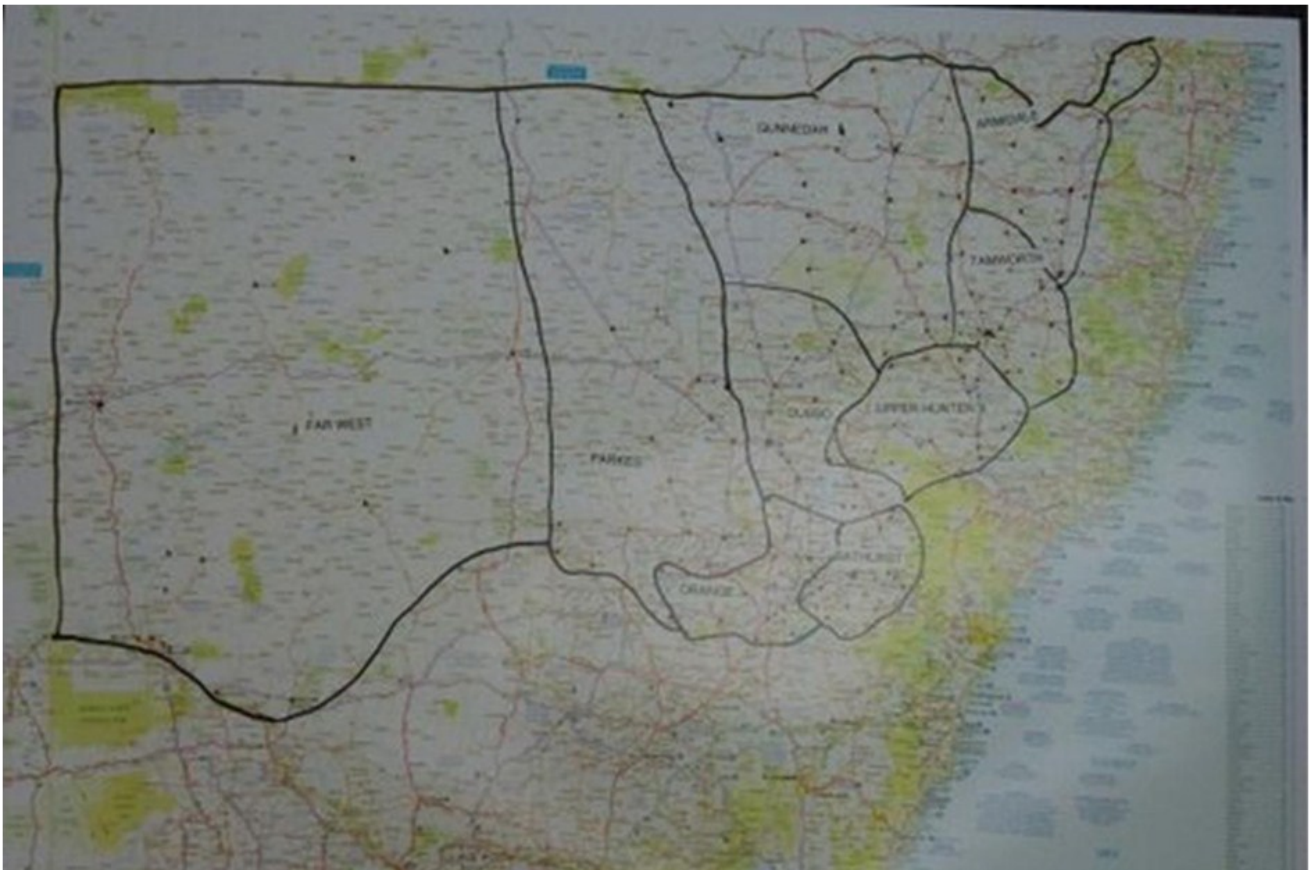
Interested students are invited to walk to the Palais to attend Mamma Mia from 9:40-12:30pm on Thursday Week 8. Full school uniform is to be worn and the cost is \$5 per child. Notes and money due to the office by 23.11.12.

State Hip Hop Ensemble Rehearsal

Jarrod Blake will be attending a State Hip Hop Ensemble Rehearsal in Lidcombe on Thursday this week. He will be learning finishing touches for his performance at Schools Spectacular as a member of the State Hip Hop Ensemble.

Department of Education and Communities State Realignment

Below is a map that outlines the new Group 5 which encompasses Nyngan High School:



Mrs Carole McDiarmid announced these changes to our schools last week.

In her newsletter she says “ Our new group of Principal networks will include the New England schools and a group of schools from the Riverina and Upper Hunter areas.

Principals and Regional staff will provide feedback on the model...over the next two weeks.”

Kind Regards,

Mrs Nicole Hunt

Deputy Principal

MARK THE DATE!

On Wednesday 14th November there will be a southern hemisphere sunrise total eclipse of the sun.

The Next sunrise total eclipse will be in the 17th December 2066.

Total eclipses will be seen in Cairns and Port Douglas. We will see a partial eclipse here at Nyngan

For Sydney viewers, and therefore around the same for Nyngan, the eclipse will begin at 7:07:13am and the maximum eclipse of 67% coverage at 8:0s:44am. The sun will be about 27° above the horizon.

Stage 4

This term will see Stage 4 students heading to the river to collect macro invertebrates. These delightful little creatures, or the lack of, will give us an indication of the health of our water way. Notes will be issued to let you know when this will occur.

Stage 5

Stage 5 are delving into renewable energy sources and climatic issues through the STELR program. (Science and Technology Education Leveraging Relevance). Looking forward to some excellent research and investigation tasks.

L Montgomery

Science/PDHPE

TAS / Careers Report

It is only 2 weeks until Year 10 go on work experience. In preparation for this all Stage 5 students will be completing a work readiness program. This will be conducted during their work education lesson.

Parents/caregivers and employers will receive, this week, a copy of their students' work experience paperwork and a guide to students completing work experience. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Students who have not submitted forms by now will be expected to be at school during this time.

A number of Stage 5 work education assessment tasks are still outstanding. These were due in last Monday 5th November.

Western Studio of Performing Arts

Attached to the newsletter is an excursion note to attend the End of Year Concert at the Palais Theatre. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to see the performance and support their peers. Student on a Booklet at the time will be ineligible to attend.

Tenterfield Trip

Congratulations to Mr Fox, Mr Wall and the Cattle Team members: Abby Lane, George Bennett, Nathan Shone and Patrick Walsh. These students, plus staff, put in a tremendous effort last week and their commitment to the cattle program at Nyngan High School is commendable.

Homework Centre

Congratulations to all of the students going to the Homework Centre to complete work. It is very pleasing to see this wonderful resource being used in such a positive manner.

Mrs N Walsh

Head Teacher TAS

James White

James White has studied Industrial Technology – Timber Products and Furniture for the Higher School Certificate. Over the course of the final year of the subject he was required to design and construct a Major Design Project. James chose to produce an Outdoor Deck Bed which was constructed from Merbau, a highly decorative and suitable timber for exterior use. James researched and selected all the materials for his project to ensure durability of construction and aesthetics which is highly important for outdoor furniture. Much time and attentiveness went into his design and research, as any mistake could prove to be disastrous to his time available for construction - not to mention quite expensive.

James worked diligently throughout the construction of his project paying meticulous attention to detail and pushing himself to gain as much knowledge and as many skills possible to produce such a high quality piece of work.

James deck bed consists of 47 individually turned rollers, ergonomically designed base frame and back rest, gas struts supporting the back rest for smooth movement and weight reduction for adjustment; a highly engineered backrest support brace that incorporate internal spring and piston mechanism. As a true testament to his attention to detail, James turned timber covers to go over the gas struts which support the back rest. He did this to accentuate the projects natural feel and look. Attention to detail such as this has resulted in James project being selected to be part of 'InTech' and will be exhibited at the Sydney Timber and Working with Wood Show held at The Sydney Showground, Homebush.

Mr C Walmsley
Woodwork/Timberwork



Cattle Team Report

Last week our Cattle Team travelled to Tenterfield for the Annual Northern Schools Steer Competition. It is the furthest we have travelled for the event in quite a number of years. We took two steers to the event, Billy, a black Angus breed and a Murray-Grey cross. They weighed in at 400 and 478 kilograms respectively.

Our school purchased the steers early last term. The first job was to break in the steers so that they could be easily handled and led in the parade. This was done in the first couple of weeks and from then on the cattle team practised parading the animals for the big show. The other main component of the competition is to have the steers in peak condition for judging. This required that they be fed a carefully prepared diet of hay and grain right up to the day of the competition.

We set off Monday morning, towing 2 steers in our trailer behind the school car. The steers travelled well and were very happy to get off the trailer and have a drink and some food when we arrived at Tenterfield. The first day of the competition involved our students leading our steers in a parade. Unfortunately, we did not come away with any placings for these events, but we were up against very stiff competition with 19 schools and 200 students participating. However, the second day brought success for our team. Billy weighed in as the only light weight steer in the competition and as such won his class. Murray was in Class 4 of the middle weight steers and was judged 3rd among a group of 10 steers. This was a great achievement and everyone was so pleased that all of our hard work had paid off.

Finally, a HUGE Thank you to Steve Wall, who travelled to Tenterfield and assisted us in the first few days setting up for the show and for making sure our steers were always well fed and in good order. Thank you to Pat Bourke for helping to break in the steers and his ongoing advice and also thanks to Miss Hamilton's Agriculture class and Mr Walsh's class for working with the steers during the weeks they were in our Ag Plot.

Mr P Fox



Our Cattle Team pictured above with their ribbons from L to R: Mr Peter Fox, Pat Walsh, George Bennett, Jake Fitzpatrick, Nathan Shone and Abby Lane - and of course Billy and Murray the steers !!

Well done to everyone on a great event.

