



# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

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TERM 4 WEEK 5

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## DATE/EVENTS

### UP COMING DATES

**Monday 4th November** -  
Stage 4 & Stage 5 Exams

**Thursday 7th November** -  
AEST Info Day Dubbo TAFE

**Friday 8th & Monday 11th  
November** - MID TERM  
BREAK

**Monday 18th November** -  
**Thursday 21st November** -  
Tongling Middle School visit  
to Nyngan

**Thursday 28th to Sunday  
1st December** - School  
Spectacular Foyer  
Entertainment Sydney  
Entertainment Centre

**Thursday 28th & Friday  
29th November** - School  
Spectacular Spectators  
Sydney

**Monday 9th December** -  
Nyngan High School  
Presentation Night 7.00pm in  
the gymnasium



# Principal's Report

## Stage 4 and 5 Examinations

This week students in stages 4 and 5 are involved in exams. These will occur in normal classes and contribute towards the Yearly Reports handed out at the end of the year.

## National Partnerships Final Evaluation

The report on the use of National Partnership funding which has been coming into the school since 2009 has been sent off to Sydney. The funding has been extremely useful in the education of our students through Quicksmart, Multilit, Duke of Edinburgh, the employment of Raylene our Aboriginal School Learning Support Officer and our Attendance Officer Mrs Salter. National Partnership funding finishes at the end of 2013.

## RAM – Resource Allocation Model

The manner in which schools are allocated funding is changing from the beginning of 2014. It will now be coming into the school via a Resource Allocation Model. This is determined based on the numbers of students, their background, socio economic status and the employment and education of their parents. The school will be updating this information early next year to ensure that the school is allocated the appropriate amount of money to suit the needs of its students. I have attached documentation explaining the RAM for you to learn about the new system. I will also discuss this at the next AECG and P&C Meetings.

## Teacher Professional Development

Last Tuesday I attended an Empowering Local Schools National Partnership conference in Sydney where Michael Fullan was the deliverer of information relating to leading change in schools. This was extremely useful and I have already begun implementing some of the recommendations at school. This Monday I attended professional development in Dubbo relating to the new Resource Allocation Model and how to understand the funding allocated to Nyngan High School.

Mrs Murray and Raylene Weldon are attending the National Aboriginal Education Conference in Sydney this week. Our SAS staff are attending a course at Nyngan High School on Mental Health First Aid this week. Mrs Bush is Relieving as Deputy Principal in Mrs Murray's absence this week. Sandra Beetson, Bev Bush and Kyri Martin are in Dubbo training in the new computing system for finance and student management.

## Design Competition

The design competition for NSW Youth Week 2014 is open to young people aged 12-25 years. The winning artist will be awarded \$1000 and given the chance to showcase their work during Youth Week.

Find out more: <http://youth.nsw.gov.au/youth-week-in-nsw/>

## What is a Homonym?

Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity.

Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english\\_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym)

## Sun Safety

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php>

## Public Transport

New timetables for trains, buses and ferries are now in place. Find out more: <http://www.131500.com.au/timetable-changes>

## Digital Citizenship

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Here are some tips to get you started:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

## Smart Travelling

Is your child heading overseas after finishing their HSC? Suggest they consult safety advice on the Australian Government's Smart Traveller website before they go.

Find out more: <http://smartraveller.gov.au/tips/schoolies.html>

## Community Languages

Do you speak a language at home other than English? Would you like your child to learn that language or improve their skills? Saturday School of Community Languages enrolments for 2014 are now open.

Find out more: <http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au/how-to-enrol>

## 2013 Schools Spectacular

Tickets for the 2013 *Schools Spectacular – 30 Spectacular years* are now on sale. The *Schools Spectacular* is a brilliantly choreographed and costumed production featuring over 3,500 singers, dancers and musicians, representing public schools from across the state.

This year celebrates the *Spectacular's* 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The *show* reflects on the history, times and music of the last 30 years while at the same time looking toward the future.

The 2013 *Schools Spectacular* will be held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre:

- Friday 29 November 2013      12:00 pm      Schools' Preview
- Friday 29 November 2013      7:30 pm      Evening Performance
- Saturday 30 November 2013      2:00 pm      Matinee

Saturday 30 November 2013      7.30 pm      Evening Performance.

School communities are our best promoters of the *Schools Spectacular* and prime tickets are still available for all shows. Please note the introduction of a family ticket (two adults and two juniors) for all performances other than the Schools' Preview.

For further ticket information please visit [www.schoolsspectacular.com.au](http://www.schoolsspectacular.com.au) or email [details@schoolsspectacular.com.au](mailto:details@schoolsspectacular.com.au).

Your support of our performing arts programs is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at the 2013 *Schools Spectacular – 30 Spectacular years*.

**Kind Regards,**

**Mrs Nicole Hunt**

**Principal**

# Deputy Principal's Report

## Core Value: "Do your best"

**Stage 4** and **Stage 5** students have examinations this week so students should be busy preparing for these. Students could be reading over their notes, making summaries, drawing mind maps, redoing classwork, doing revision sheets or using Mathletics for Mathematics. I expect the Homework Centre to be packed this week and next as students access teachers' help.

Challenge yourself to do some exam preparation every night and "Do Your Best " in your exams.

## Year 11

Year 11 received their Assessment Schedule Booklets yesterday. Mr O'Neill went through the booklet with students and pointed out the Board of Studies requires principals to have evidence that a student has:

Followed the course

Applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school

Achieved all or some of the course outcomes.

Students who do not do the above risk an N Determination (non-completion of course). It is very hard to do any of those things listed if you are absent more than 85% of the time so attending school every day is very important.

A reminder that during study periods students are expected to be working in the library or on their major works etc, by arrangement with their teachers and after notifying Mr Corby.

Students who do not have a class in period 1 are allowed to arrive and sign into school, via the front office at 9.45am (at the latest). Students who do not have a class in period 5 are allowed to sign out via the front office at lunchtime. Year 11 students are not required to attend sport and they have already been signing out at lunchtime on a Monday.

The Assessment Booklet will be available on our website so students can access it easily, especially the Illness/Misadventure application.

## Western Deputy Principal Conference

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the Western Deputy Principal Conference at Cobar. There were sessions presented about BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), Quality Teaching, Instructional Rounds, Australian Teacher and Principal Standards, The Dubbo School of Distance Education and an association meeting. The conference was very worthwhile and reaffirmed what a great school we have here at Nyngan High School.

Tuesday and Wednesday I will be attending the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference, along with Raylene Weldon in Sydney at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre and on Thursday I will be in Dubbo being trained as a regional presenter for various courses. Mrs Ange Bush will be sitting in my chair so please do not hesitate to give her a call if required.

***Have a relaxing Mid Term Break,***

***Mrs Melanie Murray***

# Science News

## ESSA Test

A reminder that Year 8 students will be sitting the ESSA (Essential Science Skills Assessment) online test on Tuesday 12th November. As this is a computer test, students are requested to bring their own earphones or headset in order to hear the test material. School headsets will be available for any student who does not have their own.

## Stage 4 Guided Research Projects

Stage 4 students have spent the last few weeks investigating the variables involved in the swinging of a pendulum. They have performed three separate experiments where they displayed their knowledge and understanding of the investigation process. They completed research relating pendulum motion to a use such as the pendulum clock where they were able to demonstrate the research skills they have been learning about. Students were given computer time to use excel spreadsheets to produce graphs to display their experimental data and they have been looking at the presentation of their findings, analysing the data and drawing conclusions about pendulums.

Well done to Stage 4 students who have actively participated in these activities. Projects are due to teachers on Wednesday. These are the same skills used to produce the Independent Research Projects in Stage 5, except students get to choose their own area for research.

*Thank you*

*Mrs Montgomery*

*Head Teacher Science.*

**STAGE 5 YEARLY EXAM ROSTER**

**WEEKS 5 & 6**

W5	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PERIOD 1	Bush 5ENE Booth 5ENA		Perry 5MAE	Booth 5ASV	
PERIOD 2			Perry 5MAV Montgomery 5SCIE		
PERIOD 3	Underwood 5ENV	Booth 5COM		Rixon 5ASE Buchanan 5MAA	
PERIOD 4	Lipman Food Tech 2	Lipman Food Tech 1 Mould 5ITM1	Bockos 5SCIA ONeill 5SCIV		
PERIOD 5	Mould 5ITT			Mould 5ITM2	

W6	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PERIOD 1		MacDonald 5ASA			
PERIOD 2				Swift 5MU1	
PERIOD 3					
PERIOD 4		A Bockos 5PASS		Swift 5MU3	
PERIOD 5		Carter 5AG			

*Best of luck Stage 5, happy studying.*

*Regards,*

*Miss MacDonald*