



# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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## DATE/EVENTS

## UP COMING DATES

**Wednesday 20th November**  
- Island Night Disco Nyngan High School Gym 7.00pm to 9.30pm

**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

## Jason White

Last week Jason White completed his Preliminary Electrotechnology Certificate 2. Upon completion of this course, Jason was awarded an Excellence Award for far exceeding both theory and practical units required to gain the qualification. A part of this award was the presentation of a Category 4 Detector Pen to use next year in Jason's trade at the CSA mine.



*Pictured below is Year 10 Nyngan High School student—Jason White who has completed his Electrotechnology Certificate 2 course. The students and staff at Nyngan High School would like to congratulate Jason and wish him all the very best in his future.*

## **Tongling Visit**

Students and staff from Tongling Middle School Number 15 will be visiting Nyngan next week. Students will be invited to join the Tongling delegation on a variety of excursions and activities. Students interested in travelling to Tongling in 2014 or those students who went to China in 2012 are encouraged to become involved. A draft guide to the activities is below:

### **Monday 18 November**

Travel to Dubbo to pick up delegation and attend Dubbo Zoo  
Dinner Riverside Caravan Park

### **Tuesday 19 November**

Tritton Mines Tour  
Visit Ray Donald's Property  
Dance Lesson  
Fishing on the Bogan River  
Formal Dinner at the Bowling Club Chinese Restaurant

### **Wednesday 20 November**

Welcome Assembly – parents and community welcome to attend  
Railway and Shearing Museum  
Science lesson  
Music lesson  
Visual Arts lesson  
Speed Boat Ride on the Bogan River  
BBQ Dinner at school  
SRC Hawaiian Island Disco

### **Thursday 21 November**

Sport lesson  
HSIE/Legal Studies lesson  
Police Station and Court House visit  
Pangee St shops  
Afternoon tea at the Walsh's property  
Camp oven dinner at the Montgomery's property

### **Friday 22 November**

Travel to Dubbo to say farewell

Individual teachers will be organising these activities. Students wishing to be involved should express their interest to the teachers organising as indicated in the student notices.

### **Xsel Assembly and Residential Camp**

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the first xsel Assembly. This marked the final time that the current Year 10 students will be together as a class.

Congratulations to Luke Wye both for the wonderful work he has done as part of xsel and in his representation of Nyngan High School through his speaking to introduce the guest speaker during the assembly. Luke spoke extremely well and public speaking is not an easy thing for many people.

Congratulations also to Keegan Hunt on the presentation of a certificate for his membership of the winning Stage 4 xsel Mind Marathon team held in East Hills late last term.

## **Resource Allocation Model**

Attached to this newsletter is further information relating to the new way that our school will be allocated funding for 2014 and into the future.

Our office staff are currently in the process of changing our data into a new computing system. It will not be possible to process receipts until the new system is fully implemented later this month.

## **Reading Challenge**

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Preview app is a great way for students to find new books and track their progress in the challenge. It's free to download.

To download the app: <http://apps.microsoft.com/windows/en-au/app/nsw-premiers-reading-challenge/7a451df8-214b-4cd7-92a8-f8a4ea6dbe78>

## **Understanding Climate Change**

Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.

Find out more: <http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx>

## **Selective High School Placement**

Applications for 2015 placements for Year 7 in a selective high school close 18 November. Parents with internet access are asked to apply online.

For information and application forms: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

This is the application process necessary for students interested in xsel Virtual Selective Provision.

## **Ready For High School**

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Search by language: [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/language-support/documents/start\\_ss/rfhsc.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/language-support/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php)

## **Word Clouds**

Has your child made a word cloud yet? It's a great idea for adding to book reports, assignments and even for revision. Cut and paste a big slab of the text into a Wordle for a visual summary of the major themes. Create a Wordle: <http://www.wordle.net/>

## **Natural Disasters**

Is your child studying the science behind natural disasters? The science assignment starter gives interesting links and resources that explain the causes of disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes.

Science assignment starters: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/natural-disasters-project>

*Kind Regards,*

*Mrs Nicole Hunt*

*Principal*

## **TAS Report**

There has been a great deal of activity in the TAS faculty, so I will do my best to fill you in!!!

Firstly, many thanks and congratulations to the Cattle Team along with Miss Taylor and Mr Milligan for the effort they put in to attending the Northern Steers Show at Warialda last week.

Our steers, "Crackers" and "Austin" are no longer with us as part of the program is the auction of them to local buyers. A more detailed report and photos will be in next week's newsletter.

Miss Lipman has been busy attending the Bathurst Culinary Challenge. While things did not go as planned, the trip was still a very educational experience. Many thanks to Troy Richards and Leonie Smith for accompanying the group.

## **AEST**

On Thursday 6th November, I had the pleasure of taking four students to Dubbo TAFE for an information day. The students: Chelsea Ribaux, Tarsha Hawley, Shyann Wilson and Mitchell Williams Hedges have all been successful with their application to be an Aboriginal Education Support Trainee for 2014/15.

This is the first time this has been offered. The students will complete a Certificate 3 Education Support as part of their HSC studies and be employed 1 day a week to work in either Nyngan Public, Hermidale or Girilambone Primary Schools.

This is a great achievement for our students, school and community. Twenty positions were available in our region and we were fortunate to secure 4 of them. Dubbo Senior College has 4 places while Trangie has 1 place. The students will complete their study online over the 2 years.

I am very excited and appreciative of the Principals of our four schools involved: Mrs Hunt, Mrs Dewhurst, Mrs Lewis, Miss Pearce and Marea Johnson the Aboriginal Education Officer at Nyngan Public School. I would like to sincerely thank you for your support and encouragement of this new program.



*Pictured above is: Mitchell Williams Hedges, Tarsha Hawley, Chelsea Ribaux and Shyann Wilson at the AEST Info Day.*

## **First Aid**

A reminder to all Year 10 students that payment and notes for next week's First Aid Course to be held at Nyngan High School is required by Wednesday 13th November as numbers need to be confirmed.

## **School Spectacular Supporters**

By now all 53 students eligible to attend the School Spectacular Supporters excursion have received a note. Could you please ensure notes and payment are returned promptly to assist with the organisation. If your son or daughter has been offered a place but is declining could you please let us know in writing **as soon as possible.**

## **Careers**

It is great to hear the wonderful news that many of our students have been accepted into University Study through the early entry programs.

*Mrs Walsh*

*TAS Head Teacher*



