

# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

# INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2013

TERM 4 WEEK 9

#### DATE/EVENTS

#### **UP COMING DATES**

Wednesday 4th December -Formal Assembly Nyngan High School Gymnasium 12.50pm

Thursday 5th December -AECG Meeting 1.00pm Nyngan Public School

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

Sunday 15th December -Carols in the Park - Davidson Park 7.30pm



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# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

2013



Pictured left are the Aboriginal and Combined Dance Ensemble who performed at the School Spectacular for 2013. They are from L to R Back Row: Tamika Ryan, Caleb Wardman, Emerson Alderson, Ellie Smith, Zara Hoare, Clayton Hooker, Sophie White—Front Row L to R: Chelsea Ribaux, Shakirra Ebsworth, Astrid Linke, Abby Lee Parry, Emma Beetson, Ebony Blake, Jarrod Blake and Dance Teacher Miss Stafford. And pictured below is the Support-

ers Group who travelled down by bus to see the School Spectacular.



#### **Principal's Report**

#### **Schools Spectacular**

Congratulations to all of our students and staff on a successful schools spectacular. Our involvement this year was multifaceted. Students performing on the stage were as follows:

#### **Combined Ensemble taught by Miss Tiarna Stafford:**

- Emerson Alderson
- Emma Beetson
- Ebony Blake
- Jarrod Blake
- Zara Hoare
- Astrid Linke
- Abbi-Lee Parry
- Sophie White

#### Aboriginal Ensemble taught by Miss Tiarna Stafford:

- Emma Beetson
- Shakirra Ebsworth
- Clayton Hooker
- Abbi-Lee Parry
- Chelsea Ribaux
- Tamika Ryan
- Caleb Wardman
- Ellie Smith

#### **Hip Hop Ensemble:**

Jarrod Blake

#### Drama West Foyer Entertainment Directed by Mrs Hellene Underwood Nincsics:

- Britt McClelland
- Emily Ryan
- Georgia Salter

A huge thank you to the staff who attended to supervise the students on stage - Miss Stafford, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Underwood and Troy Richards. Thank you also to the parents who assisted on the trip, Michelle Blake, Nicole Alderson and Leah McClelland.

The supporters' bus was an initiative introduced this year and organised by Mrs Walsh. The students who attended indicated that they thoroughly enjoyed the performance and so, the initiative is considered a success. The students on the stage appreciated having their peers and teachers in the audience. Thank you to Mrs Walsh, Mr Hunt, Mrs Swift and Di Dunn who attended the supporters' excursion as supervising staff.

Student behaviour during the trips was excellent and this is greatly appreciated by the staff.





This state level representation of Nyngan High School in the performing arts sends a positive message to our community and the wider schools in the state that Nyngan High School produces and nurtures quality students, outstanding opportunities and quality outcomes. I am very proud of all people involved in the Schools Spectacular this year.

# Work Experience

Year 10 students who applied through the correct process are currently mid way through two weeks of work experience. Mrs Walsh has been receiving text messages and reports of students having positive experiences in a variety of different occupations which is wonderful to hear about. Mrs Walsh will report on how our students have gone, but I am very pleased with the reports I am hearing of their success.

# **Formal Assembly**

This Wednesday there will be a formal assembly to celebrate the successes of our students from Term 4. All interested people are invited to attend at 12:50pm in the Gym.

# **Presentation Night**

Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm we will be holding our Presentation Night in the Nyngan High School Gym. The evenings will be a showcase of the outstanding successes of our students throughout the 2013 school year. All interested people are invited to attend.

# **AECG Meeting**

There will be an AECG Meeting at 1pm at Nyngan Public School Community Room on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>. All interested people are invited to attend.

# Uniform

Students and parents are reminded that Monday is Sports Uniform day which means that students wear navy polos, navy shorts and sports joggers. Tuesday to Friday are normal uniform days where students wear white and pale blue polos to school please. An amendment to this is that Year 12 students are to wear normal school uniform unless required to specifically wear a sports uniform, including Mondays.

# **Skirts for Presentation Night**

A reminder to parents and female students to try their skirt on in the next week. If you have grown taller it is a good idea to take the hem down on your skirt prior to Presentation Night. Presentation Night is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013, so you have 6 days to lengthen skirts as necessary. Many students don't wear their skirts everyday, but save them for formal functions. There have been some instances of students growing in between the times they have worn their skirts. Your cooperation in ensuring that skirt lengths are mid thigh is appreciated.

Parent tips for use in school newsletters and on school websites - 29 November 2013

# Summer Holiday Fun

Sport and Recreation is giving away a kids' camp for two. Simply tell them in 25 words or less why you'd love to win a Sport and Recreation holiday, and like their Facebook page. The competition closes on 13 December, 2013. Enter the competition: dsr.nsw.gov.au/win

# **Avoiding Homework Drama**

Bell Shakespeare's artistic director, John Bell, discusses Shakespeare and how to make it accessible. He says to tell your teen not to worry about the language; to concentrate on the characters, the dilemmas, and the problems they face, and find out how to identify with the protagonists in the story.

Coping with Shakespeare: <u>http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/helping-kids-cope-with-shakespeare</u>

## For the Love of Science

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right.

Listen to the podcast: <u>http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-tips/for-the-love-of-science</u>

## **Pleasures of Free Play**

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child

## Succeed in Science

Award-winning scientist and teacher Dr Mark Butler lists his 10 top tips to give your teenager the edge in the study of science.

Find out more: <u>http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/helping-your-teenager-succeed-in-science</u>

## Helping Teenagers Celebrate Safely

Parties are part and parcel of a teenager's life. While most celebrations go off without a hitch, they can go wrong and get out of hand – particularly if the party is unplanned.

Here are some tips to help ensure your teenager and their friends have fun but remain safe.

Time to party: <u>http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au//wellbeing/development/time-to-party</u>

Have a great week!

Kind regards, Mrs Nicole Hunt Principal

### Crossroads

Due to the Stop work meeting held on Tuesday morning, the planned crossroads events will now be postponed till Week 2, Term 1, 2014. Year 11 students will have the opportunity to attend a Cyber-safety Workshop held by the Police on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December during Period 3.

Peter O'Neill

Year 11 Advisor

## Scholarship Winner: Briana Wardman

Congratulations to Briana Wardman on her recent successful application for the Housing NSW HSC Youth Scholarship. She was one of two hundred applicants to successfully be awarded the scholarship.

The aim of the scholarship is to ensure that young people have every opportunity to complete their HSC and move on to further education, allowing students to reach their full potential. The scholarship is used to purchase educational items or services which help students complete their HSC or TAFE equivalent. A big thankyou goes to Raylene Weldon, who has assisted Briana in applying and accepting the scholarship.

Peter O'Neill Year 11 Advisor



Pictured above is Year 11 Nyngan High School student– Briana Wardman who has been awarded a Housing NSW HSC Youth Scholarship with Nyngan High Schools Aboriginal Education Officer, Raylene Weldon..



Ellie Smith

STAGE 5 CARDBOARD SCULPTURES



Kaneesha Neyland



Tarsha Hawley



Tamara Brook



Zali Wherritt



Zoe Sibbald











