



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

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TERM 4 WEEK 5

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

Homework Centre Monday and Wednesdays 3.30pm to 5pm

Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm Wednesdays

Monday 3rd November — Friday 6th November - Stage 4 Exams

Monday 3rd November — Friday 14th November - Stage 5 Exams commence

Friday 7th November and Monday 10th November - **MID TERM BREAK**

Tuesday 18th November - Scholarship Applications Due

Monday 24th November - P&C Christmas Dinner Meeting 6.30pm Aussie Hotel

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL JESUS Racing Team—2014



The Jesus Racing Team proved to be a very popular attraction when they visited the school and conducted a talk in the gym and handed out posters and information to the students .



Newsletter

Principal's Report

Higher School Certificate Examinations

For those students who are almost there, please see the timetable below:

2014 HSC Timetable • Week 4

	Monday 3 November	Tuesday 4 November	Wednesday 5 November
	HSC Day 16	HSC Day 17	HSC Day 18
AM	Visual Arts Art criticism and art history 9.25am–11.00am	Geography 9.25am–12.30pm	French Extension 9.25am–11.25am Retail Services (VET) 9.25am–11.30am
PM	Food Technology 1.55pm–5.00pm Chinese Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm Chinese Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm	History Extension 1.55pm–4.00pm Chinese Background Speakers 2.00pm–5.00pm	Entertainment Industry (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm Information and Digital Technology (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm Web and software applications Network and hardware Digital animation

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on the completion of their HSC exams. The relief is such a wonderful feeling! It is all down to luck now. We receive your HSC results as a school on the same day that you do. We would, however, appreciate a phone call or visit to share your news. We do not receive notification of your ATAR if you have applied for one, and so, we would love it if you would let us know how you go. Best wishes and be safe in your celebrations.

Platinum level students are invited to the Schools Spectacular Supporters trip. If they would like to attend they are required to remain enrolled as a school student of Nyngan High School until the end of this trip please. School rules apply.

All other students are asked to return all texts or borrowed items to the school and sign out. School fees are part of signing out and the receipt of these will be greatly appreciated.

School Fees 2014

As mentioned previously, Nyngan High School is currently trialling a new finance management system. This system has had some significant difficulties. One of these is the late sending of fees notices to students and their families.

The school uses school fees to pay for items used by students in the delivery of courses. For those students yet to pay their fees, the school has paid for all resources used to date. It would be greatly appreciated if families who are yet to pay their fees could please pay as a priority. All funds paid go directly to your children. Thanks!

Mid Term Break

Mid Term Break is this Friday November 7 to Monday November 10 2014. Students finish school Thursday afternoon and return Monday November 11 2014.

Stage 5 Exams

This week Stage 4 and 5 students will be engaged in testing as per their examination timetable:

Week 5A	Monday 3rd	Tuesday 4th	Wednesday 5th	Thursday 6th	
1			Enrichment – Aust. Studies Opportunity - Science	Opportunity – Aust. Studies	
2			Achievement - Maths		
3	Drama – Ms. Booth	Achievement - Science	Opportunity – Maths		
4		Enrichment - Science			
5					

Final xsel Residential and Assembly

This Wednesday to Friday, xsel students will attend the final residential school for xsel. Most students have greatly enjoyed the experience of meeting up with friends from other schools once a term, even though they have regularly been tested during these times.

As xsel transforms into Aurora College, we wait with anticipation to see the similarities and differences between the two.

Nyngan High School thanks the parents of xsel students 2011-14 for their commitment to ensuring success for their children. It has been a worthwhile ride for all.

The final xsel assembly will be held 11:30am-1pm Friday November 7 in Dubbo Regional Theatre.

Good Guys Week

This week is Good Guys Week where teachers aim to catch students doing the right thing. Students who receive a good guys merit certificate come to the office to Mrs Murray or Mrs Hunt to receive an additional reward and congratulations.

ESSA

The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) is an assessment program for all students in Year 8. An interactive, multimedia online test called ESSAonline 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 will be 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 student's 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.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from ESSAonline. Special provisions will be provided for students with documented learning support. For example, Braille versions of the test are available for students who are registered as visually impaired.

Results of ESSAonline will be available in Term 1 in the year following the test. 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.

The principal of your child's school will be able to provide you with more information concerning ESSAonline should you require any additional information. If you need an interpreter to assist you to make an appointment, call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and they will phone the school for you. The school will arrange to have an on-site interpreter present at the meeting, if requested. These services will be free of charge to you.

Selective High Schools

Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 closes 17 November. Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Choosing The Right Shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

NSW Public School Terms and Holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

Find out more: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Jargon Explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Where's The Octopus

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be>

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Nicole Hunt

Principal

P&C News

Hi Everyone,

Mrs Hunt ,Principal, Nyngan High School very kindly drew the P&C raffle on Friday with the winners being Jarrod Blake 1st Prize Dressed Lamb, Roz George 2nd Prize \$50 Voucher from Bogan Lolly Shop and Frank Walsh 3rd Prize \$20 Voucher from Bogan Lolly Shop. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all those who purchased tickets. Also a big thank you to the Nyngan High School Ag Department and to the Venter Family for their donation of the Lolly Shop Vouchers.

Just a reminder that our last P&C Meeting will be on Monday 24th November at the Aussie Hotel starting at 6.30pm. We will have the meeting and those wishing to stay for dinner will stay on. Please text me on 0428739426 before the date if you can make it.

Thanks for listening.

Stephanie Waterhouse

Nyngan High School P&C Association

President

Ag Plot News

A huge thank you goes out to Glen Smith from Glen Smith Shearing contractors for shearing our sheep last week. We are very lucky to have the support of our local community.

On Friday 31st October, we had another lamb born. This is the ewe's second lamb for the year so demonstrates she is being very well cared for. On Thursday last week we had a an Animal Welfare audit. We passed with flying colours so a big thank you to Keiro for all his support in preparing for this. The team of three from Sydney commented on our wonderful, neat and clean premises and also admired the school grounds.

This week our 8 week old layers should arrive in Nyngan. They will be kept and monitored as part of our participation in the NSW Agricultural Society Layers Competition. The three best layers will go to Sydney next March to compete on behalf of Nyngan High School. In February we will take possession of our young chooks entering the meat bird competition. We are looking forward to being part of these programs and having our poultry compete against other schools in the state.

Careers News

On Monday 17th November, Nyngan High School will be hosting a Skills Ready Program. It will involve all Year 10 students. We will have TAFE Western staff here for the day and the students have selected to be involved in a taste of TAFE course they are interested in. Courses on offer include: Aboriginal Culture, Small Motors, Automotive, Mining, Espresso Coffee and Children's Services.

I have also been successful in gaining funding for all Year 10 students to complete their White Card. This card is needed for many jobs and is a valued qualification. Please note that on the 17th November the students completing Espresso Coffee will not be finished until 5.00pm. Also on the set days when the White Card is being delivered the students will not finish until 3.45pm.

I would like to extend my thanks to Patsy Saul, our TAFE Western Coordinator, for her tremendous support of our students and programs. On Friday I am off to Sydney for a week to participate in marking and Primary Industries Higher School Certificate exam. I am once again looking forward to being part of this wonderful, professional learning experience.

N Walsh

HT TAS/Careers/VET

ESSA Test

Year 8 ESSA Test will be held on Wednesday 12th November. All students are reminded to bring their ear phones for the test.

L Montgomery

STAGE 5 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

All examinations are held in normal class time.

Every effort has been made for students to only have 2 examinations on the same day, however this was not possible with Thursday 6th November. Some students may have 3 examinations on this day.

	Monday 3 rd November	Tuesday 4 th November	Wednesday 5 th November	Thursday 6 th November	Friday 7 th November
1			Agriculture N. Walsh PASS A Bockos	Timber P. Charters	MTB
2		10ENE H. Underwood	10 MATHS T. Buchanan	05MATH T. Buchanan	MTB
3		METAL P. Charters FOOD TECH 2 M.Field 5AS Aboriginal Studies N. Booth	9E ENGLISH N. Booth		MTB
4		FOOD TECH 1 M. Field	5A ENGLISH N. Booth	05SCA P.O’neill 10 SCE P.O’neill	MTB
5				9SCE P.O’Neill	MTB

	Monday 10 th November	Tuesday 11 th November	Wednesday 12 th November	Thursday 13 th November	Friday 14 th November
1	MTB		05HGA T.Miles		9MAE K.Hunt
2	MTB		COMMERCE N.Booth		9HGE T.Miles
3	MTB				
4	MTB			STAGE 5 MUSIC C.Swift	
5	MTB		9PEE C.Jones	05PEA C.Jones	

CANTEEN SPECIAL

The “Works” Hot Dog - \$6.00

