



# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2014

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## DATE/EVENTS

### UP COMING DATES

Homework Centre Monday and Wednesdays 3.30pm to 5pm

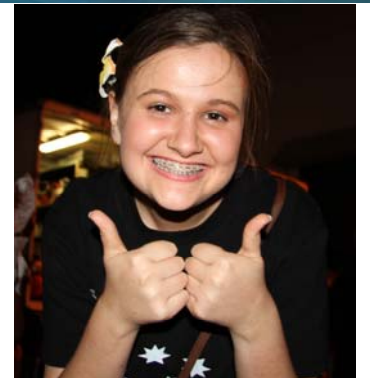
Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm Wednesdays

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd December - Peer Support Training Nyngan RSL Club Auditorium

Thursday 4th December - WSPA Dance Concert Palais Theatre

Monday 8th December - **PRESENTATION NIGHT** in the High School Gym commencing at 7.00pm

## NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL



## Newsletter

### Principal's Report

#### Formal Assembly

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Formal Assembly yesterday. Having an audience to celebrate our students' successes places the appropriate emphasis on achieving to their potential.

#### Schools Spectacular

A huge congratulations to our students who performed in Schools Spectacular:

#### State Boys' Hip Hop and Tap Ensembles:

Jarrold Blake

#### Aboriginal Dance Ensemble:

Emma Beetson

Dayne Blackhall

Shakirra Ebsworth

Whitney Ebsworth

Matty McDougall

Ella Meldrum

Ellie Smith

#### Combined Dance Ensemble:

Emerson Alderson

Emma Beetson

Ebony Blake

Jarrold Blake

Kasey Douglas

Ellita Hunt

Madeleine Horo

Emily Ryan

Georgia Salter

Ellie Smith

Kiarna Stephens

Samantha Vane

The performance was broadcast on Channel 9 last Saturday night and was very impressive. Congratulations to Miss Stafford once again for preparing our students to perform at such a high level. Sincere thanks to Mr Hunt and Raylene Weldon for taking time out from their families to support and supervise our students.

## Peer Support Leader Training

Mrs Underwood will be leading our Year 9 students in Peer Support Training this Tuesday and Wednesday. This highly worthwhile program develops leaders every year and provides an opportunity for our students to mentor Year 7 students coming to High School. This bond which is cemented at our Burrendong excursion each year, provides the basis for a successful, happy start to High School for Year 7 students.

## Year 10 Work Experience

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who are out enjoying work experience. This week and last week, they have worked in a wide variety of employment positions to help them decide on which career path they would like to choose once they leave school. Mrs Walsh will provide more information about this later in the newsletter.

## Carolling Around Nyngan

Singers who have been working with Mrs Swift both in class and in the choir are going to be performing at numerous functions around town in the next couple of weeks, including VIEW Club and Garden Club Christmas lunches, the Pre-school and Carols by Candlelight. Good luck with your performances that you have prepared for so well.

## All My Own Work

Year 10 students will be completing the compulsory component "All my own Work" next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This is a requirement for all students completing the HSC. According to the Board of Studies or BOSTES website:

**The HSC:** All My Own Work program is designed to help Higher School Certificate students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

The program has been developed as part of the NSW Government's Respect and Responsibility strategy and complements other approaches such as brochures for teachers, students and parents and strengthened student and teacher declarations for the HSC.

**The HSC:** All My Own Work program is integrated with other NSW syllabuses and programs. The program is designed to be delivered flexibly as self-paced learning modules.

The program's content is divided into five modules:

- 1.Scholarship Principles and Practices
- 2.Acknowledging Sources
- 3.Plagiarism
- 4.Copyright
- 5.Working with others

## **Presentation Night**

Presentation Night will be held next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the Nyngan High School Gym. All interested people are invited to attend. We look forward to celebrating our students' successes for 2014.

Parents are encouraged to try on skirts with their girls to check their length before Presentation Night please. Each year, our children grow taller and without notice their uniforms can be outgrown. Your cooperation in ensuring that skirts and shorts are mid-thigh in length for our Presentation Night is appreciated. Full school uniform including black leather shoes, plain white socks, plain navy skirts or shorts and school white or pale blue polo is required for the presentation of awards please. Senior uniform is the checked skirt, navy shorts and plain white blouse or senior polo with white socks and black shoes. We are looking forward to seeing our students in full school uniform for Presentation Night.

## **Summer Holiday Fun**

Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.

For details, visit Sport and Recreation website [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/)

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

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

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

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

## **WSPA Dance Concert**

Students choosing to perform in the WSPA Dance Concert on Thursday 4th December, are required to provide an explanation of their absence from school to the front office please.

*Have a great week!*

*Kind regards,*

*Mrs Nicole Hunt*

*Principal*

## **YEAR 10: ALL MY OWN WORK**

Students in Year 10 will be completing this course during Periods 1 and 2 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of December. They are asked to bring their laptops fully charged, as it is an online course. Students must satisfactorily complete all modules to be eligible to continue onto the Preliminary course. Students who are absent or don't complete it on 9<sup>th</sup> of December will need to catch this up at a later date.

All students entered for one or more Preliminary courses in 2015 will be required to have satisfactorily completed HSC: All My Own Work or its equivalent. Students entered only for Stage 6 Life Skills courses are exempt from this requirement.

HSC: All My Own Work is a program designed to help HSC students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding, valuing and using ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

The values and attitudes students will develop through completing the HSC: All My Own Work program are:

- a commitment to principles of good scholarship, academic honesty and ethical practices
- respect for the fundamental rights, rules and procedures that promote honesty, equity and respect for the integrity of their own work and the work of others.

Students who have completed the program will also know about penalties for cheating and how to avoid malpractice when preparing their work for assessment.

*The HSC: All My Own Work consists of five modules:*

- Scholarship Principles and Practices
- Acknowledging Sources
- Plagiarism
- Copyright
- Working with others

*Miss E Hughan*

## **REMINDERS**

### **Presentation Night**

Monday 8th December in the High School Gym at 7.00pm

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## **CANTEEN SPECIAL**

**Hamburger — \$6.00**





