

# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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# DATE/EVENTS

**UP COMING DATES** 

# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Homework Centre Monday and Wednesdays 3.30pm 5pm

Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm Wednesdays

Monday 2nd November - Stage 5 exams Commence

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# Formal Assembly

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# **Principal's Report**

## **Staffing Update**

Whilst Mrs Hamblin certainly feels like part of the furniture at Nyngan High School, and is one of our longest serving staff members, she has always been a temporary employee, until now. It is with great pleasure that I announce that Mrs Hamblin has been made a permanent teacher at Nyngan High School. This is a wonderful thing for the students of our school who will continue to learn from a teacher with such high level remedial literacy teaching skills. We are excited for both our school and Mrs Hamblin.

A merit selection panel has determined that the new Principal of Nyngan High School, from January 2016, will be Mr Michael Gibson. There is an appeal period that remains in place until part way through next week, after which, it is likely that Mr Gibson will begin the process of getting to know the school to transition into the role of Principal. We look forward to welcoming Mr Gibson to the school.

Congratulations to Mrs Tanya Buchanan who has been successful at interview in attaining the position of Head Teacher Mathematics at Nyngan High School from 2016 onwards. We wish Mrs Buchanan well in her new role.

### **Work Placement**

Some Year 10 students have been attending work placement at a variety of places. Mrs Walsh will, no doubt, update you on the specifics of our students' working adventures. Any students who have not yet experienced volunteer work to see if they enjoy different working environments are encouraged to see Mrs Walsh and organise a week of working in an area of interest.

### **Examinations for Stages 4 and 5**

Congratulations to our Stage 4 students who have finished their examination period. Stage 5 students are mid-way through their exams and are encouraged to use their time effectively, eat healthy food, get a good amount of sleep, some energising exercise and take some time to study. Any students who don't know how to study are encouraged to attend Homework Centre on Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30-5pm.

### **Teacher Professional Learning**

Last Thursday, Mrs Hunt attended the Lachlan Principals' Network Meeting in Parkes, where she was professionally developed in Networked Specialist Centres to support students with welfare and learning needs, the Department of Education's new Well Being Framework, Work, Health and Safety, schools achieving BOSTES Registration standards and the School Excellence Framework. The day was very fruitful, with lots of information brought back to enhance the 2016 planning process.

#### **Positive Education**

Students will be engaging in positive education workshops during DEAR on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. These workshops assist our students to build resilience, self esteem, confidence to allow them to be happy in themselves and, therefore, kind to others.

#### **VALID Test for Year 8**

On Wednesday 14th November, Year 8 students will be undertaking the VALID test. The test allows for students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in science and ensures that teachers can highlight deficient areas and provide further development in these areas. We wish our students good luck in this test.

### **Tongling Middle School Number 15 Visit**

This Sunday, the 2015 visit from Tongling begins. Students have been given the opportunity to nominate to be part of the visit by expressing their interest to Mrs Hunt. The itinerary for the activities for the visit are attached on the following pages.

### Year 12 Scholarships

Information inviting Year 12 students to apply for the annual P&C and Bogan Shire Council Scholarships is attached to this newsletter.

#### Attendance

Students and parents are reminded of the need for students to attend school every day. Our teachers aim to provide engaging activities to attract students to want to come to school. Thank you to those parents to assist the school by providing explanations for absences that are unavoidable. We look forward to working with all of our students until the end of the school year.

## **School Counsellor Availability**

Students and parents are reminded that we are lucky to have a wonderful school counsellor on staff at Nyngan High School one and a half days a week. Judy Wall is available for students and their parents to assist with assessments or other concerns. Please contact Mrs Hunt, Mrs Murray or Mrs Wall if you would like assistance from the school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicole Hunt

Principal

### **P&C News**

Hello everyone,

Our raffle is going well. Thanks to Jodi Douglas for helping me sell tickets on Saturday morning at IGA and to IGA for allowing us to do this. Thanks to everyone who has purchased tickets so far and brought them back to the school. Please get them in as soon as possible. We will be drawing it at Presentation Night on Monday 10th December, 2015.

Ellie Smith has kindly offered to donate her time to help raise funds by doing a family photo sitting. The sitting fee will be \$30 and for that you will get three photos emailed to you or put onto a thumb drive, if you have one. We will only do it if there are enough people interested and the date we are looking at is either the 12th or 13th December. If you are interested in this please let me know as soon as possible by phoning me on 0428739426. Even if you text me with an expression of interest we can get back to you with details, if there are enough to warrant doing it.

Don't forget if you are coming to the final P&C meeting for the year to contact me so I can organise where we are going depending on numbers.

Thanks for listening

Stephanie Waterhouse Nyngan High School P&C Association President

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