



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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TERM 2 WEEK 3

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

Homework Centre Monday
and Thursdays 3.30pm to
5pm

Senior Study Evening 6.00pm
to 8.00pm Wednesdays

Wednesday 6th May -

Western Region Small
Schools Gala Day Rugby in
Dubbo

Wednesday 6th May -

Tertiary Day in Dubbo

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th
May - Girls Soccer Round 2
Broken Hill

Thursday 14th May - AECG
Meeting

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Nyngan High School Touch Football Team



Nyngan High School Rugby League Team



Principal's Report

Middle School

Last Friday we welcomed 42 new Year 6 students to the Middle School program for 2015. Initial indications are that many of these students are planning to enjoy the learning opportunities at Nyngan High School in 2016.

The students enjoyed their day of activities which included subjects not available to them in primary school. Our teachers thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the Year 6 students and we are looking forward to enhance our rapport with them over the next two terms.

Touch Football

Last Friday our male and female Touch Football teams travelled to Bathurst to compete in the gala day for the top eight teams in Western Region. Our teams played well, despite not winning, and their conduct was reportedly excellent.

The main story of the trip was the fabulous driving of Mr White, in particular when a tyre blew whilst he was driving. He expertly and calmly eased the bus to the edge of the highway where it stayed for the next two hours. Thankfully, the General Assistants from Dubbo College Senior and Delroy Campuses assisted by changing the tyre and then they were on their way again. Finally pulling in at around 8:30pm, weary but safe, our students and staff were glad to be home.

Thank you to Mrs Walsh, Miss McVey and Mr White for taking time out to supervise this long excursion.

Senior Exams

Year 12 exams are finished off this week with the last exam being Music on Tuesday. This makes way for Year 11 who will begin their first senior exams in Week 5.

School Photos

School photos were held today for the majority of the day. Photos are expected to come back into the school later in the year.

** **Please note** — due to school photos on Monday 4th May the school newsletter was not sent home to students, it is therefore being sent home today instead. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.*

SPC Meeting

This Thursday and Friday Nyngan High School is hosting the Term 2 Western Region Secondary Principals' Council Meeting. On the agenda is School Planning Milestones and Finance, School Liaison Police will be discussing local crime statistics for various areas, Aurora College, Directors Public Schools will be addressing the group, Angela Bush will be presenting on Positive Education, Technology Support for Schools and Nicole Hunt will be presenting on Improving HSC Performance.

Nyngan Show

Nyngan Show begins this coming Sunday 10th May. Our school will once again have a display amongst the other schools in the Wye Pavillion and students entered in the Miss Show Girl and Junior Stewards. Several students are going to enter items of work into the show and we wish them well.

Monday 11th May is a half day public holiday for the Nyngan Show.

The school will **open at 8:40am** as usual and **close at 12pm** to allow students to attend the show with their parents if they wish to. Students who do not attend school for the morning are expected to notify the school as to the reason for their absence. Students who are working at the show on school business are encouraged to complete a School Business Form which gives them permission to be at the show working or serving, under the supervision of their parents, without it recording as an absence from school. This is because the school values the commitment students make by volunteering for our community's annual show.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN for Years 7 to 9 will be Tues 12th May to Thurs 14th May 2015. All students in Years 7 and 9 are expected to attend school on these days to complete the exams. The results of these exams determine the required additional funding to support students who may have difficulties in literacy or numeracy. Parental assistance is requested to ensure that all students attend please.

AECG Meeting

There will be an AECG Meeting on Thursday 14th May at Nyngan Preschool. All interested people are invited to attend.

The Most Common Parenting Questions

Michael Grose answers the 50 most common parenting questions at <http://www.parentingideasclub.com.au/Quick-Tips?gclid=CK6En-qmpcUCFYiUvQod0ZQAzw>

Beyond Blue for Parents/Carers

Young people experience great change; socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. For many young people, adolescence is an exciting and happy time. For others, it can be challenging – wanting independence, trying to fit in, working things out with family and friends, and coping with daily events. Sometimes parents and guardians may find it hard to tell the difference between ‘normal teenage behaviour’ and anxiety and depression. Information to help parents is available at <http://www.beyondblue.org.au/resources/family-and-friends/parents-and-guardians>

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicole Hunt

Principal

P&C News

Hi Everyone,

Just a reminder that we have a meeting tonight Monday 4th May at 5.45pm in the staff room. It would be great to see some new faces as well as the old ones and if you didn't bring your \$2 to the AGM please bring it on Monday to become financial.

The Nyngan Show is only a few days away and I am desperately looking for volunteers for the Sunday 10th May. We start at 6.30 am and go through until 6.30 pm and the Nyngan show society are giving us \$800 to do the gates for the day.

Therefore we need lots of people to volunteer. It only has to be for one hour but your help would be greatly appreciated. The more people we get the less others have to do. If you are able to help please contact me on 0428739426.

Sunday 10th May

Gate 1

6.30—8.30	Neralie Quarmby & Petra Ramsay
8.30—9.30	Loretta Pears & Aimee Rixon
9.30—10.30	
10.30—11.30	Stacey Casey
11.30—12.30	
12.30—1.30	
1.30—2.30	
2.30—3.30	
3.30—4.30	
4.30—5.30	Steph & Trevor Waterhouse
5.30—6.30	Steph & Trevor Waterhouse

Gate 2

6.30—8.30	Camilla Sibbald & Di Dunn
8.30—9.30	
9.30—10.30	
10.30—11.30	Tanya & Dave Buchanan
11.30—12.30	
12.30—1.30	
1.30—2.30	
2.30—3.30	
3.30—4.30	
4.30—5.30	
5.30—6.30	

Thank you to Leah McClelland, Deanna Stephens, Nicole Alderson and Jackie Motley for doing the gate for the Nyngan Senior Rugby League on the weekend. It was very much appreciated. We still need volunteers to do this so if you are available on the attached dates please let me know as soon as you can on 0428739426. The next home game is the 24th May.

3/5/15	10.00 am	Leah McClelland & Dee Stephens	12.00pm
24/5/15	10.00 am	Dave & Tanya Buchanan	12.00pm
31/5/15	10.00 am		12.00pm
14/6/15	10.00 am	Loretta Pears & Di Dunn	12.00pm
21/6/15	10.00 am		12.00pm
12/7/15	10.00 am		12.00pm
19/7/15	10.00 am		12.00pm
9/8/15	10.00 am		12.00pm

Thanks for listening and I hope to hear from you.

Stephanie Waterhouse

Nyngan High School P&C Association

President

Attendance News

This term, *Home School Liaison Officers* will interview students about absences (partial, lateness, whole days & truancy).

The law in New South Wales regarding attendance at school is very specific. Children between the ages of six and seventeen years must attend school on all days the school is open unless there are justified reasons for an absence. All absences must be satisfactorily explained to the school at which the child is enrolled.

You are legally responsible for ensuring that your child/ren attends school each day school is open.

All students' attendance is monitored on a daily basis. **It is expected that all students arrive at school on time to begin daily lessons.**

All Absences can be explained by note, a phone call or personal explanation from parent/carer. Please note that "Slept-in" is not an acceptable reason for being late.

Mrs M Murray

Deputy Principal

Cobar Footy

Mr Dal Forno and I took a team of U15s and open boys to a small schools Rugby League tournament in Cobar on Thursday. Looking at the quality players we had on the bus, we knew we were in for a barnstorming day.

The U15s were victorious on the day remaining undefeated over 2 matches and claiming the trophy for the second year in a row. The first game saw a fiery encounter between town rivals Nyngan and Cobar. The first half was a close contest with Jacob Shone and Dewey posting tries to help Nyngan lead at the break 10-6. Whatever Trev Waterhouse said to them during the break worked a treat as we swept Cobar aside with some solid defence and exciting tries by Cooper Ryan and Jacob once again. Winners on the hooter by 20-6.

The second game was a game against a combined Cobar/Menindee side. This is the game where we never let the other side in the contest by continual pressure and skill on show. Man of the match, Laine McClelland scored a hat trick of tries in the first half along with Cooper and Jacob adding to their totals. Easy winners 24-0. Overall player of the U15s competition was Terrance Ryan who received a trophy on the day.

Our Opens team were down on numbers and so we called on some very capable U15s in Jak Jeffery, Jacob Shone, Terrance Ryan and Cooper Ryan. Well, I would have to say the game of the day was our game against a very strong and fast Menindee outfit. Cooper Barrow led the way with some excellent playmaking whilst Tom Waterhouse excelled with some unbelievable charges including a runaway 50m try. We jumped out to an imposing 16-0 lead but this was taken away by some 'enthusiastic' play by the Menindee boys. Menindee took the lead 22-16 with moments to go. Credit to our boys as they fought hard to reduce the gap to 26-22 (Tom's third try of the game). We pressed right up until the hooter and looked to have scored on the last play but it wasn't to be.

The second Opens game was a landslide victory to Nyngan leading by 28-0 when the game was called off at half-time due to time restraints. Matty McDougall scored a double with his lightning speed whilst Stanley Lord, Cooper Barrow and Tom contributed also.

Overall, a fantastic day of testosterone on display for all to see. Some big hits, skillful play and lots of enthusiasm from our boys. A huge thanks to Trev for driving the bus and coaching both teams all day. Also thanks to Nyngan Tigers for supplying their team bus for us to use on the day and to Brendan Smith for supplying the football team guernseys.

Mr M Walsh

Coordinating Teacher

PDHPE/Sport Update

Term 2 sports as hit the ground running. Offered for Term 2 are netball, walking, soccer, lawn bowls and tennis. A big thank you to the Nyngan Bowling Club and Tennis club for allowing us to use the facilities for what is going to be an enjoyable term of sport.

In other sports news, the U15s and OPENS teams played in the Far West School Boy Trophy on Thursday 30th, and the boys and girls touch football gala day was held in Bathurst on Friday 2nd of April which I am told was a great day even with an unscheduled tyre stop.

The U13s are next up in Dubbo for the Smalls Schools Rugby League Gala day which will be an enjoyable day and I know our boys will do a great job in representing the school and the community of Nyngan with outstanding performances.....no pressure!

Coming up fast is the schools athletics carnival on Monday 18th May. It is going to be a great day of fun and athleticism and I am looking forward to seeing all the students and any parents and community members that wish to come along and support our great students.

Thankyou

Mr Tristan Dal Forno

PDHPE

Outback Science and Engineering Challenge



Once again students in Stage 5 travelled to Cobar PCYC for the annual University of Newcastle -Outback Science and Engineering Challenge.

Nyngan High School students used problem solving skills of Science and Mathematics to solve unfamiliar problems. Lucy, Gemma and Petria's team approached the Catapult challenge without training and produced a catapult that was able to hit its target effectively. Jed and Brittany took on the Mission to Mars challenge, with no preparation only choosing to do it as the challenges began to give Nyngan a better chance at success. They designed a rover that successfully carried two different types of loads successfully over an undulated surface. I am very proud of how they used trial and error to enhance their design. Keegan, Brynn and Jordan were this years bridge team, building a bridge with triangular supports allowing a trolley to pass over the bridge without breaking. Jacob and Alahna worked on the hover frenzy activity, creating a hovercraft.

The half day events included a string train line activity that both teams, who competed, did well, despite the complex instructions required to complete the task. Thomas and Brendon did particularly well in this task. Grady, Skye and Kaleb produced a tower made from only paper and straws that could hold weight approximately 25cm above the ground, the tower survived the earthquake simulator and the trip back to Nyngan.

Nyngan High School took a team of 15 students of an available 32 spots. This meant, unfortunately, we were unable to compete in all tasks which affected our overall points on the day. However, it is important to note that despite our reduced numbers the students who competed in their individual events were very competitive with all three teachers who attended being proud of their achievements.

A big thanks goes to Mr White, our newest Science/Mathematics, who recently obtained his Bus Licence in preparation for the trip. As well as Mrs Lupton who helped with supervision.

Mr P. O'Neill
Science Teacher





Pictured above is the Mandatory Technology class studying agriculture with one of the very 'good looking chooks' they have in the ag plot.

CANTEEN SPECIAL

Fish Burger - **\$6.50**

Barramundi Fish Pattie, Cheese, Lettuce, Tartare Sauce on a Burger Bun



