



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 2016

TERM 4 WEEK 2

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

Homework Centre Mondays
3.30pm to 5.00pm Weeks A & B
and Thursdays Week A ONLY

Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to
9.00pm Wednesdays

Monday 17th October to
Wednesday 26th October -
Tongling Excursion

Friday 21st October - CHS Boys
Cricket Knockout at Gilgandra

Monday 31st October - P & C
Meeting 5.45pm Nyngan High
School Common Room

Monday 31st October - Stage 4
Exams commence

Monday 7th November - Stage 4
& Stage 5 Exams commence

Friday 11th November & Mon-
day 14th November - **MID
TERM BREAK**

Monday 21st November - Year
10 Work Experience commences

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

WE ARE OFF TO TONGLING!!

On Monday 17th October, the Nyngan High delegation left to visit the No15 Tongling Middle School in China, as part of the annual exchange. Mr Gibson, Ms Scott, Abbey, Lucy, Ella, Petria, Jacob and Joel flew from Dubbo to Sydney and then through the night to China. The very excited delegation were a little weary after 30 hours of travel to reach Tongling, however, we are grateful to be representing our school and the Nyngan community in Tongling.

Of course this trip would not have been possible without the amazing support of the entire Nyngan community, business partners and the Bogan Shire Council. We were able to raise over \$16,500 through the amazing efforts of the delegation students and their parents.

We would like to sincerely thank all of the sponsors and everyone who bought a raffle ticket or a sausage sizzle from the group. To Mrs Cathy Ellison at the Shire Council, thank you for your wonderful organisation of flights and accommodation and for supporting our delegation. After we return, the group will hold a night of thanks for all of the sponsors and business partners.

For making the group look very official we would like to thank Chris Ryan and the team at Nyngan Innovations for making our uniforms as part of a sponsorship package.

The delegation is pictured below in our tour polo shirts at Dubbo airport.

See you all later next week!

*Michael Gibson
Principal*



Acting Principal Report

Core Value: “Do your best”

Stage 4 students have examinations coming up in Weeks 4 and 5 and **Stage 5** have theirs in Weeks 5 and 6 so students should be busy preparing for these. Students could be reading over their notes, making summaries, drawing mind maps, redoing class-work, doing revision sheets or using Mathletics for Mathematics. I expect the Homework Centre will start to be very busy next week as students access teachers help.

The exam schedules will be uploaded onto our website this week.

Challenge yourself to do some exam preparation every night and “Do Your Best” in your exams.

Year 11

Mrs Walsh has talked with every Year 11 student about their subjects going into the HSC year. It is very important that students take their studies seriously. The Board of Studies requires principals to have evidence that a student has:

- Followed the course
- Applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school
- Achieved all or some of the course outcomes.

Students who do not do the above risk an N Determination (non-completion of course). It is very hard to do any of those things listed if you are absent more than 85% of the time so attending school every day is very important.

Students who are withdrawing from various courses, instead of attending classes at that time, have study periods. During study periods students are expected to be working in the library or on their major works etc, by arrangement with their teachers and after notifying Ms Booth.

Students who do not have a class in period 1 are allowed to arrive and sign into school, via the front office at 9.45am (at the latest). Students who do not have a class in period 5 are allowed to sign out via the front office at lunchtime.

Year 12 is a challenging but very enjoyable time for students as they are now working towards our core value of “Do Your Best”.

***The Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey closes Friday!!!!**

The *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement closes this Friday. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help Nyngan High School understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Parents can log in at the following website address: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/z668j>

This link works on mobile devices such as phones and ipads etc. Thanks to those parents who have completed the survey already.

This month is **Mental Health Month – Learn and Grow**. I encourage parents and students to read the attached information. The last section provides advice on where to access further help. You can also access information at www.headspace.org.au and <http://au.reachout.com/>

Kind regards,

Mrs Melanie Murray
Acting Principal

Maths/CAPA News

Welcome back to the very busy Term 4.

Congratulations to Year 12 who have been busily revising for their HSC exams. Your diligence has been appreciated and you are fantastic role models.

Year 11 will undertake their first HSC assessment task in **Week 5**. Students will be given the assessment notification next week. Stage 4 and 5 examinations will be held during normal class time and the schedules will appear in the newsletters. All classes will undergo revision before the examinations.

The answer to the following problem from last term - was that there were 12 rabbits and 8 chickens.

‘Mrs Mills puts some chickens and rabbits in one cage.

There are 20 heads and 64 legs in the cage.

How many chickens and how many rabbits are there?’

This term if you submit an answer you will be rewarded with either a merit and/or lollipop so here goes:

In the following algorithm, each letter stands for a different number.

Can you work out which number each letter stands for?

$$\begin{array}{r} B \quad B \quad C \\ \quad C \quad A \\ + \quad \quad A \\ \hline A \quad B \quad C \end{array}$$

Happy solving...

Tanya Buchanan
Maths/CAPA Head Teacher

Deputy Principal Report

Term 4 is upon us and as we embark on an end of year rush, it is important to stop and reflect on our busy lives and not to forget those around us. This term can be very stressful for both staff and students and it can be easy to lose sight of what is truly important. To help counteract these times our Positive Education focus is Kindness. Scientific studies have shown that kindness has a great number of physical and emotional benefits and that children require a healthy dose of kindness in order to flourish as healthy, happy, well-rounded individuals. As do adults.

Kindness is a natural anti depressant because it causes a release of serotonin in our brain. Serotonin plays an important part in learning, memory, mood, sleep, health and digestion. It heightens our sense of well being, increases energy and gives a wonderful feeling of positivity and self worth.

In a famous study undertaken by Dr Sonja Lyubomirsky, Professor, University of California, students were asked to commit five random acts of kindness a week for six weeks. They showed a 41.66% increase in happiness. Kindness is so simple yet sometimes forgotten and this term we tend to commit as many of these acts as possible.

This week in workshops, students will brainstorm ideas on how they can act kindly in different situations. During our final term of 2016, we will run a random acts of kindness for all students to be involved in. Staff participated in this last term and received many goodies, including coffee vouchers, beverages and books.

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop

How will you bring more kindness into your day?

Angie Bush
Relieving Deputy Principal

Science News

Term 4 is shaping up to be quite busy.

During Week 4 when Stage 4 will be sitting their end of year exams, Year 8 students will also be undertaking the mandatory online VALID test. Validation of Assessment 4 Learning and Individual Development. Some people may remember this test as ESSA (Essential Science Skills Assessment). VALID is conducted in Years 6, 8 and 10 and provides a similar function to NAPLAN. Year 8 parents will receive a letter later this week regarding VALID.

Year 8 students in the Enrichment and Opportunity classes will be going online on Wednesday 2nd November during Period 1 and the Achievement and Discovery classes on Thursday 3rd November during Period 1. Time will be spent in science classes over the next few weeks completing past questions to prepare students. Year 7 students will also have the opportunity to become familiar with the VALID test format. All Stage 4 and 5 Science tests have been set in the same format as VALID, though on paper rather than online, and we use the same marking system resulting in students being comfortable with this form of assessment.

Stage 4 Guided Research Projects

The last 4 weeks of Term 3 saw Stage 4 students undertaking the Guided Research Project in which students use the investigation and research skills studied in science to undertake a group research task. This year we investigated solar energy. Individual groups selected a research question and designed experiments using our solar panel kits to formulate conclusions about their aspect of solar energy. Students then published their projects in the form of a magazine article using Excel spreadsheets to record data and produce graphs and then Publisher to create an interesting presentation. Although most lessons in class were dedicated to the projects, students who utilised time outside class were able to complete a more professional presentation.

Leonie Montgomery

Head Teacher Science

Didgeridoo Workshops

Nyngan High School has introduced an Art Workshop where students will make one of the oldest ancient musical instruments in the world - the "Didgeridoo".

John McGregor from Collarenebri is a talented craftsman who is the facilitator of the workshop which will be conducted over an eight week period. John is a Project Officer who is currently employed by the State Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). We are very fortunate to have John present at our school, sharing and teaching our male participants an ancient skill. All male students at Nyngan High School were invited to be a participant of the workshops, based on their own interest. Mr Charters and Troy Richards are also participating in the workshops.

Following is a snapshot from Monday's Didgeridoo workshop.



Raylene Weldon

AEO

English/HSIE News

Welcome back to Term 4! Hope everyone is well rested and keen for another busy and fun term, I know the English/HSIE Faculty are. It's coming up to Assessment Task and Yearly Exam time for Stage 4 and 5 so now is the time to be working hard and revising for your exams. If you need help make sure you ask your teacher and attend the homework centre.

Year 11 has made a fantastic start to their HSC, their attendance and willingness to contribute in class has been noticed. Mrs Bush gets bragging rights this week with **EVERY** student in Standard English completing their creative writing homework, well done! Consistency is one of the keys to success in the HSC, so being organised and keeping on top of the workload by completing homework will bring lots of benefits to your learning and ease stress.

Stage 4 Achievement and Opportunity have been learning about global inequalities such as poverty and access to water in Africa. The Achievement class completed a water challenge where they carried a bucket of water across the oval. Sonny was the champ and was able to carry the water on his head, however, he could only do this for a short distance. The purpose of this activity was to highlight the issue of water access in developing countries, particularly Africa. Many women and children have to travel up to 12 kilometres a day to collect water and carry it back to their village. The water containers can weigh up to 20 kilograms when full, which over time leads to injury and poor quality of life.

The Opportunity class with Mrs Lupton have taken action during Poverty Awareness Week to raise awareness about the impact of poverty in the world. The students decided on their own merit to have a donation jar at the canteen and a gold coin collection during DEAR. Stage 4 should be very proud of their efforts and the empathy they have shown towards others in need.

Stage 5 HSIE with Mr Miles and Miss Rixon are learning about the influences of pop culture in Australia. We have begun the unit of work listening to some sweet tunes from days gone by, such as Elvis, The Supremes, Beach Boys as well as some modern day movers and shakers such as Beyonce, Brittany Spears, Nelly and the Backstreet Boys - who would have thought this was History? We have also revisited some crazy fads from the 1940's until today, which made Year 9 and 10 realise they weren't as cool as they thought. The rest of the term is going to be exciting learning about fashion, television and film influences in Australia.

Kindness is the vibe being spread around the school at the moment. Get involved and give someone the kindness glow with a good deed or compliment to make their day. The English/HSIE Faculty are certainly getting amongst it and looking forward to seeing the kindness epidemic in full swing.

This edition's History joke has a cross-curricular theme:

Q: Who invented King Arthur's round table?

A: **Sir Cumference!**

LOL! LOL! LOL!

Miss Rixon

Relieving Head Teacher English/HSIE

TAS / PDHPE Faculty News

This Term has already been very busy with so much going on. Last week Miss Field and Mrs Walsh went to Orange for an Industry Currency update for Hospitality / Primary Industries. This was a very worthwhile professional learning event. I was particularly impressed with the Anson Street school and the wonderful students who showed us how they propagate seeds. A big thank you to Miss Stafford for relieving in my absence.

CSU Excursion - Year 10

A note will go home this week changing the date to the 15th/16th November - this is due to the Dance Concert being on Thursday 17th November.

HSC Marking

Mrs Walsh will be away all of Week 5 marking the 2016 Primary Industries HSC paper at Homebush. I again look forward to this excellent professional learning. Miss Stafford will relieve in my absence.

Tongling

We wish the Tongling Delegation a safe and educational time away and look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return.

Year 10 Work Experience

Forms closed on the last day of Term 3 and so I am now in the process of completing all the relevant paperwork and contacting employers.

Peer Support Training

All Year 9 students will complete Peer Support Training on the 1st and 2nd December. A note will go home shortly about this. After training students will then apply for a position as a 2017 Peer Support Leader.

Didgeridoo Workshop

Congratulations to Mr Charters and the group of boys completing this program. All comments have been very positive about the experience.

Noelene Walsh

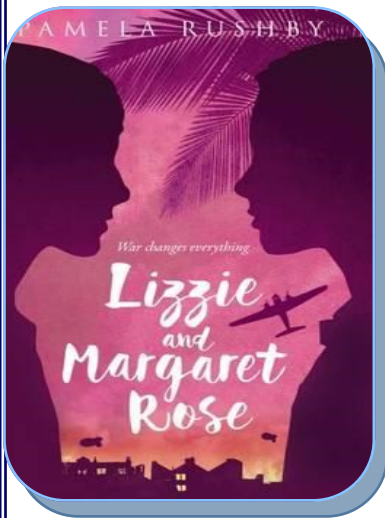
Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE/Careers

Yay, new books in the library!

Lirael is no longer a shy Second Assistant Librarian. She is the Abhorsen-in-Waiting, with dead creatures to battle and Free Magic entities to bind. She's also a Remembrancer, wielder of the Dark Mirror. Lirael lost one of her hands in the binding of Orannis, but now she has a new hand, one of gilded steel and Charter Magic. When Lirael finds Nicholas Sayre lying unconscious after being attacked by a hideous Free Magic creature, she uses her powers to save him. But Nicholas is deeply tainted with Free Magic. Fearing it will escape the Charter mark that seals it within his flesh and bone, Lirael seeks help for Nick at her childhood home, the Clayr's Glacier. Once more a great danger threatens the Old Kingdom, and it must be forestalled not only in the living world, but also in the cold, remorseless river of Death.



Young Adult Section

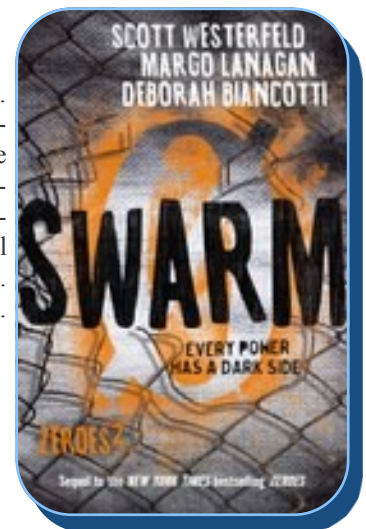


London, 1940. Bombs are falling and 10-year-old Margaret Rose survives a deadly raid, but her family home is destroyed. In faraway Townsville in Queensland, her aunt is ready to take her in, although her 11-year-old cousin Lizzie is not so sure. But first there is a long and dangerous voyage to a strange country, also at war. Margaret Rose knows it's not going to be easy, and Lizzie is not about to make it any easier.

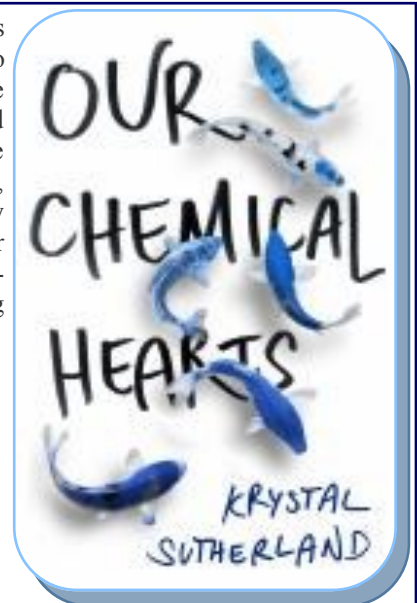
Junior Fiction

Every power has a dark side. Keep the secret. Use your power for good. Keep out of trouble. Stick together. Or things will fall apart...It's the holiday season, but the celebration at the Zeroes's underground nightclub is blown apart when two strangers with new powers take to the dance floor. The Zeroes pursue them, only to discover that they're fleeing an even more sinister power-wielder, Swarm. The Zeroes must learn all they can about this dangerous new player if they are to stay safe...Meanwhile each of the Zeroes also has their own issues to deal with. Bellwether's confidence is challenged, and Mob questions the nature of her power. Crash's conscience gets a workout, and Anon and Scam face harsh truths about belonging. And it's up to Flicker to pick up the reins and lead the Zeroes into a terrifying showdown.

Young Adult



Henry Page has never been in love. The slo-mo, can't-eat-can't-sleep kind of love he's been hoping for just hasn't been on the cards-at least not yet. Henry's too busy trying to get into a semi-decent college and become editor of his school newspaper, a dream three years in the making. The rest of his spare time he spends with his best friends, Lola and Murray, playing video games and advising them on their own sordid love lives. Then he meets Grace Town, the elusive new girl in school, who wears oversized boys' clothing, walks with a cane, rarely seems to shower, and is hiding crushing secrets. She's hardly who Henry expected his dream girl to be, but when the two are chosen to edit the paper together, sparks fly. After all this time, Henry's about to learn firsthand just how disastrous the road to first love can be-and that sometimes it's the detours that end up mattering much more.



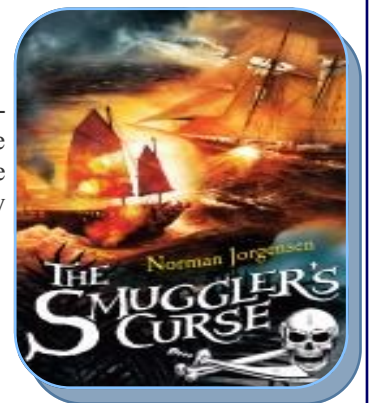
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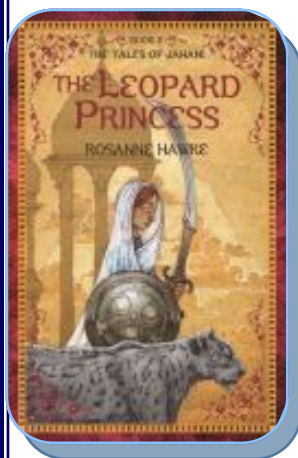
Lifelong friends Jake and Alex are torn apart when they make a terrible split-second decision that ends in tragedy. As guilt closes in on Jake, he becomes increasingly determined to confess to the police. But Alex just wants to move on with life. He's got a cool new girlfriend, fancy new house and posh new school, and doesn't want his future to be ruined by a mistake in his past. Told backwards in alternating viewpoints, this gritty novel takes us through the wreckage of a broken friendship, back to the moment when everything changed.

Young Adult

Red Read's life takes a surprising - and alarming - turn when his mother sells him to an infamous smuggler plying his trade off the north-west coast of Australia in the closing days of the 19th century. From terrifying encounters with cut-throat pirates to battling the forces of nature in a tropical typhoon, from dining with head-hunting guerrillas to making meals of monkey stew, Red is in for a hair-raising adventure that may cost him his life.



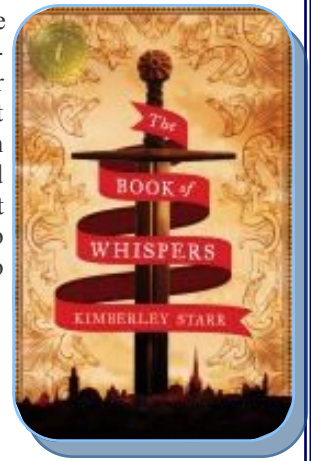
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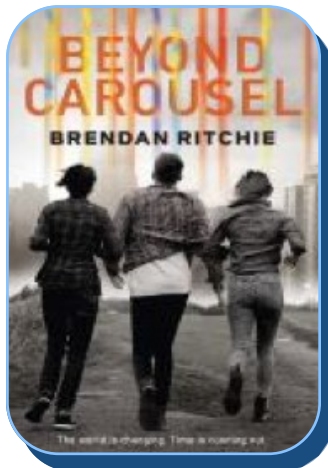
First Moon of Autumn, 1662: After reuniting with the nomads, fourteen-year-old Jahani is finally home. With her red hair dyed black, she can travel through the Qurraqoram Mountains without fear of being captured. But the tyrants and war lords who pursue Jahani will not rest in their battle for power and, before long, the nomads are attacked. Can Jahani discover a pathway to peace in the northern kingdoms and fulfil her true destiny?

Junior Fiction

Tuscany, 1096 AD. Luca, young heir to the title of Conte de Falconi, sees demons. Since no one else can see them, Luca must keep quiet about what he sees, or risk another exorcism by the nefarious priest Ramberti. Luca also has dreams--dreams that sometimes predict the future. Night after night Luca sees his father murdered, and vows to stop it coming true. Even if he has to go against his father's wishes and follow him on the great pilgrimage to capture the Holy Lands. Far away in Cappadocia, Suzan has dreams too. Consigned with her mute mother to a life in an underground convent, she has a vision of a brown-haired boy riding through the desert. A boy with an ancient book that holds some inscrutable power. A boy who will take her on an adventure that will lead to places beyond both their understanding. Together, Luca and Suzan will realise their true quest: to defeat the forces of man and demon that wish to destroy the world.



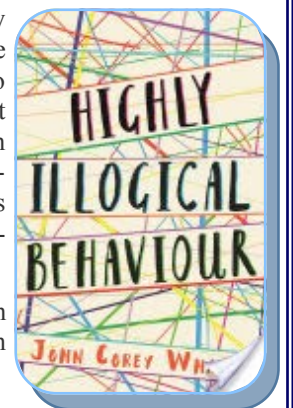
Young Adult



Everyone you know has disappeared. What would you do? Nox, Taylor and Lizzy are desperate to uncover the secret of the Disappearance. But there is more to the new world than they ever suspected, and the danger is only just beginning. They quickly learn they are not the only survivors to roam the broken city. Saving those they love will mean risking everything - and time is running out. This is the thrilling sequel to Carousel.

Young Adult

Sixteen year old Solomon has agoraphobia. He hasn't left his house in three years, which is fine by him. At home, he is the master of his own kingdom--even if his kingdom doesn't extend outside of the house. Ambitious Lisa desperately wants to go to a top tier psychiatry program. She'll do anything to get in. When Lisa finds out about Solomon's solitary existence, she comes up with a plan sure to net her a scholarship: Befriend Solomon. Treat his condition. And write a paper on her findings. To earn Solomon's trust, Lisa begins letting him into her life, introducing him to her boyfriend Clark, and telling him her secrets. Soon, Solomon begins to open up and expand his universe. But all three teens have grown uncomfortably close, and when their facades fall down, their friendships threaten to collapse, as well.



At turns hilarious and heartwarming, *Highly Illogical Behavior* showcases the different ways in which we hide ourselves from the world--and the ways in which love, tragedy, and the need for connection may be the only things to bring us back into the light.

As you can see there is plenty of new material to sink your teeth into, if you wish to reserve any of the new books come and see me and I'll show you how to access your personal library page on Oliver.

HAPPY
READING



Miss Booth
"The Book Chook"

