

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

THURSDAY 16TH JUNE, 2016

TERM 2 WEEK 8

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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

Tuesday 14th June to Thursday
16th June - Western Region
Dance Festival Bathurst

Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th June
- CHS Lawn Bowls State Finals
Blacktown

Wednesday 15th June - Regional
Cross Country Geurie

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th
June - RSA & RSG Nyngan
High School

Monday 20th to Friday 24th June
- Western Sydney University
Rural Indigenous Visit

Tuesday 21st June - Intergroup
Public Speaking Competition
Trundle

Thursday 23rd June - SRC Dis-
trict Meeting Forbes

Friday 24th June - Middle
School

Thursday 30th June - **FORMAL
ASSEMBLY**

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Tongling Delegation

2016



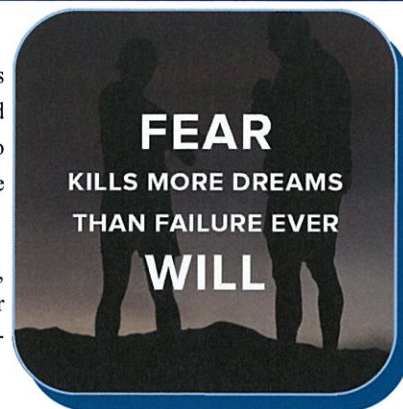
Pictured above are Nyngan High School Tongling Delegation for 2016

They are from L to R Back Row: Ms B Scott (Teacher Rep), Jacob Shone, Joel Waterhouse, Lucy Buchanan and Mr M Gibson (Principal) - Front Row: Petria Quarmby, Ella Meldrum and Abbey Buchanan

Principal's Report

During the past fortnight our school has been its normal busy self, with many excursions, exams and special events being key features. Year 11 student reports were sent home during last week and I hope that students and parents were pleased with their efforts. If not, then make a commitment to improving yourself to ensure you can follow your dreams. Reports for Years 7-10 will arrive home during the last fortnight of the term.

Whether you are a student at school, or later in life when you find yourself faced by challenges, there is an opportunity to rise up and show your strength of character. Take a chance and do your best to succeed, never fearing failure. The only challenge you cannot overcome, is when you challenge your own belief.



Voluntary Contributions & Course Fees

During last week we conducted a review of student fees which are still unpaid for 2016. Along with course fees and voluntary contributions, students and families who take part in excursions are expected to pay their share of costs. There are still some students who have not paid for excursions they have been away on. For Terms 2 and 3, I will be asking teachers not to take students on excursions who have outstanding costs from previous excursions. Our school is unable to afford to fund all excursion costs alone.

Course fees relate to the Elective courses students elect to undertake from Year 9 onwards. These fees cover the materials used in the construction of projects, the creation of food items or for learning materials. These fees must be paid to ensure your child can participate in the learning of skills and knowledge which will benefit their future. Payments for course fees can be made to the school front office during school hours and are due by the beginning of Term 2, for which invoices are being sent home this week. These are also courses which parents have supported their child undertaking. If these fees are unable to be paid please contact the Principal to make an alternative payment schedule.

Voluntary contributions are payments which support the school to operate. These payments are greatly appreciated and will help to ensure students are provided with a continued supply of learning resources, complimented by funds from the school's budget. I would encourage all families to pay the voluntary contribution as soon as possible. Please contact the school office for further enquiries.

Tongling Exchange 2016

This year Nyngan High is visiting the No15 Tongling Middle school in China, as part of the annual exchange. Our school has selected six great student representatives to travel this year and continue to build on the great relationship which exists between the schools and town.

Unfortunately there are always students who have to miss out on this opportunity. Of the sixteen students who applied, all are valued as wonderful students at Nyngan High School and could have been strong ambassadors for the school.

The students selected embody the core values of Nyngan High School and also display excellent application to their schooling and being a role model. They will travel with Ms Bianca Scott and I, later this year. The students are: Petria Quarmby, Jacob Shone, Ella Meldrum, Joel Waterhouse, Abbey Buchanan and Lucy Buchanan.

We hope that you can show your support for our trip and help out as we begin to fundraise for the trip of a lifetime!

Michael Gibson

Principal

Nyngan High School

CAR FOR SALE

Nyngan High School is selling its car and invites offers for purchase from members of the Nyngan community and local business. Under Department of Education policy, the sale of this item will be made to the highest offer/ bidder following a submission period. This period will be open from Thursday 2nd June – Thursday 28th June 2016.

Offers are to be submitted in person at the school and placed into a locked box with school reception staff. The successful bidder will be contacted on Friday 1st July.

FOR SALE: Price Guide \$15,000 - \$17,500

2010 Santa Fe SLX

136,000km

Rego 27/8/2016

2.2L Diesel

All-Wheel Drive, Automatic

7 Seats

Immaculate Interior

USB, Aux ports

12 volt ports front and rear

Log book and service history



For inspections and enquiries, please contact Michael Gibson on 6832 1004.

Deputy Principal's Report

Students have all finished their examinations now and teachers are busy writing reports.

Next week we have a group of indigenous students going to the University of Western Sydney for a week to experience university life. This is a great opportunity and we thank the University of Western Sydney for this program. Mr Miles will accompany the students.

Positive Schools Conference

Last week both Mrs Bush and I represented Nyngan High at The Positive Schools Conference in Sydney. The two day conference looked at positive education and youth wellbeing. We heard from 10 keynote speakers, attended workshops and browsed trade displays. Ita Buttrose AO, OBE hosted the conference and we heard from inspirational and relevant speakers such as Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Dr Helen Street, Dr Chris Sarra and Maggie Dent.

We were chosen to showcase our Positive Education Initiative at a What Works Expo. We shared the ideas, programs and strategies that we have been implementing at Nyngan High as they have found to be effective in promoting wellbeing, positive mental health and a love of learning. We were the only Public High School chosen for the Expo.

We are very excited to return to school this week and continue to expand our Positive Education and Wellbeing program knowing that we are leading the way in this area.

*Kind regards,
Melanie Murray*



TAS Report

It has been a busy fortnight with so many wonderful activities taking place in all our classrooms. Last week I attended a Trade Centre Forum in Sydney. It was a chance for rural schools to come together and discuss our concerns/ideas to maximise our facilities. I am very proud of our VET in Nyngan High School and believe we are achieving and meeting our students needs. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the local businesses that support Nyngan High School by accepting our students for Work Experience and Work Placement. We are indeed fortunate to have such a committed and caring community.

Thank you to Mr Ian Corby who leaves us this Friday. It was a pleasure to have you teach in our school and your experience and professionalism was appreciated.

Next term will be very busy for Year 12 and Year 10. Year 12 will begin to apply for university and/or consider their options for after school; and Year 10 will be given their information regarding the organisation of their work experience (first week back after holidays). To assist students TAFE Western will be visiting on June 21st to talk to Years 10, 11 and 12 to discuss their options.

Nyngan High School will also be holding a Careers Expo on 4th August.

I would like to extend my thanks to Sophie White from the Red Cross Community Hub for her assistance and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Miss Stafford for the Fun Run held last week. It was great to see everybody involved.

Mrs N Walsh

Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE/Careers

REMINDERS:

P&C News

Just a reminder if anyone would like to help out on the footy gate this weekend 19th June, please contact Stephanie Waterhouse on 0428 739 426.

Our next P&C Meeting is on Monday 20th June, 2016 at 5.45pm. Everyone welcome to attend, see you there.

Thanks

Mrs S Waterhouse

Nyngan High School P&C Association President

CANTEEN NEWS

Special

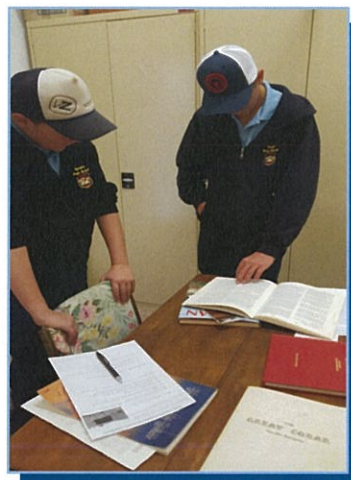
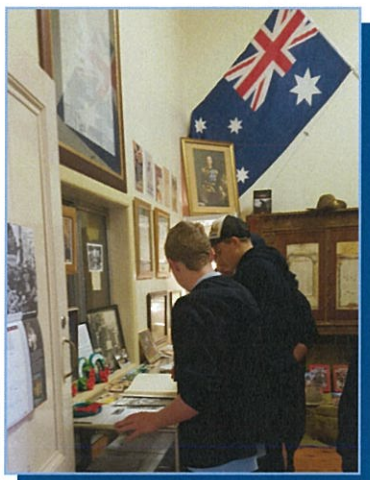
Buttered Chicken and Rice

\$6.50

English/HSIE News

The English/HSIE Faculty would like to welcome Miss Heather Gillespie to our team for Term 2. Miss Gillespie joins us from Charles Sturt University- Albury to complete her Professional Teaching Experience in History with Miss Rixon. She has settled in well and is delivering quality and engaging lessons to Year 9 and 10 Enrichment on the Industrial Revolution and the American Slave Trade. Stage 4 Enrichment have also been going history mad with Miss Gillespie, working hard learning about Ancient Egypt. For the rest of the term students will be working on a variety of interesting and fun projects and we look forward to sharing them with you in the coming weeks.

Last Friday, Stage 5 visited the Nyngan Museum for an excursion to learn about the impact of the railway on Nyngan and learning the historical changes of the community. For many of the students it was the first time visiting since primary school or many for the first time ever. Looking at the displays through different and more mature eyes, the students gained a lot of valuable knowledge and appreciation of the wonderful Nyngan community they are part of. Stage 5 are also to be commended on their exemplary behaviour and involvement in every aspect of the excursion, it was very worthwhile and a privilege to be part of. Thank you to Mr Miles for organising the excursion and to the Nyngan Museum staff for sharing their knowledge of the town and giving us such a wonderful experience on our excursion.



It has been very busy time for everyone with assignments and exams. The staff room has been buzzing with chat about the effort and quality of student work. The English/HSIE Faculty are very proud of all our students and the hard work they have put into their work and assessments this term. Well Done!

I will leave you with our 'History Joke of the Week', proudly and hysterically brought to you by Year 11 Legal Studies

Q: Why was Cleopatra so negative?

A: Because she was Queen of De Nile

LOL!

Miss Rixon
English/HSIE

Professional Teaching Placement

During Term 2, I have been given the chance to work with the welcoming and enthusiastic staff, students, parents and community of Nyngan. My name is Heather Gillespie and I am completing my Professional Teaching Placement at Nyngan High School.

I have had the opportunity to work with Year 10 Enrichment, learning about the American Slavery and key individuals' efforts to bring about emancipation of African American slaves. The students of Year 10 Enrichment have learnt about passive and active resistance of slaves. Recently, we have been focusing on the Underground Railroad and spirituals used by slaves to express themselves. I have been thoroughly impressed with the students' warm welcome and engagement. I appreciate your efforts and look forward to learning more with you.

The following are some of the slave spirituals written by students in Year 10 Enrichment:

Slave Spirituals:

Hold me down did white man,

Hold me down to the land.

Where I worked till dusk
and my hands bled red.

Like a bird in a cage, I lived my days.
My belly filled with pangs of rage.

Fear white man we were told to do.
Our language was not to be spoken for it was taboo.

By: Rahni

Working on the cotton fields,
my back aches from the yields.

Trying to get this cotton picked,
to save myself from the whip.

By: Hamish

I caught a rat, a rat that was free.
That rat will be in master's tea.

The rat had a family once like me.
Now he is alone in my masters tea.

By: Liam

*H Gillespie
English/HSIE*



SRC Update

It's a busy and productive few weeks for the SRC Leaders of Nyngan High School. They have continued to offer some fun recess and lunchtime games of touch footy and netball for different year groups this term. I think the Year 7's have been the keenest year group so far!

The students have also challenged themselves by helping lead some of the year group workshops with the teachers. As part of our Positive Education program at school, we take the time in DEAR a few times a term to talk about building personal skills such as resilience and gratitude. I look forward to our young leaders continuing to step outside their comfort zones and help ensure their year groups are happy and working as a team.

The highlight for me was the joint meeting held with members of the Nyngan Health Council at Nyngan High School on Monday 6th June, 2016. Jacqui Chapman expertly shared a powerpoint of the council's roles, responsibilities and goals. Also in attendance from the Health Council were John Glennie, Di Hughes and Virginia Woodlock. The meeting was an opportunity to commence dialogue with the youth of the community and what better way than to seek feedback from our SRC. The students came prepared with questions and provided insights and suggestions to help ensure the youth have a voice.

The hottest topic was students wanting a deeper understanding and strategies for tackling mental health including the impact of drugs and alcohol in our society.

We look forward to being a regular participant in the monthly meetings and helping initiate programs and workshops to really make a difference in Nyngan.

Our next adventure has us heading off to Forbes on the 23rd June to host the Western District SRC Meeting. Good fun!!

Mr M Walsh



Nyngan High School SRC and Nyngan Health Council participants at the meeting held last week

SRC Year 9 Touch Footy games with Mel trying to tag Abbey !



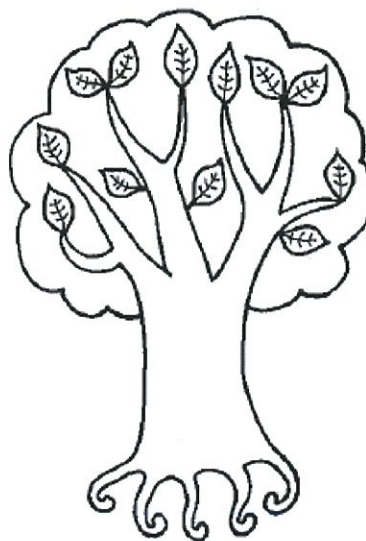
Maths Newsletter

Well the problem of the week caused a lot of people to get out the pencils, turn on their thinking caps and work out how old Sam and his family were. The correct answer was Sam was 5, his sister 3, Dad was 34 and Mum was 31. Mr Miles would not leave the Maths staffroom until I had 'guided' him to the solution. Dave Buchanan wouldn't make me a coffee until I showed him the way I tackled the problem. Mandy Martin spent a wet Saturday solving the problem and was the first correct unassisted solution. I even had the answer texted to me! Well done Mandy. James and Mrs Walsh were also keen participants but they caved in and I provided them with the solution.

The problem for this week is:

Mrs Bacon has bought 10 trees for Rutherford School. She wants the trees to be planted in 5 rows, with 4 trees in each row.

Can you help Mrs Bacon to arrange the trees so that she still gets the row layout that she wants?



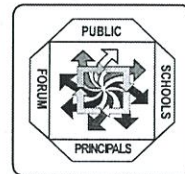
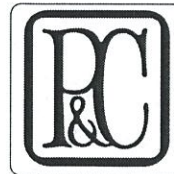
I hope we are inundated with solutions during the next fortnight.

Tanya Buchanan

Maths/CAPA Head Teacher

A joint statement from

The NSW Public Education Alliance



A fair, just and prosperous nation for all our children

We, the undersigned organisations, are committed to ensuring that every Australian child has an equal opportunity to realise their full potential in life through the provision of a well-resourced, high quality education.

We believe, therefore, that it is imperative for current and future Commonwealth governments to join with all state and territory governments to fully fund the Gonski needs-based school funding model.

Gonski is designed to lift all schools to a national minimum resource standard and provide extra funding for individual students in need of greater support.

If fully funded, Gonski will establish a new, higher benchmark for government investment in Australian schooling, and help build the foundations for a fair, just and prosperous nation for generations to come.

We believe such a great cause warrants the full support of all political parties and candidates for election to parliament.

Lila Mularczyk
President
NSW Secondary
Principals' Council

Geoff Scott
President
NSW Primary
Principals' Association

Maurie Mulheron
President
NSW Teachers
Federation

Jason Vials
President
Federation of P&C
NSW

Cheryl McBride
Chairperson
Public School
Principals Forum



NYNGAN TOWN HALL

MARKET DAY

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE 2016 11AM TO 2PM

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Clothing - Yarra Trail,
Vigorella, Boo Radley &
More

Homeware - Candles -
Cordials & Sauces

Herbalife Products

Intimo Underwear

Be Fitted By The
Professionals

Rells Mystique

Baskets- Scarves & Fashion
Accessories

Mary Kay Skin Care Range

Lipsense

Lipstick that
never wears off

Adore Shoes

Love That Red

Candles

"Candles for Causes"

Local Crafts

Ruby Maine

Clothing - Boomshanker,
Elk, Betty Basics & More

Shoes - Handbags -
Jewelry