



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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THURSDAY 30TH JUNE, 2016

TERM 2 WEEK 10

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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

Thursday 30th June - **FORMAL
ASSEMBLY**

Friday 1st July - Last day of
school for Term 2 - Holidays

Monday 18th July - **Nyngan
High School Development Day**

Tuesday 19th July - **ALL STU-
DENTS RETURN TO
SCHOOL**

Wednesday 20th July to Friday
22nd July - Year 11 Crossroads
Excursion Lake Burrendong

Friday 22nd July - Middle
School

Friday 29th July - Regional Ath-
letics Carnival

Monday 1st August - P&C Meet-
ing 5.45pm

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Nyngan High School Presents

Arts in
the
dark

HSC showcases in...
ART, DANCE, MUSIC, DRAMA
AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS

6pm

\$5 adult and \$2 student
Tickets at the gate only
Please note this is an
outdoor event & byo chair

BBQ and CAFE AVAILABLE

Principals Report

Well what a massive term this has been! To give you an idea of what it has been like at Nyngan High School every day, we only need to look at the daily tasks of our teaching and school administrative and support staff. It varies from organising a multitude of excursions, performances and community events; to preparing and delivering assessment tasks; to marking tests and assessments for hours during their personal time; to coordinating senior students who attend their industry work placement and help them carve out a career; to straining the brain at ridiculous hours in the attempt to write personalised and meaningful reports- only to have the overbearing Principal send them back with corrections; to varying the learning environment so our kids don't get bored; to working together behind the scenes on preparing better lessons and teaching programs; to meeting in teams to plan better management of our classrooms so all students have wonderful learning opportunities; and I could list at least another 15-20 major things. Now that is a hugely varied workload, with sometimes unpredictable situations, requiring teachers to be a dedicated group who stay strong on the common goal of developing excellent community citizens.

And on top of all that, they are then required to go and teach their normal everyday lessons and coordinate the administration of the school. What we are essentially employed for. Hectic is a rather useful adjective when describing the workload of our staff during Term 2. My message is that please don't take for granted that school staff only work a 9am-3pm type of day; because without their dedication, these normal things don't happen at school.

Mr Greg Corby

After close to 40 years of dedicated service to teaching, public education and doing what's right for the kids- Mr Greg Corby is moving into retirement.

This is not only the conclusion of his permanent teaching life but the end of an era at Nyngan High School. When someone like Greg leaves your team, you lose a huge amount of knowledge in the school, you lose some of your culture and you lose some of the leadership. Greg Corby for his career has been a leader of staff, a student focused educator and a man who continually builds a strong culture of respect and collegiality in your school.

We are poorer for not having Greg in our school as of next term, but Nyngan High School is largely the great place it is today in part, because of Greg and the work he has done for so many years. When you could safely say that Greg has had a role in the education of almost everyone in town who is under 50, that clearly states the influence he has had. Being the consistent role model for ethical practice and respect is something that everyone appreciates in Greg. And everyone in town knows that with our public school facility:

"It's not yours, It's not mine, It's the schools!!"

Mr Greg Corby, we are humbled by your contribution to public education and the positive development of our young people in the Nyngan community. Thank you so much on behalf of the school community and happy retirement. We wish you and Anna the very best.

..... and Mr Corby is also our BBQ Food Preparation Provider !!!



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. At this Saturday's election our students and parents in the delegation will be selling raffle tickets and providing a massive BBQ from 8am-2pm as a fundraiser. Please bring some spare money and support our cause.

Semester 2- Terms 3 & 4

During the second half of the year, many of us think about what lies ahead and get on with things normally. Clearly, the job for this year is not done yet. Students will need to remain dedicated, take risks with their learning, try something new and adapt to new ways of learning.

If you can successfully follow new and exciting pathways, your future may be brighter than ever before. You may achieve your goals and you may succeed where others flounder. For the remainder of the year, don't try to just be 'normal'. Try to be amazing and learn in amazing ways. Challenge yourself!

"If you are always
trying to be **NORMAL**,
you will never know
how **AMAZING**
you can be."

- Maya Angelou

I would like to wish the entire community, but particularly our wonderful students and staff, happy and safe holidays. Enjoy the time and spend it with the people you love most.

School resumes for all students on: Tuesday 19th July.

YOU WILL BE EDUCATED – RESISTANCE IS FUTILE!

Michael Gibson

Principal

P&C Report

Thanks to the fabulous people who helped on the footy gate on Sunday in extremely cold conditions. Your help was very much appreciated. Thanks go to Loretta Pears, Mandy Martin, Nicole Alderson, Michael Gibson and Di Dunn.

We have another gate this Sunday so anyone who can help even if it is for an hour or so, it would be great. If everyone does a little bit then no one has to do it all. Please contact me on 0428 739 426 - thank you.

I have had one offer from the text that was sent yesterday, so not a great response. Remember the funds we raise go towards something that benefits every child in our school. The school bus, the lockers, musical equipment and many other things over the years, so please consider giving up an hour or two of your time.

Thanks listening

Stephanie Waterhouse

Nyngan High School P&C Association

President

Deputy Principal's Report

Time for reflection

Students have finished their half yearly examinations and teachers have been busy writing reports for the first semester.

Now is an excellent time for many students to think about their study techniques and their revision program.

Was it effective?

Did it allow them to really consolidate the information?

Did they utilise their time effectively?

If any student is having problems organising their work, their study or their organisation please contact us. We are here to help the students.

Western Region Deputy Principal's Conference

Last week I travelled to Parkes to attend the Western Region Deputy Principal's Conference which was held at Parkes High School. The Georges River College Principal, Joanne Jarvis presented workshops on "Transforming Your School" and "Assessment: Formative and Summative". We participated in activities around developing a school's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy and we once again heard from Mr Chad Bliss, (Nyngan High's ex-Principal) who spoke about programs he is implementing at his current school. The conference was very worthwhile and I will be sharing the information with staff.

Nyngan High is a ReachOut.com school!

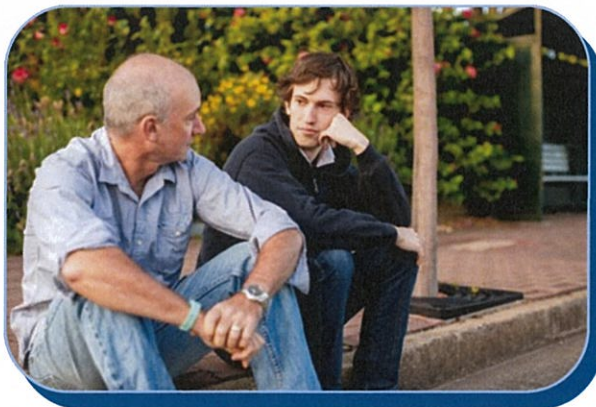
ReachOut is Australia's leading online mental health organisation for young people, providing practical support to help them get through everything from everyday issues to tough times.



Since 1998, ReachOut has worked alongside young people to deliver online tools that address youth mental health and reduce youth suicide. An extension to ReachOut's service for young people was launched in 2016 **to help parents and carers** improve the mental health and wellbeing of the young people within their family environment.

Available anytime and pretty much anywhere, ReachOut.com is accessed by 110,000 Australians each month. That's more than 1.31 million people each year.

There is a section of the website just for parents, to assist you to support your teenagers through everyday issues and tough times. It covers topics such as stress, peer pressures, alcohol, bullying, cyberbullying, anxiety, depression, suicide, sex family issues and many more. There is an online community forum so that parents can connect with each other and share experiences in an anonymous, supportive space.



1 in 4 young people is experiencing a mental health difficulty. 70% do not access support but if they do, most will turn to their parents first. When a parent recognises a teenager needs help, they're more likely to get it.

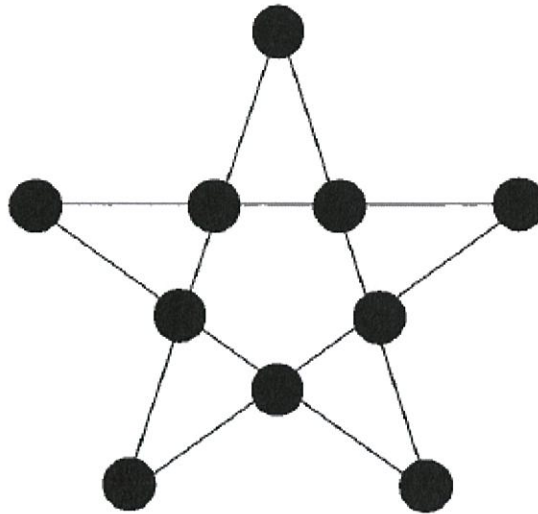
Have a lovely and safe holiday and I look forward to returning next term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Melanie Murray
Deputy Principal

Maths/CAPA News

The problem of the week concerning Mrs Bacon and her 10 trees had many people confused but not Neralie and Egg (the Brain's Trust) Quarmby. Well done Quarmbys! Here is one possible solution:



The problem for this week is to make the two sides equal using any of these symbols:

+ - × ÷ ()

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$$5 \quad 5 \quad 5 \quad 5 \quad 5 = 2$$

$$5 \quad 5 \quad 5 \quad 5 \quad 5 = 3$$

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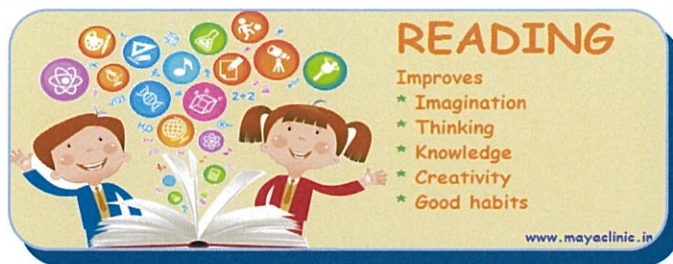
I loved Miss Rixon's joke last fortnight so here goes...

'What do you call a number that can't keep still?'

A roamin' numeral.

Have a happy, restful and safe holiday and we will see you in Term 3 with more mind bending problems and maybe a joke or two.

Tanya Buchanan
Head Teacher Maths/CAPA

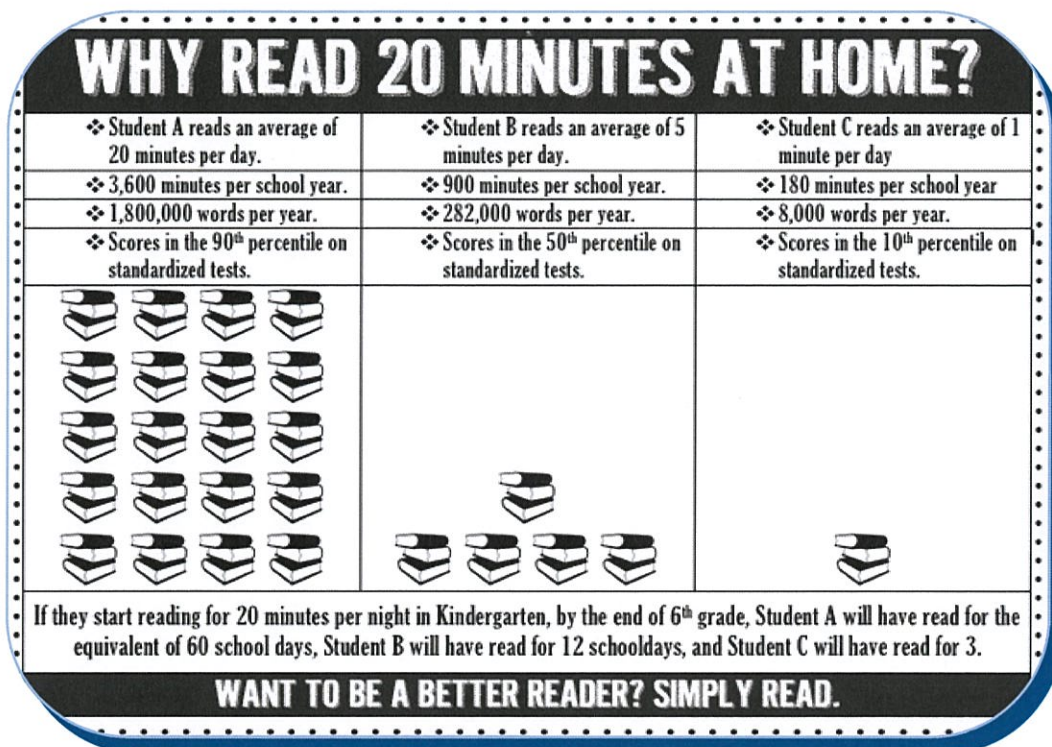


English News

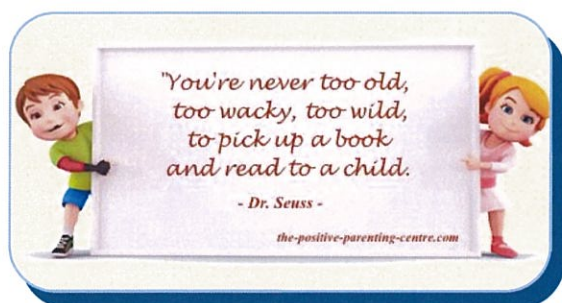
As of next term every English class will begin with up to 10 minutes of quiet reading, depending on the level of the child.

The student will be given a personalised reading log to complete each session with space to list unfamiliar words.

A further enticement to encourage all our students to increase their reading practice will require your help. If you can spend some time listening to your child read or monitoring your child's reading and sign off on their log three times a week, the student will be recognised and rewarded.



Reading requires practice, the more children can read the easier it can become. They learn to recognise words and increase their vocabulary. They begin to develop knowledge of worlds outside their own. They learn how to construct an effective sentence. They develop critical thinking skills. Reading can actually improve the way you remember things, it's a muscle, using it improves it. They can never again say, 'I'm bored, there's nothing to do!' if you have a book handy.



<http://www.lifehack.org/articles/lifestyle/10-benefits-reading-why-you-should-read-everyday.html>

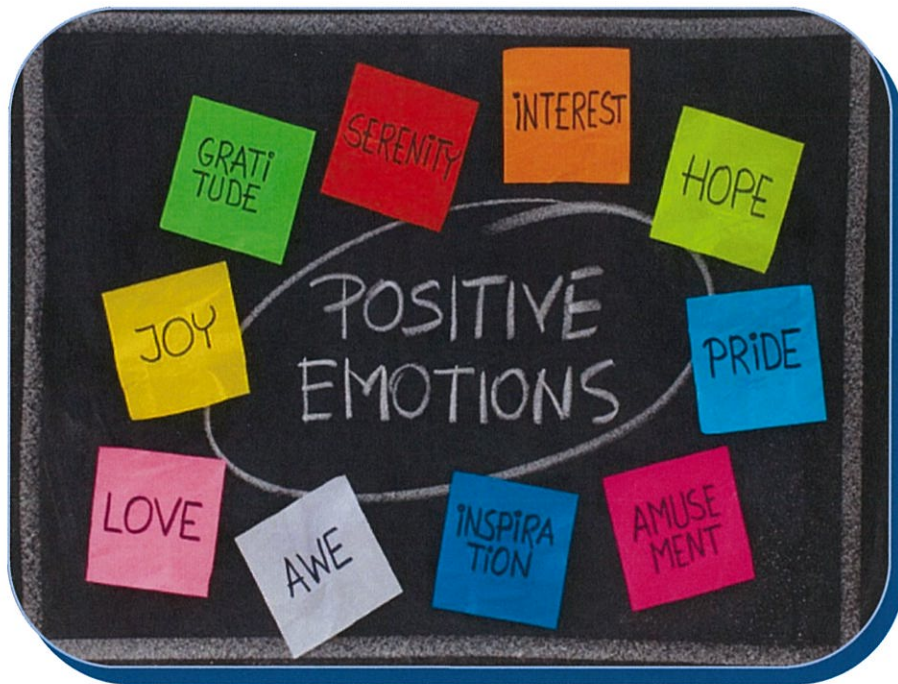
Positive Education News

As we enter a much needed break in the holidays, it is an excellent chance to reflect on a very successful and positive term for Positive Education at Nyngan High School. Mrs Murray and Mrs Bush were very fortunate to represent New South Wales at the Positive Schools Conference in Sydney at the beginning of June to showcase the wonderful things our school is doing. Since the conference we have had calls from around the state, including private schools asking for our guidance in implementing similar programs.

This term we have focused on resilience for all students, and have run a targeted program for Year 12. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from difficult situations and over the term the students have created a mind map of things they can do and places to seek help when they are having a hard time. Our wonderful art teacher is in the process of making this into a poster that each student will put into their diaries and these will also be put around the school.

Next term our focus will be Positive Emotions. Teachers will participate in a workshop on the staff development day on how to incorporate Positive Education in each of their classes. This will help students recognise when they are feeling different emotions and ways of monitoring this. They will have their resilience poster to refer to in times of need. This will allow Nyngan High School to develop a more holistic approach to its implementation.

A simple strategy to use at home is to ask your children one positive thing about their day as I'm sure many of them just respond with "good." Share your own positives and create a sharing atmosphere so that in times of need, they may be more willing to talk to you.



Have a restful and fun holiday and I hope you experience many positive emotions.

Angie Bush
Team Leader Positive Education

TAS/PDHPE

Firstly, congratulations to Miss Field and her helpers for the wonderful lunch they prepared last week for the Bogan Shire Councillors.

The TAS/PDHPE faculty welcomes Mr Charters back from his long service leave.

Last Friday our future students (Year 6) again joined us for the day. It is an absolute delight to see them in our school and visit their classrooms to see them have a taste of high school life. Thank you to Mr Charters, Miss Field, Miss Stafford and Mr Dal Forno for the wonderful lessons they prepared for our Year 6 students to expand their experience of high school.

I am currently organising teams for our annual visit to Bourke to compete in the Ronny Gibbs day. This is a long but always enjoyable day.

On Monday 27th June, Stacey and Fiona from Western TAFE, visited Nyngan High School to talk to Year 10, 11 and 12 students. I thank them for their support and interest in our students future.

A reminder to Year 12 parents that your students are receiving more and more emails from me. As opportunities arise I look forward to letting the students know. If you would like to be added to my email list to receive these, please let me know.

Next term on the 4th August, Nyngan High School will hold a Career Expo. A huge thank you to Katie White for her drive and assistance. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

N Walsh

TAS/PDHPE/Careers

*Hospitality students with Miss Field
(teacher)*

and below:

*the Bogan Shire Councillors enjoying
their luncheon*



Aboriginal Dance Ensemble News

Nyngan High School would like to express their congratulations to the Aboriginal Dance Ensemble on their successful audition for the 2016 Schools Spectacular. Nyngan High School will be attending rehearsals in Sydney from the 21st of November to the 24th of November and then ending the week with performances on the 25th and 26th of November at Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney Olympic Park. We have been selected to take 16 students away for this week in Sydney, which is our highest number of students so far. In this final week of Term 2 Raylene, Mr Gibson, Mrs Buchanan and Miss McVey will be conducting auditions and creating our final list of students. The successful students who will be attending the Schools Spectacular in Sydney will be notified on the first day of Term 3.

Thank You

Heather McVey



Arts in the Dark

Term 3 is almost upon us and with that comes the final working weeks for our HSC students completing major works in Music, Art, Dance, Drama and Industrial Arts. On the 2nd of August 2016 Nyngan High School will be having an "Arts in the Dark" night which will display the talented work of our HSC students. Beginning at 6pm we will have outside displays of the major works from our Dance, Drama and Music students. In our Visual Arts and Industrial Arts rooms there will also be a display of the work past and present HSC students have created. There will also be a display of some Stage 5 and Year 11 works from Art, Dance and Music.

We invite all family, friends and Nyngan High School community members to please join us in the Nyngan High School grounds from 6pm onwards on the 2nd of August. Tickets will be sold at the gate only and are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. There will be food available for purchase from Annie's Tuckerbox, The Tongling delegation (BBQ) and the Hospitality students (tea and coffee and slices and muffins). We look forward to seeing you there and affording you the opportunity to see the vast array of talent that the students of Nyngan High School have to offer.

SRC Update

On the 23rd June, the SRC set off to Forbes to attend the SRC District meeting for Term 2. On the day schools from around the area came together to share ideas and opinions.

This time around Nyngan got the opportunity to host and coordinate most of the day's agenda. We first ran two team building exercises, followed by Mr Walsh talking about how to have a successful structure in an SRC. After the break, Tegan Douglas, our guest speaker, delivered a speech about public speaking. This taught us how to cope and overcome our fears that come with speaking to an audience. We then had to use everything Tegan had spoken about to participate in different public speaking activities which Nyngan High SRC coordinated.

After this, Lake Cargelligo took over the running of the meeting for the sessions before lunch and in the afternoon. They talked about the container recycling legislation in 2017 and how it is not only beneficial to us as a school but also the environment. After the presentation we had lunch and then did some more group activities that were both fun and challenging.

We had a great day and it was very beneficial to our SRC. We hope to attend more regular meetings to develop a stronger SRC by learning from other schools around the area. We would like to thank Tegan Douglas for giving up her time and coming to advise us on how to become a better public speaker. We would also like to thank Mrs Montgomery for driving the bus and Mr Walsh for organising the day.

Petria (Publicity Officer)

Mr Walsh's "Thoughts"

♦ I thought our SRC students were super professional and a wonderful representation of Nyngan High School on the day.

On another note. It was so close!! An SRC Netball Challenge was held on Friday. Year 8 Boys v Year 8 Girls. The gallant Year 8 boys came close to the biggest upset in the world of sport by going down 10-7 to the experienced Year 8 girls side. They may have been unorthodox with their footy style passing and 'extra' contact but the effort was enormous. The girls weathered the storm and held their composure to outclass the inexperienced boys. It was funny looking at the expression on the boys' faces when they were penalised over and over again for something called 'contact'. Well done all, especially to our main referee Harley Yeomans.

Mr Walsh
SRC Coordinator



Lawn Bowls

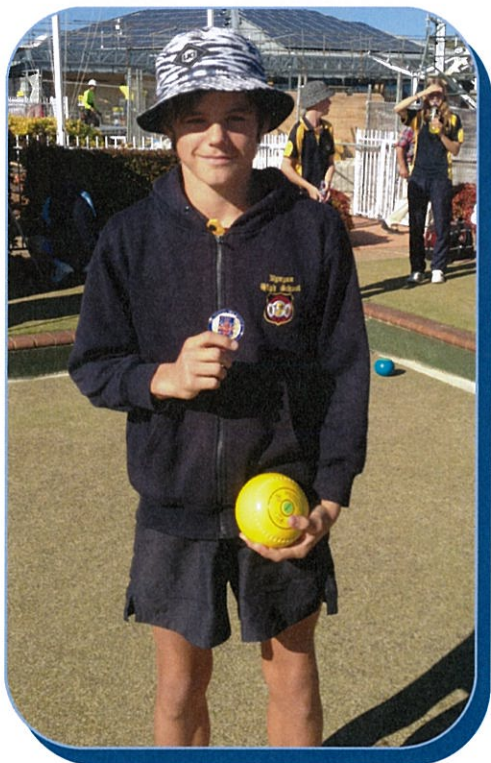
Our triples team headed down to Blacktown with high expectations, although they had already achieved it by making it through to the State Finals. Our first game was against a strong Rutherford side who came out of the blocks to surprise us by leading 11-0. Tim played an enormous bowl to steady the ship leading to a 5 shot end. However, the gap proved too much with Rutherford defeating Nyngan 16-8.

The second game was a must win to continue into the semi final stage. Kempsey High proved too strong defeating us by 15-7. Not to be discouraged, Tamika, Tim and Terrance played some awesome bowls in the next 3 games to show their true colours. We defeated Peel High 10-9, Nepean High 27-3 and Fairvale High 30-1 to finish on winning note. 3 win out of 5 was a good result which meant we finished 9th overall in the State.

Another highlight was Terrance winning a Gold Medal for a ditch-to-ditch fun event at the end. I must commend all three students on their behaviours both on the greens and throughout the excursion. Last trip they gave Indian food a go and this time they went to a Thai restaurant. We managed to fit a game of LaserTag in where they annihilated an old bearded teacher, but he got his revenge with a big win in Tenpin Bowling. A huge thanks to Julie Walsh for being our adult female supervisor. We will be without Tamika next year as she finishes Year 12 this year, who will be hard to replace. So we will be looking for a new recruit. Are you interested??

Mr Walsh

Super Coach Lawn Bowls



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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Nynган High School Tongling Fundraiser

Election day– 2nd of July

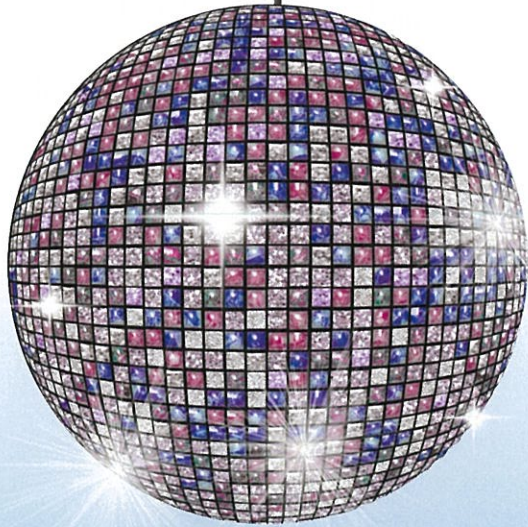
Wood raffle \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Sausage sandwich

Steak sandwich

Bacon and egg roll





SRC disco

Thursday 28th of July

6-8pm (FREE entry)

S.R.C will be running a canteen on
the night that will sell chips, drinks,
and chocolates



Community
Hub

the
power of
humanity



CAREER EXPO

Volunteering, Jobs, Training and Apprenticeship Opportunities

When: Thursday 4th August 2016

Where: Nyngan High School Gymnasium

19-37 Cobar St, Nyngan NSW 2825

Time: 10:00am- 1:00pm – Students

1:00pm-2:00pm – Community members

For more information contact Katie on

02 6832 2820

Come down and speak to a range of employers
about opportunities for volunteering, training,
apprenticeships and jobs!

