



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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TERM 3 WEEK 4

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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 8th August - **NAIDOC
Week**

Monday 15th August - **Year 12
Trial HSC Exams begin**

Tuesday 17th August - Ronny
Gibbs in Bourke

Friday 19th August - **MID
TERM BREAK**

Monday 22nd August - **MID
TERM BREAK**

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Arts in the Dark



Our very talented Nyngan High School Dance Ensemble performed "Caged Bird" at the Arts in the Dark evening last Tuesday. This dance was performed at the Western Dance Festival in Bathurst and they received exemplary praises from the audience. Well done on a great performance.

Principals Report

Dear School Community,

It has been an exciting and hectic fortnight at Nyngan High. Our school has been showcasing our talents, engaging students, promoting culture and guiding student futures during the past two weeks.

As teachers we strive to make a difference with kids and hope they enjoy the experiences of school. This last two weeks has produced many outstanding moments which highlight that our students are performing well and making the most of the many educational, cultural and creative opportunities available at NHS.

Arts In The Dark

I would like to congratulate Mrs Tanya Buchanan and her team for an amazing evening last Tuesday. The compilation of Drama, Music, Dance and Visual Arts performances blew the crowd away. What a talented bunch of students we have at NHS, ably supported by great staff.

On the evening we also had our Hospitality students and Ms Field warming the crown with hot beverages prepared by our Barista team and some wonderful slices, to compliment a BBQ fundraiser. Our Metal and Timber workshop was also open, with Mr Charters entertaining many young students and a few dads, with the tools and materials used in our Industrial Arts area. Trying to get some of the dads out of our "Big Shed" was difficult.

A huge congratulations to Ms Scott, Ms Horne and Ms Hugan for the respectively tremendous drama, music and artistic show on the night. Their students showcased wonderful talent and dedication on the evening. Congratulations to our wonderful performers. I hope you enjoy reading and seeing the great work later in the newsletter.

Positive Education

Nyngan High proudly implements a Positive Education program, which is so easy to promote when I am asked about the school by colleagues and community members wherever I visit. To see the program in action, being led by staff and our Student Representative Council, is a humbling experience.

This week our workshops centred on creating happiness through "laughing circles". This activity builds from laughing voluntarily to being unable to stop laughing. Helping to release endorphins which make us all feel good. It was exciting to see Ms Booth our Year 10 Year Adviser committing to the cause and inspirationally leading her young ladies.



NAIDOC Week

As a community we all proudly stood together this week in recognising and respecting the longest living culture on the earth. Our Aboriginal culture is alive and well at Nyngan High School through our teaching programs and the many whole school programs we incorporate. To build knowledge and respect for such an important facet of our nation is essential for all of us.

On Wednesday 10th August, NHS had a chance to showcase our Songlines, the narrative of our culture at NHS. The day has been coordinated by Mrs Ange Bush and Ms Raylene Weldon, who along with the Junior AECG students presented a range of sporting, cultural and creative sessions. We were joined by students from Nyngan Public and St Josephs Catholic



Our Stage 4 class led the Acknowledgement of Country and sang a Ngyimpaa lullaby to open our NAIDOC Showcase Day. These students were led by Mr Miles and Ms Horne in a beautiful performance

Subject Selections & School Fees

I would like to warmly thank all of the students and parents who attended the Subject Selection talks and interviews during this last fortnight. As part of a holistic process, ensuring we guide your child into the most suitable subjects for their development is a high priority. In the next month our curriculum team will be working closely to develop subject and elective lines which suit our students and their preferences. This also a timely reminder that before starting subjects next year, course fees for 2016 need to be paid. NHS has sent home two rounds of invoices this year and we would like to thank all families who have paid course fees or made an alternate arrangement.

I will be writing to families with outstanding fees for courses, in the coming weeks. Your child may not be able to undertake a fee paying course in 2017 if fees for this year are not paid or an alternate arrangement is not made.

P&C Meetings

In the coming months we will be welcoming new students into NHS and I will be writing to our new families, encouraging them to join our P&C meetings. Family members do not have to nominate as a committee member or the executive but further parent support in our school is always welcome.

The NHS P&C committee raises valuable funds at local community events which are fed back into purchasing educational resources for our school. Our next P&C meeting will be later in the term and we will be putting on some food and refreshments to welcome new members.



I would also like to apologise to our P&C committee and members who attended our latest meeting.

Unfortunately I mixed up my schedule and embarrassingly missed the meeting. Our wonderful team though still met and sent me the following pic, wondering where I was.

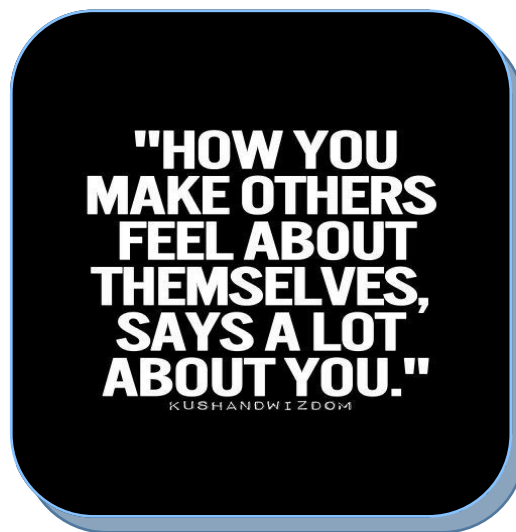
Strike 1 for me!

As I wrote earlier, a positive educational environment is a massive focus for NHS. It drives one of the major components of our school plan, which can be viewed on the school website.

As a community we can always remain positive towards each other though, which goes a long way to harmony and feeling welcome. This fortnight I encourage all of our school community and the Nyngan community to go out of your way to make others feel good.

Make a positive comment about a friend when you see them; encourage someone about a talent they have; provide some positive feedback on a person's performance; or just say G'day and have a great day!

It may even make you feel great.....



Michael Gibson

Principal

P&C News

Hi everyone, we had a very productive meeting on Monday 8th August which was a week late due to the Arts in the Dark. Thank you to those that attended. Hopefully our next one we can get some new faces as some of our old faces are leaving and need to be replaced.

Thanks to the following ladies that helped me on the footy gate on Sunday: Janelle, Neralie, Nicole and Tanya. That was the last gate for the year, unless we end up getting a semi-final. Thanks to those who have helped out throughout the year and for the last five years or so we have done the gate. This has been a great way to raise funds and thanks to the Nyngan Rugby League for the opportunity. Those that are keen we will have a get together for the "Gatekeepers" one Friday night soon. Also thanks to Jenny Lane who did the foyer at the RSL Club and I believe \$260 was raised. Great work and thanks Jenny and helpers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Greg Corby for his support of the P&C over the 10 years I have been involved and wish him well in his retirement on behalf of the P&C and myself.

Thanks for listening

Stephanie Waterhouse

Nyngan High School P&C Association

Deputy Principal Report

It with great pride and pleasure that I write a newsletter report as relieving Deputy Principal for Nyngan High School. We have had such a successful fortnight with many activities both within the school and in the community.

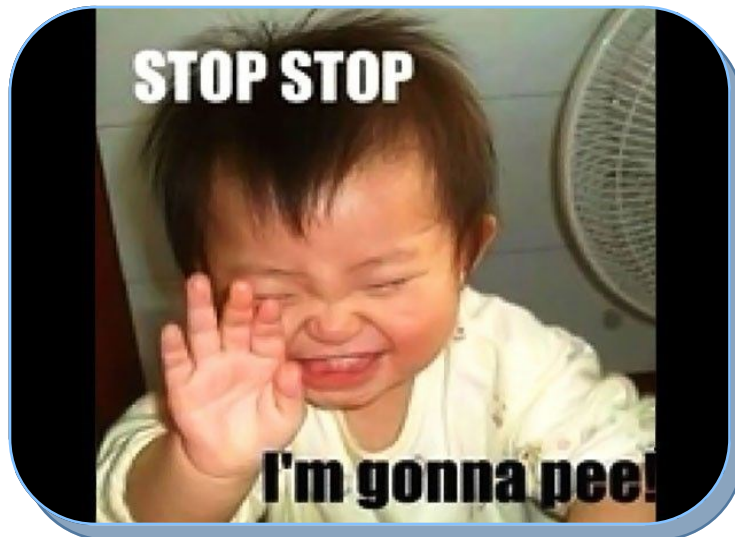
I would sincerely like to thank all those staff and students involved in NAIDOC day yesterday. It was a lovely celebration of our Aboriginal culture and heritage and it is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of our community.

This week for Positive Education we ran workshops on the "Positive Emotion of Humour". These workshops were very successful with all groups participating in a laughing circle. The wonderful sound of laughter filled every corner of our school and it was a wonderful start to our NAIDOC day.

You can learn to cultivate humour by finding the funny side to a situation, learning a few new jokes, watching funny youtube videos, learn from kids who laugh at anything and everything.

Don't forget to be silly and playful and not take everything serious.

Cultivating humour can have many benefits including stress relief and having an open mind that is more susceptible to learning. When was the last time you had a really good laugh?



It has been a busy fortnight and I look forward to another week filling in for Mrs Murray. If anyone has any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. And remember laughter is the best medicine!

Angie Bush
Relieving Deputy Principal

TAS/PDHPE/Careers

Wow !! What a great week it has been. Congratulations to everyone for “Arts in the Dark”. It is always a pleasure to watch our talented students.

A huge thank you to Katie White for her overwhelming support for the Careers Expo we held in the gym last Thursday. It was a great success and the students really enjoyed it and found it very informative. Thank you to my awesome staff for their catering - Miss Field, Miss Stafford and our Keiro.

Ag Expo

A huge Thank you to my very committed Year 11 students - Shaneal, and Kiara for their help at the Expo. They spent hours with me serving milkshakes, hotdogs and cakes and were a credit to the school. A big Thank you also to my own daughter Victoria for all her hard work helping her mum on the stall all day and to Mrs Lupton for her assistance.

Careers News

www.jobjump.com.au. For the rest of Term 3 we have free access to this Careers site. It is truly amazing. Login is: Noelene.walsh@det.nsw.edu.au. Password: caroline1!. Please feel free to go and check it out.

Year 12

Currently Year 12 are busy registering for UAC. I am also assisting them apply for a medicare card for themselves. Over the next few weeks we will be finalising uni applications, and apply for casual work in Nyngan.

Year 10

Don't forget to get your work experience papers completed and returned to me by the end of term.

Noelene Walsh

TAS/PDHPE/Careers

Head Teacher

English/HSIE News

In a notoriously busy Term 3, the English faculty have been working vigorously on numerous activities, striving to keep their heads above water. In and out of the classroom there have been much goings on and what better opportunity to share a few...

NAIDOC Showcase day

All members of the faculty are passionate advocates for Aboriginal Education and Culture and were amongst the festivities at the Nyn-gan High School NAIDOC Showcase Day. Organised by the fearless Ange Bush, the day was a great success and students and staff engaged in a range of activities from football, to boomerang painting; lullaby singing to hip-hopping and barefoot modelling quest. The faculty would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation and execution of such a positive celebration of Aboriginal Culture.

Miss Booth teaching students from the primary schools about bush tucker.



Year 12

On the eve of their Trial exams, Year 12 have been extremely studious and using their teachers to good effect. Drama students have been completing their group and individual performances, scriptwriting and costume design under the watchful eye of Miss Scott and Drama at the school has never been so strong. Aboriginal Studies students have finished their research projects and are revising for trials with the assistance of Miss Booth, who juggles this with the massive workload involved with librarianship. Legal Studies and Modern History students are striving to remember the ins and outs of case law and Albert Speer, which incidentally are Miss Rixon specialties. Society and Culture students finished their Personal Interest Projects on subjects ranging from the history of swearing to child beauty pageants to questioning gender roles in rural towns. English classes are busy remembering quotes and techniques from a stackload of texts. Miss McVey's English Studies class are designing music game shows in the style of Nevermind the Buzzcocks and we all look forward to playing them.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

It's also coming up to us bookworms' favourite week of the year. We are all about celebrating books and reading in our faculty and are planning a range of activities to celebrate this. 'Catch the Reader', 'Staff Picks' and 'Apple Bobbing' are all in the pipeline and we shall soon understand what these seemingly ridiculous phrases mean.

Prac Teacher

Our resident prac teacher, Katie Mudford, is absolutely keeping students on task and enjoying the Year 9 visual literacy and Year 11's study of the play "Blackrock". Mrs Mudford has slipped seamlessly into the faculty with her energy and vision, and we empathise with her students who are soon to return to the generic teaching styles of Mrs Bush and Mr Miles.

I leave with a quote from one of my, and Mr Charters's favourite authors, John Steinbeck:

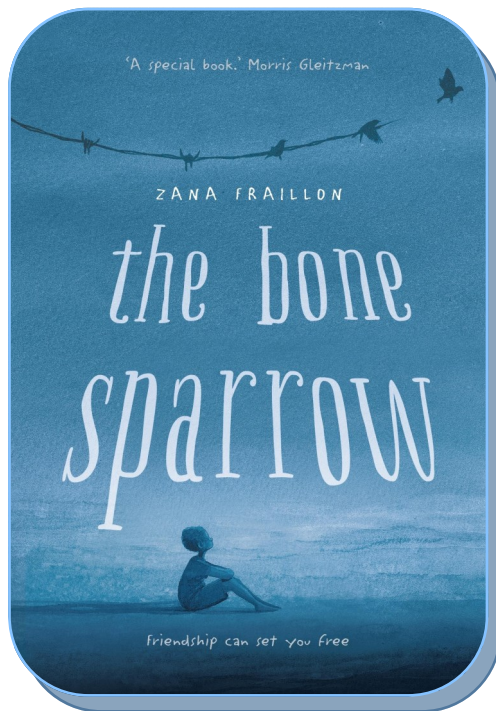
'Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen.'

Toby Miles
English Faculty

Looking for something new to get your teeth into during DEAR or English?

Come and check out these fabulous new books in the Library

The Bone Sparrow.



Subhi is a refugee. Born in an

Australian permanent detention center after his mother and sister fled the violence of a distant homeland, Subhi has only ever known life behind the fences.

But his world is far bigger than that—every night, the magical Night Sea from his mother's stories brings him gifts, the faraway whales sing to him, and the birds tell their stories.

As he grows, his imagination threatens to burst beyond the limits of his containment.

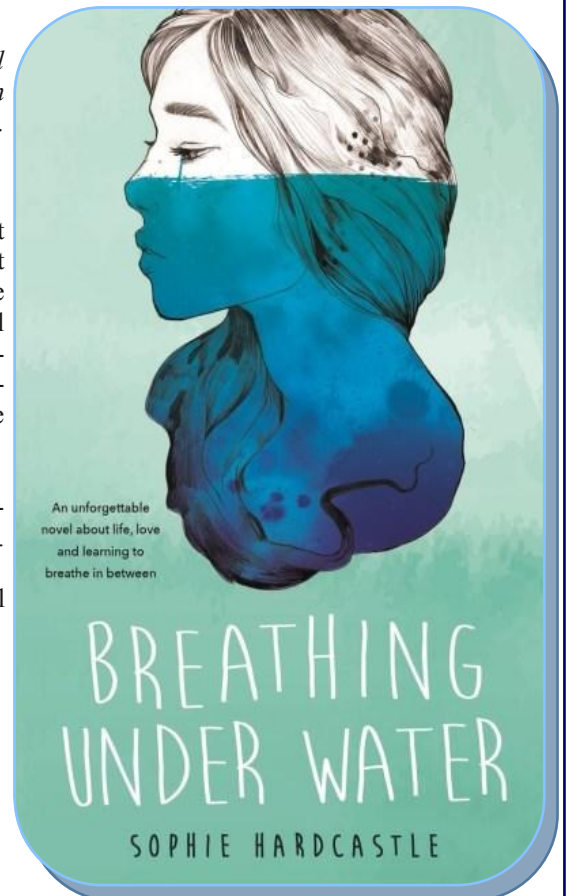
The most vivid story of all, however, is the one that arrives one night in the form of Jimmie—a scruffy, impatient girl who appears on the other side of the wire fence and brings with her a notebook written by the mother *she* lost. Unable to read it herself, she relies on Subhi to unravel her family's love songs and tragedies.

Nineteen minutes and eleven seconds separated us at birth. On the official documentation, he is older . . . Although it really has nothing to do with age. What it really means is that I am, and have always been, second.

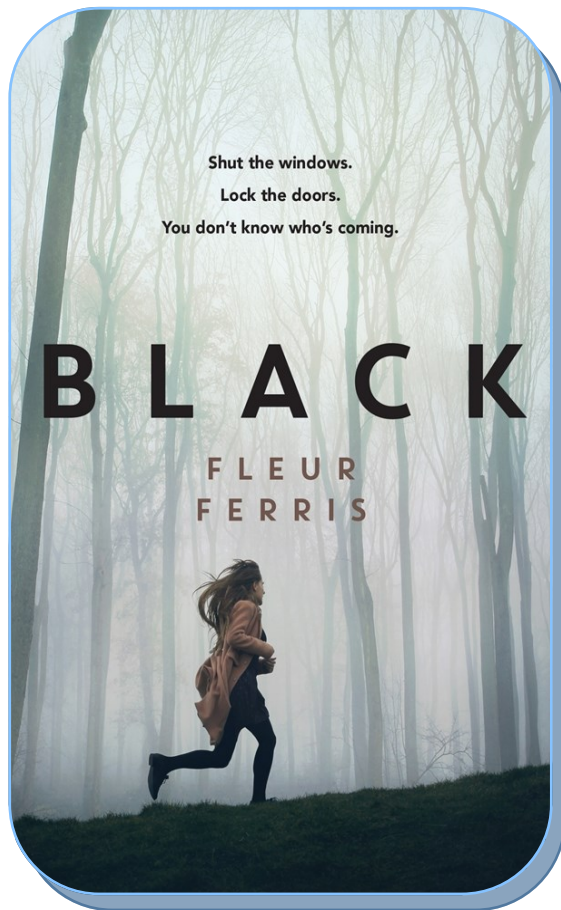
Ben and Grace Walker are twins. Growing up in a sleepy coastal town it was inevitable they'd surf. Always close, they hung out more than most brothers and sisters, surfing together for hours as the sun melted into the sea. At seventeen, Ben is a rising surf star, the golden son and the boy all the girls fall in love with. Beside him, Grace feels like she is a mere reflection of his light. In their last year of school, the world beckons, full of possibility. For Grace, finishing exams and kissing Harley Matthews is just the beginning.

Then, one day, the unthinkable. The sun sets at noon and suddenly everything that was safe and predictable is lost. And everything unravels.

BREATHING UNDER WATER is a lyrical and emotionally powerful novel about life, death and learning to breathe in between.



Last but not least, from the author of Risk comes Black.



Ebony Marshall is in her final year of high school. Five months, two weeks and four days . . . She can't wait to leave the town where she's known only as 'Black'. Because of her name, of course. But for another reason, too.

Everyone says Black Marshall is cursed.

Three of her best friends have died in tragic accidents. After Oscar, the whispers started. Now she's used to being on her own. It's easier that way.

But when her date for the formal ends up in intensive care, something in quiet little Dainsfield starts to stir. Old secrets are revealed and terrifying new dangers emerge.

If only Black could put all the pieces together, she could work out who her real enemies are. Should she run for her life, or stay and fight?

Don't leave it till the last minute, come to the library during recess or lunch and grab yourself a great read!



The Book Chook (Miss Booth)

Tongling Update

At the Arts in the Dark last Tuesday evening we had a BBQ with drinks and we raised \$400. On Saturday at the Nyngan Ag Expo we sold raffle tickets in our newest raffle draw and the lucky winners were: First Prize to Beryl Phillips, Second Prize to Meg Meldrum and Third Prize to Lloyd Frankham. Congratulations to our raffle winners, and a big thank you to everyone that purchased tickets. Thank you to the Nyngan Riverside Caravan Park, IGA and Foodworks for donating the prizes.

Coming up on Friday 19th August (Mid Term Break) we will be holding a Cake Stall in the main street. If anyone would like to donate goods we would really appreciate it. Thank you to everyone who has supported us thus far by either buying raffle tickets, coming along to one of our BBQ's or making a donation. Also a huge thanks to the Nyngan RSL Club who have given us a major donation along with Nyngan Innovations who will be supplying us with our tour clothing and formal wear.

Maths /CAPA

The highlight of the last fortnight in the Maths/CAPA faculty was 'Arts in the Dark'. This special night was organised so we could showcase the exceptional talent we have at Nyngan High School, particularly focusing on Year 12.

Miss Field, Lauren Bates, Georgia Salter, Zali Wheritt and Becky-Lee Mepham kept our caffeine and sugar levels manageable with piping hot coffee, tea, hot chocolate and muffins and slices. We were very appreciative especially with the freezing, rainy night we were presented with.

Miss Hughan and Mr Charters put in an exceptional amount of work preparing their rooms with fantastic displays of our students' work from Year 6 through to the brilliant body of works and major projects the Year 12 students have created.

The Nyngan High School Dance Ensemble opened the night with *Caged Bird*. This was the dance which was presented at the Western Dance Festival in Bathurst and received exemplary praises from the audience. Emerson and Jarrod ably presented their core performances and Kasey and Petria did Emerson and Jarrod proud in the core compositions.

Year 12 Drama was the next item on display with the group performances leading the way. Brianna, Malachi, Emily, Kyasha and Peita presented *GSC* and Geordie, Brooklyn, Ellie and Britt presented *The trend of the world as we know it*. This was followed by Emily, Kyasha and Geordie who presented their monologues. I think the Drama students are very talented and brave!

The last performances of the evening were the musicians. Brianna opened the segment with *Never is a promise*, followed by *Daffodil Lament*. She is a very talented young lady who is also very busy as she does three practical subjects. Brianna's performances were followed by Stage 5 with *Let it go* and Reece relished the opportunity to sing in front of a crowd. The evening was closed with Kiarna and Jerry presenting *Dancing in the Dark*.

The students of Nyngan High School, particularly the Year 12 students, would like to thank and acknowledge the tremendous amount of work Mr Charters, Miss Field, Miss Horne, Miss Hughan, Miss Scott and Miss Stafford put into assisting the students showcase their talents.

I would also like to thank Miss McVey, Dave Buchanan, Pat Bourke, Veronica Bourke and Mark Keighran for the many hours of behind the scenes work that is never seen but truly appreciated!

Following is a schedule of when our students' work will either be locked up and/or marked:

Industrial Technology Timber – projects locked up on August 11th.

Dance – HSC markers at Nyngan High School on August 17th.

Drama – projects to be completed and handed in August 22nd.

Visual Arts – Body of works into lock up on August 29th.

Drama - HSC markers at Nyngan High School on August 31st.

Industrial Technology Timber - HSC markers at Nyngan High School on August 31st.

Music – we have not yet been advised when the markers will be at school

The matchstick problem was completed by many staff and students: Reuben Stapleton, Kaleb Holmes, Mr Miles (who lead a session in the Maths staffroom with Mr Lennon, Mr White, Miss Horne, Miss Hughan and Mrs Lupton with matchsticks to show everyone how it could be done), Miss Booth and Miss McVey. Thank you to everyone for presenting the many different solutions.

This week's problem is:

I have a number in my mind. It is an odd number. It is between 40 and 60. The sum of its tens numeral and its ones numeral is 11.

What is my number?

Tanya Buchanan

Head Teacher Mathematics/CAPA

Our very talented "Arts in the Dark" Group



SRC Adventures

It just gets busier but our SRC students just keep rising to the challenge. The Year 7 SRC coordinated the revamp of the Kindness Box and allowed students to write down positive messages about others in the school. These messages were read out at the Monday assembly and in their year group meetings. An important activity in our Positive Education campaign. SRC also participated in the recent Year Group Workshops by coordinating a team building game called 'Smuggler'. As leaders they had to setup, explain and run the game for their peers. I received positive feedback from staff about these fun activities. Another workshop is coming up and the students will lead students in a game called 'Secret Leader'.

NSW Sport and Recreation held a 3-day Leadership course last week at Lake Burrendong. We sent 3 SRC students (Bill, Harley and Saranna) and an up and coming leader Stirling Carter. They were a terrific team throughout the camp and really contributed to the workshops along with the students of Broken Hill and Mudgee. They worked hard on a big idea that Nyngan High could participate in. Watch this space for a new project from this camp.

My highlight this time around was the hugely successful "Mobile Phone Free" day last Friday. SRC led from the front by committing to handing in their phones and really promoting a fun day. It was great to see in rollcall all the staff and students really take on the challenge and hand over their most prized possession (some nearly in tears). I looked at the list and couldn't believe we had 103 mobile phones in our possession for the day. During recess the SRC coordinated games of touch footy, skipping ropes, music and scattegories in the library to keep everyone happy. Lunchtime saw students get up on stage for some Lip Sync battles. In one battle Reece got to perform Tom Petty's 'Won't Back Down' once again, but Alahna showed her class with a hard fought win. Winners of the raffle were Kailee Jackson (\$40 Sportspower voucher), Shianne Klante (netball) and Jacob Shone (footy). Congratulations to everyone in the school for taking the challenge and really getting the most out of the day.

Can I publicly say that I'm so proud of our SRC students who are really making a difference in our school with their efforts?

Mr Walsh

SRC Coordinator



SRC Activities



Science News

On Thursday 4th August the Room 19 Science Laboratory was transformed into an 'Interactive Discovery Centre' with a team of scientists from Macquarie University performing 'Light Up The Outback'. Stage 5 were immersed in fascinating technology, getting up close with a high definition infra-red camera detailed enough to identify students with cold and flu symptoms in the classroom.

Activities to demonstrate the principle of data commination via infra-red engaged all students, with headsets transmitting audio via infra-red beams that created a colourful display through a web of mirrors. Mini golf was a hit, where students had to align mirrors to correctly transmit their light beam in a technical par 3. Challenges involving light redirection created a stir, where students had to design prescription glasses and redevelop camera lenses.

The afternoon completed with a lengthy discussion about university life and the pathways to get there. With a meaningful conclusion of the only true prerequisite to study science at a higher level is passion, determination and discipline.

L Montgomery

Science / Special Ed. Head Teacher

YEAR 12 KEY DATES

15.8.2016-26.8.2016 TRIAL EXAMS

For practical marking due dates please visit:

http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/key_dates/pdf_doc/hsc-practical-performance-dates-2016.pdf

1.8.2016 SOCIETY AND CULTURE PERSONAL INTEREST PROJECTS DUE

11.8.2016 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY- TIMBER PROJECTS DUE

17.8.2016 DANCE PRACTICAL

22.8.2016 DRAMA PROJECTS DUE

29.8.2016 VISUAL ARTS BODY OF WORKS

31.8.2016 DRAMA PERFORMANCES

13.9.2016 PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS PERIOD 2 AND RECESS

15.9.2016 YEAR 12 FORMAL DINNER

22.9.2016 BREAKY AT THE BUCHANAN'S AND BOWLS AFTERNOON

23.9.2016 YEAR 12 FORMAL ASSEMBLY

13.10.2016 HSC written exams begin exam. For a copy of the timetable please visit:

http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/key_dates/pdf_doc/hsc_timetable_2016_web.pdf

15.12.2016 HSC RESULTS RELEASED