



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

TERM 3 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

Friday 9th September - Mick
Glennie Visits

Monday 12th September - Year
11 Exams Commence

Monday 12th September - P & C
Meeting NHS 6.00pm

Monday 12th September - AECG
Meeting NHS 4.00pm

Tuesday 13th September - Year
12 Primary Schools Visit

Thursday 15th September - Year
12 Formal

Friday 16th September - Middle
School

Monday 19th September - Year
12 Church Service

Tuesday 20th September - For-
mal Assembly for Years 7-11

Thursday 22nd September -
Year 12 Fun Activities Afternoon

Friday 23rd September - Year 12
Final Formal Assembly

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Images from the wet
weather Tug 'O' War and
Tag Wrestling last week
during the Happiness
Mission Activities for the
"Boys" both big and
small !!!



Deputy Principal's Report

Year 12 Formal

Our Year 12 Formal Graduation Dinner will be held on Thursday 15th September, 2016 at the Nyngan Town Hall commencing at 6.30pm. We are looking forward to congratulating our Year 12 students on completion of thirteen years schooling. This is a lovely celebration where students, staff and parents can join together in a formal gathering. Thanks to Miss Hughan for all of her hard work in organising this event. And we look forward to sharing photos in the next newsletter !!

Do Your Best

"Do Your Best " is one of our Core Values and many of our Year 11 students have set themselves the challenge to do some preparation every night for their examinations. Other students have decided to challenge themselves by nominating for our School Captain positions for 2017. Well done to those students.

Formal Assembly

Our Term 3 Formal Assembly is Tuesday 20th September at 12.30pm in the gym. Once again we have the opportunity to congratulate students who have 'Done Their Best' in many different areas of school life at Nyngan High School and to share in their successes.

Year 11

Students in Year 11 will sit their end of Preliminary examinations next week. This will be a very busy week for our students as all exams will be completed over a one week period. All students should be completing revision each night in preparation for their exams. Year 11 do not attend normal classes during this week and they are reminded to sign in and out via the front office when attending exams. The exam schedule will be on the Nyngan High School website.



P & C and AECG meetings

Both of these meetings are next Monday the 12th September. The AECG meeting is at 4pm in the Nyngan High Common Room and the P & C meeting is at 6pm in our Common Room. Parents are welcome to attend these meetings.

Project RockIt

Next week we have the people from PROJECT ROCKIT running some workshops on Anti-Bullying. These are free workshops that have been organised by Western Student Connections.

PROJECT ROCKIT builds spaces where imagination, leadership, creative expression and acceptance are available to all young people, regardless of their social label, grades, gender, sexuality or cultural background.

They are a Certified eSafety Provider through the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner. If you would like to read more about Project RockIt you can follow this link: <http://projectrockit.com.au>

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

This is an Australian Government website that is committed to helping young people have safe, positive experiences online and encouraging behavioural change, where a generation of Australian children act responsibly online – just as they would offline. They provide education for children and young people and parents.

They also have a complaints service for young people who experience serious cyberbullying. You can request for cyberbullying material to be removed and you can report offensive or illegal content (anonymously). There are fact sheets and videos on many topics. You can access the website via this link: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

A reminder that this Term, our school will be participating in 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. 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>

Thanks to those parents who have completed the survey already.

Kind regards,

Melanie Murray
Deputy Principal

Positive Education News

ARE YOU OK?

Our focus for Positive Education this week is *Are you ok?* This is in conjunction with the annual *Are you ok? Day* that is held in September each year.

R U OK?'s vision is a world where we're all connected and are protected from suicide. Their mission is to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone struggling with life.

The goals of the day are to:

1. Boost our confidence to meaningfully connect and ask about life's ups and down
2. Nurture our sense of responsibility to regularly connect and support others
3. Strengthen our sense of belonging because we know people are there for us
4. Be relevant, strong and dynamic

It's this lack of connection (or lack of belonging) that we want to prevent. By inspiring people to take the time to ask "are you ok?" and listen, we can help people struggling with life feel connected long before they even think about suicide. It all comes down to regular, face-to-face, meaningful conversations about life. And asking "are you ok?" is a great place to start.

Please support this very important day by asking *Are you OK?* You could save someone's life.

The logo consists of the letters 'R U OK?' in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. The letter 'O' is replaced by a black circle containing a white smiley face with a curved line for a mouth. A small 'TM' trademark symbol is positioned at the top right of the question mark.

A Bush
English/HSIE Head Teacher

English/HSIE News

The English/HSIE Faculty have been hard at work with lots of exciting teaching and learning happening in our classrooms.

Year 11 attended Crossroads at Lake Burrendong in Week 6. The program involved workshops around resilience, issues challenging teenagers and positive relationships. Nothing could slow Year 11 down when it came to the outdoor activities, they rose to every challenge and conquered many fears, particularly with heights. The zip line was the favourite and the encouragement and support of each person was truly amazing. The experiences at Burrendong were invaluable, we had so many laughs and stronger relationships were built during this time. A big thank you goes to Mr Dal Forno who was our bus driver and part time comedian, as well as Year 11 for being such great sports and a pleasure to take away.

Last Wednesday the HSC Drama markers were in the school to be wowed by Miss Scott's brilliant Drama class. The performers were at their dramatic best and did extremely well. The dedication and team work certainly paid off for Miss Scott and her class which is a credit to them.

Mr Miles and his very progressive Society and Culture class have signed, sealed and delivered their Personal Interest Projects (PIP's) ready for the HSC markers to be impressed. The PIP's have been an ongoing research process on topics ranging from child beauty pageants, the role gender plays in swearing, characteristics of older siblings and impact of the environment you grow up in has on gender. The topics are very intriguing and involved many hours of research, surveys and writing. Under the guidance of the writing master, Mr Miles, the students have produce phenomenal work and should be very proud of their achievements.

Term 3 is a busy time for our seniors with Year 12 having recently completing their Trial HSC which produced some very pleasing results, however, the hard work has only just begun with the HSC fast approaching and Year 11 preparing for their Yearly Examinations. Now is the time where organisation and study is crucial. When it comes to study mix it up and remember to add some mindfulness to your study regime to refocus and get the best out of your brain and lower the stress levels. The positive English/HSIE team are ready and waiting to help out with revision, senior study or if you need a chat to get you back on track. Remember - be kind to yourself, your parents, family and friends during this crazy ride called the HSC.

I know you have all been missing the History joke, so I'll leave you with one to get you through the week:

What is a snakes favorite subject in school?

Hissssstory

LOL LOL LOL!!

Miss Rixon

**Attached on following page are images from Year 11 excursion to Burrendong and Group Activities in the school.*



Jerry very carefully
handling an echidna
and Kaleb still having
to do cleaning duties
even on the excursion!!



Students being
"wrapped up" and
experimenting with
growing crystals !



HAPPINESS MISSION - Carly & Tresne visit Nyngan High School



Nyngan High School were very lucky indeed to have a visit from Carly & Tresne last week to do a presentation in the gymnasium and also workshops (and some cooking !!) with students and parents during our Happiness Week activities.



Moorambilla

During Week 5 from the 17th of August through till the 23rd of August, fifty four secondary students were taken to Sydney to perform at the Star City Casino Event. Amongst this group were 4 students who represented Nyngan High School and they were: Moisha Lord, Stanley Lord, Melanie Bodycott and Jessica Hall. Congratulations to these students you should be very proud of yourselves, just as we are.

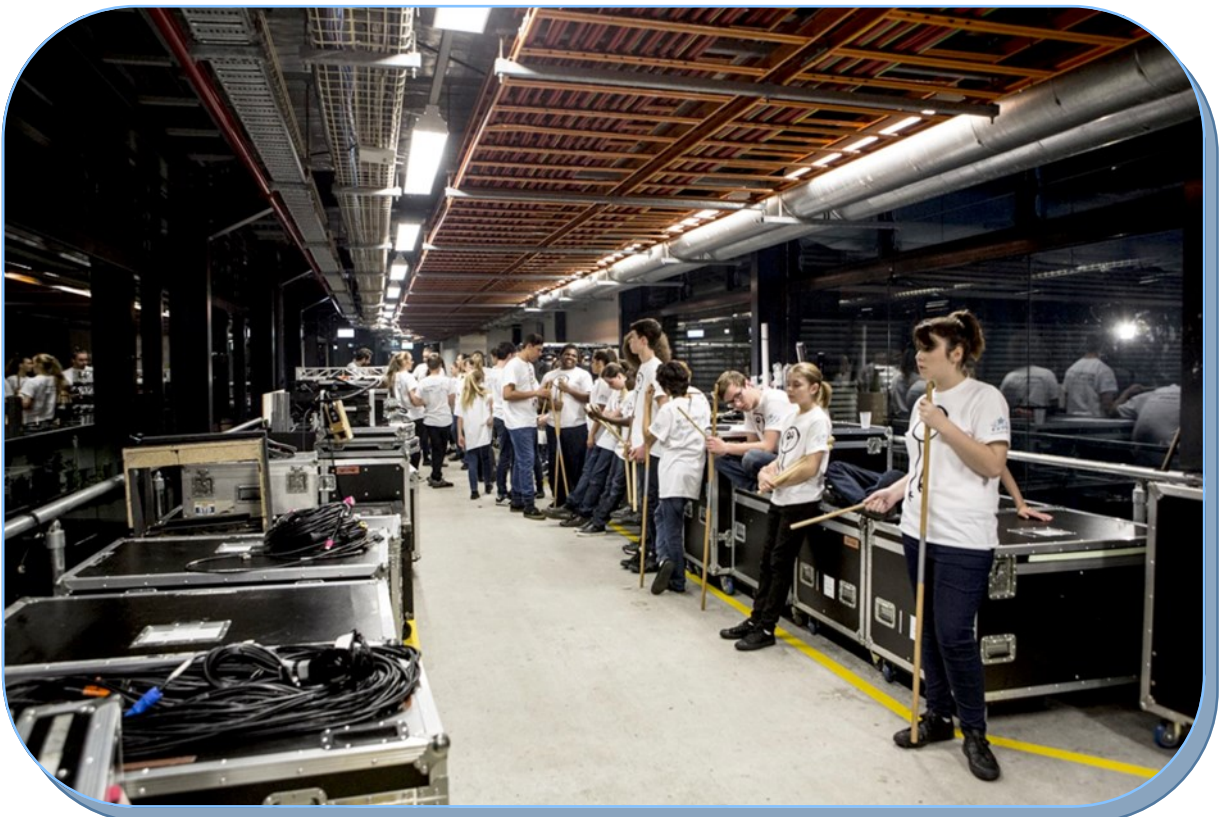
The students were given a private tour of the Archibald Exhibition at the NSW Art Gallery which is extremely rare and the students were very captivated. The students were able to rehearse in the Taikoz dojo in Ultimo on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

On Wednesday morning they were spoilt again with a private tour of Barangaroo, where they also performed in the lobby of Tower 3. The students were applauded and they even requested an encore! Lendlease supplied a wonderful lunch and waffles for dessert so the students felt very special.

On Thursday the MAXed OUT Company Tour Group entered Star City Casino at 1.30pm and they were taken to their own dressing rooms. They performed for the dress rehearsal while the tables were being set, make-up artists styled their hair and make-up applied to their face to be performance ready at 6.50pm. They were introduced onto stage by Jamie Durie to perform in front of 986 guests which they did with passion, enthusiasm and grace. The organisers of Moorambilla said *"We are so proud of them and it is a credit to your school as well as Moorambilla Voices in giving our students in the northwest region incredible occasions like these to make them shine and I thank you for your ongoing support"*.

Images from Moorambilla



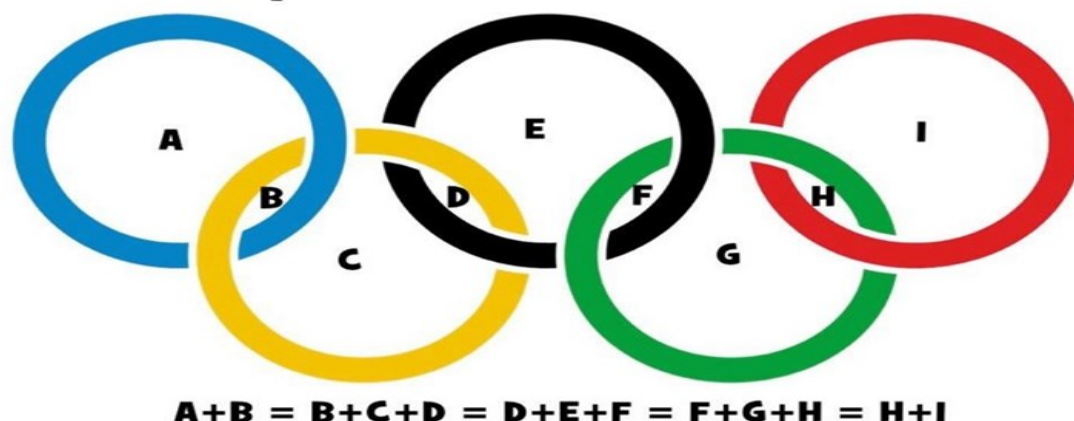


Maths Newsletter

Last week our Year 12 Visual Arts students submitted their Body of Works which have now been forwarded to BOSTES for marking. Congratulations to Jarrod, Kyasha, Peita, Brianna, Ellie and Zali for the hard work, persistence and planning you have put into your major works, they look fantastic! Thank you to Miss Hughan who guided and supported our students on this, at times a tumultuous but very rewarding and productive journey.

Last week was National Literacy and Numeracy Week. The week started with an estimation activity where the students and staff at Nyngan High School had to estimate the number of lollies in a jar. The long awaited announcement was made at lunch time on Friday where it was announced there were 264 lollies in the jar and the winners were Zoey Healey and Toby Palmer (luckily Middle School was on) who guessed 266...great estimation skills Zoey and Toby! On Tuesday Mrs Murray and Mr Charters and many of our eager students attempted to build the geodesic dome but it was decided we need to make a few material adjustments...watch this space. On Wednesday we had a building design trivia which was hotly contested by Miss McVey and Mr Miles (I think both of them really wish to retrain as Maths teachers secretly...). On Thursday an email was sent to all staff and students with the following problem:

Can you place the numbers 1-9 in the lettered spaces so that each ring adds up to the same sum?

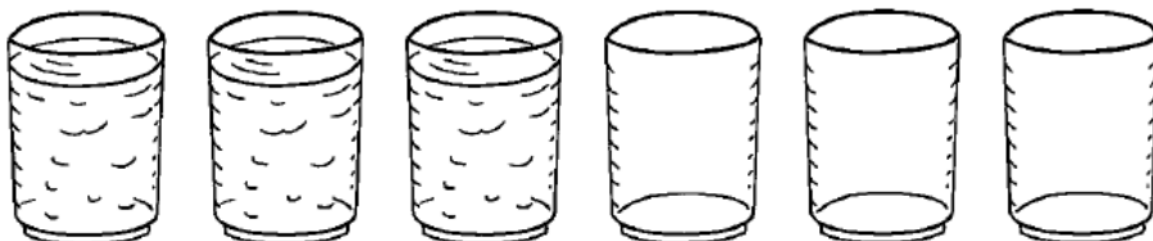


Mr Miles was the first person with the correct solution but Mrs Bush did say they were working on it together! Can you work it out?

The answer to the problem last fortnight was in 25 years the father will be twice as old as his child. This was solved by Mr Matheson, Dave Buchanan, Mandy Martin and Miss Hughan.

Here is another problem for you to ponder...

There are 6 glasses in a row. The 3 on the left are full of water and 3 on the right side are empty (see the picture below). Can you move just one glass to change them into a row of glasses with an alternating pattern of full-empty-full-empty...?



*Tanya
Buchanan
Maths/CAPA Head Teacher*



Year 12 Major Works

Stanley did a fantastic job on his table, which can be used as a side table or chess table - well done

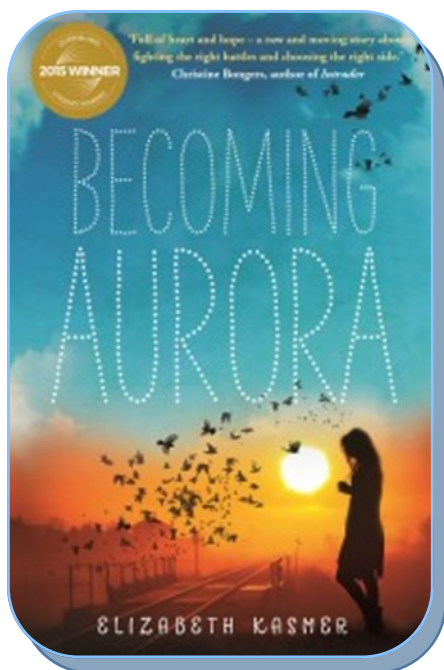


Mitchell's finished set of drawers - and they look amazing! Great job.



New Books in the Library

Becoming Aurora by Elizabeth Kasmer



Tonight we are wolves. Our pack moves as one, past empty shop fronts and faded billboards.

Sixteen-year-old Rory is at a crossroads in her life. While her gang plans its next move in a racially motivated turf war, Rory is sentenced to spend her summer at an aged care facility. She's proud of taking the rap for a crime her gang committed and reading to a feisty old boxing champion isn't going to change that.

But what happens when Rory's path intersects with migrant boxer Essam's and she becomes the victim, not the perpetrator? Can she find the courage to face her past and become the girl her dad called Aurora?

Winner of the Queensland Literary Awards, Emerging Writer Category.

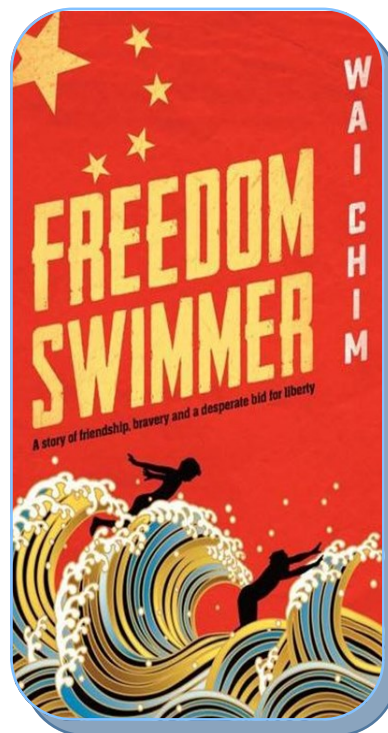
Ming survived the famine that killed his parents during China's 'Great Leap Forward', and lives a hard but adequate life, working in the fields.

When a group of city boys comes to the village as part of a Communist Party re-education program, Ming and his friends aren't sure what to make of the new arrivals. They're not used to hard labour and village life. But despite his reservations, Ming befriends a charming city boy called Li.

The two couldn't be more different, but slowly they form a bond over evening swims and shared dreams.

But as the bitterness of life under the Party begins to take its toll on both boys, they begin to imagine the impossible: freedom.

A fascinating novel about Mao's China and two boys who are willing to risk everything for a new life.



'Your people drove them out of their homes. Thousands of years later they turn up again – and they're gonna wipe you out.'

THREE MINUTES...

On her birthday, Nessa finds out the terrible truth about her homeland, Ireland – the truth that will change her forever.

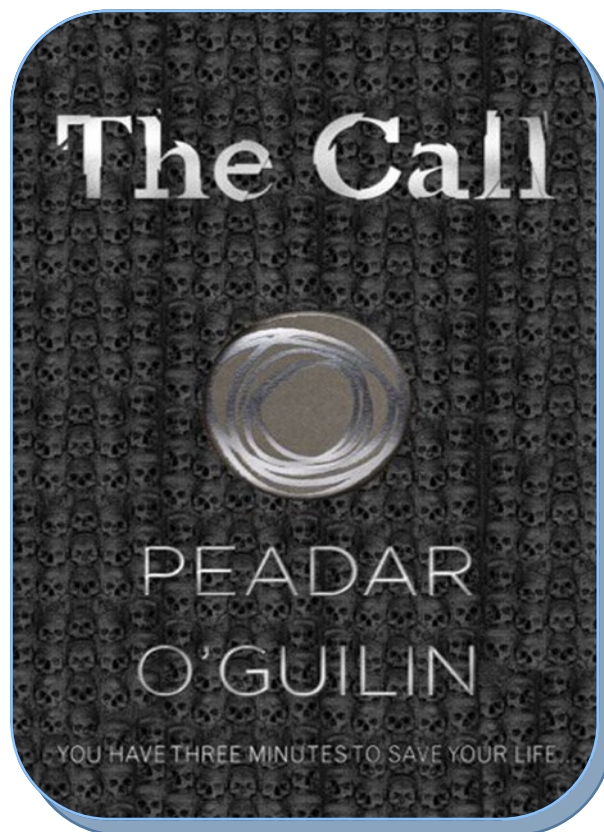
TWO MINUTES...

That she and her friends must train for the most dangerous three minutes of their lives: **THE CALL**.

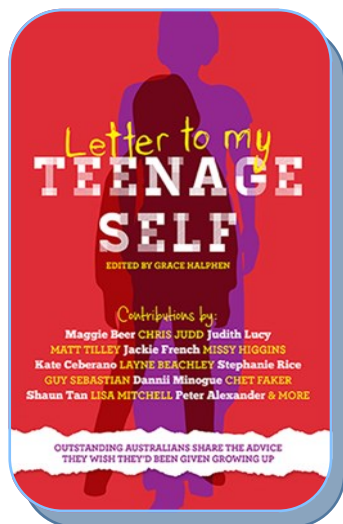
ONE MINUTE...

Any day now, without warning, they will each wake in a terrifying land, alone and hunted, with a one in ten chance of returning alive.

And it is Nessa, more than anyone, who is going to need every ounce of the guts, wit, and sheer spirit she was born with, if she – and the nation – are to survive.



We also have two new non-fiction books. A fabulous collection of letters that more than 50 prominent Australians wrote to Melbourne teenager Grace Halphen, when she asked them to provide advice for young people on how best to navigate the inevitable ups and downs of adolescence.

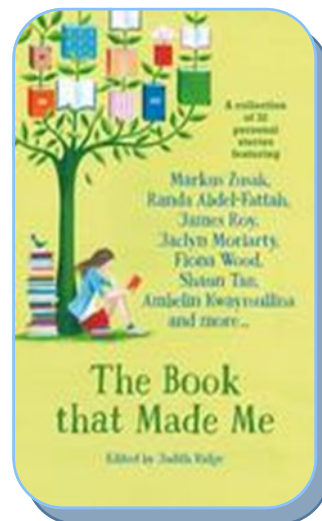


A new text that budding writers may enjoy is called *The Book that Made Me*.

A celebration of the books that influenced some of the most acclaimed authors from Australia and the world.

Inspirational. Affecting. A book for book lovers.

Featuring, among others: Shaun Tan, Markus Zusak, Will Kostakis, Benjamin Law and Emily Maguire.



The Book Chook (Miss Booth)

What's new with the SRC?

Our long awaited school disco was held last Thursday night in the school gym. Our Year 10 SRC girls helped coordinate the event and asked Jack Ryan to be the DJ. That was the best decision as he just blitzed it. With the support of his parents, Jack had set up a terrific stage with plenty of lights to make the atmosphere just awesome and he showed a cool confidence throughout the night. We had a terrific turnout of about 70 students with about 30 of them being boys (yeehaa). A few other highlights included:

- ♦ The attendance of the Year 12s Ellie Smith, Britt McClelland, Emily Ryan and Jarrod Blake as they danced all night and really showed great leadership in supporting the event.
- ♦ Mr Gibson, Miss Rixon and Mr Dal Forno carving up the dance floor. They tried to get me but a task beyond their abilities.
- ♦ Our SRC crew really stepping up on the night. The Year 10s for setting up the photo booth taking plenty of photos and getting people involved in the limbo activity, the younger SRCs all taking turns to sell goodies at the canteen. A real team effort which is what we're striving for.
- ♦ ALL the students for their enthusiasm and perfect behaviour which meant that everyone just relaxed and had fun.

I'd also like to thank Miss Rixon (guidance also), Miss Hughan, Loretta and Julie for their help after hours setting up the gym with fairy lights etc.

Congratulations to all for a fun night

Mr Walsh

SRC Coordinator

SRC Disco Images

The Super Canteen Managers

and

the Disco Dancers





The photo booth proved to be a popular place for the SRC Disco night

Groovy !!!

