



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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TERM 4 WEEK 9

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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 11th December - Presentation Evening

Thursday 13th December - Platinum Excursion

Friday 15th December - Last day of Term 4 for students

Tuesday 6th February, 2018 - Years 7, 11 and 12 return to school

Wednesday 7th February, 2018 - Years 8, 9 and 10 return to school

Wednesday 14th February to Friday 16th February, 2018 - Year 7 and Year 10 Peer Support Leaders Lake Burrendong Excursion

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Students of the term for Term 4 2017



Bourke



Year 7

Year 8 Nicholas Monaghan



Shannon

Year 9 Bill Quarmby



Year 9 Jordan Willcockson



Year 10 Abbey Buchanan



Year 11 Leah Bailey



Sportspersons of the term for Term 4 2017

Cooper Ryan and Piper Ashton (photo unavailable)

Congratulations to all of our award recipients for Term 4 2017

Principals Report

Dear School Community,

We are finally at the end of Term 4 and what a year it's been! A quick year, that's for sure but a most enjoyable one. This year, I know that I have tried to take every opportunity I could to experience "Nyngan" and what is on offer. And I have enjoyed those opportunities to experience quite a bit of our great community and try to grow as a person.

And in a similar light, I hope that when each student and family looks back on their year, it's important to reflect on what opportunities you grabbed with both hands and what things you passed up or maybe gave up on. I hope you took some great opportunities and had a chance to grow as a person or take on a new challenge and succeed at something you previously maybe feared.

In 2017 I have witnessed many highlights which make me proud to be associated with Nyngan High School. We have such a diverse school which shows strength in all areas: academia, sport, culture, creative and performing arts, career development, community engagement and leadership.

Some of these highlights include:

- The swimming and athletics carnivals- seeing our enthusiastic students participating to the absolute best of their abilities.
- Attendance and leadership from school members at important community events such as ANZAC day, Harmony Day, NAIDOC Week, Nyngan Show, Ag expo, White Ribbon Day and the Christmas markets.
- Our SRC working tirelessly to run school events like Positive Ed games, School Discos, celebration BBQ's and regularly visiting the residents at the Mick Glennie hostel.
- The 'Arts In The Dark' evening which showcased our creative and performing arts programs and our passion for performing.
- Watching our school and community rally in support of Jenny and Clarke lane and their family, following the very sad passing of Shelley.
- Seeing our kids have opportunities to grow through programs like Duke of Ed, Didg group, Sista Speak, Aboriginal dance, Art workshops and representative sport.
- The Tongling No15 Middle School students returning to Nyngan High, helping our students to experience a totally different culture and educational setting.

Reminder for the Start of 2017

Whilst our school staff return to duty on Monday 5th February, 2018, students commence following this Staff Development Day:

Years 7, 11 and 12 students return on Tuesday 6th February

Years 8,9 and 10 students will return on Wednesday 7th February

An SMS and Skoolbag reminder will be sent out early next year.

Staff development Days in 2018

There will be Staff Development Days held at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 in 2018, where students are not required to be at school. This requires parents and carers to organise their own arrangements for the day and although the school will be open, supervision will not be available for students.

At the end of 2018, the 20th - 21st of December would usually be Staff Development Days again. However, our staff have voted to complete this training time during the year. The school will be open on these days with office staff on site, however, there will be no supervision for students available and parents should make their own arrangements for the day.

Alternate Work Organisation (AWO) in 2018

I recently submitted our school's application to continue our AWO (Mid-Term break) to the Director of Public Schools, Mr Charles Dwyer. Our school community and partners are all in favour of this arrangement of our school and I am hopeful to hear very soon that it has been approved.

I will notify the community as soon as we receive approval or not.

School & Community Partners

I would like to thank our two major partner associations for their ongoing support of our school and a continued commitment to helping provide an environment which supports kids at all times.

The **Nyngan High School Parents & Citizens Association**, led by Mrs Neralie Quarmby, has been a very welcoming and hard-working group this year. They have again taken up the challenge to fundraise on behalf of our school and provide financial support and moral guidance for school decisions. Our P&C is a vital cog in the wheel as our school moves forward to provide a better educational and learning environment for all students. I would like to encourage new parents and long-serving parent to join our P&C to provide their voice in our school.

Similarly the **Nyngan Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group**, led by Mrs Marea Johnson, has been a strong group who continually advocate for the best interest of our Aboriginal students, which is also beneficial for all students. We have enjoyed a forthright relationship this year and provided a wonderful array of cultural experiences for our students and many opportunities for our community to embrace Aboriginal culture in a significant way. Our Nyngan AECG is a respected team member of the school community and in recent conversations with Marea I know our relationship will become stronger again. I encourage all school community members to come along and get involved with the AECG to help provide great opportunities and education for our kids.

Farewell to Staff

As with every school year, we farewell some staff members who are moving onto new adventures in many ways. This year we are only losing one of our team, Ms Melissa Field.

Ms Field has received her incentive transfer and is moving to Tamworth High School. Melissa has proven to be a wonderful staff member, who strives to have her students achieving highly in the TAS area, with focus on Food Technology, Hospitality and Textiles.

Ms Field has also proven to be a diverse woman, who has taught some Science classes and coordinated our Workplace Health & Safety matters in 2017. We wish her all the very best for the move and hope she continues to enjoy life and her dog training adventures passionately.

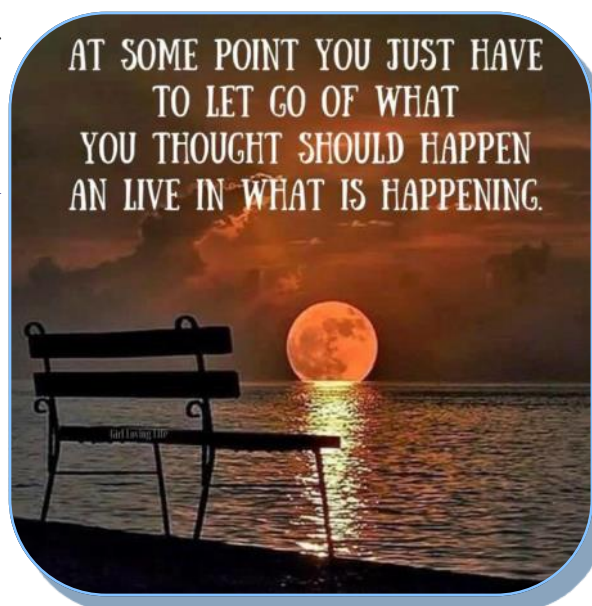
Thank you for 2017

As the sun sets on our school year I want to thank all members of our school community. I love the passion our parents have in Nyngan. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the students we have at our school and the staff team is an amazing group of people.

Whilst this job can at times be trying; the end result is always one of achievement for our kids and moving forward in a positive way to deal with the job at hand: providing the best learning environment for our kids.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY BREAK. MAY IT BE FILLED WITH JOY, HAPPINESS AND THE PEOPLE WHO MEAN THE MOST TO YOU!!

***Michael Gibson
Principal***



Deputy Principal Report

Gratitude is our focus for this term and something I am very passionate about. Gratitude is more than feeling thankful for something; it is more like a deeper appreciation for someone or something, which produces longer lasting positivity. People can use gratitude to form new social relations, or to build upon and make current ones better. Acts of gratitude can be used to apologize, make amends or help solve other problems people may face. Alternatively, people may feel gracious because it can be an intrinsically rewarding process. Simply being grateful for being alive is a great way to motivate oneself to seize the day. The idea that tomorrow is not guaranteed is a strong motivator for some people. Gratitude benefits our overall wellbeing, our relationships, our optimism and happiness levels, our self control and our overall life.

Gratitude journaling is a tool that helps us focus on the bigger picture of our lives. Studies have shown that if you journal about three things you are grateful each day your resilience will improve among other things. I practice this every day and today I will share those with you.

I am very grateful to work at Nyngan High School. Whenever I go away to other schools or attend one of our functions or talk to other educators, I am reminded how wonderful our little school is. We are leaders in Aboriginal Education, in Positive Education and in quality teaching and learning. We have a wide range of activities and so many things to be proud of, they would be impossible to list.

I am grateful to work with such a motivated and enthusiastic staff who support each other and are excellent role models to our students. There is not a member of staff who doesn't give 100% to our students and do their best to make their lives better through education. The key to any type of improvement is education. Thank you to the staff of Nyngan High School, I am very grateful for you.

I am so grateful for you, our students. You rise above challenging situations, you fight for what is right, you acknowledge when things go wrong and move on. You are passionate, intelligent, kind and motivated. You make coming to work a pleasure and I feel so lucky to spend my days with you. You provide me with challenges and areas to improve and you are funny and thoughtful. I thank each and every one of you for allowing me to be part of your lives.

What are three things you are grateful for today?

The following students have shown gratitude this term and always strive for our values of Positive Education.

Year 7 Anastasia Walsh For her consistent year round smile, bringing valuable insight and practice towards positive education

Year 8 Shivash Chand - Your positive attitude, kindness and happy disposition have been unfailing this year. You always welcomed staff and peers with a smile and your attitude was infectious. You've been a fabulous student and friend to many. You will be missed next year.

Year 9 Cale Dunn - Your full face smile is infectious and brings joy to everyone west of the mountains. Your blue eyes are piercing but tell a message of hope and promise. Keep being a positive role model, I bet you are smiling now.

Year 10 Derek Molina - Although you are very quiet, you always come to school in a positive mood and your smile is infectious!!

Year 11 Harry Blake - Maintaining a positive attitude and commitment to his studies and always showing gratitude to those who help him.

The next three students have done the unthinkable and that is be at school for every day of Term 4 to date. These students, unlike any of their peers, uphold the values of Nyngan High in every way and are congratulated on a fine effort - Jack Meldrum, Tyson Stapleton, Mia Taylor, Jack Buchanan, Jesse Gonzalez and Cody Thomas-Rope.

Thank you Nyngan High School for a fabulous 2017 and I look forward to the journey ahead. Have a very restful holiday, find time for yourself to just be and most of all, have some fun.

Ange Bush
Deputy Principal



P&C News

Raffle tickets were sent out a couple of newsletters ago, can you please return them to the front office once they have been sold. Our raffle is for a \$200 open order and it will be drawn at the Presentation night on Monday 11th December. We will also be selling tickets there. This is a fund raiser to benefit our children.

I wish to thank all those who gave up their time to volunteer to assist the P and C this year. From manning the Nyngan Show and Nyngan Senior Rugby League gates, assisting at the Blue Light Disco stall to attending our meetings that are held twice each term, your help was greatly appreciated.

I would also like to sincerely thank Mr Gibson and Mrs Bush for their invaluable guidance and time to our P and C this year.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing time over the holidays.

“May the peace and joy that Christmas brings always be with you and your family”

Thank you

Neralie Quarmby
Nyngan High School
P&C President



Stage 5 Study Shakespeare

This term, Stage 5 English have been studying Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. While Shakespeare can be intimidating for many, Nyngan High School's Stage 5 students have tackled the bloody Scottish tragedy head on! Over the past several weeks, they have been conspicuously performing dramatic scenes from the play about the school and, at times, shouted Shakespearean insults could be heard on the air from the windows of certain classrooms and the Learning Hub! Yes, some fun was had with Will's words, but we suspect, for some, parting with Shakespeare will not be 'such sweet sorrow.'



LOTE

Stage 4

Land Council Visit

LOTE students recently visited the local Aboriginal Land Council. The visit was extremely informative for the students, who learned about the role of the Land Council and the history of its formation in Nyngan from Veneta Dutton and Nyngan High School AEO, Raylene Weldon. Students were excited and privileged to learn also about Wongaibon culture, and were able to look at a range of artefacts from the Land Council's collection. The students and staff were grateful for the opportunity for the hands-on learning experience and first hand local knowledge on offer.



Room 1 & 2 Kayaking Excursion

Mr Walsh and Mrs Hamblin's classes enjoyed a wonderful canoeing and kayaking excursion last Tuesday. Everyone gathered at the Riverside Caravan Park and before long were paddling toward the Ski Club. While Mr Milligan cooked a delicious sausage sizzle lunch for us we all enjoyed swimming in the river. After lunch we climbed into our kayaks and canoes for the return journey. Once the kayaks were cleaned and packed up Mav and Mr Milligan tried their hand at fishing.

We would like to thank Mr Milligan for all of his organisation which ensured a fabulous, fun excursion.

Nic Monaghan

On the way to the Ski Club I went with Mrs Hamblin and on the way back I was by myself in the canoe.

Maverick Woodlock

I tipped Mr Walsh out of his canoe at the Ski Club and on the way back I let Mr Walsh do all of the paddling!

Bryce Wark-Austin

Bryce went in the kayak with Mr Walsh.

Reece Painter

Our excursion was fun but the best part was jumping off the kayaks with Mav.



SRC Mobile Phone Free Day

A huge congrats to all the staff and students who participated in our annual 'Mobile Phone Free Day' at Nyngan High.

You could physically see the pain on the faces of people as they handed over their most prized possession. Tears, whaling sounds, tantrums, doubt, sadness. Actually, not true. Everyone was so brave and took to the challenge with such a positive attitude. I must say they had good role models from the Principal and Deputy through to the teachers and our awesome SRC crew.

During recess and lunch it was a treat watching large groups of students and teachers playing touch footy, cricket, handball and volleyball out in the playground. The music provided by Robbie, Abbey and Ella made for a fun atmosphere.

Lunch was an awesome BBQ supplied by the SRC and cooked superbly by the dynamic duo of Troy and Benny Brown.

Winners of the iTunes vouchers were: Harley Klante, Joe Kennedy, Cody Thomas-Rope and Chloe Vernon.

The overall Year group winner was just too hard to call. We had such a high level of participation from Year 7-10 that I've decided that the \$50 prize will be given to each of these years. They can talk to their year advisors on how they'll spend the money.

Finally, the end result was that we collected 103 phones which eclipsed our total of 102 last year. Congrats to all for a fabulous day.

Mr Walsh

SRC Coordinator



TAS/PDHPE Newsletter

William Rubensohn Foundation Visit

The William Rubensohn Foundation is a foundation offering scholarships to students who apply themselves with 100% effort in their studies and/or are in need of assistance with their education. The scholarship offers 2 students the chance to receive \$1000 each year from Year 9 through to Year 12. Nyngan High School was lucky enough to be offered two scholarships. Our lucky recipients for this Year are Jordan Willcockson and Dean Fitzalan.

On Tuesday the 28th November, I had the honour of meeting 3 members of the foundation including: Mrs Rubensohn herself, who paid a visit to our school and also met with Dean and Jordan. It was very pleasing to hear nothing but good things from our visitors, which is testament to our school.

Congratulations to Dean and Jordan for being awarded the scholarships. I know they are very appreciative of the award and will maximise the use of this amazing opportunity.



Netball U15s Gala Day

Recently, Nyngan High School sent a young team away for the Under 15s Netball Tournament. A very hot day saw some students transform into the colour of a well cooked lobster, despite using sunscreen. They came up against some very tough competition but in true Nyngan fashion, played the game in high spirits and with great sportsmanship. Well done girls for a fantastic effort! And Thankyou Mrs Smith for taking these girls away.

Best and Fairest

- 3 Piper Ashton
- 2 Serenity Sheather
- 3 Anastasia Walsh

School Sport

Weekly school sport as bee a great success this year. We endeavour to provide a range of sports for the students to play to increase their awareness and participation in sport they may not often try or participate in. Next Year will look to do the same!

Next Wednesday the 6th will see the school visit the pool for the final sport day of the year, with positive education games played in the final week here at school.

A big thank you to all staff who take on a sport. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Teachers vs Students Volleyball

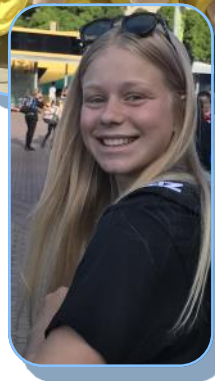
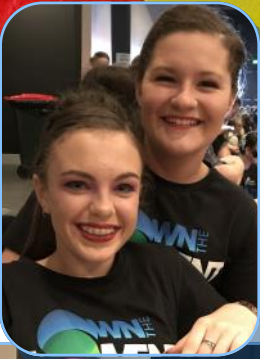
Over the term, we have run a teachers vs students volleyball game at the Nyngan High School Volleyball Stadium. Each fortnight, each year group has taken up the challenge of trying their best to defeat the teachers. This event has seen the students rise to the challenge, participating with great numbers and enthusiasm. I am extremely proud of each student who has participated and thank all the staff who have joined in the fun as well.

Even those that aren't playing, all gather around and spectate to make an awesome little stadium feel with music and laughter.

This week it is the Year 8s turn, weather pending. Good luck and see you all there!

T Dal Forno
PDHPE

Schools Spectacular



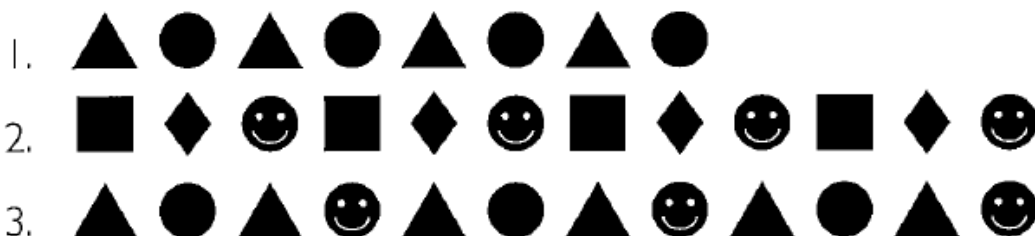
Maths/CAPA

Welcome to Week 8 and what a fortnight it has been for the students and staff of the Maths/CAPA faculty.

The puzzle last week was:

Jim and Amy found their way through a maze. When they finally reached the exit, they found the door was tightly shut. Beside the door was a note that said, "The door will open if you can tell – in 1 minute or less – what the 20th shape will be in each pattern. " Jim and Amy had a look and drew the 20th shape for each pattern. Then the door opened automatically and they got out of the maze.

Work out the 20th shape on each line to see if you could get out of the maze too.



How did you go with it? The solutions were: a circle in the first, a diamond (or a rhombus as us mathematicians like to call it) for the second and a smiley face for the third.

The puzzle for this week is:

There are 24 birds sitting on 3 trees. After 4 birds fly from the first tree to the second tree and 5 birds fly from the second tree to the third tree, the number of birds on each tree becomes the same.

Do you know how many birds were originally on each tree?



Last week Katie, Abbey, Lucy, Amber, Saranna, Bailee, Shianne, Ebony, Ella, Lilly, Amy, Petria, Brittany, Alahna, Billi, Lily, Jaynie, Millie, Reagan, Caroline, Nikkita and Dakota attended School Spectacular 2017, *Own the moment*, in Sydney. The days were very long and this experience is not for the faint hearted; our girls' behaviour, attitude and stamina were second to none. Girls thank you very much for a fantastic, eventful and memory making experience! Also thank you to Mr Miles, Mr White and Wendy Robb for giving up their precious time to transport and support the girls, your commitment was appreciated. Over the next two newsletters you will see some awesome photos of the Nyngan High School Combined and Aboriginal dance ensemble...watch this space.

Tanya Buchanan

Head Teacher Mathematics/CAPA

Science/Learning Support

It has been a busy fortnight around the school with plenty happening!

Firstly a huge congratulations to Leah Bailey has been recognised for her excellence in science at a presentation in Dubbo last Wednesday. Leah was one of just 33 students to receive an award from the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, which recognises the efforts of students who reach a high level and display passion for science. Students travelled to Dubbo from as far east as Lithgow, as far west as Cobar and as far north as Lightning Ridge for the ceremony. Miss Strong also travelled to the ceremony and was on hand to congratulate Leah on her award.

Named after the late cardiac surgeon and pioneer of modern heart transplantation, the awards aim to foster development and encourage future generations to carry on Victor Chang's legacy. Dr Ralph Patrick from the institute was on hand to present the awards and said he was impressed with the talent in Western NSW. As well receiving the prestigious award, winning students were also extended an invitation to join more than 200 other students from across NSW on a tour of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute in Sydney. The Institute is dedicated to finding cures for cardiovascular disease and discoveries made have already saved lives.

Science classes have been taking the opportunity of this post exam period to work on skills and problem solving activities. Both Stage 4 and 5 have been involved in STEM projects, such as bridge building and egg drop challenges. Students have been very much enjoying the freedom to think outside the box and test their skills.



Northern Schools Prime Stock Competition

Tuesday last week the cattle team packed up and headed to Manilla, accompanied by Mrs Emma Partridge and Mr Mark Keighran to participate in the Northern Schools Prime Stock Competition. 240 students from 14 different schools were participating with 60 head of cattle, so Manilla Showground suddenly became a very busy place for the three days.

The seven Year 7 and 8 students have been working towards this competition since August, breaking in, training and preparing their animals. Each student competed in the paraders class, all handling such a large event well given their level of experience.

The junior judging was the event which the Nyngan Cattle Team excelled in. They had to assess a class of steers as if they were the judge and also answer some questions relating to the Prime Cattle Industry. In the year 7/8/9 judging class there were over 100 competitors. Of which only 8 students progressed to the finals where they had to speak on why they placed their animals as they did. Jaidyn Wherritt and Mia Taylor were both successful in reaching the final 8 with Jaidyn narrowly missing out on a place. Congratulations to Mia and Jaidyn on this fantastic result. On receiving the final scores Jayden Robb, Jack Gadsby, Tom Gadsby and Brendan Waterhouse were all 1 mark off reaching the finals, which is a great result for their first steer competition.

In the evening the students enjoyed showing off their skills racing the other schools in a farmers' challenge, which was also an entertaining spectators sport for those on the sideline!

On the final day the steers were judged. Both steers were in the heavy weight domestic class. They both met the market specification, however our Shorthorn cross steer would have been more competitive if he had a little longer on feed. The Angus cross steer was in fantastic shape and the judge took a long time to select the winner, we were very excited to be placed 2nd in a very strong line up.

The good byes were then said and the cattle were trucked to Bindaree Beef in Inverell. The carcasses were judged on Monday morning and we are now anxiously waiting to hear the results of this part of the competition.

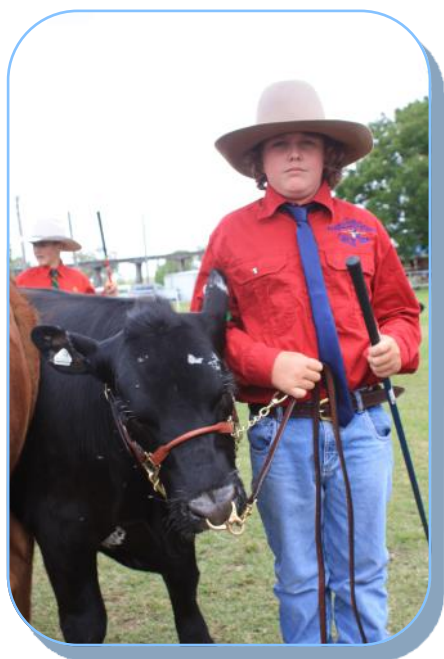
The students were a pleasure to take away and really embraced the experience. They should be proud of their achievements and are already planning for next years' competition which will be hosted by the Inverell High Schools.

- The results of the carcass phase of the Northern Schools Prime Stock Comp. are in and we are very excited to learn that our Angus Cross Steer was awarded first place and the Shorthorn Cross Steer was awarded fifth place, both in the heavy weight domestic class. This is a fantastic result for the school against a very good line up of cattle.

*E Partridge
Science/Special Ed*



Northern Schools Prime Stock Competition



TAS/PDHPE Report

As 2017 draws to a close it is only fitting to reflect on the year. First thank you to Mr Dal Forno for relieving while I was on an excursion last week. This year has seen the faculty welcome Mr Webb. He is a valued staff member and is currently finishing his VET Metal and Engineering training. The workshop looks great and the projects being produced are very good.

Miss Field is moving on from Nyngan to Tamworth and we thank her for her effort over the past four years. We have all enjoyed her culinary delights after the formal assemblies. We wish her all the best for her new adventure.

Mrs Smith will be back again next year and we all appreciate her input and support in the faculty. Miss Stafford will be taking maternity leave for Terms 1, 2 and 3 although we will still be seeing her as she assists us with dance in the school. Miss Stafford has been relieving Head Teacher on a number of occasions this year and she will be missed. We wish Tiarna, Danny and Hudson all the best as they prepare for the arrival of their new bundle of joy.

Mr Dal Forno has worked tirelessly in 2017 to ensure our sporting program is spot on and meeting all the students needs. In 2018 he continues to coordinate pour sport along with the big task of mentoring our Year 12 students as Year Advisor. We know he will rise to meet these challenges and more.

Keiro, where do I begin! This man is just awesome. A gem to work with as nothing is ever a problem. The students benefit from his assistance in the Ag plot, often teaching them many new skills. I look forward to again working with Keiro in 2018 and beyond.

Thank you to Mrs Partridge for taking on the cattle team. This is not an easy job when juggling a family and other commitments. Her cattle results were fantastic and the students will benefit again in 2018 from her expertise.

The lovely SASS staff definitely need a mention. I am always popping in or ringing to get an answer and their unconditional caring and kind manner makes them so valuable. This thank you also goes out to Helen, Rhonda and Keren who work consistently hard as the quiet achievers of Nyngan High School.

On behalf of the TAS faculty, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful festive season filled with love and peace. I look forward to 2018 and meeting the challenges and adventures that lie ahead.

N Walsh

Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE/Careers

University Visit

Last week I was fortunate enough to take 12 students to Sydney to experience University life. Western Sydney University proudly supported the tour and our students were part of a tour contingency of over 100 students from Western NSW. As always our students were exceptional ambassadors for Nyngan High School and I could not have been prouder. We experience life on all 3 campuses Penrith, Campbelltown and Hawkesbury along with a number of cultural Indigenous experiences. I to loved the experience and was blown away by the kindness of so many people who presented workshops.



YES Program

Over the next couple of weeks a number of Stage 5 girls have been able to experience TAFE at Nyngan. They have been lucky enough to have had a taste of beauty, auto and animal care. A big thank you to Di and Loretta for all their support.

Peer Support

This week I handed out notes to Year 9 students who were successful in becoming Year 10 Peer Support leaders in 2018. Last week they had a training day with Mr Milligan and Mr Miles. The notes were about the Burrendong camp in February, 2018. I am sure these students will make the camp a success in 2018.

Work Experience

A huge thank you to all the local businesses for their ongoing support. I love my job of careers advisor and we are so fortunate to have a community that just keeps assisting and supporting.

N Walsh

TAS/PDHPE/Careers

English News

Year 10 Enrichment have had a very productive 2017 in History and Geography. We have taken on many enjoyable challenges and some interesting topics such as WWI and WWII, Human Wellbeing and Rights and Freedoms 1945- present.

The Human Wellbeing topic is part of the new Geography curriculum which involved learning about global issues, role of the United Nations and the development of countries. We learnt that a more equitable way to measure a country's development is through wellbeing rather than only the gross domestic product (money) a country earns per year. This was a very interesting and different way of looking at the world which opened up excellent class discussion.

Below is an example of Year 10's favourite activity from the Human Wellbeing topic 'A Recipe for Happiness' and feedback about their learning this year in History and Geography.

"The best topic was the Geography Human Wellbeing because it was enjoyable. Everyone liked it as it was about current global issues. The whole class joined in all the activities without hesitation which was cool." – Colin Piper

"The most enjoyable topic in History this year was WWI and WWII. Everyone loved learning about Gallipoli and soldier's experiences, which was pretty fun"- Wyatt Graham

"My favourite topic of the year was learning about the world wars. It was interesting to find out about what our Aussie soldiers went through. Everyone wanted to learn so they were all involved." - Tim Walsh

"The greatest topic for me this year was WWII and learning about the impact of the Holocaust. The whole class was really into it and interested. The discussions were really good and was my favourite part because everyone wanted to join in." – Russell Thompson

"The most interesting topic we learnt in History was WWI and WWII. My favourite part was learning about Gallipoli because we got to pretend to be soldiers and nurses and write about what happened and the real experience of war." – Karlie Stephens

"My favourite topic was definitely WWI and WWII. We learnt about Gallipoli but also the Western Front which was awesome. Our assessment task was the one of the best tasks I have ever done! I was proud of my work which was really fun and interesting to write a diary entry from the perspective of a soldier or nurse during WWI."- Shianné Klantz

"Human wellbeing was definitely my favourite topic that we did this year. I loved how we were able to have an open conversations and I thought that the assessment was good, as I got to research a topic of my choice which allowed me to explore the issue of women's rights in the Middle East." – Ella Meldrum

"Human wellbeing was my favourite topic of the year because we got to investigate different cultures and people. My favourite activity would have been our group activity where people wrote positive messages for other students, feeling a sense of happiness in the room really boosts everyone's confidence. The best part about our HSIE class is that we can have safe and open conversations with each other." – Robbie Robb

"My favourite topic is Human Wellbeing because it is very interesting learning about the wellbeing of people from other countries. Knowing that some countries implement public executions, it's pretty disturbing but really interesting." – Derick Molina

"Human wellbeing was my favourite topic this year. It was interesting to find out how and what impacts someone's wellbeing. The assessment was independent, I chose to investigate the impacts human trafficking has on society. I enjoy this class because we can have open discussions." – Abbey Buchanan

"My favourite topic is World War 1 and 2 because it was very interesting to learn that life in the trenches where really hard, especially the soldiers living in mud up to their knees. What I enjoyed about the class and learning was that we got to do activities by ourselves and also in groups." - Jacob Kennedy

Year 10 have been progressive in their ideas and had valuable discussions about hot global topics. It is testament to their maturity and love of learning, which has fostered this development of social justice and empathy towards others. It has been a pleasure to teach Year 10 Enrichment and we have had some amazing learning and it's been great year.

It is fitting that the history jokes are about Year 10's favourite topics WWI and WWII.

Q: Why was WW1 so quick?

A: because they were Russian

Q: Why was WW2 so slow?

A: Because they were Stalin



Year 8 HSIE News

This year in History and Geography with Miss Rixon, we have learnt about many interesting topics such as Japan under the Shoguns, Water in the World, Ancient China and Interconnections. Below is a recap of our favourite topics and activities for the year.

A Rixon

English/HSIE Faculty

Ancient China

“Our favourite topic was Ancient China. It was interesting and different to learn how China use to be compared to now. The best part was learning about the Dynasties, and the Terracotta Warriors. The discussions were good and it was easy to understand and fun.” - Jade, Dakota & Kailee.

Interconnections

“One of Year 8’s favourite topics this year was Interconnections. Throughout this topic we did two case studies, one on Bali and the other on Dubai. We all enjoyed both case studies as it felt like a real experience even though we were only watching videos, researching and doing fun activities in class. Also in this topic we enjoyed learning about both negative and positive effects of tourism. We learnt many different ways on how to be a respectful tourist and how to keep the world sustainable for the future.” – Bailee, Jaynie and Millie

Japan under the Shoguns

“It was interesting to see how different Japanese society was compared to many of the others we have learnt about, and how each of their lifestyles worked. Samurais were our favourite out of each of the classes particularly because they were fierce, loyal warriors and they were fun to learn about. “

– Lilly, Mia, Monica and Fallon

“In history our favourite topic was Japan under the Shoguns. Our favourite activity was the samurai schools we also did the social hierarchy questions. When we were learning about the samurais we learnt that they were loyal to their daimyo and fierce. They were very intelligent and highly trained. They are one of the best topics we have learnt in history.” -Tyson and Joe

“In the Japan topic we have done many interesting activities such as the samurai school, sticky note review on the social hierarchy review and the documentary of the way of the samurai. Out of all of the activities we did, the samurai school was the classes favourite. We found this the best because we got the chance to work on our own and make up samurai schools. We made advertisements and drew a map of what our school looks like. Another activity we did was the social hierarchy and out of all the different social classes our favourite was the samurai.”- Caleb and Shivash

Year 8’s Top Funnies of 2017

Q:What’s purple and 5000 miles long?

A: The Grape Wall of China

Q:What is the fruitiest subject at school?

A: History because its full of dates

Cricket Report

The might of Nyngan High School took on a combined Dubbo College side in the Alan Davidson cricket shield recently. Whilst seemingly the underdogs, the boys from the bush were not overawed and many found themselves so relaxed to be kipping for the majority of the drive there. A quick hotbox stop in Trangie saw the lads revitalised and after skipper Jacob Shone was sent in to bat, things were looking alright.

The Dubbo students had other plans. Tight seam bowling from both ends meant scoring was hard, even on a flat track. Openers Tim Walsh and Cale Dunn didn't trouble the scorers and Terrance Ryan also went cheaply. Liam Wherritt added some needed starch to the middle order but it was a young batsman on debut that truly impressed. Kane Nankervis (17) batted with patience and a calm beyond his years that allowed the Nyngan team to get over the 100 run mark. His square driving and leg glancing was of such quality that he should be a staple of this side in years to come.

Cooper Ryan (14) showed some brute strength and batted in a fashion that will have him claiming all-rounder status. Some good shots in the tail from Trae Smith (7 not out) got the score up to 111 which looked alright.

A wicket on the first ball of the Dubbo innings filled Nyngan with hope and Cooper was swinging the ball both ways. However, his two-fa was the only real highlight for Nyngan with the ball as some serious cricketers for Dubbo had the boys chasing the leather every which way. The first and second drop batsmen, both reputable Dubbo first graders, had quite the time on their home turf and the match was finished within 14 overs.

Nyngan competed well again this year and came up against a side that will trouble teams from Sydney in the pointy end of the competition.

Well done boys. You displayed great maturity and respect for the game and your peers; Di Dunn later claimed sitting under a tree munching on her famous quiches watching you was the best day of her working life. Thanks to Di and Damo Smith for driving us and for the memories.

The team consisted of: Jacob Shone, Tim Walsh, Roy Herbert, Cale Dunn, Tyler Martin, Kyle Hall, Harry Blake, Liam Wherritt, Cooper Ryan, Terrance Ryan, Trae Smith and Kane Nankervis. Well done boys on a great day of cricket.

T Miles
Cricket Organiser



Term 4 Formal Assembly Photos



