



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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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

Burrendong Excursion Year 7 and Year 10 Peer Support 15th—17th Feb

Mid Term Break Week 5 Fri 24/2/17 & Week 6 27/2/17

Monday 20th February – Nyngan High School Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 22nd February - CHS Open Boys Cricket in Cobar

Friday 24th February & Monday 27th February - **MID TERM BREAK** - All students return on Tuesday 28th February

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New Staff Members for Nyngan High School 2017



A big congratulations to Mrs Angela Bush who received a promotion to Deputy Principal, and a big Welcome to Mrs Emma Partridge as Head Teacher Science, Mr Rick Partridge to the English Faculty and Ms Natalie Bulmer in the English Faculty. Welcome to Nyngan High School.

Principals Report

It is with great privilege and humility that I welcome all students, staff and families to Nyngan High School for 2017. Our school community is extremely fortunate to have such a great school which is situated on impressive grounds, possesses well-resourced and improving teaching facilities and a neatly attired student body who show great pride in their school uniform.

Additionally we have had a wonderful start to 2017. Our student numbers are on par with the anticipated enrolments for this year, which will all-but ensure we can deliver the curriculum which was set-up in 2016. Our school staff have returned with a positive vibe and undertaken professional learning around mindfully caring for student wellbeing and the student body has generally settled very well into their classes.

On the first days of the school year I spoke with the student body and staff about our common goals as a school and having an important focus this year on *'What Is My Role?'*

Throughout the year in our school, I will ask members of our school community to reflect on this question during conversations. Our school site is a safe place for the public education of young people and a site where equality exists; and each of us has an important role to play. For our students, we will be placing a huge emphasis on being a respectful and focused learner, who strive to do their best and allow others to learn in a positive environment. Our staff will be focusing on improving our quality teaching practices and improving students' basic skills, with an overarching theme around school improvement in every way.

A high school is a busy place, where many school events are coordinated each week to occur simultaneously with scheduled lessons. To this end, parents of Year 7 students, and all parents, should ensure they are constantly checking school bags for notes or information coming home. Additionally you can check for upcoming events via:

- ◆ The school calendar on-line via the Parent Portal on Millennium
- ◆ Our Skoolbag App available on smart phones available through the App store
- ◆ Our soon to launch Nyngan High School Facebook page

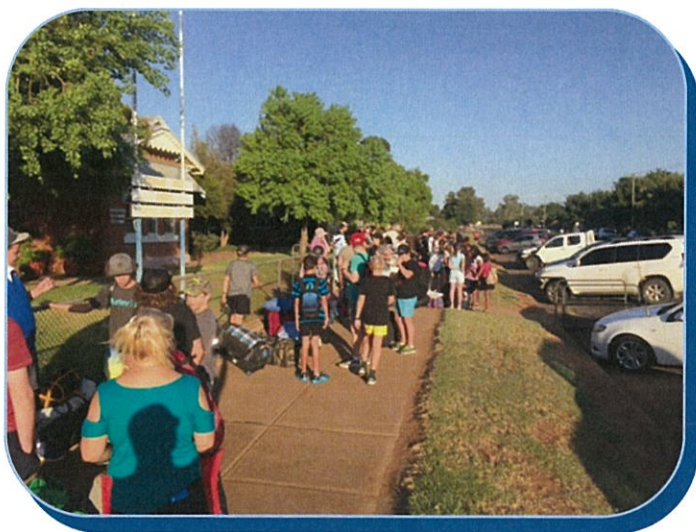
Staffing Changes

We have welcomed four new staff members, including Mrs Angela Bush who received a promotion to Deputy Principal, Mrs Emma Partridge as the Head Teacher of Science, Mr Rick Partridge in the English Faculty and Ms Natalie Bulmer in the English Faculty. I would encourage parents to make contact with new teachers if your child has them as a class teacher.

Some other minor changes to note include Ms Aimee Rixon as Relieving Head Teacher of English for Term 1 and Mr Greg Corby as our Industrial Arts teacher for Term 1.

Year 7 Lake Burrendong Camp

During this week our Year 7 students and Year 10 Peer Support leaders have been at camp to build on the Middle School Transition program, into high school. The students have undertaken team building and support activities, getting to know each other very well and strengthen positive relationships. It is also a great opportunity for staff to get to know the students closely.



A footpath full of excited kids, ready for camp at Lake Burrendong

When visiting the camp, overnight on Wednesday, I was able to see great student participation and a huge amount of teamwork occurring during the various activities being employed by camp staff and our teachers. Huge congratulations must go to Mr White as the Year 7 Adviser and Mrs Walsh for her executive leadership for a great camp; ably supported across the 3 days by Mr Lennon, Ms Stafford and Mr Milligan. Our students are very lucky to have dedicated staff that are willing to give up personal time with their families and be on-duty for 24 hours a day.

I managed to get a few photos during breakfast on Thursday. We hope all of the students have really enjoyed the experience.



Voluntary Contributions & Course Fees

This week we will be sending home invoices for school fees. An important aspect of school life and everyday life is paying for the goods and services you use. We are also entitled to some things as part of a public service to young people. As such I would like to highlight and encourage the payment of course fees.

Course fees relate to the Elective courses students elect to undertake from Year 9 onwards. These fees cover the materials used in the construction of projects, the creation of food items or for learning materials. These fees must be paid to ensure your child can participate in the learning of skills and knowledge which will benefit their future. Payments for course fees can be made to the school front office during school hours and are due by the end of Term 1. These are also courses which parents have supported their child undertaking. If these fees are unable to be paid please contact the Principal to make an alternative payment schedule.

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

New Counsellor

During 2016 Mr Brent Harris was our school counsellor, who worked closely and successfully with a number of our students to support their education. Mr Harris is also the District Guidance Officer (DGO) who looks after a number of schools and counsellors and as such, he has been drawn out of our school for 2017.

A replacement for Mr Harris will be appointed to Nyngan High School and Nyngan Public School later in February. If there are any urgent counselling needs we still have Mr Harris available until that time.

School Improvements

During 2017 our school will be making some significant improvements to our buildings, the technology resources and learning spaces of Nyngan High School. I am very excited by the addition of excellent resources to our school, which will provide impact on student learning and help to drive better outcomes for the whole school. These improvements include:

- ◆ Evolving our library into a modern learning hub with quiet learning spaces, creative spaces, modular furniture and mobile learning devices for our students. This renovation is well underway and should be finished during Term 2.
- ◆ The development of a modern meeting room for the school. This room will be available for our school community to meet in, with Video-Conferencing and Information Technology hardware for student staff and parent use.
- ◆ Upgrades to furniture in many of the school rooms to replace tired and broken furniture. This will improve every classroom to assist student learning.
- ◆ The implementation of a whole-school, self-functioning watering system. This system will replace our current lines and continue keeping our already amazing grounds looking brilliant. The new system is also more environmentally friendly and efficient to save water through high-time watering and a filtration system which increases water yield.
- ◆ A fresh coat of paint throughout classrooms, staffrooms and halls in the school to brighten up our spaces and provide our school with clean learning spaces.
- ◆ The addition of digital learning devices into many courses, to assist student learning techniques and understanding.
- ◆ The purchase and implementation of a music recording computer and software to assist our talented music students and performers.
- ◆ The upgrade of some classrooms to include Smartboards and Smart TV's to assist teaching and learning in the contemporary educational setting.

Change of sport time

It has been collaboratively decided that sport will move to Period 5 on Wednesdays, which allows the school to access all facilities across the town for sport. Through consultation amongst the Executive staff, we have decided that a change of time will allow for greater student participation, consistency and an opportunity to access the local facilities.

Mid-Term Break

The mid-term break has been assured for 2017; with 2 days per term approved by the Department of Education. A review of this entitlement will be undertaken during the year and advice for 2017 will be forthcoming as we begin to know more.

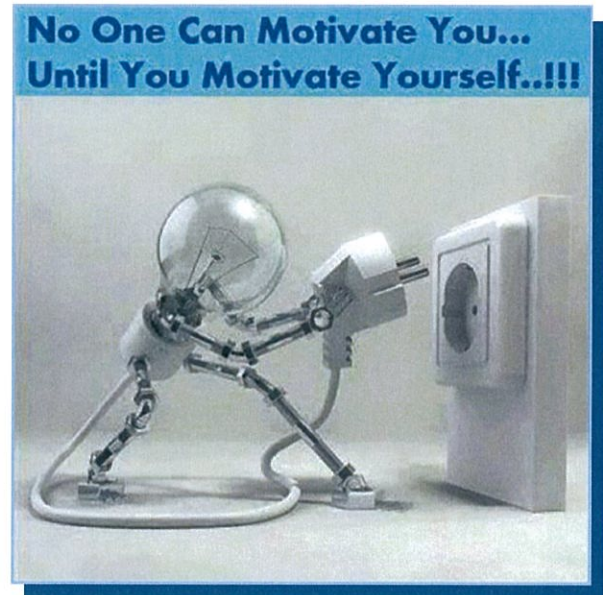
In life there are many negatives which can blunt your enthusiasm.

The key though is sticking to a task so you can achieve something important for your life.

*If you really want something, you have to rip in and give it a go.
Get motivated and get tough!*

Michael Gibson

Principal



REMINDER:

If parents/students have changed addresses and or phone numbers during the holiday period , could you please advise the Front Office staff so that our Student Records can reflect the correct information.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Deputy Principal News

Welcome to 2017! I am very grateful to have been offered the Deputy Principal position for 2017 and beyond and am excited for what lay ahead. I believe very strongly in Nyngan High School and think we have a wonderful school and am honoured to help lead such an awesome team of students, staff and parents.

Nyngan High has started very smoothly and busily, jumping straight in to quality teaching and learning. On Monday 13th February we recognised the 9th Anniversary of the National Apology to Australia's First Peoples. The anniversary of the National Apology is a day which commemorates the event which Kevin Rudd - The Prime Minister of Australia at the time - made a formal apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples' and those whose lives had been blighted by past government policies of forced child removal and assimilation. As we recognize the historic Apology we know that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are still grossly over-represented in our prisons, in out-of-home care, are still dying in custody and are still subjected to racism on a regular basis. There is still much work to do and this year Nyngan High School has established an Aboriginal Education Team consisting of myself, Raylene Weldon, Janine Bird, Toby Miles, Bianca Scott, Tiarna Stafford and Aimee Rixon. We have many programs planned, which are very exciting, the first being Bro Speak to start next week. If you have any ideas or concerns, please let us know. Your input is vital to our success.

At the beginning of the school year it is important to recognise how privileged we are to attend school and gain a quality education with over 100 high school aged children around the world receiving no school at all. It is with gratitude that we can make the most of our school year and all the opportunities that are offered to us at Nyngan High School. One of our school values says "Do your best." If we are grateful for the opportunities we are more likely to strive to challenge ourselves both in and out of the classroom. Doing our best encompasses following requests, being prepared and staying focused. Over the week I will be visiting classrooms to ensure that all Nyngan High students are doing their best!

This term our Positive Education focus is Mindfulness. Mindfulness is paying attention in a particular moment without being judgemental. This can be much easier said than done. There are many ways we can practice mindfulness that help with our every day life:

- ◆ Slow Down
- ◆ Be present in what you are doing
- ◆ Use short mindful activities by listening to the sounds around you
- ◆ Use reminders to stop
- ◆ Feel Gratitude
- ◆ Accept what you can't change
- ◆ Look after someone else.
- ◆ Breathe

Our focus for the week was:

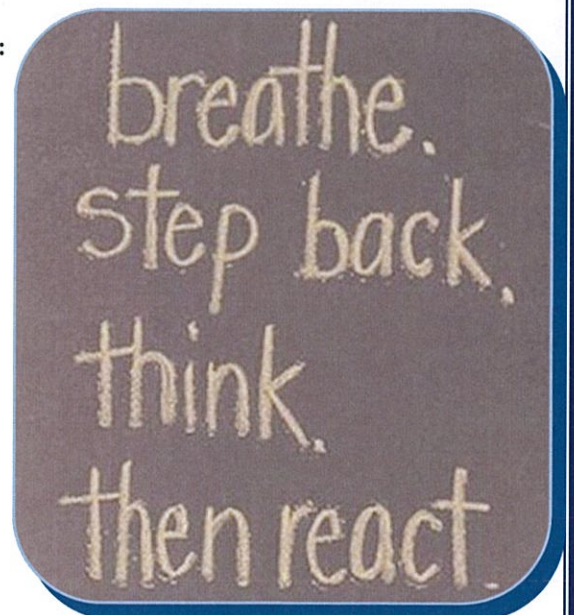
Try practising these ideas at home!

Also, a reminder that school uniform includes white socks and black leather shoes. Please send a note if your student cannot wear this on a particular day.

May 2017 be an exciting adventure for all.

Angie Bush

Deputy Principal



Science / Special Ed Faculty

It has been a busy start to the year with all staff hitting the ground running, making it much easier for me to settle into a new school as a new Head Teacher and allowing students to quickly get back into a productive routine.

The Learning Support Team have been working with their students setting goals for the year and writing individual learning plans for each student. Medical Health Care plans have all now been mailed out and need to be returned to the front office. Any parents with concerns about these plans please contact the Learning Support Team.

Stage 4 sciences are currently studying the Physical World, focusing on Energy. Stages 5 are also working on a Physics topic – Spreading the Message. The seniors have definitely hit the ground running, as they have no time to waste and are working hard in Physics, Biology and Senior Science. Stage 5 Agriculture have been busy preparing the vegetable gardens for the year ahead and getting seedlings germinated ready to plant.

Thank you to both the school and wider community for making my family and I feel so welcome, we are looking forward to making Nyngan our home.

Emma Partridge

Head Teacher Science/Special Ed

English/HSIE News

Welcome back for 2017! The English/HSIE Faculty have had a cracking start to the year and welcome two new staff members to our faculty. Mr Rick Partridge joins us from Narrabri and will be teaching English and LOTE and Miss Natalie Bulmer from Wollongong and will be teaching English, HSIE and LOTE. Mr Partridge and Miss Bulmer have settled in well and are doing some fantastic things in the classroom.

Our Year 11 students have settled into senior life well, working hard and enjoying their new subjects. English is the favourite at the moment with Mr Miles and Miss Scott leading the way with their literary genius. There will some fantastic ideas and creativity coming from these classes, so stay tuned!

Our historians in Stage 5 are learning about WWI and Australia's role in the Great War. This topic is always a favourite with the students as they get to explore and learn about the battles, trenches and frightful conditions the soldiers had to endure. Stage 4 have their introduction to the new Australian Geography Curriculum and are learning about water in the world and how we can better use and preserve this precious resource. As part of this unit students will be undertaking some class challenges and problem solving which will be loads of fun.

In Stage 4 English students are reading a wonderful novel 'Once' for the Children of War Unit of Work and Stage 5 are learning about Indigenous Voices with the 'Sapphires' movie as their main text. All classes are progressing well with the goal of improving literacy while having fun!

"Reading and Succeeding" is our mantra this year. DEAR is going fabulous and it is great to see everyone engaging in reading and enjoying their books. The Book Chook in the Library is always willing to help to find you another page turner and we are always up for a chat about your favourite books.

The English/HSIE Faculty are looking forward to another brilliant year of teaching and learning. I will leave you with some English/HSIE humour:

Q: Why is England the wettest country?

A: Because the Queen has reigned there for years! LOL LOL LOL

Aimee Rixon

Relieving English/HSIE Head Teacher

TAS/PDHPE

As we get back into the swing of things, I would like to welcome everyone back for an action packed 2017 in the TAS/PDHPE faculty. Firstly, we started the year off with the Pre-Events for our Swimming Carnival with students from all year groups participating to earn their sports houses extra points.

Year 12 Hospitality have continued with their Basic Methods of Cookery unit, where they have been learning about boiling, stewing, braising, roasting and deep frying. Year 11 Hospitality have started their senior school journey with their Working Effectively with Others unit and are looking at precision cutting techniques in practical lessons. Look out for multiple professional qualities entries into the Nyngan Show!!!

Some of you may have noticed a familiar face around Nyngan High School. We welcome back Mr Greg Corby into the TAS/PDHPE. Greg will be working with the Mandatory Technology, Wood and Metals students. We should start seeing some fantastic work coming out of our workshop and maybe some Nyngan Show entries.

Mrs Walsh and Miss Stafford are off to the Peer Support camp at Lake Burrendong this week and with this cooler weather, I am sure they will have a blast.

Miss Stafford

Relieving PDHPE/TAS Head Teacher

PDHPE/Sport Report

Hello and welcome to another year of sport at Nyngan High School. I am looking forward to what will be a very successful year of sport at Nyngan High School with many events taking place throughout the year that will enable all students the chance to participate and represent Nyngan High School and themselves.

We have really hit the ground running in Term 1 with house meetings, the election of house captains and vice captains, pre-carnival events, the upcoming swimming carnival, round 1 of inter school knockout competitions and various opportunities for students to trial for western region teams.

Last week, we held our annual house meetings, where the students nominated and voted for their respective captains and vice captains. I am proud to announce that the following students have been elected by their peers to be captains and vice captains.

Bogan House

Captains: Liam Hampstead and Ebony Wardman

Vice-Captains: Harry Blake and Jasmine O'Connor

Canonbar House

Captains: Cody Yeomans and Tahlea Ryan

Vice-Captains: Brynn Hoare and Alahna Ryan

Mitchell House

Captains: Kaleb Holmes and Shaneal Hodge

Vice-Captains: Jordan Rufus and Leah Bailey

I congratulate these students on their appointment!

On Monday 13th February, we held our pre carnival events. These events are the long distance events that do not fit into the min swimming carnivals timetable. These events were the 200m freestyle, 400m freestyle and the 4 x 50 individual medley. A total of 15 students nominated to compete in these events with some impressive swims on show. Their results will be added to the overall house points after the next weeks carnival.

A big thankyou to the following people who assisted with the running of this event:

Tiarna Stafford

Alistar Quarmby

Neralie Quarmby

Laura Boland

Lorraine Wales

Zac Riley

- * **Next Monday the 20th February**, we will hold our **Annual Swimming Carnival** at the local Nyngan Pool. This is a fantastic day where students can showcase their swimming skills, support their peers and even laugh at the teachers swimming. I encourage all students to attend, wear their house colours and join in the fun. May the best house win!
- * Very soon after our swimming carnival will be the Regional Carnival held in Dubbo. This again is an opportunity for student to showcase their skill and show the western region what Nyngan athletes are all about.
- * **Wednesday 22nd February**, Nyngan High School will be represented in the **OPEN Boys Cricket** against Cobar which is to be played in Cobar. Having seen the team assembled by Mr Miles, I am confident of great success this cricketing year and wish these boys all the best.
- * Students are also able to register their interest for the **OPEN Boys Basketball** team. This can be done at the TAS staffroom until the end of this week! This event will be a **Gala day in Dubbo on the 6th March**.

Also available to the students are a number of opportunities to trial for Western Region teams. The following sports and their trial dates are as follows:

- ◆ Rugby League U/15s and OPENS – Thursday 23rd March (*Entries close – 15th March*)
- ◆ Boys Soccer – 14th March
- ◆ Girls Soccer – 24th March
- ◆ Boys Basketball – 24th February
- ◆ Girls Basketball – 20th March
- ◆ Netball – 30th March

Any student interested, needs to see Mr Dal Forno to express their interest and for an information pack. These trials will be run as school business requiring students to make their own way to the trial events.

If there is a sport a student is interested in trialling for, simply come and see Mr Dal Forno.

Watch this space for more trial dates and sports information and results.

Yours in sport

Mr T. Dal Forno

PDHPE/Sports Coordinator

Maths News

The Mathematics/CAPA faculty for 2017 includes: Miss Hughan (Visual Arts), Miss Horne (Music), Miss Stafford (Dance), Mr Lennon, Mr White, Mr Walsh, Mr Matheson and Mrs Buchanan (Mathematics). Some of our teachers are also teaching in other faculties.

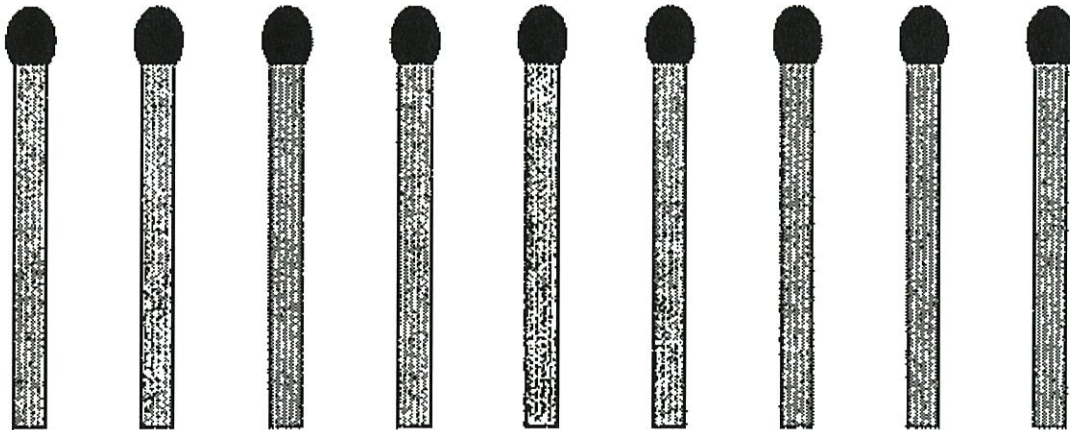
The students have started positively in all classes and Year 7 have lead the way with ensuring they have the correct equipment, including bring their diaries.

Once again we have purchased Mathletics for our students and over the next week all students will be issued their logins. Staff will set tasks in line with what they are currently learning so it is another form of revision for students, along with their regular homework.

Year 11 will have their first assessment task in **Week 6** and Year 12 will be in **Week 7**.

When you solve this little problem, bring your solution to the Maths staffroom and we will give you a merit and a surprise.

How can you make 6 squares from 9 matches?



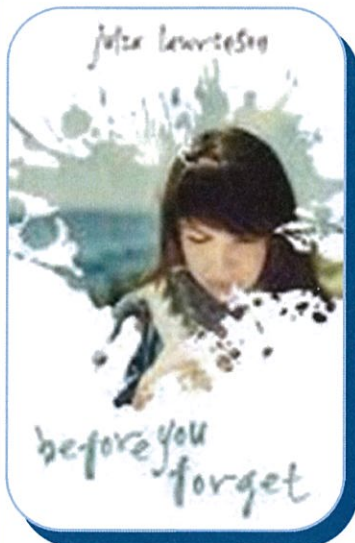
Have a fantastic fortnight and **Go Canonba!!!**

Tanya Buchanan

Head Teacher Mathematics/CAPA

New Books in the Library – the first for 2017!

Get in quick, they are flying off the shelves..



"Year Twelve is not off to a good start for Amelia. Art is her world, but her art teacher hates everything she does; her best friend has stopped talking to her; her mother and father may as well be living in separate houses; and her father is slowly forgetting everything. Even Amelia."

At times funny, at times heartbreaking, *Before You Forget* is an ultimately uplifting story about the delicate fabric of family and friendship, and the painful realisation that not everything can remain the same forever.

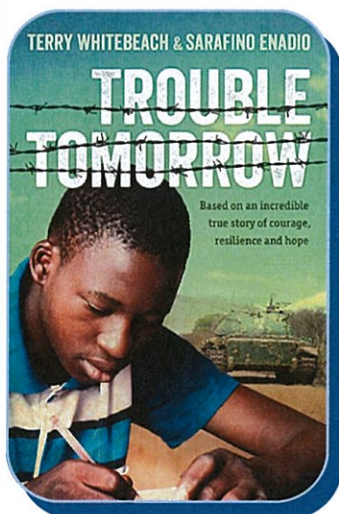
Mid to Upper Secondary



Valentine is the first in a smart, witty and page-turning YA series with a paranormal twist for fans of Holly Black and Sarah J. Maas.

Four teenagers – all born on the same Valentine's Day – begin to disappear. As the bodies mount up, Pearl Linford has to work out what in the supernatural hell is going on, before it happens to her.

Mid to Upper Secondary



Based on a true story, this compelling novel tells an incredible tale of courage, resilience and hope, about a Sudanese boy who survives civil war, a treacherous journey and many years in a refugee camp before finding peace.

Obulejo dreams he is standing by the stream with his friend Riti, hauling in spangled tilapia fish, one after the other ... Tat-tat-tat-tat! Brrmm! Rrrrr! Ul-lu-lu-lu-lah! Obulejo slams awake, heart racing, and scrambles up off his mat. Gunshots and screams jab the air. Flashes of light pierce the darkness. The Rebels! Run!

Lower to Mid Secondary

It's 1972 in Gibber's Creek, and across the nation, the catchcry is, 'It's time'.
In 1972, and the catchcry is 'It's time'.

As political ideals drift from disaster to the dismissal, it's also time for Jed Kelly to choose between past love, Nicholas, the local Labor member, and Sam from the Halfway to Eternity commune.

It's time too for Matilda Thompson to face her ghosts and the life that took a young girl from the slums of Grinder's Alley to being the formidable matriarch of Gibber's Creek.

Mid to Upper Secondary



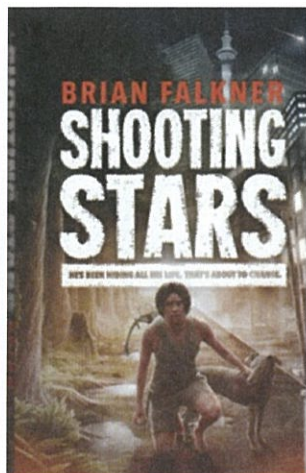
How can you have a future if you can't accept your past?

Mel Hannigan doesn't have it easy. Mourning the death of her firework of a brother, trying to fit back into a school she's been conspicuously absent from and struggling to deal with the loss of three friendships that used to mean everything. Struggling to deal with a condition that not even her closest friends know about.

So Mel tries to lock away her heart, to numb the highs and lows, to live quietly without hope – but also without pain. Until someone new shows her that it can be worth taking a risk, that opening up to life is what can make it glorious...

And that maybe, Mel can discover a tragic kind of wonderful of her very own.

Mid to Upper Secondary



Egan Tucker is fifteen and has been in hiding his entire life.

He has never known television, the Internet or even electricity.

He has never seen hot and cold running water or a flush toilet.

His food comes from the forest or the stream, not from a supermarket.

The boundaries of his world are the hills that surround the tiny valley he calls home.

But Egan's life is about to change.

Forced to leave his home, he must venture out into a world that is unlike anything he has ever known.

He is not ready for this world.

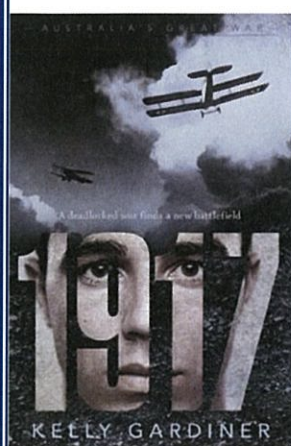
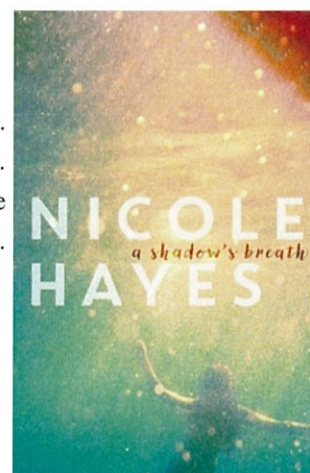
And the world is not ready for Egan.

Mid Secondary

Then, things were looking up for Tessa. Her mum was finally getting her life back on track. Tessa had started seeing Nick. She was making new friends. She'd even begun to paint again. Now, Tessa and Nick are trapped in the car after a corner taken too fast. Injured, stranded in the wilderness, at the mercy of the elements, the question becomes one of survival. But Tessa isn't sure she wants to be found. Not after what she saw.

Not after what she remembered.

Mid Secondary



The German planes patrolled in hunting squads. They flew fast fighting craft streaking across the sky in tight formation. The greatest of them was the Red Baron, the deadliest ace on the Front. He'd shot down twenty-one of our planes in a single month. And now we were in his firing line.

The war in France rages in the skies, and support for the war in Australia turns cold.

Alex flies high above the trenches of the Western Front, while a world away his sister Maggie finds herself in the midst of political upheaval. Somehow, both must find the courage to fight on.

Lower to Mid Secondary

Our last, but by no means least, book is an uplifting true story of a man who never gave up searching for that lost part of his life, recently released as a major film starring Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman and .

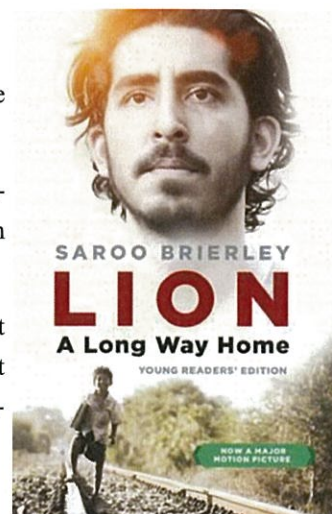
A true story of survival and triumph against incredible odds.

When Saroo Brierley used Google Earth to find his long-lost home town half a world away, he made global headlines.

Saroo had become lost on a train in India at the age of five. Not knowing the name of his family or where he was from, he survived for weeks on the streets of Kolkata, before being taken into an orphanage and adopted by a couple in Australia.

Despite being happy in his new family, Saroo always wondered about his origins. He spent hours staring at the map of India on his bedroom wall. When he was a young man the advent of Google Earth led him to pore over satellite images of the country for landmarks he recognised. And one day, after years of searching, he miraculously found what he was looking for.

Then he set off on a journey to find his mother.



Lower, Mid and Upper Secondary

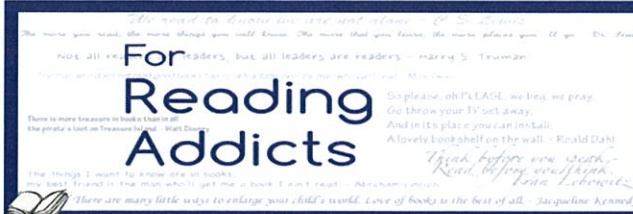
Renovations have begun in the library; the walls in the entryway have been boarded up to create nice smooth surfaces, the senior's rooms are being prepared for quiet study and the Chook is getting very excited. The plan for the acknowledgment wall, just inside the door that was submitted by 4 Discovery last year is going to be bought into being as soon as is possible. There will be painting, paper-mache to create the trees, birds and animals of Wongapuwan country and the wonderful Ngiyampaa acknowledgment taking pride of place in the centre of the wall. Any student who is interested in helping to create this important and impressive entryway to our library is invited to come and see me so we can discuss where you can best contribute.

Try to stay cool in this sticky weather, reading a book with your feet in a paddling pool has proved to reduce pain in the brain for the Chook!!!



*N Booth
Librarian*

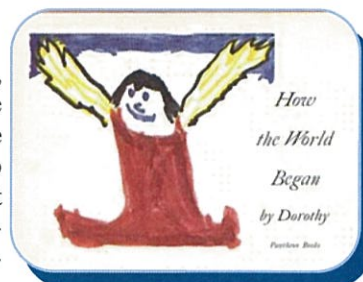
Do you love reading? Do you love writing? Do you fancy yourself as an author but think no one would take you seriously because of your age? Well, take a look at this excerpt from the wonderful For Reading Addicts blog about the world's five youngest published authors....it's not about your age, it's about the content of your book! So have a go....



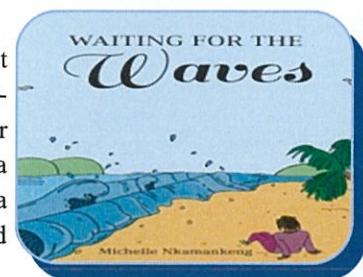
Nyngan Book Chook



Dorothy Straight was born on the 25th of May, 1958, in Washington, D.C., and starts our list off by being officially the youngest published author. In 1962 Dorothy wrote **How the World Began** for her grandmother. As proud parents are wont to do, they thought it was the best thing ever and decided to send it to the good people at Pantheon Books. It was eventually published in 1964, and Dorothy Straight was a 6 year old published author!

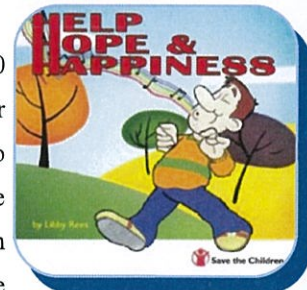


Michele Nkamankeng of Kensington in Johannesburg, was just six years old when she completed her first book, and now at age seven she has finished the fourth in her series, **The Golden Ring**. Her fully supportive parents have encouraged reading and writing as a natural part of every-day life, and Michelle was a keen reader from a young age. She said at the time: "I feel happy, excited and very proud of myself. I loved reading from the age of four."



Libby Rees, of Hampshire, England, was nine years old when she wrote 60 pages on how she dealt with her mother and father's divorce. She sent her manuscripts to various publishers and Aultbea Publishing got in touch to help her sign a deal. Her book, **Help, Hope, Happiness** is full of positive messages and tips on self-help, such as: take time to be alone, or to focus on the positive things, and to do things that make them happy or can release

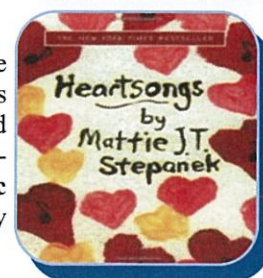
frustration. Libby hoped her book helped many other children who were having a hard time.



Nancy Yi Fan was born in Beijing in 1993 and now resides in Florida, USA. Nancy and her family moved to New York state when she was seven and Nancy began writing her first novel three years later. She became a New York Bestseller and gained recognition from Oprah with her book **Swordbird**, which Nancy had written as a message of peace for whoever was willing to read it. She has since written two more in that series, **Sword Quest** and **Sword Mountain**, and attended Harvard university in 2011.



Mattie Stepanek was born in 1990, and in his 14 short years on the planet he became known for his poetry, and his philosophical outlook. Mattie, was born with a rare disorder, dysautonomic mitochondrial myopathy which had claimed the lives of his siblings also. His poetry was published in six best-selling books, as well as a collection of peace essays, and lyrics for **Music Through HeartSong**. This was all quite something to achieve, especially before the age of 14.



TAFE Western Nyngan College is now taking Expressions of Interest for Certificate 11 in Construction :

Location Nyngan Campus, Cobar Street

Start Date Tuesday 28th February, 2017

End Date Thursday 13th April, 2017

Duration 7 Weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Times 8.30am—4.00pm

Fees—Up to \$1620.00 (GST Free) - The fee that is displayed is the price for a student completing their second qualification and meeting eligibility criteria. The fee you pay may be lower depending on your personal circumstances and eligibility for a subsidised place, a concession or an exemption. In some cases there are limited government subsidised places available. TAFE Western can also make arrangements for payment by instalment. Contact us to discuss how you can use these arrangements.

Certificate 11 in Construction is also known as a pre-apprenticeship course. The next level course is a Certificate 111 in Carpentry which involves workplace participation and mentoring over the 3 years - hence being a full Trade Course. However, the Certificate 11 contains 14 out of 15 units in Certificate 111 in Carpentry. It can also be used to meet the standards for a “Handyman’s or minor maintenance licence as well. The Certificate 11 also includes a white card.

If you would like to enrol directly online now please follow this link: [https://www.tafewestern.edu.au/search-courses/course/no/cpc20112-01v01/construction-TAFE Western Connect-Starts in February—Enrolment Code—CPC20112-01V01-17WCN-023](https://www.tafewestern.edu.au/search-courses/course/no/cpc20112-01v01/construction-TAFE%20Western%20Connect-Starts%20in%20February—Enrolment%20Code—CPC20112-01V01-17WCN-023). Best contact for more course related information is Matt White (Head Teacher Construction Industries) 02 68833440 OR TAFE Western Hotline 1300 823393. **Please see attached information sheets at the back of this newsletter.**

Regards

Stacey Korn

TAFE Nyngan Campus

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN CONSTRUCTION TRADES

The construction industry and its subsidiary trades – bricklaying, carpentry, electrical services, floor and wall tiling, plumbing, painting and decorating, and plastering and shop fitting – are the essential services underpinning Australia's domestic and commercial building development and growth.

For many people, building or renovating their home will be the single biggest investment they make and they need trusted tradespeople to help them achieve their dreams.

Construction is the third largest industry in Australia employing more than one million workers. Despite these numbers, skills shortages are often identified in this field. More than half of those employed in the industry are trades workers and technicians.

JOB EXAMPLE: BRICKLAYER

Bricklayers lay bricks, pre-cut stones and other types of building blocks in mortar to build and repair walls, partitions, arches and other structures.

Tasks

- Studying plans and specifications to determine materials required, dimensions and installation procedures.
- Erecting and dismantling restricted height scaffolding.
- Sealing foundations with damp-resistant materials and spreading layers of mortar to serve as base and binder for blocks using trowels.
- Laying bricks in rows, designs and shapes, and spreading mortar between joints.
- Checking vertical and horizontal alignment.
- Repairing and maintaining bricks, cement blocks and related structures.

Job Prospects*

- Employment for this occupation has risen moderately over the past five years. Looking forward, employment for Bricklayers is expected to grow slightly.
- This a large industry suggesting that opportunities should be available in most regions.
- Bricklayers have a very high proportion of full-time jobs
- The most common level of educational attainment for Bricklayers and Stonemasons is Certificate III/IV.
- Bricklayers are mainly employed in Construction, Manufacturing and Mining.



JOB EXAMPLE: CARPENTER

Carpenters and Joiners construct, erect, install, renovate and repair structures and fixtures made of timber, plywood and other materials. They also cut, shape and fit timber parts to form structures and fittings such as stairways, doorframes, partitions, rafters, and wall frames. They may also build and install cabinetry items such as kitchen units and built-in wardrobes.

Tasks

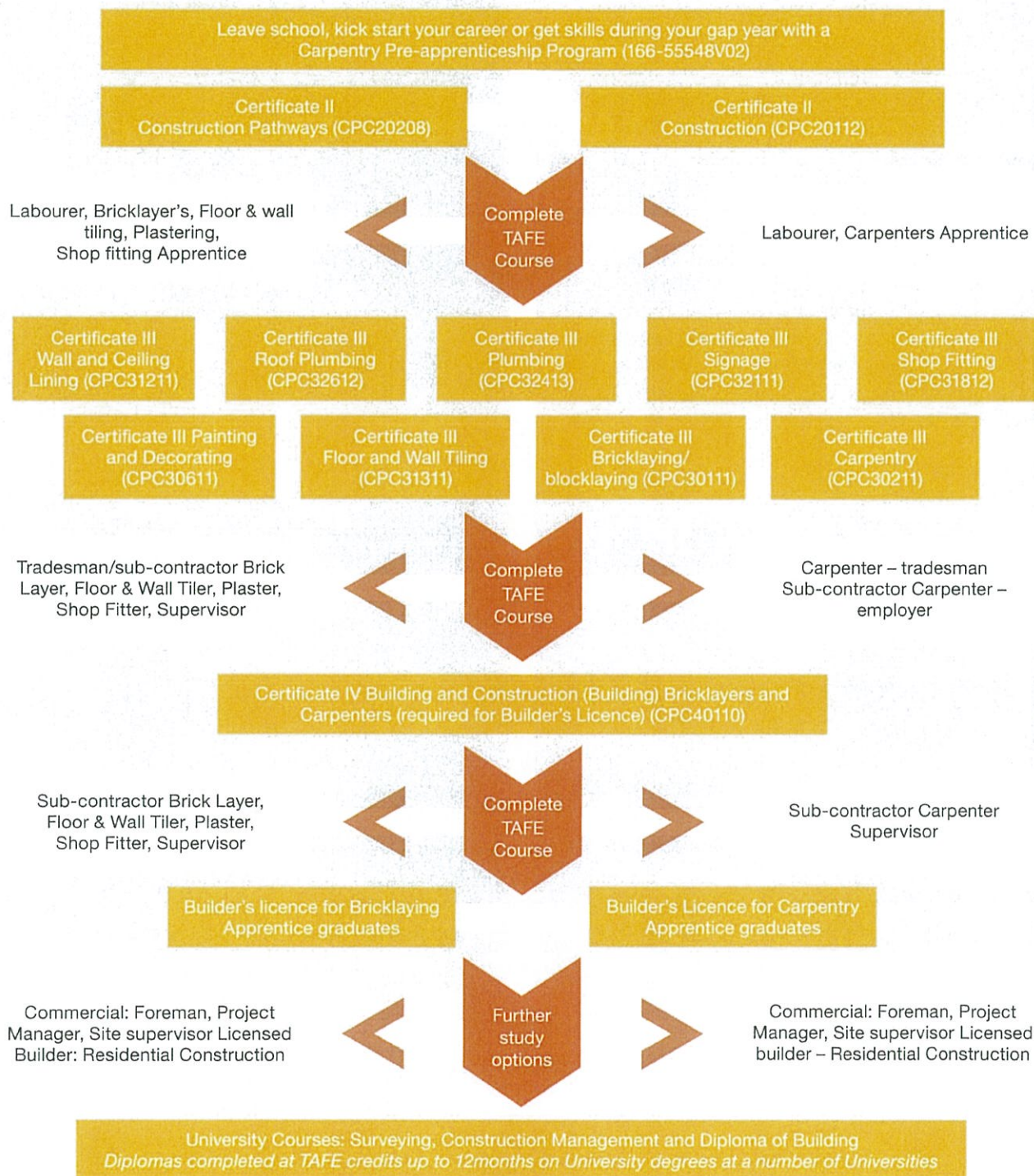
- Studying drawings and specifications to determine materials required, dimensions and installation procedures.
- Ordering and selecting timbers and materials, and preparing layouts.
- Cutting materials, and assembling and nailing cut and shaped parts.
- Erecting framework and roof framing, laying sub-flooring and floorboards and verifying trueness of structures.
- Nailing fascia panels, sheathing roofs, and fitting exterior wall cladding and door and window frames.
- Assembling prepared wood to form structures and fittings ready to install.
- Cutting wood joints.
- May construct concrete formwork.
- May repair existing fittings.

Job Prospects*

- Employment for this occupation has risen strongly in the past five years, and employment is expected to continue strongly into the future.
- This is a very large trade group suggesting that opportunities should be available in most regions.
- Carpenters and Joiners have a high proportion of full-time jobs
- The most common level of educational attainment for Carpenters and Joiners is Certificate III/IV.
- Carpenters and Joiners are mainly employed in Construction, Manufacturing and Education and Training.

*Source joboutlook.gov.au. Information correct at time of printing.

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 1300 823 393

 Visit your local TAFE Western college

 www.tafewestern.edu.au



Certificate II in Construction

TAFE Western is the leading training provider in Western NSW and our courses will give you the right skills and qualifications to progress your career in the construction industry.

Course duration: Up to 16 weeks

Course code: CPC20112



Course Description



This course will give the participant experience in construction activities such as setting out and concreting. A community project is usually undertaken as part of the practical activities.

Skills



- Using construction tools and equipment
- Carry out measurements and calculations
- Read and interpret plans and specifications
- Apply basic leveling, excavation and concreting.

Core and Elective Units



The Certificate II Construction has 10 core units and five elective units. Course units are tailored to meet student needs and are selected to provide students with a range of skills to work in a range of jobs.

Job Opportunities



Upon completion of this qualification you could gain employment as a construction laborer.

Entry Requirements



There are no entry requirements for this course.

The WHS White Card is part of the course. Participants must provide 100 points of Identity when this unit is offered.



Course Fees



This training is subsidised by the NSW Government. The fee for this course will depend on the availability of NSW Government subsidised training places, your eligibility to access a subsidised place and your personal circumstances regarding a concession or an exemption.

We can provide a personal fee assessment and find out if you are eligible for a government subsidised place. We can also discuss payment options with you. If you do not gain a NSW Government subsidised place you may be able to enrol and pay the non-subsidised fee for this course.

Call your TAFE Western College or course information on **1300 823 393**. More information can also be found at www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au

See over for more information



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Certificate II Construction

Customised Options

This course can also be customised and delivered at times to meet the needs of a specific employer call **1300 823 393** or email **TAFEBUSales@tafensw.edu.au** for more information.

You May Have The Skills Already

If you have a set of skills or experience in this industry come and talk to TAFE Western, we may be able to help you align those skills with a course and assist you to work out just what you need to do to get a nationally recognised qualification.

Training Pathways

This course will give the participant the skills to enter the construction industry as a laborer with a partway to an Australian Apprenticeship in a range of trade areas including Carpentry & Bricklaying.

Student Support Services

Support to help complete your training: At TAFE Western, you have access to a comprehensive range of professional learning resources and student support services. Tutorial support to help the practically minded achieve their academic potential, counselling or online help with assessments. A TAFE Western student engagement officer or careers counsellor can help. Email **oneplacetoconnect@tafensw.edu.au**

Training Options

TAFE WESTERN CONNECT

Start Date Feb 2017
Attendance Varied schedule depending on location
Contact: Call Graham Fahy on 02 6391 4055 or Matt White on 02 6883 3440

DUBBO AND MUDGEE

Start Date Feb 2017
Attendance Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am to 3:00pm
Contact: Call Matt White on 02 6883 3440

BATHURST, COWRA AND ORANGE

Start Date Feb 2017
Attendance Varied schedule depending on location
Contact: Call Graham Fahy on 02 6391 4055

This course may be available in other locations or through TAFE Western Connect, talk to us to find out where.

TAFE Western courses are run subject to demand. For information about studying at TAFE Western, including, language, numeracy and literacy assistance; student support services; study options and policies relating to assessment, fees, and refunds, complaints and student discipline please contact your nearest campus or view a copy of TAFE Western's, Student Information Guide available at www.tafewestern.edu.au. This information was correct at time of publication and is subject to change. Please contact TAFE Western for current information prior to enrolment.



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