



# 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

Friday 3rd March - Automotive

Monday 6th March - Open Boys Basketball - Dubbo

Thursday 9th March - Regional Swimming

Thursday 9th March - Senior Citizens Morning Tea

Monday 13th March - AGM & P&C Meeting 5.45pm Staff Commonroom

Thursday 23rd March - Parent/Teacher Evening

Thursday 23rd March - Open Netball Gala Day

Monday 3rd April - Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

Thursday 6th April - FORMAL ASSEMBLY

## NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

### Swimming Age Champions 2017



Pictured above are the Swimming Age Champions for 2017. Congratulations and well done.

They are from Left to Right:

17yrs+ Kasey Douglas and Liam Wherritt, 14yrs William Gudgeon, 15yrs Emma Teale, 12yrs Matthew Wales, 13yrs Rory Quarmby and Anastasia Walsh, 12yrs Abbie Smith, 14yrs Millie Smith, 16yrs Abbey Buchanan, 15yrs Bill Quarmby, 16yrs Harry Blake

## **Principals Report**

Dear School Community,

In the first newsletter of the school year I asked our school community to reflect on the question: *'What Is My Role?'*

As Principal, my role is to lead the school for student improvement and manage educational change. This is an aspect, as an inexperienced Principal, which I know requires strengthening through guidance from more experienced leaders. We also have a somewhat inexperienced Executive staff that requires guidance and support to become outstanding leaders in their roles.

To achieve this goal, our school has applied for and been successful in gaining a place as one of four schools in NSW to participate in a leadership development project:

### **CIN Consulting/ Charles Sturt University Rural & Remote Leadership Project**

In 2017, Nyngan High School (NHS) has been selected to participate in a leadership project which is jointly coordinated by CIN Consulting and Charles Sturt University. This project has an overarching theme of increasing school leadership capacity through the explicit coaching of executive staff, to lead school change for student improvement. The CIN consultants possess over 80 years of public teaching experience, many of those years in either school Principal or Director roles. These individuals are Ian Nebauer, Ian Northam and Michael Cronk.

This project is run externally from the Department of Education (DoE) and the privacy of all individuals' responses will be maintained, as at no stage will any school information be shared with the DoE from the project. All participants who are involved in the project enter any interviews and surveys of their own volition and students involved will have permission provided by their parents. Child protection requirements are met as the CIN consultants possess a Working with Children Check, as recent/ active employees of the DoE.

The first step of this project is for the CIN team to conduct an 'External Eye Process', where they will gather a wealth of school information through: surveys, school-wide interviews and school documents. To complete this process there will be interviews conducted for:

- ◆ All Executive staff
- ◆ Randomly selected classroom teaching staff groups
- ◆ A volunteer staff group & Non-teaching staff group
- ◆ Randomly selected student groups from years 8, 10 & 12
- ◆ A parent/ community group

These interviews will take place on either the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Those randomly selected for interview groups will receive a permission/ consent letter to complete. If you do not wish to provide consent for an interview, please still return this document.

Following this information gathering process, the CIN team will develop goals in-line with our school plan and spend four days per term coaching all NHS executive staff through strategies to improve their leadership of our staff, teams and school projects; to bring about improved student outcomes.

If your child has been randomly selected to participate in a student focus group interview, a consent letter will be sent home. The student groups will consist of 6-8 students from their year group, who will be asked a series of questions about the school, including:

- ◆ Does the school meet your learning expectations and needs?
- ◆ What is successful teaching and how does it help students?
- ◆ What makes a successful learning environment?

Staff and parents who are randomly selected to participate in a focus will be asked a series of questions about the school, on areas including:

- ◆ School leadership
- ◆ Effective practices of teaching staff
- ◆ School involvement for community members
- ◆

This is an outstanding opportunity to improve the educational side of our school, as we improve the physical and technological aspects this year. All enquiries and return of consent forms will be directed to the Principal and Deputy Principal.

*In the coming months, this leadership project will expose any deficits and inexperience we possess as leaders of the school.*

*This could be frightening.*

*This may be difficult.*

*This will be worth it!!*

*In life we must improve ourselves first if we wish to help others improve.*



**Michael Gibson**  
**Principal**

P.S. **Elective Course Fees**

Due to an IT system error, in the Department's Finance Software, some Elective Course Fees were not printed for parents correctly.

We will be re-sending invoices for Elective Course Fees again shortly. Please keep an eye out for them.

Thank you.

## **Deputy Principal News**

I hope everyone is feeling refreshed after the mid term break and ready to tackle the next 6 weeks with determination and grit.

This week is good guys week which celebrates the achievements of students both in and out of the classroom. Any student receiving a merit this week can visit the DP office to celebrate the positive work being done with a chocolate reward. There have already been lots of goodies given out today.

Last week I spoke to about half of our new Year 7 students – wow there are so many of them – about how they are settling in to High School. The chats were very well received and it was nice to step out of the office and get to know the new faces. I will endeavour to speak to the other half of Year 7 this week. By all accounts they are “loving” high school and it is an improvement on primary school.

This week’s focus for Positive Education is Mindfulness of Kindfulness



Mindfulness and compassion work far better together than simply being mindful. We need to be kind not only to others but ourselves as well. We often don’t give ourselves the break we deserve and the way we treat ourselves is often reflected on the outside. If you are a task master to yourself, you will probably want to crack the whip with everyone else, however if you are kind and forgiving to yourself this may come out in how you treat others.

The goal for staff and students this week is to complete a small act of kindness each day, whether for ourselves or someone else. Parents are also encouraged to try this simple act that brings many benefits to one’s life.

Many excursions are starting to appear in our calendar and I would like to remind everyone that if students are not in uniform they will not be able to attend excursions. This also means that students need to be upholding the school value of being prepared with the appropriate equipment. This includes black leather shoes for prac subjects. If for some reason your child cannot bring the appropriate equipment, please contact the school and we would be more than happy to help.

How will you practice kindness this week?

***Angie Bush***

***Deputy Principal***

## P&C News

Hi everyone, Thanks to those who attended our first meeting. It was great to see so many there and some new and old faces! The P&C have again been asked to do the gate at the Senior Rugby League. To do this we need lots of volunteers. If you are willing to help out for a two hour shift please let me know. Remember the football club give us \$2000 per game for doing this which equates to \$1800 at least. If we don't get a final! If we get a home final it can be more.

Anyone wishing to do some Panel Training to be able to sit on interview panels please let me know and I will ask Mr Gibson to organise some training.

Our next meeting will be the AGM and is scheduled for 13th March, 2017 at 5.45pm in the staff commonroom, this will be followed by a General Meeting. Please come along and participate in what is anticipated to be a great year for our school and the P&C.

Thanks for listening

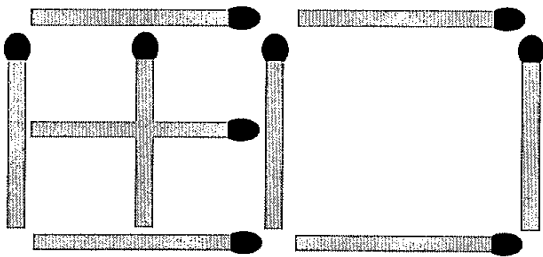
*Stephanie Waterhouse*

*Nyngan High School P&C President*

## Maths News

The answer to the problem of how you can make six squares from nine matches follows:

There are 4 little squares and two big squares.



Another problem for you to think about for the next fortnight is:

Can you fill the boxes with the numerals 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 so that you have 3 correct answers? You may use each numeral only once but you must use all the numbers.

$$\square + \square = \square$$

$$\square - \square = \square$$

$$\square \times \square = \square \square$$

Students in 7E have been doing problems like these in class so I hope to receive many solutions from these students particularly.

**Year 12 Visual Arts** and **Photography** students have an assessment due during **Week 8** and **Year 12 Music** students have an assessment due in **Week 9**. These assessments will assist them in preparing for their **Half Yearly Exams** in **Week 11**.

*Tanya Buchanan*

*Maths/CAPA Head Teacher*

## TAS/PDHPE FACULTY Report

What a great start to the year we have had. I am very impressed with the student's application in class and equally proud of my hardworking staff.

The careers room is busy as I finalise a number of programs for the year. In the next few weeks Year 10 will bring home their Work Experience folders to complete. They will go out in 2017 on two separate occasions: 19-23<sup>rd</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> Nov-1<sup>st</sup> December. Soon I will be interviewing all Year 12 students to establish the best way I can support them and their transition from school. Parents will be provided with an update of what is going on. All students are reminded to regularly check their school emails for information regarding careers events and programs they might like to be part of.

Attending Burrendong again was a wonderful adventure. Congratulations to Mr White, Mr Lennon, Mr Milligan, Miss Stafford and Mr Gibson for their attendance and support of the students. It was great to see everyone having a go and really enjoying their time building positive relationships. Year 10 Peer Support Leaders were wonderful ambassadors and very worthy of a mention. As always, the Burrendong staff were fantastic and made us feel very welcome.

Congratulations to Mr Dal Forno on the excellent job he is doing as sports coordinator. It is a big job even in a small school like ours. The swimming carnival was a credit to Tristan's organisation skills and I am personally grateful for his commitment to our school. Next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March I'm off to Dubbo with our fourteen swimmers to compete at the Western Region Swimming Trials. I am very excited and look forward to cheering them all on.

As always our kitchen is busy and next Thursday Miss Field and Mrs Woods will be catering for the Senior's Morning Tea. This is an annual event and one that we are pleased to be able to support our community in. Mr Corby is a welcome face in the staffroom and his experience in the technics room a blessing. Miss Stafford continues to embrace teaching and relieving Head Teacher this term with enthusiasm that is contagious. Mrs Smith joins us every Wednesday and her keenness to teach worth noting. Our faculty also welcomes Mrs Partridge who is teaching Stage 5 Agriculture. We look forward to her involvement in the school farm and the wealth of knowledge she brings with her.

*Have a great week*

*Mrs Walsh*



# Burrendong Adventures



### Nyngan High School SRC team for 2017

Congrats to the following students on being selected by staff and their peers:

**Year 7:** Jack Buchanan, Brooke Bunting, Abbie Smith, Anastasia Walsh

**Year 8:** Will Gudgeon, Fallon McClelland, Monica McFarland, Mia Taylor

**Year 9:** Saranna Fisk, Bill Quarmby, Christian Steer, Caroline Walsh

**Year 10:** Melanie Bodycott, Abbey Buchanan, Ella Meldrum, Robbie Robb, Reuben Stapleton

**Year 11:** Leah Bailey, Brynn Hoare, Petria Quarmby

**Multicategorical Class representative:** Reece Painter

I look forward to working with the students to show strong leadership in the school and be active members within the school and the community.

*Mr Walsh*

*SRC Coordinator*





## **Science / Special Ed Faculty**

Halfway through first term already and classes are ticking along nicely.

Stage 6 Biology have a field trip this week to the Bogan River to study ecosystems and collect data for their Preliminary Assessment task. Stage 6 Physics are learning all about waves and how they carry energy, while Stage 6 Senior Science have been learning about Bionics. They had a special lesson on Valentines Day where they were presented with hearts, which they then dissected. Not the usual Valentines gift!

Stage 5 Science have been learning about sound and light, they have also been enjoying making musical instruments in class to experiment with different methods of creating and changing sounds and the science behind this. While Stage 4 Science are learning about energy and energy transformations.

Mrs Partridge, Miss Strong and Mr White are all attending the Orana Science Teachers Network Meeting on Friday evening in Dubbo. Topics on the agenda for discussion include Literacy and Numeracy in Science and of course the hot topic for the moment the new Stage 6 Syllabus. It's going to be a great opportunity to be brought up to speed on all the changes and allow for some networking between the schools.

A quote from Einstein; *The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.*

***Emma Partridge***

***Head Teacher Science/Special Ed***

## **Cricket Report**

On the 22nd February, Nyngan High Open Boys Cricket Team travelled to Cobar to play the first round of the Alan Davidson Shield.

The boys were fresh and keen as skipper Jak finally won a toss, putting Nyngan in to bat. Tim Walsh started positively but soon fell as he spooned one to point, Jak fell not long after. At 2 for 8 the boys were off to a shaky start but a brilliant partnership from Cale and Terrance for 43 steadied the ship. Dunny eventually going for 8. Jacob found himself in the middle at 3 for 51 and one run later Terrance got caught by an absolute screamer in the covers. With two new batters in the middle, Shone and Wherritt, Nyngan were once again in trouble. Cobar's questionable fielding gave a second life to Shone, as the boys dug in and got to drinks at 4 for 55. With a big score on the card for Nyngan the batsmen in the centre had a job to do. Knocking around the ones and twos the scoring started to come more freely. But after a partnership of 35 Wherro was caught out. Jedd went for only one and Coop found himself in the middle at 6 for 90 with about 8 overs to go. Shone and Ryan decided to put back their ears, but the slow Cobar out-field was making a boundary almost impossible to hit. In the final over Shone skied one and was caught out for 36, after putting on 41 with Coop in the last 8 overs Nyngan were in a commanding position at 7 for 131. Roy got to face the final ball, hitting a 7 (a Cobar fielder hit a water bottle with a ball) and Nyngan finished at 7 for 141. (Shone 36, T Ryan 22 and C Ryan 19 n.o.)

The boys felt confident in the field with such a lead and this confidence quickly transferred into a 4th over Jak Jeffery wicket. Striking again his very next over the Cobar batters had no answer for the Nyngan skipper. Cooper took one from his end and Jeffery once again had the Cobar batsmen in all sorts as another fell. Tyler replaced Ryan and his change quickly paid off with Marto striking in his very first over. Terrance then came on for Jak and turned Cobar batters in half, taking two quick wickets. With only three batters left, Marto decided enough was enough and took 3 wickets off 4 balls securing the 113 run victory for Nyngan. The Nyngan bowling attack proved too strong for the Cobar boys, as they scored 6 ducks! (Martin 4-6, Jak 3-6, T Ryan 2-6).

The Nyngan boys secured a comprehensive victory, as they take on Bourke in the second round at home. Come down and watch the Nyngan side make their run for the Alan Davidson Shield.

### ***Best and Fairest:***

3 points Terrance Ryan

2 points Jacob Shone

1 point Tyler Martin

***T Miles***

***Cricket Organiser***

## **Sports Report**

### **Swimming Carnival**

The swimming carnival was a fantastic day with great participation and enthusiasm from those that attended. I would like to congratulate all students on their efforts and their positive attitudes made for a successful and enjoyable day.

A big thankyou to all staff and parents who assisted with the day. Your help is greatly appreciated and makes the day run smoothly.

The following champions were crowned from the day.

### **House Champion:**

Canonba

### **Age Champions:**

12yrs - Abbie Smith and Matthew Wales

13yrs - Anastasia Walsh and Rory Quarmby

14yrs - Millie Smith and William Gudgeon

15yrs - Emma Teale and Bill Quarmby

16yrs - Abbey Buchanan and Harry Blake

17yrs+ - Kasey Douglas and Liam Wherritt

A big congratulations to Canonba and the Age Champions for 2017.

Congratulations again to the boys cricket team who defeated Cobar!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ◆ Boys Basketball Gala Day to be held in Dubbo on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March
- ◆ Boys Cricket vs Bourke
- ◆ Girls and Boys Touch Football Gala Day to be held in Mudgee
- ◆ Rugby League Western Trials
- ◆ Far West School Boys Trophy (Rugby League) to be held in Cobar

Any student interested in these events or other sports trials, need to see Mr Dal Forno for more information.

***T Dal Forno***  
**PDHPE**



# Swimming Carnival 2017



