



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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THURSDAY 16TH MARCH, 2017

TERM 1 WEEK 8

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

Homework Centre Mondays 3.30pm to 5.00pm Weeks A & B and Thursdays Week A ONLY

Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm Wednesdays

Wednesday 22nd March - Far West Schoolboys Trophy/Rugby League in Cobar

Thursday 23rd March - Open Netball Gala Day

Tuesday 28th March - Parent/Teacher Evening

Friday 31st March - Blue Light Disco

Monday 3rd April - Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

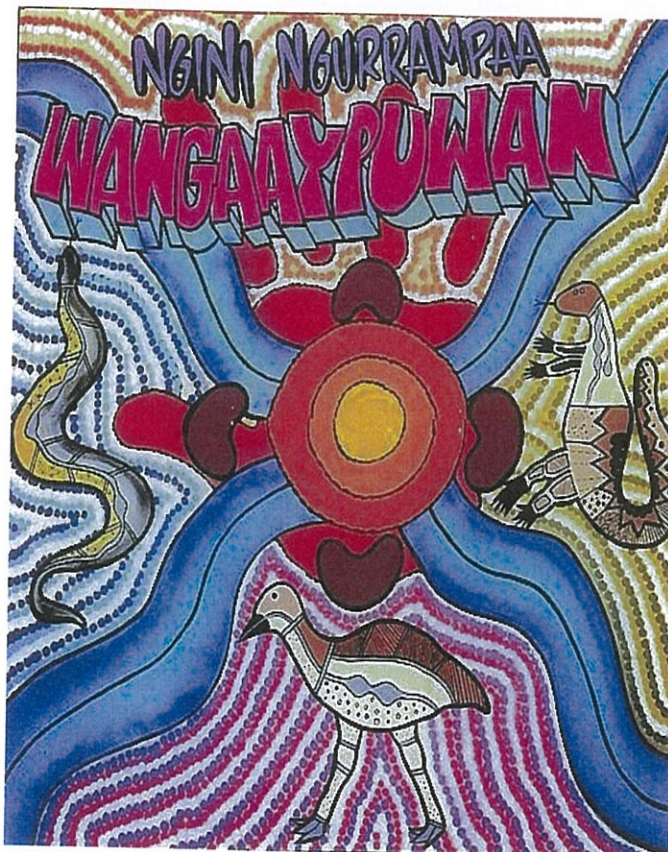
Thursday 6th April - **FORMAL ASSEMBLY**

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Meet and Greet BBQ



YAMAKARRA



Nyngan High School invites you and your family to a gathering by the river. There will be a BBQ and games for the littlies. It is a chance for you to get to know the people teaching your kids.

Families and staff need to work together so the students of Nyngan High School have the best chance of success.

When: Thursday 16th of March - 6pm

Where: Rotary Park, Bogan River

Hope to see you there!

Principals Report

Dear School Community,

As we enter the last few weeks of Term 1, our school is in full-swing. And like most of us, you may be asking, where has the first part of the year gone? There are a multitude of school events occurring, including sports excursions, immunisations, professional learning for teachers, community events and exams for Year 12 students; just to name some.

In these busy times it is imperative that our students never lose sight of the importance of being at school every day and always trying to 'Do Your Best', thus living up to one of our core values at Nyngan High School. Each day I ask our staff to strive for their best and continue to be wonderful role models for our students. Our expectations are that every student, every day, is;

- ◆ Challenging themselves
- ◆ Following requests
- ◆ Being prepared with the necessary equipment
- ◆ Asking questions appropriate to their learning
- ◆ Using their technology appropriately

By following these principles of the core value 'Do Your Best', wearing the school uniform with pride and being an active learner, we will continue to be a strong school and one that every member of our community can be proud of.

2017 Parents & Citizens Association

On Monday the 13th March, our Nyngan High P&C held their Annual General Meeting and elected an executive for 2017. For the last ten years our P&C has been led in outstanding fashion by Stephanie Waterhouse. Steph, as we know her, had previously indicated that her time as President was finished and she would be stepping back into a member's role. In the years that Steph has led the P&C, Nyngan High has always prospered. Countless fundraising events with her Executive team of Michelle Blake, Jodi Douglas and Nicole Alderson and the ever-present members of the P&C has seen the addition of many school resources for students including a new mini-bus, changes of uniform, sporting equipment and learning resources. All brought about through constant and effective fundraising activities. Nicole Alderson has also stepped back after serving for a similar period in the role of Secretary.

We sincerely thank these two ladies for their tireless and valued efforts, to help improve the school for every student over the last decade. This is true dedication and an inspiring display for our entire school community.

For 2017 we have a new team of experienced parents, who are very keen to continue the great work. Mrs Neralie Quarmby was elected as President and Mrs Tanya Buchanan as Secretary for this next year and joins the team with passion and a drive to help every student, whilst Michelle Blake and Jodi Douglas were returned in their roles as Vice President and Treasurer respectively.

Mrs Ange Bush and I welcome the 2017 Nyngan High P&C Executive and all members, as we work together for a continually improving educational landscape for the kids of Nyngan.

Vandalism Is Costing our School

On a sad note I need to enlighten our broader school community of some vandalism in our school and the possible effects it could have on our school year.

We had a break-in on the 26th January where some young people damaged school resources in the Tiered Learning Space, at a cost of approximately \$2000 to repair. Then on the night of Friday 10th March a person or persons have entered our school grounds and damaged a number of door handle/ lock mechanisms beyond repair. These all require replacement and will cost the school approximately \$3000. Whilst we are allocated emergency maintenance funds for school repairs each year, this money is intended for accidental breakages and water leaks commonly; with an allocation \$9900 for 2017. As you can see we are already halfway through these funds and if this current trend of vandalism continues, we will need to redirect money from funding areas commonly utilised for educational and student welfare expenses.

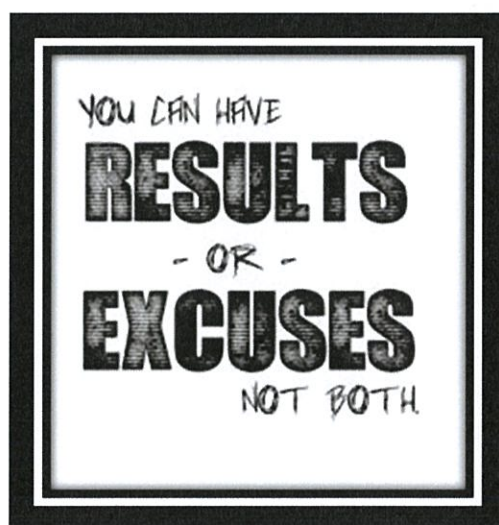
In both these cases we are working closely with the Nyngan Police Force, who has been extremely helpful in following leads and interviewing people regarding the damage. Should any individuals be charged with a crime relating to incidents on our school grounds, I will pursue them for reimbursement of the associated repair costs. If any member of the community has any information which could assist us, please contact the school or Nyngan Police. If you notice anyone trespassing during later hours of the night you can contact the school anonymously and report the matter also.

Year 12 Matters

As I wrote earlier, our core value of 'Do Your Best' is a critical factor in student success. For Year 12 students this should be your mantra and a driving motivator right now!

In two weeks Year 12 students will sit their Half-Yearly exams and be only 20 weeks of school away from their HSC Exams. Whilst this may cause some stress and anxiety amongst the students, Year 12 need to remain focused on what is important. Some stress is also good for us. It is natural and keeps us alert and focused on the task at hand. The task at hand right now for Year 12 is being in every class possible, every day possible. Working diligently on classwork, regularly revising and asking the teachers for support and guidance are key factors for success. **The teachers are here to help and you need to use them!!**

In recent days I have been meeting with some Year 12 students about their attendance and focus. I make no apologies for a tough approach and will continue to be strong on this point, as future employers, Uni lecturers or supervisors will not care one bit about excuses such as "I slept in" or "I didn't think it was important" or "I couldn't have been bothered".



Meet & Greet BBQ

This evening the school is hosting a meet and greet BBQ at Rotary Park, by the river, from 6pm. If you would like to come down it would be great to see you there.

This is a relaxed and informal opportunity to meet some of the teachers and have a yarn.

Have a great fortnight.

Michael Gibson
Principal

P&C News

The P&C and AGM was held on Monday 13th March and I am delighted to say that we have a new President and Secretary for 2017/2018. Mrs Neralie Quarmby was elected unopposed as President and Mrs Tanya Buchanan as Secretary. Mrs Michelle Blake remains as Vice President and Mrs Jodi Douglas as Treasurer.

As the outgoing President, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported me in my role including the Principals, Deputy Principals, staff, parents, students and community. There are far too many people who have been a great support to name you individually, and I would hate to forget someone, you all know who you are and I thank you very much. I am extremely proud of the P&C's achievements over those years and I'm sure everyone will continue to support the new committee and ensure our P&C stays strong.

We discussed the football gate and the show gate and the new committee is keen to continue doing this to earn some funds. If you are interested in helping out please contact Neralie Quarmby on 0427 322 205 so that she can contact you to confirm times when doing up rosters. We also discussed a new cap for our student, some samples were bought in and I'm sure Mr Gibson has been displaying them at school to see what the preference is. Last but not least, there is a Disco on 31st March and Neralie will be looking for a couple of helpers to sell some drink and food so let her know if you can help out.

Thanks again for entrusting me to be an advocate for our school and I hope to still be involved in some way with such a great school and committee.

Thanks for listening

Stephanie Waterhouse

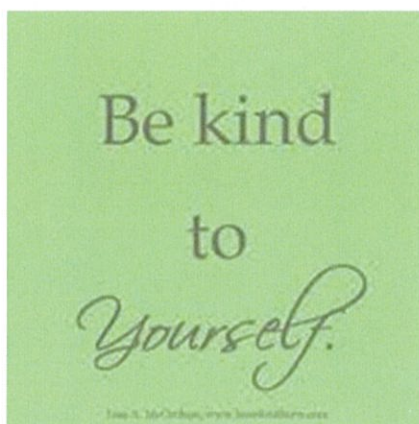
Nyngan High School P&C Association

Deputy Principal News

Welcome to Week 8. We are already well on our teaching and learning journey of 2017.

Last week I attended the Deputy Principal Conference in Sydney with new Deputies from across the state and it was certainly a great reminder of the excellent school that we have in our little community. One of the key messages from the Secretary of the Department of Education was that children need to be at the centre of everything that is done in schools. In his message, Mark Scott talked about the need for teachers to improve in order for students to improve and Nyngan High is now on this path with our CIN leadership program beginning this term. The purpose of our project is to improve our teachers in order for us to be the best we can for our students.

In order for anyone to improve, whether as a student, a carer, as a parent or simply as a friend, we need to work on our own self confidence. One of the ways to do this is our Positive Education message for the week, which is:



For this week, our goal is to strive to be kinder to ourselves, to give ourselves a break and make time for things that we love to do. Easy? Not at all, especially in this fast paced world we live in. What will you do to be kind to yourself this week? My goal is to start my new novel!

Being kind to ourselves will lend itself nicely to the core value of “Having Integrity” and more specifically treating others as you would like to be treated. If we treat ourselves nicely this will reflect in everything we do and we will certainly be more accommodating of other people.

In class, in the playground and at home, we should always strive to be the best person we can and abiding by our core values is a way of doing this.

There are busy times ahead in the four weeks, look after yourselves and each other.

Angie Bush
Deputy Principal

Newsletter

The answer to the 'a place for every number' from the last newsletter follows:

$$\boxed{3} + \boxed{6} = \boxed{9}$$

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$$\boxed{4} \times \boxed{5} = \boxed{2} \boxed{0}$$

A square is magic if every row, column and diagonal adds up to the same number.

Can you make this square magic?

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A reminder to **Year 11** students studying Dance, Photography, Video and Digital Imaging and Visual Arts have an assessment task due in **Week 10** and Music is due in **Week 11**.

It would be appreciated if all students came to our classes with pens, pencils and a ruler. We make every effort to provide this equipment when we can but it makes our lessons run much smoother if we aren't breaking into quality teaching and learning time by distributing basic equipment. Please ask your children if it is time to stock up again.

Dance students at Nyngan High School will now have a shirt they can wear in practical classes. The shirt is available from Nyngan Innovations for \$30 and can only be worn as a part of the uniform in Dance classes. Thank you to Miss Stafford for organising the shirts, they look fabulous.

Moorambilla will be here on Wednesday 22nd March and work with all Year 7 and self-nominated students from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. The workshop will run from 11.30am - 1.00pm and Nyngan High School is fortunate to be a part of the Skills Development Tour. Thank you to Miss Horne for organising this workshop.

Tanya Buchanan

Head Teacher Mathematics/CAPA

Science / Special Ed Faculty

On Thursday the 2nd and Thursday the 9th of March, Preliminary Biology conducted a Field Study of the local ecosystem on the bank of the Bogan River.

During this study, students conducted a variety of tests using specialised equipment in order to assess the biotic and abiotic factors at play in the ecosystem. The class also used sampling techniques to estimate the abundance and distribution of plant and animal species. Considerable discussion emerged about human impacts on the ecosystem.

The data will be processed and analysed by students as a part of their assessment task, due on the 24th of March. I am eagerly awaiting first drafts to monitor progress on this task!



The Stage 6 Senior Science class are still working through the Bionics unit. They have been looking at joint replacements and making models as part of their assessment task which is due this week.



The Ag plot is becoming increasingly busy with the MC classes and Stage 5 Agriculture planting lots of winter vegetables, the rain has been very welcome and will help to get these plants off to a great start! The show cattle team have also formed for 2017 and have begun working on two new steers which arrived at school last week, we look forward to seeing how they progress.

*“Success is a Science;
if you have the conditions, you get the results.” Oscar Wilde*

*Emma Partridge
Head Teacher Science/Special Ed*

Lawn Bowls News

Today (Wed 8th March) was the start of Nyngan High School's Lawn Bowls campaign to equal and if not better the achievements from our team last year (into the CHS State Finals). With the acquisition of gun bowler Jak Jeffery to partner the seasoned pros Terrance and Tim, the local talk was that this team could go far in the knockout comp. Trangie turned up pumped to seek revenge from last year's defeat and really took it to the Nyngan side.

Scores were level at 4-4 with Nyngan yet to really hit their stride due to seemingly a bout of nerves. A cracker of a shot by skip Tim resulted in our team picking up 5 shots and, well, that was the major turning point. Jak led superbly for a rookie, Terrance started to find his rhythm and Tim put the icing on the top for the majority of ends. We ran away comfortable 29-9 winners and now progress to the Western NSW Round Robin event in Orange on 23rd March. The players were great ambassadors who showed tremendous sportsmanship and skill throughout the match.

Mr M Walsh

Lawn Bowls Organiser



Nyngan High School Lawn Bowls Team from Left to Right: Jak, Tim and Terrance

TAS/PDHPE Faculty Report

It has been a very busy fortnight to report on!

Thank you to Miss Stafford for relieving as Head Teacher and for her work organising International Women's Day.

Miss Field and Mrs Woods are to be congratulated along with the Stage 5 students for their catering of the Seniors Morning Tea at the Town Hall last Thursday.

"The High School did a fabulous job with the catering (and the washing up!). The scones were superb too."

Abigail McLaughlin

Community Development Officer

I had the privilege of being at the Western Region Swimming Trials in Dubbo last week watching our students perform—*see report attached.

Mr Dal Forno is always busy organising students to participate in numerous sporting challenges. An ongoing Thank you to Mr Corby for returning to Nyngan High School and so very capably working in our Industrial Technology area.

This year I was successful with another 11 students gaining a position in TAFE Automotive. Our TAFE teacher, Kris says they are going well and we look forward to hearing about their work as time goes on.

In Week 10 Jerry Carter in Year 12, will travel to Canberra to be a part of the Work Experience program for high achieving Indigenous students. This is a great opportunity for Jerry and we look forward to hearing about his journey when he returns. Jerry is one of 55 students across Australia selected and joins the group of Nyngan High School students who have participated in the last 8 years including: Kyasha Palmer, Kelsie Thompson, Ryan Beetson, Jackson Williams Hedges and Demi Jeffery.

This year Mrs Partridge will be taking on the Cattle Team. She is very experienced in this area and we look forward to supporting her. You may have noticed more animals in the school farm. On Friday 3rd March, Cam Munro from Egelbra brought over 7 merino wethers for us. We will care for these sheep (up until August) as we have signed up for the 2017 Dubbo Merino Wether Challenge. The sheep judging team along with Stage 6 Primary Industries class will be recording the dietary requirements. The competition concludes in August with a gathering in Dubbo.

Mrs N Walsh

Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE/Careers

Regional Swimming

Dubbo - Thursday 9th March, 2017

A huge congratulations to our 13 competitors, who together competed in 29 events! A big thank you to the parents and other family members who travelled to Dubbo to show their support. Our team consisted of: Matthew Wales, Abbie Smith, Jayne Boland, Jack Buchanan, Serenity Sheather, Anastasia Walsh, Rory Quarmby, Bill Quarmby, Ebony Martin, Katie Boland, Alexander Wood, Emma Teale and Tyler Martin.

Many of the students did their personal best times: The students going on to compete include: Abbie Smith - 50m free, 100m breaststroke and 13 girls freestyle relay; Jayne Boland - 13 girls freestyle relay; Anastasia Walsh - 13 girls freestyle relay; Ebony Martin - 13 girls freestyle relay; Ebony Martin - 13 girls freestyle relay; Rory Quarmby - 50m free, 100m free, 100m breaststroke, 15yrs boys freestyle relay; Bill Quarmby - 50m free, 100m breaststroke, 15yrs boys free relay; Alexander Wood - 15yrs free relay; Tyler Martin - 15yrs free relay. This is a great result. The freestyle relay teams both did well to get through with the boys 15yrs coming first and the 13yrs girls coming in third. Results of the day also included: Matthew Wales - 3rd in 50m free and 2nd in 22m free; Abbie Smith - 3rd in 50m free and 2nd in 100m breaststroke; Rory Quarmby - 1st in 50m free, 1st in 100m free, 3rd in 100m breaststroke; Bill Quarmby - 2nd in 50m free and 2nd in 100m breaststroke (and managed to compete with a broken finger—now that shows commitment!)

The students should all be very proud of their effort on the day and the fantastic sportsmanship they showed. As always I was proud to be a Nyngan High School teacher at the event. A number of students will now travel to Sydney for the NSW CHS Swimming Championships held from the 3rd - 5th April at the Sydney Aquatic Centre at Homebush.

Mrs N Walsh

TAS/PDHPE/Careers

SRC involved in feedback session with the Bogan Shire

On Wednesday 8th March, our senior SRC students were invited to participate in a feedback session with the Bogan Shire to gather ideas for the Shire's Community Strategic Plan. Ali Jenkins and Abigail McLaughlin conducted the workshop and started by highlighting the importance of the young people of Nyngan expressing their thoughts and ideas to help build a brighter future for Nyngan.

The students worked in small groups to brainstorm ideas in the five main areas of Infrastructure, Social, Civil Leadership, Economics and Environment. The interactive workshop allowed our students to really highlight key improvements that would help not only the young but the whole community over the longer term.



Congrats to our senior SRC students for stepping up to the plate and contributing so positively to the session. They were terrific ambassadors for Nyngan High and achieved one of our key objectives which is to be more involved in our local community.

Well done.

Mr Walsh

SRC Coordinator

Dance Shirts

All students who have Dance as their Elective, whether in Stage 5 or 6, our NEW Dance Practical Uniform has been approved by the P&C. As from Term 2, students will be required to wear Black 3/4 Tights and the Nyngan High School Dance Shirt (as pictured) to ALL Practical Classes. It is also expected that students will get changed back into their normal school uniform at the conclusion of class. Students involved in the Nyngan High School Dance Ensemble will also be required to purchase a shirt. The shirts are available from Nyngan Innovations at a cost of \$30.00.

There is a sample shirt in the Front Office that students are able to try on to for sizing before purchasing the shirt.

Thank you

T Stafford

Dance/PDHPE Teacher

Year 9 Advisor &

Female Advisor



Open Boys Basketball

On 6th March the Open Boys Basketball team travelled to Dubbo for the CHS Gala Day with Mr Milligan and Mrs Hamblin. The boys played four action-packed games of basketball in a round-robin competition. Other schools participating were: Cobar, Gilgandra, Wellington and Dubbo.

During the first game, the beginning quarter served as a warm-up as the team got the hang of a few of the finer details of the game. Cobar had an early lead which put our team on the back foot points wise but they quickly gained control of the game, ensuring the remaining quarters were more competitive. Standouts were Derick with “nothing but net” three pointers and Naite and Russell with some good finishes on the pass from Cale to add points. Liam “Octopus” had hands all over the game reaching for regular rebounds while Harry and Jacob frustrated Cobar with unexpected intercepts. The win went to Cobar but the game was very well contested.

The boys put in a mighty effort throughout all four games and were unlucky to come away without a win. They displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout and were fine representatives of Nyngan High School. It was an absolute pleasure to take Liam, Harry, Jacob, Russell, Derick, Naite and Cale away for the basketball gala day.

Best and Fairest Points went to:

3 points: Harry Blake

2 points: Liam Wherritt

1 point: Naite Holmes

T Hamblin & R Milligan

Basketball Organisers



CHS Open Boys Basketball



Checking in with the Chook !

The library has been a hub of activity since the beginning of term. A whole new group of fabulous students have stepped up to be Library Warriors and have already begun having a positive effect in the space.

The introduction of a Wii has meant that the room rings with laughter and cries of joy during recess and lunch, the most popular games so far have been the dance off, boxing and Mario racer, lots of variety. We have also seen students playing Jenga, Pictionary, Chess and Drafts (or Chequers for the more trans-Atlantically inclined).

International Women's Day saw a Girls and Lego Robots challenge with three teams of Exceptional Engineers creating robots during recess and lunch that will eventually battle off for the Lego Robot crown!

You may not know it but your library has its own site, called Oliver. You can search for books or resources online. In the event that we don't have the book on the shelves you have the chance to search our local town library too! There is a link to the catalogue for the Northwest Library group, you still need to have a library card, but it means you have access to twice the fabulous books. You may notice another link too, to a wealth of classic books – 53,000 of them! Project Gutenberg is a collection of free eBooks that have been gathered together. If you have ever hankered for the original Dracula by Bram Stoker, as Mr Miles did recently, you can find it online.

Our walls in the entry way have been plaster boarded and painted and now plans are underway for the murals that will brighten this great area. It is already a lighter and brighter invitation into our developing learning hub.

We were lucky enough to win the grant to purchase laptops for the library from the wonderful Sidney Myer Fund, so the bulky P.C.s currently taking up so much space can be allocated to individual classrooms.

The new senior study rooms have seen some developments also, walls are painted, windows scraped clean of paint to allow natural sunlight in, and most exciting of all, the furniture has been ordered. Hopefully by the beginning of term 2 our new look 21st Century learning hub will be well and truly created.

Very soon, the library will have its own blog. A site that will share all the latest happening and fun stuff going on in your learning hub...watch this space.

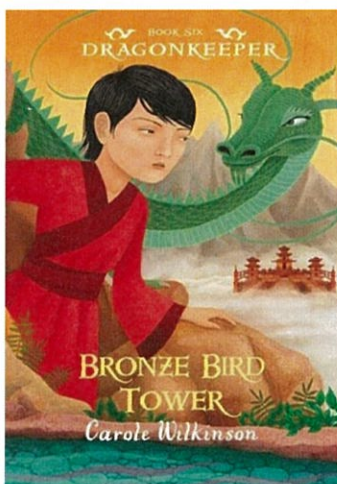
NHS Library Warriors 2017 -

*Jack Skye Jade Chloe
Christian Emma Alma Melanie Carol
Mia Reagan Chysanna*

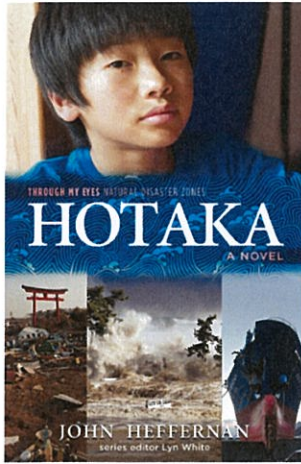
Our Latest Books have arrived!

The final instalment in the internationally bestselling Dragonkeeper series.

Tao and Kai's journey has been long and at last they have arrived at the Dragon Haven – but what they find is not the sanctuary Kai has described. Are they unwelcome? Will they be made to leave? It seems they will be forced straight back into the clutches of the murderous nomad leader Jilong, who is intent on vengeance. How can Tao keep Kai safe? Being a Dragonkeeper is so much more difficult than Tao could have imagined. But when things are at their worst, help can come from the most unexpected places. And the least powerful can become a mighty force. Perhaps there is a place for dragons in this world after all. The sixth and final instalment in the internationally bestselling and award-winning Dragonkeeper series.



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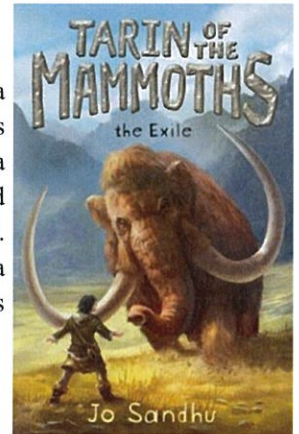
A powerful and moving story about one boy caught up in the Japanese earthquake and tsunami of 2011.

When the tsunami strikes the Japanese coastal town of Omori-wan, the effects are utterly devastating. Three years later, much of what happened on that day is still a mystery.

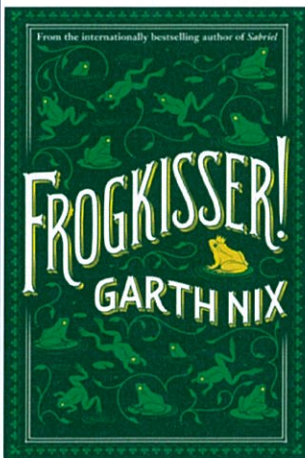
As Hotaka sets about convincing local performers to appear at the town's upcoming Memorial Concert, he finds himself increasingly haunted by memories of his best friend Takeshi.

When strong willed Sakura initiates a controversial anti-seawall movement, there is danger at every turn for Hotaka and his friends. As the town and its people struggle to rebuild their lives, can Hotaka help Omori-wan look to the future – and let go of his past?

Tarin longs to be a hunter, but his twisted leg means he is feared and bullied. After a disastrous mishap, Tarin is forced to leave his family and travel alone across wild, unknown land to save the Mammoth Clan.



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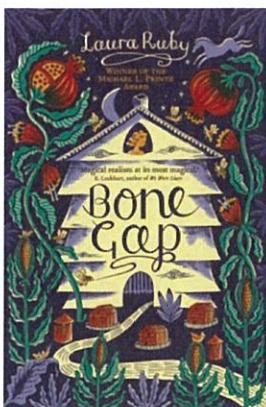
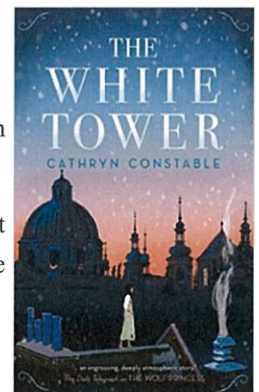


Poor Princess Anya. Forced to live with her evil stepmother's new husband, her evil step-step-father. Plagued with an unfortunate ability to break curses with a magic-assisted kiss. And forced to go on the run when her step-step-father decides to make the kingdom entirely his own.

Aided by a loyal talking dog, a boy thief trapped in the body of a newt, and some extraordinarily mischievous wizards, Anya sets off on a Quest that, if she plays it right, will ultimately free her land—and teach her a thing or two about the use of power, the effectiveness of a well-placed pucker, and the finding of friends in places both high and low.

When Livy's accepted at Temple College, a school for the very brightest, no one is more surprised than her, though she has always felt different.

Recently, Livy's been drawn to the roof, where, among its towering stone angels, she has the strangest desire to fly. But her behaviour is noticed by others, for whom the ability to defy gravity is a possible reality ...one that they'll stop at nothing to use for their own ends.



Everyone knows Bone Gap is full of gaps—gaps to trip you up, gaps to slide through so you can disappear forever. So when young, beautiful Roza went missing, the people of Bone Gap weren't surprised. After all, it wasn't the first time that someone had slipped away and left Finn and Sean O'Sullivan on their own. Just a few years before, their mother had high-tailed it to Oregon for a brand new guy, a brand new life.

Finn knows that's not what happened with Roza. He knows she was kidnapped, ripped from the corn-fields by a dangerous man whose face he cannot remember. But the searches turned up nothing, and no one believes him anymore.

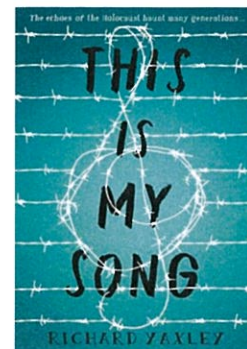
This is my blood. This is my song.

In the 1940s, musician Rafael Ullmann is sent to a Nazi concentration camp.

In the 1970s, Annie Ullmann lives a lonely life on a Canadian prairie.

Three decades later, in Australia, Joe Hawker is uncertain about himself and his future ... until he discovers a song, written by his grandfather many years ago.

This Is My Song crosses three continents and time-lines, chanting the need for each of us to find our own music, to sing to those we love most. This compelling and unforgettable story, by award-winner Richard Yaxley, will strike a chord and pluck the heartstrings



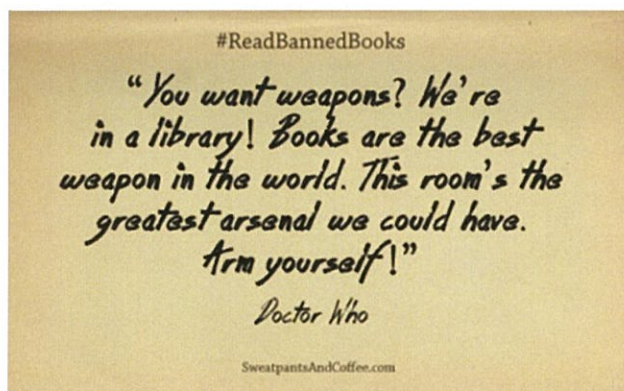
A space-obsessed boy and his dog, Carl Sagan, take a journey toward family, love, hope, and awe in this funny and moving novel for fans of *Counting by 7s* and *Walk Two Moons*.

11-year-old Alex Petroski loves space and rockets, his mom, his brother, and his dog Carl Sagan—named for his hero, the real-life astronomer. All he wants is to launch his golden iPod into space the way Carl Sagan (the man, not the dog) launched his Golden Record on the Voyager spacecraft in 1977. From Colorado to New Mexico, Las Vegas to L.A., Alex records a journey on his iPod to show other lifeforms what life on earth, his earth, is like. But his destination keeps changing. And the funny, lost, remarkable people he meets along the way can only partially prepare him for the secrets he'll uncover—from the truth about his long-dead dad to the fact that, for a kid with a troubled mom and a mostly not-around brother, he has way more family than he ever knew.

If any of these titles tickle your fancy, if you want to find out more about how to use Oliver to search for books, if you need a bit of help with homework or assessment tasks, don't hesitate to pop in and visit the library.

Remember Homework Centre is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday till 5.30pm. We are here for you!

HAPPY READING!





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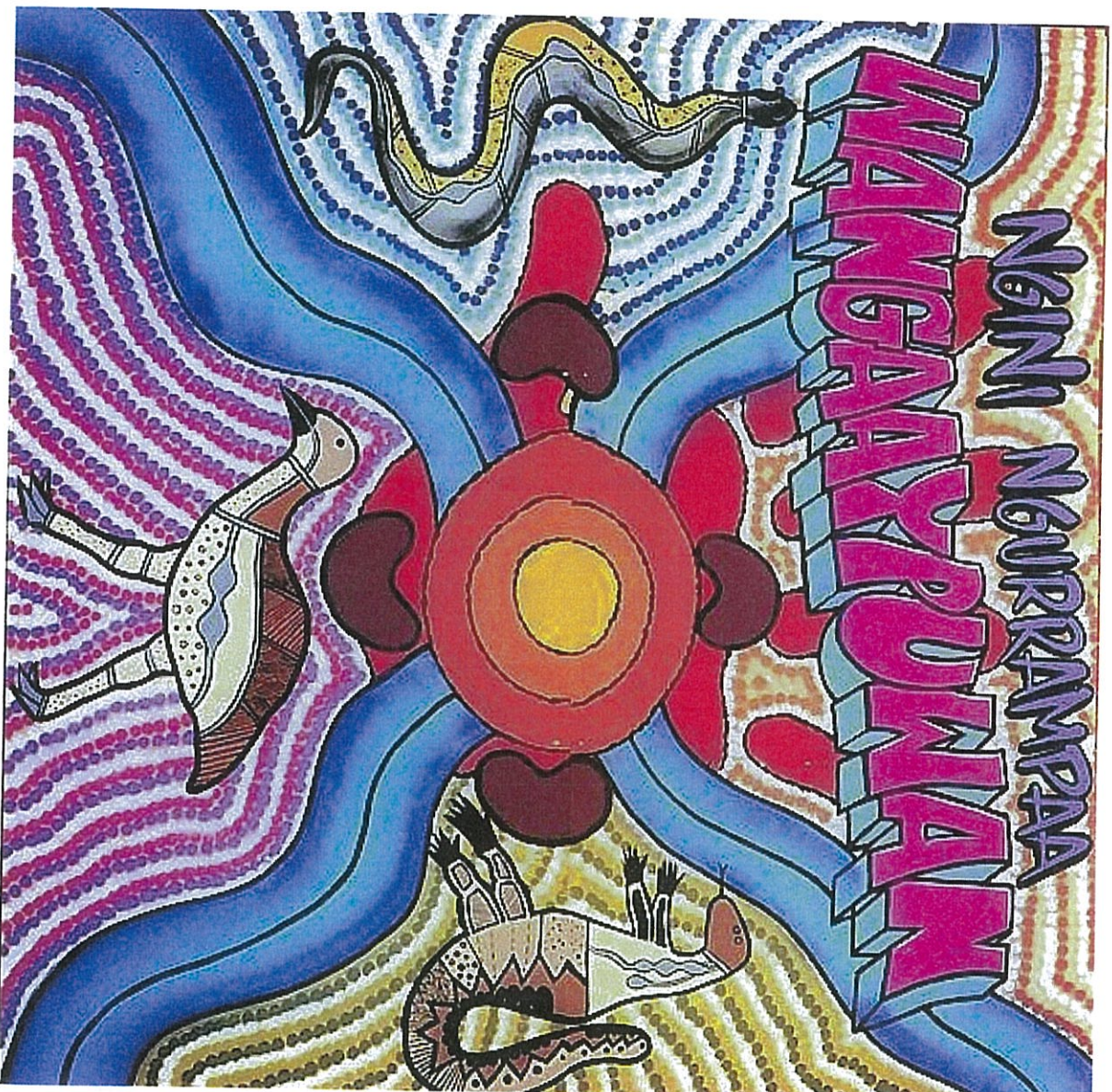
Nyngan High School invites you and your family to a gathering by the river. There will be a BBQ and games for the littlies. It is a chance for you to get to know the people teaching your kids.

Families and staff need to work together so the students of Nyngan High School have the best chance of success.

When: Thursday 16th of March - 6pm

Where: Rotary Park,
Bogan River

Hope to see you there!





Nyngan Show Society
proudly presents

The Nyngan Showgirl Competition

Expressions of Interest are now being sought for Miss Showgirl and Teenage Showgirl entrants for the Annual Nyngan Show Society.

Meet and Greet Information Day

Nyngan RSL – Oasis Area
Saturday 8th April 2017 – 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Junior Girls – 13 – 17 years
** Parents are welcome to attend
Senior Girls – 18 – 24 years

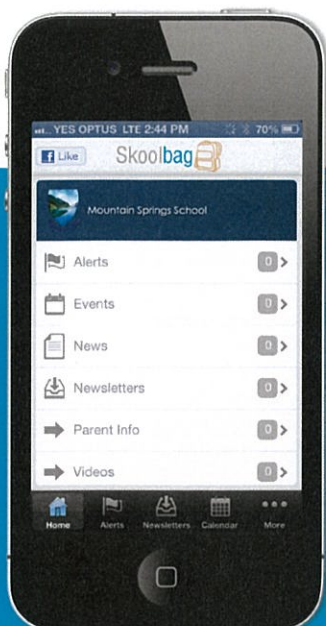
Application Closing Date
Monday 8th May 2017

Formal Presentation and Dinner
Saturday 13th May 2017

To register please call Haylee 0400 093 942 or Stacey 0422 058 706
or email

nyngan_showgirl@hotmail.com to receive an application package.

The competition is by no means a beauty pageant or academic test. Miss Showgirl competition aims to find a young ambassador for the Nyngan community who has a genuine interest in rural NSW and community involvement.



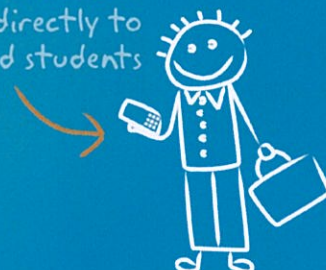
Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

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4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

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Nynganites Reunion

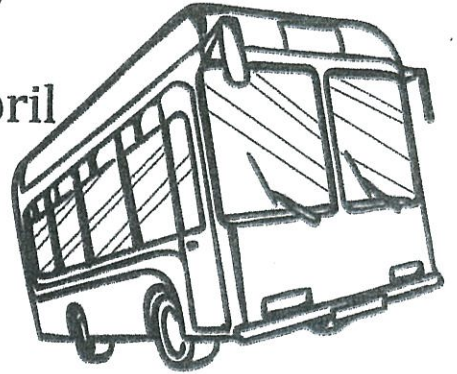
Explore the Great Outback

ANZAC weekend 2017

22nd – 23rd – 24th – 25th April

Saturday 22nd – Museum Open Day from 9:00 am

- Afternoon tea available
- Evening at RSL 6:00 pm
- Award winning Sloan's Bottle Display and History – Ray Harris
- Willy Wagtail Band



Sunday 23rd

– A trip not to be missed



- Bus to Bourke
- Tour 2WEB radio station
- 2-hour paddleboat ride on the Darling River
- Byrock Historical Hotel



Monday 24th

– Catch up with old friends or new acquaintances



- Make your own arrangements to meet at
Nyngan RSL 10:00am – 5:00 pm
Or one of the coffee shops

Tuesday 25th – ANZAC day

- Dawn Service – 6:00 am Cenotaph
- March from RSL 10:30 am to Cenotaph service
- ANZAC Races commence at 1:00 pm



Don't miss this weekend – Book early

0268 321 436 – Glad

0268 321 253 or 0438 321 253 – Julie