



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 2018

TERM 1 WEEK 3

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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

Tuesday 13th February - Dance Excursion to Dubbo

Wednesday 14th February to Friday 16th February - Burrendong Excursion

Wednesday 21st February - NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 2nd March—Monday 5th March - MID TERM BREAK

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Congratulations to Robbie Robb in Year 11 at Nyngan High School, who has just started his Indigenous Business Services Traineeship with the National Bank in Nyngan.

Robbie will combine school and work to achieve a Certificate 2 in Business Services in 2018.

Robbie is pictured above with Adam from the Apprenticeship Board. Nyngan High School staff and students wish Robbie all the best in his traineeship.

Principals Report

It is with great privilege and humility that I welcome all students, staff and families to Nyngan High School for 2018. Our school community is extremely fortunate to have such an outstanding school which is situated on impressive grounds; possesses well-resourced and improved teaching facilities; is staffed by professionals who strive to improve their practice to benefit students.

We have had a wonderful start to 2018. 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 2018. Our school staff have returned with an extremely positive vibe and undertaken professional learning around *teaching practices to improve student learning outcomes*. Additionally, the student body has 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 **High Expectations**. It is our job to prepare these young men and women to become productive community members, who are great role models. At Nyngan High School we will not accept excuses for poor or rude behaviour. Communication skills and enthusiasm are two of the most valuable tools we can have in the workplace, so I stressed the following:

- ◆ Use appropriate language in all situations. Swearing and rude comments about others will not be tolerated.
- ◆ Show respect always for your fellow students, the staff and our community.
- ◆ Be ready to learn and come prepared. No excuses.

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
- ◆ The Skoolbag App can be used on smart phones- available through the App store
- ◆ Our Nyngan High School Facebook page is always being updated

Staffing Changes

We have welcomed two new staff members:

- ◆ Ms Trish Orchard who has been appointed as the Hospitality teacher in TAS
- ◆ Mrs Wendy Robb who is filling in for Mrs Stafford whilst she is on maternity leave.
- ◆ The final appointment was Mr Rick Partridge who was moved permanently into the vacant English/ HSIE teaching position, which he filled temporarily in 2017.

Finally, we have some new positions being taken on by some of our teachers:

- ◆ SRC Coordinator- Mr Partridge
- ◆ Yr11 Year Advisor- Ms Strong (Relieving)
- ◆ Aurora Coordinator- Ms Booth
- ◆ Girls Adviser- Ms Scott (Relieving)

Year 7 & 10 Lake Burrendong Camp

During this week our Year 7 students and Year 10 Peer support Leaders are 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.

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 Lennon as the Year 7 Adviser and Mrs Walsh for her executive leadership for a great camp; ably supported across the

3 days by Mr Miles and Mr Milligan. Our students are very lucky to have dedicated staff that are willing to give up their personal time with their families and be on-duty for 24hours a day.

I managed to get a few photos for parents to see. We hope all of the students have really enjoyed the experience.



Voluntary Contributions & Course Fees

In Week 5, 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.

Mid-Term Break

The mid-term break has been assured **ONLY for Term 1 in 2018**.

Currently, the matter is being negotiated between the Department of Education and the NSW Teachers Federation. Once a decision on 2018 and beyond becomes available, I will notify the school community.

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!

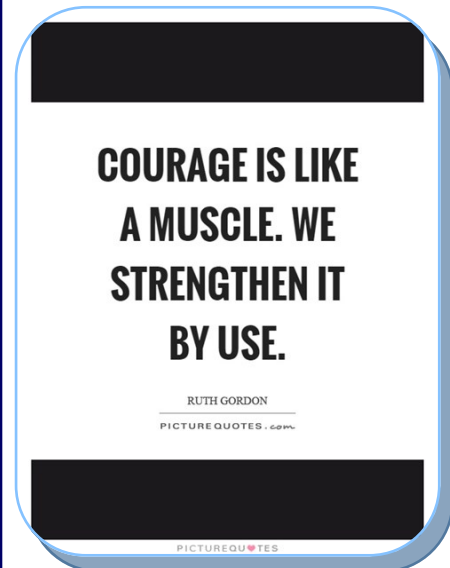
Michael Gibson
Principal



Deputy Principal Report

Welcome back to 2018. I hope everyone found time in the holidays to relax and recuperate from a big year and that there was some valuable time spent with your precious families.

We are already into our core business at Nyngan High School, following on from our great work with the CIN Project in 2017, where we were focusing on improving our teaching to support the higher achievement of student outcomes. Our mentors will be here next week to help us plan the year ahead and we look forward to seeing even greater improvements in 2018.



After reflecting on 2018, our Term 1 Positive Education focus is "Courage". The VIA Strengths Classification defines the virtue of courage as "Emotional strengths that involve the exercise of will to accomplish goals in the face of opposition, external or internal" and comprises the strengths of bravery, honesty, perseverance and zest. There are many benefits of overcoming our fears including feeling more confident, seeing things differently, lifting others up, gaining more success and becoming happier. On our recent Staff Development Day, every staff member at Nyngan High School had to complete 20 seconds of public speaking on a randomly chosen topic. Many staff learnt that time is relative and 20 seconds can be a very long time. This term we will focus on facing our fears rather than running from them.

Last week the Year 7 students participated in an anti-bullying workshop to learn about the process that it utilised to deal with bullying at Nyngan High School. We use the strategy called Stop, Walk, Talk, and Report, which empowers students to stop the bullying in the first instance. They can then walk away from the situation and if it is on social media they have the power to block someone. If the behaviour continues, the student can go to a peer support leader, SRC coordinator or see their

Year Adviser for help and if needed it will be taken to the report stage.

As we learnt in the holidays bullying can have devastating consequences on an individual's wellbeing and mental health and will not be tolerated at Nyngan High School. Unfortunately, past experience has taught us that social media is the number one place that bullying occurs. With a very high percentage of our students having access to some form of social media, parents are encouraged to have open conversations with their children and know what they are posting online, as this is where we see most of problems occurring.

The first newsletter is also a timely reminder of the high expectations that are held at Nyngan High School. We are very proud of our school and wish to produce well rounded and respectful students who will be valuable citizens in our community. Our students are reminded that the uniform includes black leather shoes and white socks. Our black leather shoes are mandated by the department and students can not complete a practical subject without them. When we look at students on assembly or when they are in the community their uniform is immaculate and they stand out as having pride for their school. In many workplaces, a uniform is essential, including mandatory socks and this prepares our students for the workplaces which they will be entering. If you need any support in purchasing these items, please get in touch.

I look forward to a successful, positive and fulfilling 2018. Thank you for coming along for the ride.

Angie Bush
Deputy Principal

PDHPE/SPORT

Welcome back to the new school year and another busy year ahead for sport at the High School.

Nyngan High School has been entered into compete in a number of sports this year whether they are knockout tournaments, gala days and other carnivals. We can expect to be participating in sports such as:

- ◆ Rugby League
- ◆ Girls League Tag
- ◆ Touch Football
- ◆ Netball
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Athletics
- ◆ Rugby 7s
- ◆ Lawn bowls
- ◆ Cricket

I am sure that we will again be competitive and am positive for another successful year building on the achievements of last year.

Swimming Pre-carnival events:

Monday the 12th February, saw a handful of students complete in the pre-carnival events. The events that took place included the 200m and 400m freestyle and the 4 x 50 Individual Medley and are a chance for students to try their hand at the longer distance formats, earning points for their houses at the same time.

2018 Swimming Carnival:

Next Wednesday 21st February, will be the schools Annual Swimming Carnival at the local pool. This is a mandatory day for students and expectations are high for a great turnout.

The swimming carnival is always a great day of fun and a great way to cool off from the heat. Students are allowed to dress in their house colours and encouraged to participate in as many events in order to take home the prestigious house cup.

Students are asked to arrive at the town pool at 8:30am in order to get underway at 9am.

The SRC will be cooking a BBQ for lunch and in correcting an error and from the swimming note, **the canteen IS available on the day.**

2018 is going to be a great year for sport. I encourage every student to get involved in as many sports and activities as possible, whether that be at weekly school sport, representative school sport or sports trials.

T. Dal Forno
Sports Coordinator

TAS Report

Welcome back to 2018. The TAS Faculty would like to welcome Mrs Trish Orchard who replaces Miss Field in Hospitality and Mrs Wendy Robb who is filling in for Miss Stafford who is on maternity leave. We look forward to working with these ladies and acknowledge their experience and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Miss Stafford who along with Danny and Hudson have welcomed Lincoln to their family. We look forward to seeing Lincoln when he visits the school!

On Monday TAFE began for a number of students studying Automotive. This course is recognised as being a very valuable asset for Nyngan High School with many students gaining apprenticeships having completed it.

This week I am off to Burrendong for the Peer Support and Year 7 camp. This is a great few days and sees the Year 10 leaders extend a welcome to our new Year 7 students whilst enjoying many team building activities. A big thank you to Mr Lennon (Year 7 Adviser) for his work and assistance in coordinating this.

Next week sees Keiro travel to Dubbo to pick up our wethers as we again take part in the 2018 Merino Wether Challenge competition. We are also again entering the schools layers competition. 2017 was a great year for our school farm. It was very productive and a vibrant working environment. For the third year in a row we entered Isa Brown hens in the Sydney Royal Show's schools layers competition.

Our team of six students were keen and learnt numerous new skills around nutrition/feeding and leading sheep. Support and sponsorship from local stud "Mullengudgery" was gratefully appreciated.

The cattle team entered steers in the Nyngan Show and over the year students were part of the team learning new skills including how to prepare and parade cattle.

It is wonderful to see the school farm being involved in many extra curricula activities.

Our Isa Brown hens are going very well and over the break have begun to lay. We are currently recording all their details and weighing the eggs. The best 3 layers will then head off next month to compete at the Sydney Royal Show.

Our Swimming Carnival is next week and a big thank you to Mr Dal Forno for all his preparation in running the pre-events and the carnival.

N Walsh

TAS/PDHPE/Careers Head Teacher

Maths/CAPA Report

The Mathematics/CAPA faculty for 2018 includes: Miss Hugan (Visual Arts), Miss Horne (Music), Miss Stafford/Mrs Robb (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 their diaries and calculators.

Year 12 Mathematics and General 2 Mathematics will have their first assessment task in **Week 5** on **27.2.18**.

Stage 4 Mathematics are studying perimeter, area and volume. So far this term they have calculated the area of their hands and the school (about 2.5 hectares if you are interested) and have worked out how many people they can fit into a square metre (approximately 14), as demonstrated in the photos.

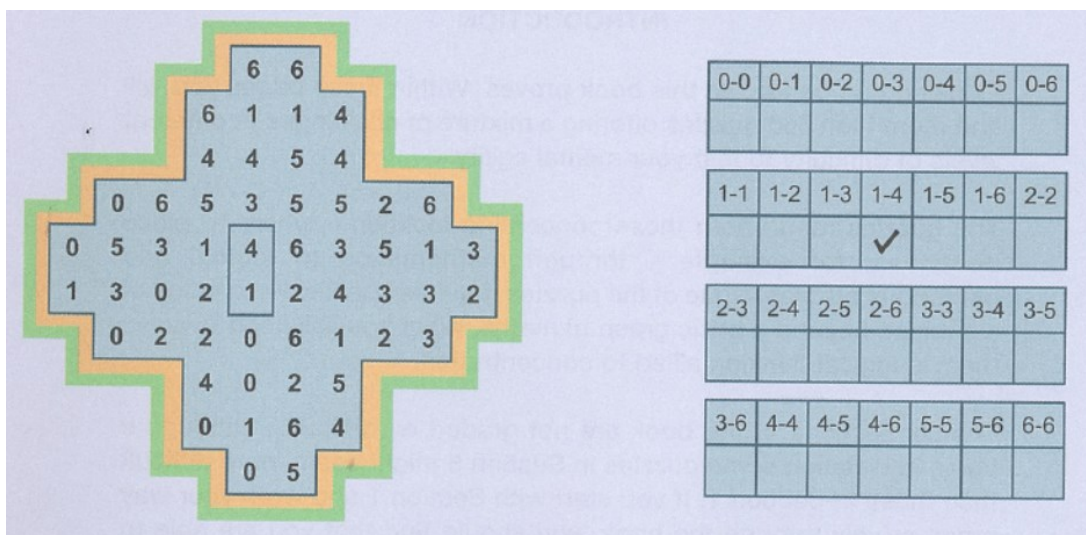


A puzzle for you to work on over the next fortnight. Please bring your answers to me so I can give you a merit for self motivation and a little surprise.

A standard set of 28 dominoes has been laid out as shown.

Can you draw in the edges of them all?

The check box is provided as an aid and the domino already placed will help.



If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to ring the front office, leave a message and I will get back to you.

Have a fantastic fortnight and see you all at the swimming carnival...go Canonba!

Tanya Buchanan

Head Teacher Mathematics/CAPA

Science/Learning Support

Welcome back! What a great start to the year we are having. We have welcomed two new students into the MC unit. They have settled into the new routine brilliantly and are quickly making new friends.

**Science is a way of thinking
much more than it is a body
of knowledge.**

Carl Sagan

BrainyQuote

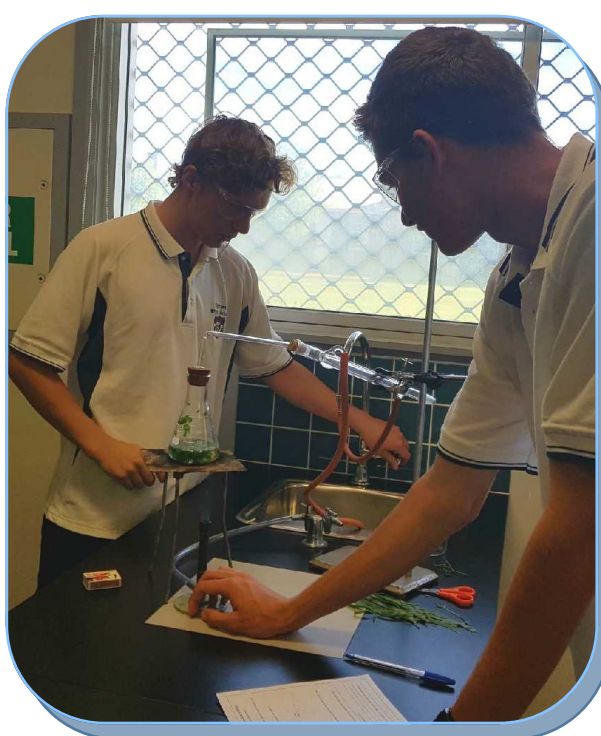
Stage 4 are studying a unit called "What is science" this is allowing our new Year 7's to learn their way around the science labs, as well as some valuable skills which will be needed for science right the way through high school. This unit is also great for revision of those skills for our Year 8 students, while also allowing them to be leaders and role models in helping the Year 7's to develop their practical skills.

Stage 5 have kicked off the year with a Physics topic, focusing on motion. Beginning with looking at speed and acceleration, involving lots of practical work, calculations and problem solving.

Our Year 11 Biology, Physics and Chemistry classes are straight down to work and have noticed a big step up from Stage 5. However they are enjoying the fresh new syllabuses which are being delivered for the first time. The new Stage 6 syllabus is much more practical and skills orientated, rather than being very content driven which the previous courses have been.

Year 12 have no time to waste and have hit the ground running. It is pleasing to see them working so hard and that many have put in some effort over the holidays to consolidate their Term 4, 2017 learning. Keep up the good work. The half yearly examinations will be here before they know it.

Emma Partridge - Science Head Teacher



Checking in with the Chook.

Welcome back to an exciting 2018. We have seen a few minor changes and have a lot of exciting events to look forward to.

The Chook has created a Zen Zone in the library for anyone who needs a quiet place to study, read, chat, or just chill for a few minutes. So far it has been investigated by an almost zen group of year 8 boys and this relaxed fellow.



Everyone knows that February 14th is Valentines Day,
but did you know it is also Library Lovers Day?

Show your love by sharing a book you love on a post it note and bringing it to the:

Book Chook to add to the Library Lovers display.



N Booth
Librarian

New Books!

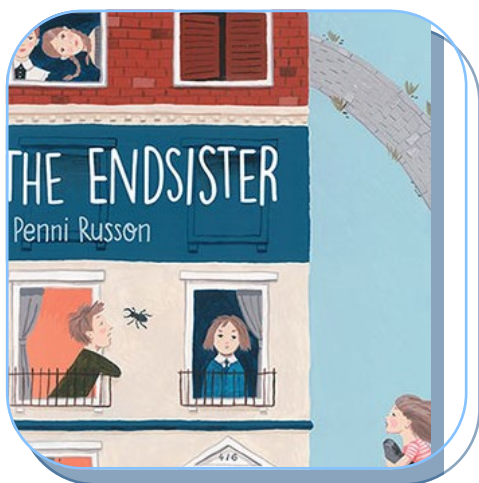
We have some great new reads for you to kick off the year, from dystopian sci-fi to a powerful artistic representation of the horrors experienced by refugees. Do yourself a favour and find new worlds to enjoy in the pages of these wonderful books.



The Mediterranean is a stark and brilliant picture book for older readers by award winning author/illustrator Armin Greder. The book pulls no punches and forces readers to look at the plight of refugees in our world today.

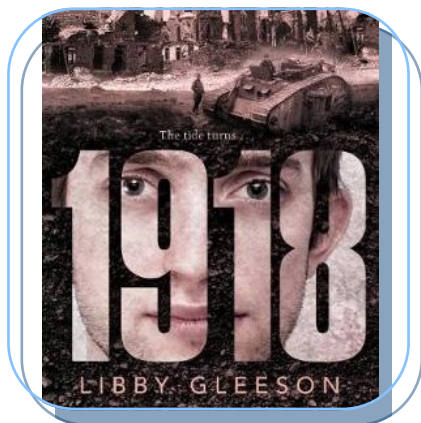
Indigo Blue by Jessica Watson.

Alex has been sent to live with her aunt in a small coastal town after her mother dies of cancer. Alex feels like a fish out of water in the town so spends her money on an old yacht. While refurbishing the yacht she meets Sam, a boy with strange pointy ears and a mysterious secret.



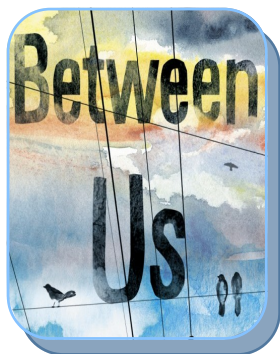
The Endsister by Penni Russon.

The Outhwaite family—mum, dad, and five children—have to move from their home on Australia to a huge, run down, haunted, old house in London that their father has inherited. Meet Else, Clancy, twins Oscar and Finn, Sibbi and the two ghosts Almost Annie and Hardly Alice and come along for the adventure.



Australia's Great War: 1918 by Libby Gleeson.

For Ned and the rest of the Australian Imperial Forces fighting in Europe in World War I, it seemed like the war was never going to end. Letters from home keep them going and prevent despair from setting in. It's hard to stay positive. Ned and the men don't know it yet but the tide is about to turn and bring an end in sight.



Between Us by Clare Atkins.

This is the story of Jono, who is drawn to Anahita, a girl at his school. What he doesn't know is that Anahita is an Iranian asylum seeker and her 'home' is the detention centre. This is a deeply moving, sad, beautiful story.

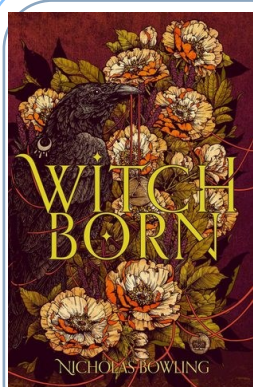
Wolf Children by Paul Dowsell

July 1945, Hitler's Reich has fallen and Berlin is in ruins. Otto and his ragtag band of friends band together to survive. Caught between invading armies, ruthless rival gangs and a strange Nazi war criminal who stalks them life is still fraught with danger.



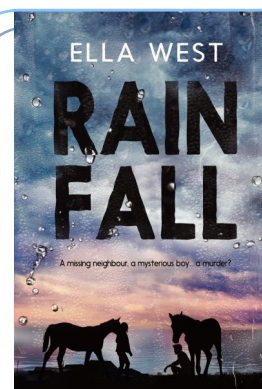
Witchborn by Nicholas Bowling

It's 1577, when Alyce's mother is burned at the stake as a witch she flees to London to escape the Witchfinders. As Alyce struggles to understand her emerging powers she is drawn into a web of secrets, lies and dark magic.



Rainfall by Ella West

Annie needs to get to her basketball game the police have cordoned off her road. Has her neighbour been murdered? New people begin to flood into Annie's wild West Coast town including a dark haired boy riding the most amazing horse Annie has ever seen. In setting out to discover the truth Annie uncovers secrets that could rip the small community apart



The Chaos Walking Trilogy by Patrick Ness.

Soon to be a block buster movie this wonderful series of books plunge the reader into a dystopian and alien world where all creatures have voices, there are no women and men need to control their noise to remain sane. Join Todd Hewitt as he battles the deranged Mayor Prentice to find safety in his ever changing world.

The Book Chook devoured these books in record time, before donating them to the library so you could enjoy them too.



HAPPY READING
FROM THE
NYNGAN BOOK CHOOK



