



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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THURSDAY 1ST MARCH, 2018

TERM 1 WEEK 5

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

Thursday 15th March - Regional Swimming Carnival Dubbo

Monday 19th March - P&C Meeting 5.45pm Common Staffroom

Wednesday 21st March - Year 7 Vaccinations

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Nyngan High School SRC

Congratulations to the Nyngan High School SRC members for 2018!



On Monday morning at school assembly, Mr Partridge announced the Nyngan High School SRC for 2018. Most year groups had many nominations, a reflection of the high level of interest in leadership within the student body.

The SRC will kick off their year with an AGM meeting next week, shortly followed by meetings to plan and prioritise the year's activities. Mr Partridge and the group are keen to get started.

Principals Report

Dear School Community,

Over the last fortnight our school has kicked into 'top gear', as we race towards the middle of Term 1 and our Mid-Term break. A few highlights for me have been:

- ◆ Seeing engaged classes across the whole school
- ◆ Having many teachers step into new leadership roles
- ◆ TAFE Automotive beginning for a large group of students in 2018
- ◆ The addition of new sheep at the Ag Farm for the Merino Wether Challenge
- ◆ A fantastic day at the swimming carnival last week
- ◆ The presentation of our Student Representative Council for 2018 on Monday's assembly

CIN Consulting/ Charles Sturt University Rural & Remote Leadership Project

Working in such a productive school every day is so pleasing, where opportunities for our students are ever-present and I know 2018 will produce great results for our students and the school.

During 2017 our school began a project to increase the capacity of our teaching staff and positively influence student learning in our school. We began to work with the CIN Consulting and many of our school community took part in the evaluation of our school and student learning, both at the beginning and end of the year.

What we found was that there was evident change for improved teaching practice: our students told us this. Teachers also noticed the improvements in their lesson delivery.

The directions for 2018 and beyond are now to further strengthen our teaching practice to maximise student achievement, with a goal of seeing improved results across all classes and courses.

STEAM/ Extension Class

As I write, we are finalising the students in our STEAM/ extension class for 2018.

This is an exciting venture for Nyngan High and one that will provide ongoing opportunities for our students to lead their learning. The goal is for these high-achievers to learn collaboratively whilst focusing on an independent task in 2018.

Under the guidance of Mr White and Ms Booth they will have the opportunity to:

- ◆ Explore their own areas of interest for learning and projects
- ◆ Take part in NSW school challenges and represent the school
- ◆ Extend their learning and provide our school with high calibre examples of student learning

The class will begin to work together and plan following Week 6 of this school term.

Tongling Exchange 2018

As you may be aware Nyngan High School will be visiting the Tongling No15 Middle School in 2018, as part of our annual exchange visit. This year the delegation is planning to travel in November or December and may be away for up to 10 days.

It is anticipated that this year we will be taking a delegation of 2-3 staff members and 6-8 students to China, after a consideration of suitable applicants. Applications to attend this exchange are invited from students in Years 9 & 10 only, in 2018.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 9AM, FRIDAY 16TH MARCH 2018.

Please Note: Students who wish to apply, must do so with parent consent and awareness that a tremendous commitment is required in preparation for the visit. *It must be stated that at any time, dependant on travel advice and legal requirements, the Department of Education may withdraw approval for the excursion to continue.*

Step 1: Prepare a written application (up to 4 typed A4 pages), addressing the following criteria:

- ◆ Outline the reasons why you wish to attend the exchange
- ◆ Commitment to learning a new language and maintaining good communication
- ◆ Outline the personal attributes you bring to the group
- ◆ Outline your achievements at Nyngan High School and within the community
- ◆ A commitment to driving fundraising activities to support the exchange
- ◆ Further information to support your application

Step 2: If your written application is of high quality, you will be interviewed by a selection panel

Each of the most suitable applicants will meet with the selection panel for 10-15 minutes to discuss their application and potential selection for the exchange.

The Tongling/ Nyngan exchange is an opportunity to develop a greater appreciation of culture and education. Students attending the exchange will be able to:

- ◆ Develop a greater understanding of Australian culture and history in our Tongling hosts.
- ◆ Help the Chinese students and teachers understand our local culture and lifestyle more closely.
- ◆ Develop strong bonds for the return visit in 2019.

Please direct any enquiries to me on 6832 1004.

As of this moment what fears do you face?

Maybe they're not fears but things that weigh you down anyway.....

We all face these things, every day.

They could be people, situations, opinions, work, relationships or maybe loss.

The only way to beat your fears is to keep facing them.

Only then will you find enough strength to rise above and have the COURAGE to stand tall.



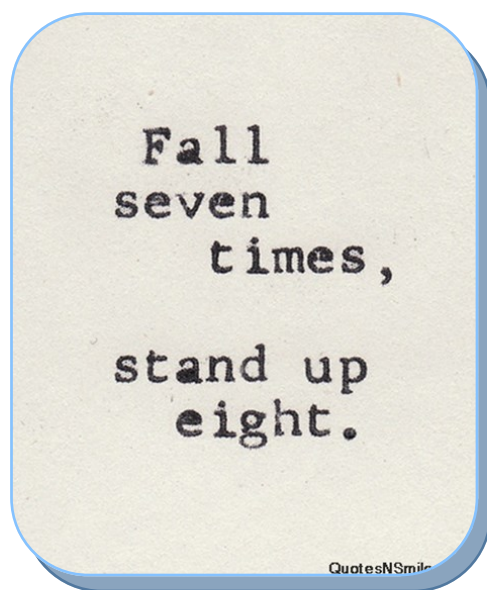
Michael Gibson
Principal

Deputy Principal Report

Welcome to Week 5. We are nearly half way through the term and learning is in full swing. Last Wednesday showcased our outstanding students at the swimming carnival. It was such a great day and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students who attended and made it such a fun day. The seniors in particular showed excellent sportsmanship and leadership on the day and should be very proud of themselves. Whilst at the carnival the executive were involved in the first CIN coaching session for the year. The coaches help us to embed Evidence Based Classroom Practices within every classroom of our school, improving the quality of our teaching and learning outcomes for all students. The planning for Phase 2 is well under way and students should see different teacher practices evident in classrooms starting in Term 2. This is an exciting project which puts our core business of teaching and learning at the forefront of everything we do.

The Aboriginal Education team met for their Annual General Meeting last Thursday afternoon. It was very well attended and it is with great pleasure that I announce Bianca Scott as the new President/Team Leader, Tristan Dal Forno as Secretary, Tanya Buchanan as Treasurer and Nena Horne and Natalie Bulmer as the Public Relation Officers. This year our team will be committed to improving the cultural and identity programs for our students in order to build pride and respect amongst our whole school community. Our first meeting will be held in Week 6 and we look forward to sharing our ideas and plans after this time.

Parents and students may be feeling a little confused about the recent changes to the linked NAPLAN and HSC results. Previously students had to achieve a minimum band 8 in NAPLAN Numeracy, Reading and Writing to achieve their HSC. NSW Education Minister Rob Stokes announced last week that NAPLAN results will no longer be linked to the HSC after 70% of the state did not achieve this result in 2017. Under the changes, all HSC students will now meet the HSC minimum standard through online tests in reading, writing and numeracy from Year 10 onwards. This new development will certainly take pressure of students at such a young age in their schooling career.



This term we are focusing on courage and our front sign highlights this. We will always make mistakes, wrong decisions and things will not go as we plan. It is not about these actions that we should worry, but more what we learn and how we act after this. We can choose to be defeated or we can get up and try again.

As the term becomes busier and busier, this is what we want students to be doing, facing their fears and getting up again and again to keep trying. How will you step up this week?

Angie Bush
Deputy Principal

Burrendong Excursion 2018

Congratulations to all the students who attended our Burrendong camp this year. Our Peer Support Leaders; Cale, Tyler, Kyle, Max, Bill, Randell, Caroline, Rachel, Katie, Amber, Saranna, Harley and Emma, were great ambassadors for Nyngan High School and worked tirelessly to support the Year 7 students. We participated in numerous activities including: canoeing, archery, climbing wall and initiatives. The big slide was a great way to cool off while the paint combat saw some friendly rivalry. In the afternoon we cooled off in the pool with some great games of volleyball and then at night participated actively in games in the recreation hall. Mr Gibson joined us on Wednesday night for dinner and to say hello.

A big thank you to Mr Lennon, Mr Miles and Mr Milligan for their support on this annual excursion. I trust everyone found the experience rejuvenating! Burrendong staff are always so supportive and helpful and again would like to recognise Nyngan High School on their wonderful level of participation and good manners.

Congratulations everyone!!

CAREERS

Have you checked out the Nyngan High School website lately?

Just scroll to the careers tab along the top to enter our new and exciting section. Nyngan High School has a careers website and the aim is to provide you with the latest information that will help you make decisions about your future career and your life beyond school. You can use this site to locate University, TAFE and any other type of course across Australia, get information about the HSC, search for job vacancies, find out how to get a tax file number and much more. I would love to get feedback from you on what you think of the site. You can send me emails from the link. I look forward to hearing from you.

TAS/ PDHPE Report

It has been a busy fortnight for the TAS/PDHPE faculty and all systems are go. Congratulations to Mr Dal Forno for his organization of the swimming carnival. I look forward to attending the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo on 15th March with our students who made the qualifying time. Our wethers have settled in just fine to the Ag plot and we thank Kiero along with Caroline Walsh and Jayden Robb for representing Nyngan High School in Dubbo on the training day last week.

It is great to see our students enjoying TAFE Automotive on a Monday and we look forward to hearing more about their course as time goes by. A reminder to all students that they are still expected to attend TAFE on Monday midterm break.

As I visit the classrooms it is wonderful to see the students engaged in some great learning activities. Yesterday I saw, although firstly smelt, some delicious dumplings and caramel sauce coming from Stage 5 Food Tech while I watched the students in metals work diligently on their projects. Stage 4 is keen to do the Beep test today with Mrs Smith. Mr Dal Forno has the students taking care of their health while the girls in the dance room are choreographing their next steps. I indeed feel very lucky to be able to see firsthand the great opportunities our students are taking part in.

Mrs N Walsh

Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE/Careers

Maths/CAPA Report

Weeks 3 and 4 have been busy as always in the Mathematics/CAPA faculty, with all staff pretty chuffed with how the year has started thus far.

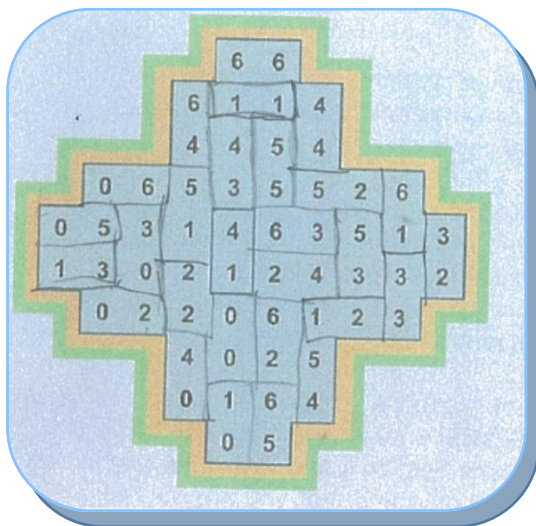
Mrs Buchanan has been killing it as she always does. **Stage 4** Mathematics have been finishing up their work with perimeter, area and volume and class tests are occurring during Week 5 and 6. The next topic for Stage 4 is percentages and maybe you can discuss with your children how you use percentages in your world.

Year 10 have finished the topic on similarity and currently have an assessment where they need to produce a scale drawing of one of the rooms in their home. This is due on **March 6th**.

Year 11 Mathematics are plugging away factorising anything they can get their hands on and **Year 12** completed their second HSC assessment task on Tuesday. They will have the tasks returned to them in either Week 5 or 6 so please ask them how they feel they went and implore them to look for any areas of improvement, no matter how miniscule.

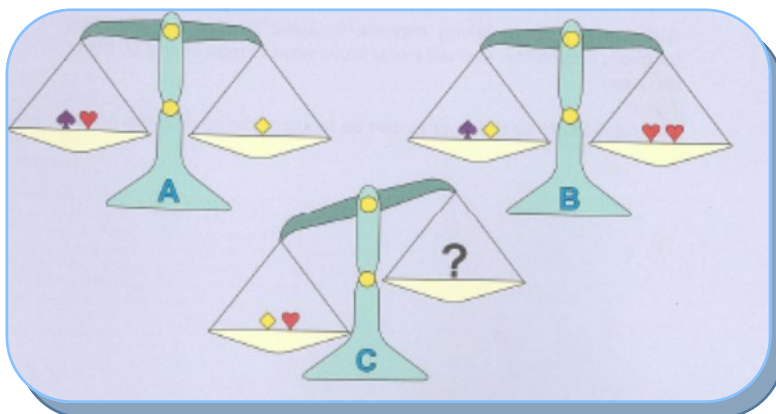
Congratulations to Reuben Stapleton, Mandy Martin and Matthew Wales who solved the dominoes puzzle. Mandy is a constant contributor and even though she doesn't always get the answer exactly right, she gives it a real good go and that is something Dave and the kids should be most proud of. You can see the photos of the solutions for yourself.

Matthew Wales



The puzzle for this fortnight is:

Given that scales A and B balance perfectly, how many spades are needed to balance scale C?

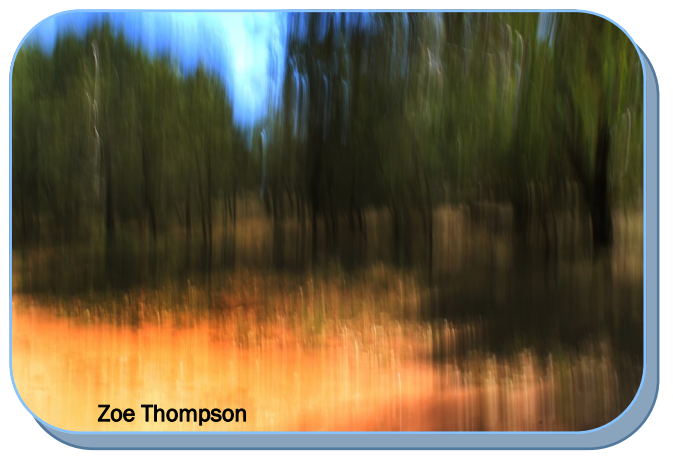
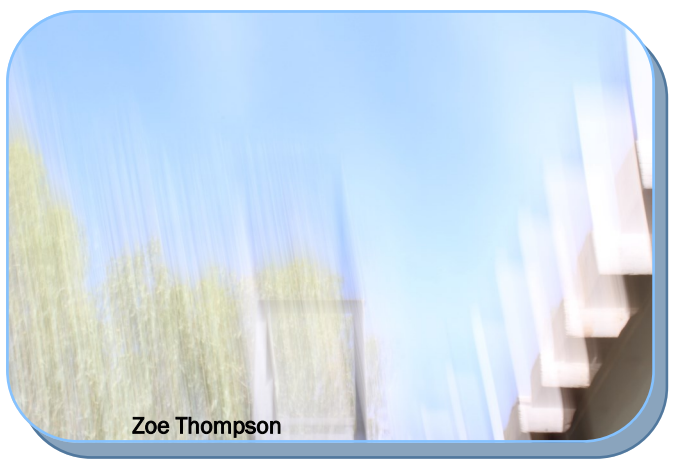
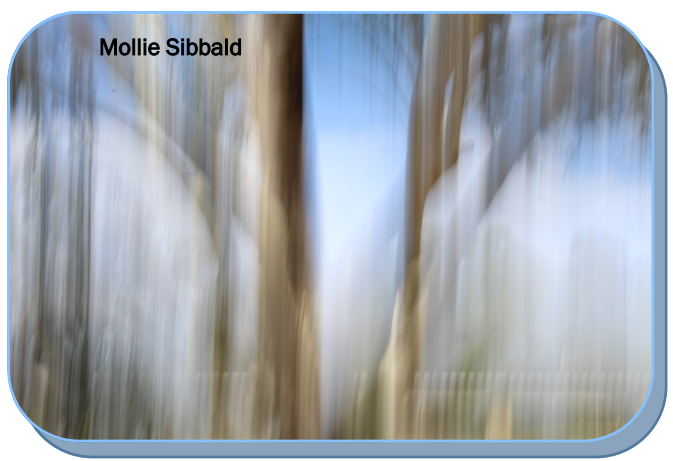
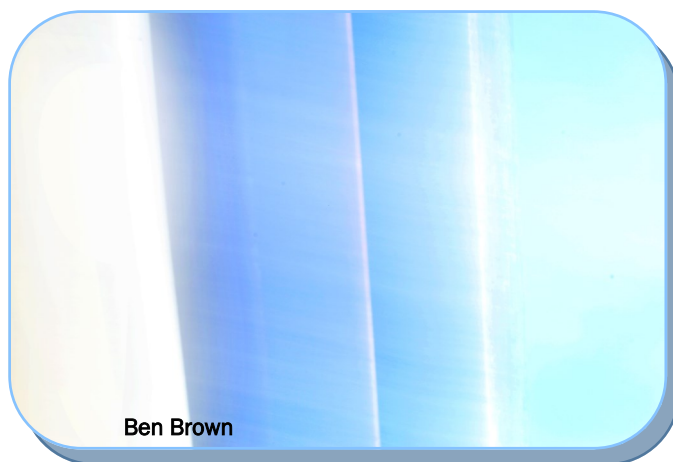
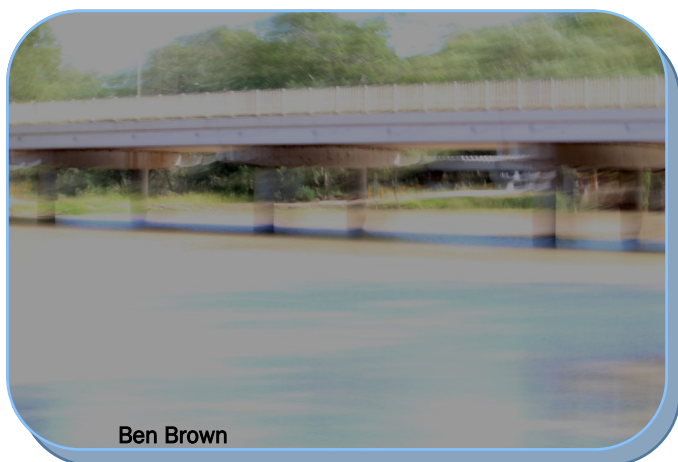


Bring **Mrs Buchanan** the solutions and she will give you a merit for self motivation and a little surprise. Maybe of the Kinder variety. Maybe not.

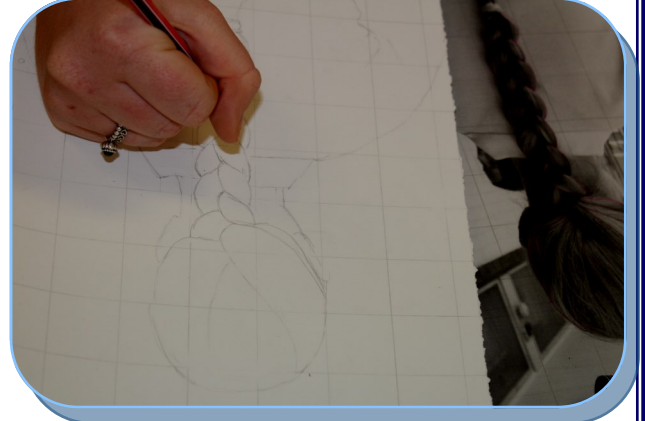
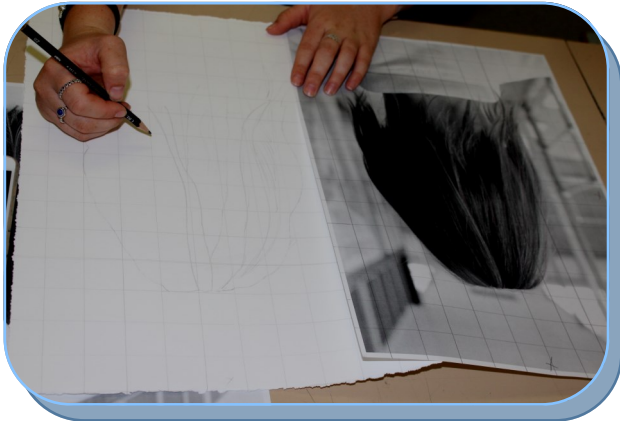
Miss Horne has had a busy past fortnight juggling both Music and Photography classes whilst also **celebrating her 32nd Birthday with a few pink lemonades**. **Music classes have been practicing vocal** range and technique, with many students trying extremely hard to master what is a most difficult art form. Chad Giles has been a clear standout, possessing close to a flawless falsetto technique, apparently sounding like the perfect hybrid of Mariah Carey and The Weekend with a little bit of Guy Sebastian mixed in. Make the most of it Chad. I give you 12 months tops!

Miss Hughan has been very happy with how her classes are shaping up for the rest of Term 1 and has been quite impressed with the burgeoning talent on display at Nyngan High. **Stage 6** Photography, Video and Digital Imaging have been studying landscape photographer *Danielle Thompson* who is a well-known photographer of the Australian bush, oceans and skies. Thompson produces atmospheric works which create mood or feeling rather than representing reality. The students used long shutter speed and deliberate camera movements to recreate this photographic style and produced some outstanding pieces of amateur art.

Below are some examples of the photographs Ben Brown, Zoe Thompson and Mollie Sibbald took of the area around the Bogan River.



Stage 5 art celebrated two birthdays last week with Cameron Ryan and Lilly Smith moving one step closer to adulthood. The lucky class celebrated with ice cream cake while drawing Reverse portraits, which sees students photograph the backs of each other's heads forming a composition from which they are to base their drawings. They then use grid drawing to reproduce their photographs before using tone and shading to create realistic portraits. Below are photographs of the students hard at work.



Mr Lennon has a tendency to be quite a shy and bashful guy and didn't have a whole lot to share on his classes. He did however say he was impressed with all of his classes up to this point and commented how happy he was that students are finally taking to his authoritarian style of teaching

My time spent in and out of the various classes I am tasked with teaching is always enjoyable as I am provided a great opportunity to learn more about each student whilst also observing their natural growth and development. I have been most impressed by the rising maturity of Year 9, who have made an exceptional start to 2018 with regards to effort, focus and stepping outside their comfort zones. My Year 12 Maths students have also been great, with Nalani Chatfield taking it upon herself to step up and become the new Wes Carter of the group. They are only a small group but they have a real dig and that's all I can ask.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy midterm break. We look forward to a refreshed and rejuvenated Nyngan High come next Tuesday.

Mr Matheson

Science/Learning Support

I can't believe that it's been two weeks since the last newsletter already! Classes are very settled and into the school day routine.

Miss Strong has been involved in some cross faculty team teaching with Miss Horne's Stage 5 photography class. They have been investigating light and lenses, and applying scientific principles to the art of photography.

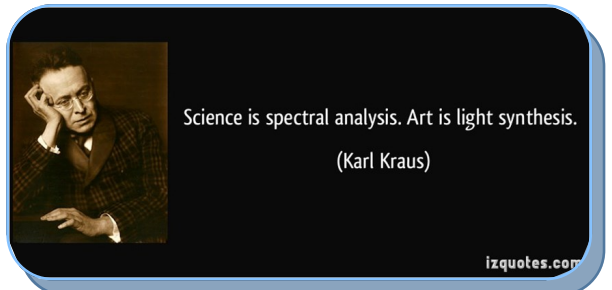
Stage 5 continue to study motion, looking at acceleration and are applying Newton's law to everyday situations, such as car design. Demonstrating that Science is everywhere!

Stage 5 Agriculture, are learning about poultry, and when on the ag plot, they have been handling the new wethers, quietening them down, mulching and carrying out garden bed maintenance, while also propagating and planting out vegetables for the show.

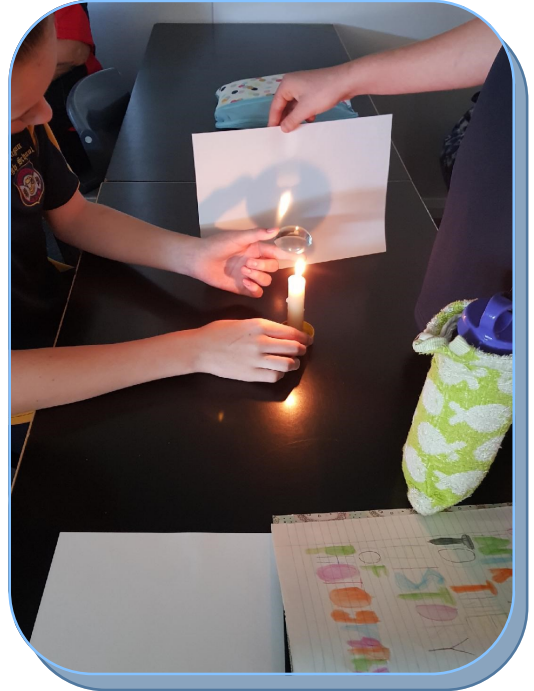
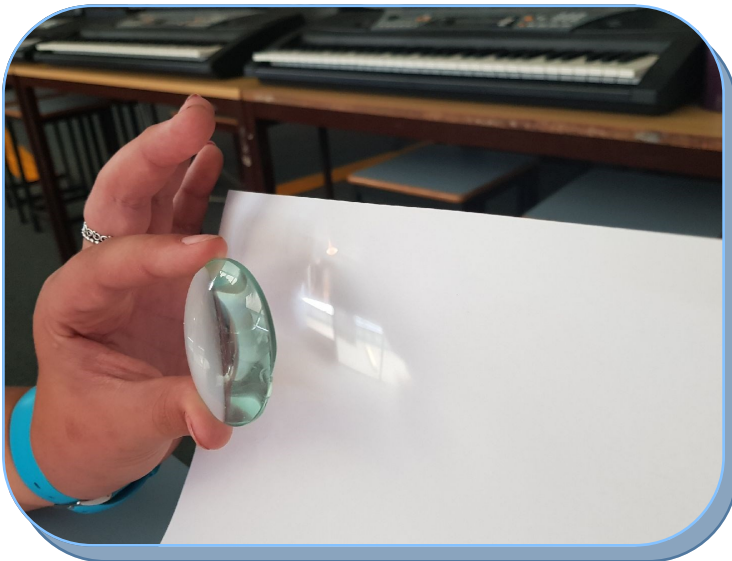
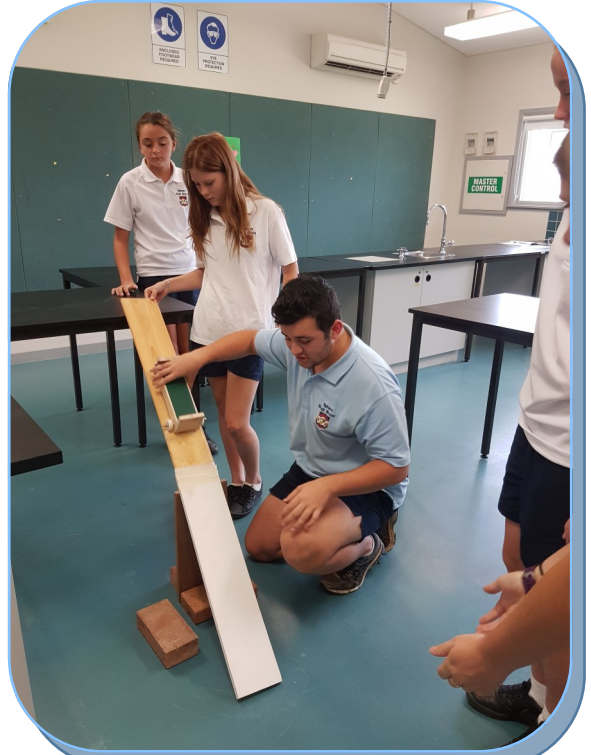
Our Year 11's are enjoying being able to look deeper into their chosen sciences. The students are finding the new syllabus which is much more skills orientated, to be very engaging.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable mid-term break!

Mrs Partridge
Head Teacher Science/Special Ed



Ag / Science Photos



REMINDERS

MID TERM BREAK Friday 2nd March and Monday 5th March - *All Students and Staff Return on Tuesday 6th March*

YEAR 7 Vaccinations Forms were handed out to Year 7 this week at Nyngan High School - parents please fill in and return to the front office before Friday 16th March. **Vaccinations for Year 7 will take place at the school on Wednesday 21st March**

Student Medical Plans Parents are reminded to please return the Student Medical Health Care Plans that were sent home in the last couple of weeks. If you require more info please call the front office on: 68 321004.

Thursday 15th March Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo

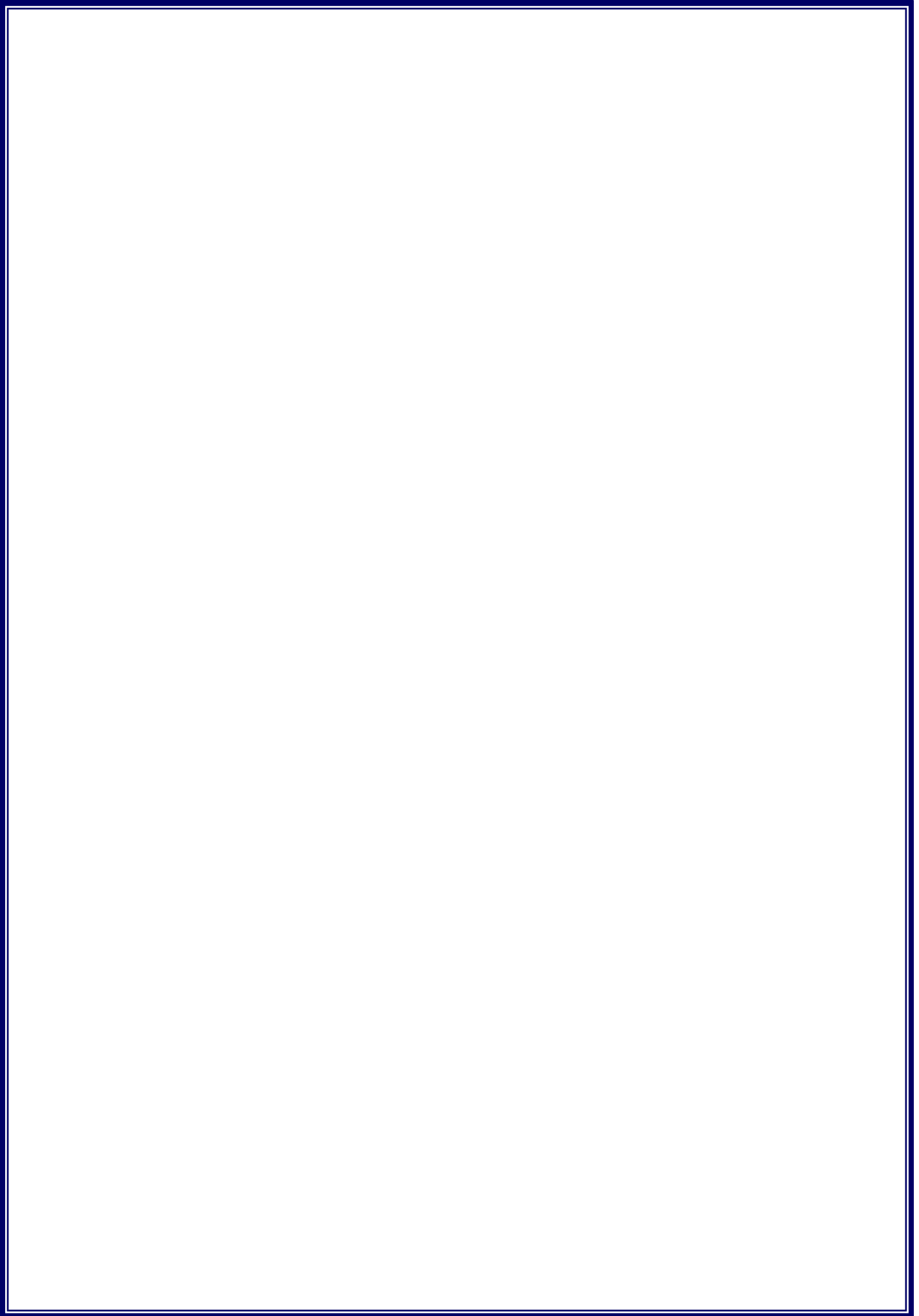
Monday 19th March P&C Meeting 5.45pm

Friday 30th March Easter - Good Friday & Monday 2nd April Easter Monday

Thursday 12th April Formal Assembly

If parents/caregivers need any information about the above items please give the school a call





Canoeing Expedition

In the last week of term four in 2017, a group of Duke of Ed. Participants travelled from Dubbo to Narromine on the Macquarie River. They carried all of their gear for the four day expedition camping in reserves along the way. Students interested in Duke of Ed. - need to be 14 years of age. It is a great way to challenge yourself to try new things, overcome challenges, and learn new skills. For more information speak to Richard Milligan on: 0401612768.

