



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

THURSDAY 24TH MAY, 2018

TERM 2 WEEK 4

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DATE/EVENTS

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

Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm Wednesdays

Thursday 24th May - Transition Language Program Marra Creek Public School

Thursday 24th & Friday 25th May - Student Leadership Conference in Sydney

Friday 25th May - Transition Language Program Hermidale and Girilambone Public School

Friday 25th May - Middle School

Tuesday 29th May - Stage 5 exams commence

Wednesday 30th May - HSC Biology Workshop in Dubbo

Friday 1st June & Monday 4th June - MID TERM BREAK

Tuesday 5th June - Stage 4 Exams commence

Wednesday 6th June - Athletics Carnival

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th June - HSC Seminars in Dubbo

Wednesday 25th July to Friday 27th July - Year 11 Crossroads Excursion to Tea Gardens

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Congratulations Amber !!



Congratulations to Amber Dutton Year 8 student at Nyngan High School who competed at the Combined High School trials on Friday 18th May, 2018 at Central West Gymnastics in Orange. Amber was successfully in gaining a spot in the divisions as part of the Western Region Team to compete at the Combined High School State Championships in August at Newcastle. Amber is in Level 3 and this was her first competition at that level; she also travels to Dubbo every weekend to train at the Dubbo RSL Youth Club.

Amber's scores from the day were:

Vault: 9.000

Bars: 8.500

Beam: 8.600

Floor: 9.000

Overall Score: 35.100, Silver

Well done, we are very proud of you and wish you all the best as you train in preparation for State Championships in August.

Principals Report

Dear School Community,

We enter the grind of Term 2, as the cold weather begins to set-in and these short days begin to move past rapidly in our busy lives. Nyngan High School continues to be a hive of activity and organised chaos at times. As I write, our annual school photo day is occurring, and the sight of slightly nervous students is familiar and heart-warming as they fuss over their appearance; all knowingly looking their best and making their families proud.

NAPLAN Online

What an outstanding success the on-line version has been over the past fortnight. Our Years' 7 and 9 students completed these tests with fine commitment. This style of test was suitable for our students and the size of our year groups. The method of completing the tests on a screen, with ear-phones blocking out noise and distractions, proved to be a winner. The debate around the NAPLAN tests will continue, however, I am confident that this mode of testing has helped our students.

In the past, the NAPLAN tests have caused some students anxiety to the point of refusal to complete them or not even attend school. This year our completion rates were excellent and all students who were present, attempted each section to the best of their ability. Congratulations to our students and we hope the results give a positive indication of learning growth.

Thank you to Mrs Bush and Ms Booth for their organisation and management of the testing for our students.



School Uniform

I hate to be that guy- but I do need to remind everyone that now it's turning cold we must not let our uniform standards slip. The incorrect footwear has become a little issue of late and now with the cold weather around, jumpers, hoodies and track pants need to be navy blue and a correct school uniform item.

You can see my friend approves of black leather shoes and white socks, as per our community-based uniform policy.

Here are some things we can all reflect on to help make our life and other's lives a little better every day.

It is always better to be:

- ◆ Grateful than grumpy
- ◆ United than upset
- ◆ Helping than hurting
- ◆ Bonding than breaking



Gratitude
is the best
Attitude

We all know those individuals and groups of people who try to bring us down. **Be the water and not the rock;** let their negativity flow by and replace it with gratitude.

Have a great fortnight.

M Gibson
Principal

P & C News

I hope you are all enjoying the cooler weather.

Nyngan Senior Rugby League has the following home games: 27th May, 17th June, 1st July, 8th July, 15th July and 5th August. We need people to man the gate please.

Shift times are: 9:30 am to 11:30 am
 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

We are in **desperate** need of two people to do the middles shift, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm **this Sunday**.

Please ring or text me on 0427322205 to help out on Sunday or to volunteer to do a shift on the other dates. This saves us a lot of time instead of us having to contact parents and carers. To the people who have already contacted me and put their names down for future dates, I thank you and really appreciate it.

To the parents who regularly attend our meetings, and to the executive: - *Tanya, Michelle and Noelene* and to *Mr Gibson and Mrs Bush*, I wish to thank you all for your ongoing support and commitment to our children.

Regards

Neralie Quarmby

P & C President

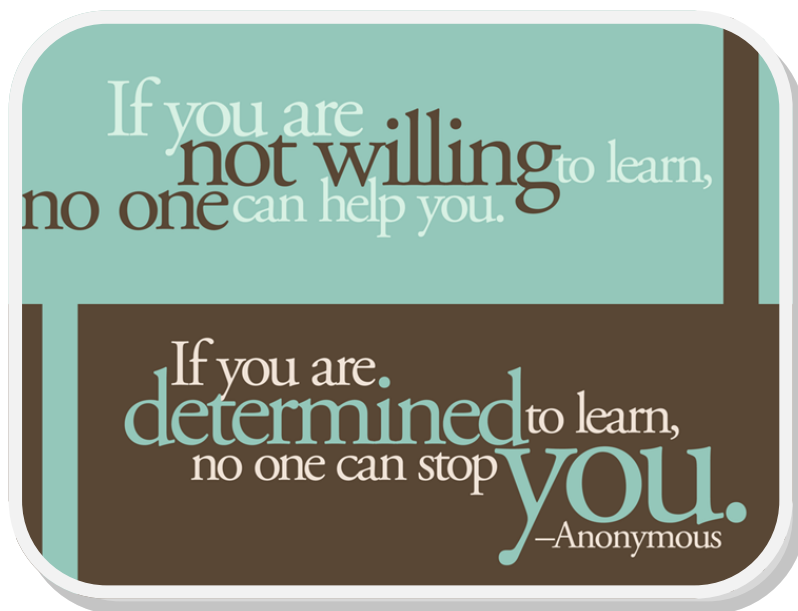


*Volunteering is at the very core of being human.
No one has made it through life without someone else's help'*

Deputy Principal Report

As Term 1 progresses, it is very pleasing to see students doing their best across all facets of school life, particularly academically. Our Year 7 and 9 students have shown maturity and determination in their recent NAPLAN tests, making the facilitation of the exams a breeze. We are excited about the new online platform that has made the process much smoother and enjoyable, although I was not the one sitting the exam.

Students are wearing uniform with pride and those who are on booklets have shown great improvement in behaviour and attitude which is something to be extremely proud of.



Our Positive Education this week is very important as all students sit some kind of exam this term. Studies show that it is not those students who have the highest intelligence that succeed in life, but those with determination and grit; the ones who build their resilience and never give up. This applies to both our personal and professional lives. No matter what success means to the individual, those who exhibit more "grit" and persistence have a better chance of reaching milestones and exceeding personal goals.

This week our teachers will visit with our CIN/CSU project team to discuss and report on our Evidence Based Classroom Practices. During the term we have collected data on Phase 1 of the project. Students have overwhelmingly reported that they have seen significant change and improvement within the classroom and teachers are focusing more on making sure students are settled and ready to learn, and understand content and skills from previous lessons before moving on to new topics. This has been an exciting project that will continue into the future of Nyngan High School. Our teaching staff are showing they are excellent role models in improving their own practices in order to better meet the needs of their students and students are following suit. We look forward to sharing our successes with the team.

Angie Bush

Deputy Principal

Maths/CAPA Report

Congratulations to Year 7 and 9 for the efficient and responsible manner they approached NAPLAN. All students were quite complimentary concerning using a laptop as opposed to the pencil and paper which they used previously.

The solution to last fortnight's puzzle was the clocks gained $52\frac{1}{2}$ minutes each time.

The puzzle for this week is:

Can you place the hexagons into the grid, so that where any hexagon touches another along a straight line, the number in both triangles is the same?

No rotation of any hexagon is allowed!

A reminder **Stage 5** will have examinations in **Weeks 5 and 6** and **Stage 4** examinations will be in **Weeks 6 and 7**. Following are some of the examination times:

10MAE – Week 5 Thursday 31/5/18 Period 1

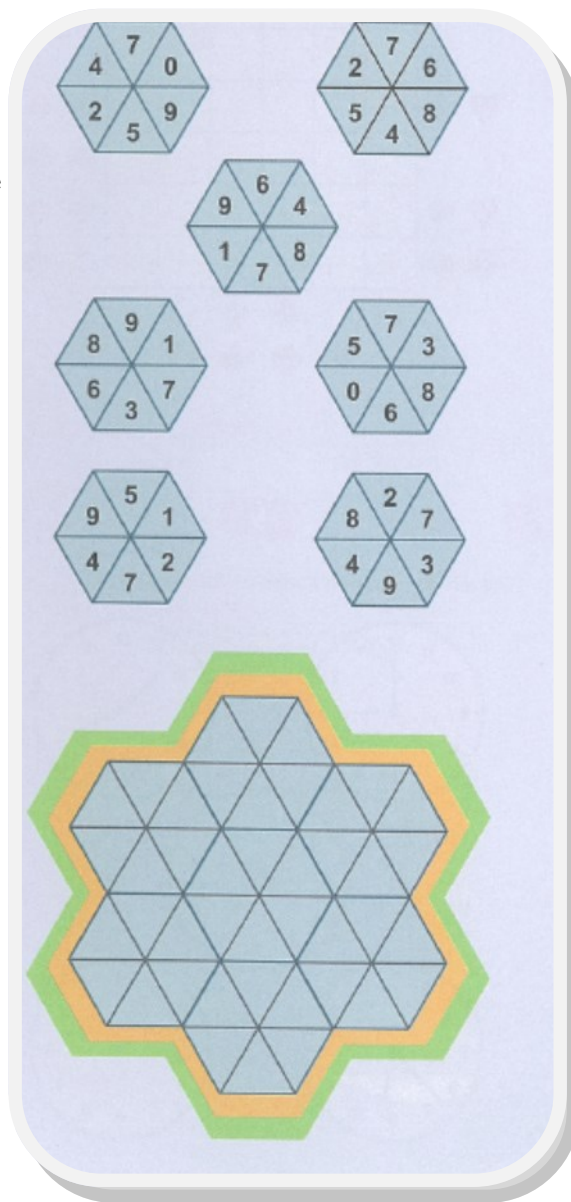
4A and 4V – Week 6 Thursday 7/6/18 Period 3

4E – Week 6 Friday 8/6/18 Period 2

4A – Week 7 Wednesday 13/6/18 Period 2

A great way for students to revise for examinations is to go through previous assessments and to complete Mathletics tasks which have been set by your teacher. In Mathematics we would recommend Stage 4 do 10 minutes every night they have had Mathematics and Stage 5 do 20 minutes every night they have had Mathematics.

Students will need to provide their own calculator for examinations. This is also a timely reminder that students should carry calculators at all times, along with diaries, books and pens for all lessons on all occasions.



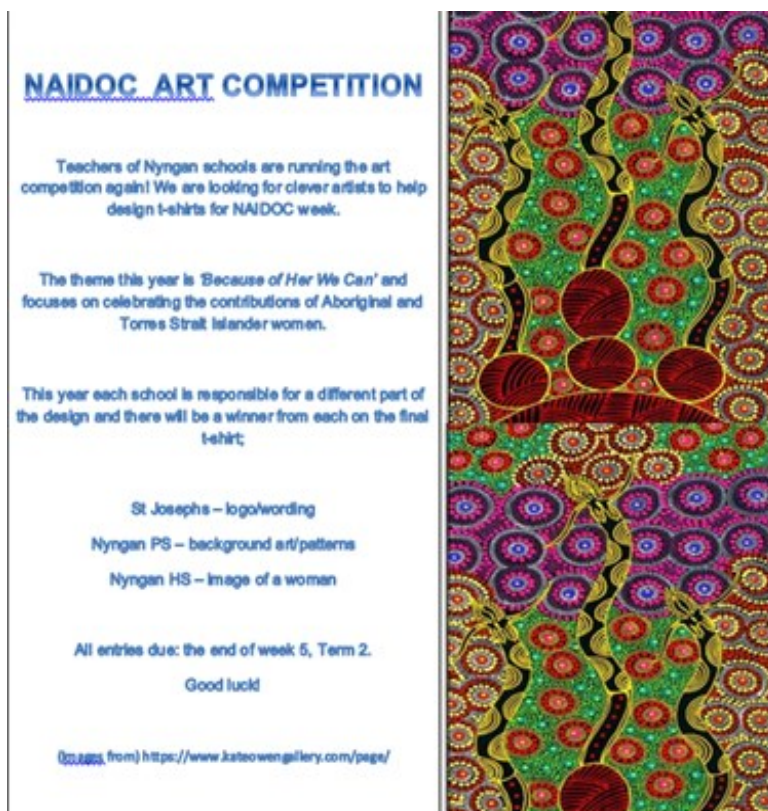
T Buchanan
Maths/CAPA Head Teacher

English Faculty Report

We are almost halfway into a very busy term! Lots of exciting things are happening in the English/HSIE faculty in Term 2.

LOTE has been busy working on a NAIDOC art competition. The theme this year is “Because of Her, We Can”, which focuses on celebrating the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Some of our star LOTE students will be heading to Marra Creek Public School, Girilambone Public School and Hermidale Public School to teach the Acknowledgement of Country and some Ngiyampaa words to the primary school students. It should be a great opportunity for our students to showcase what they have been doing in class.



Stage 4 English have just finished a unit on Children of WWII, focusing on Morris Gleitzman’s novel “Then”. Our students completed a speech in front of their classmates which showed how engaged they were with the novel and with history.

Stage 5 English have been finishing up a unit and Anh Do’s “The Happiest Refugee”. They really enjoyed the book (especially the parts about the Vietnam War) and enjoyed talking about people of different cultures and backgrounds. They are currently completing a speech before they move onto their next topic.

Stage 5 Aboriginal Studies have just completed a presentation where they looked at a certain event in history and told the class how it helped to shape the identity of Aboriginal Australians. Although it is a small class, we have some very confident public speakers in there! We are looking forward to getting stuck into our next topic which looks at self-determination and independence.

Stage 5 HSIE are looking at wetlands. We are very excited to be going to the Macquarie Marshes in Week 5! It should be a good chance for our students to get their hands dirty and show off their skills.

Stage 4 HSIE are delving into Ancient Egypt. Some classes are even creating their own shadufs!

Here are some of the shadufs our creative students made.



Senior English, Modern History, Society and Culture, Legal Studies and Drama are working harder than ever as they make their way through their senior years! They have some very busy and rewarding times ahead of them.

Stage 4 Drama have been working on melodrama this term! They have been showcasing their creative skills in coming up with their own heroes and villains.

Stage 5 Drama are working towards their play building assessment! We are very excited to see what they come up with when given the job of creating their own original piece of theatre.

A Boyden

English /HSIE Teacher

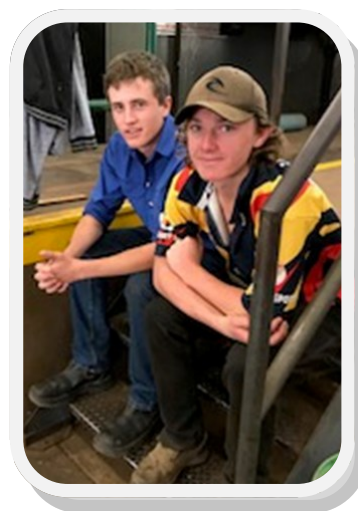
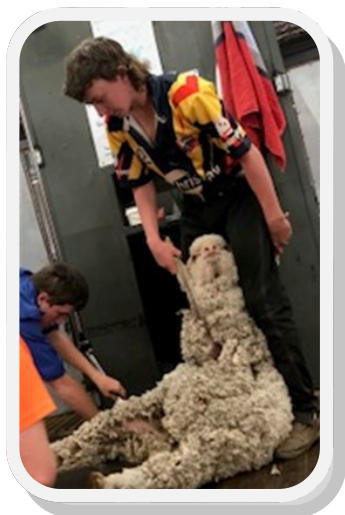
TAS Faculty News

It has been another busy week for the TAS faculty. It is wonderful to see so many engaged in their lessons and taking ownership of their learning. Last week Year 10 were given their work experience packages. They are due back to me on June 6th. During the next few weeks, they will be completing the Work Readiness program to ensure they are all ready to participate actively in work experience.

Completing work experience is the start of beginning the pathways planning process. This assists students' current thinking and offers them ways to improve their capacity to self- manage their personal career pathway. Students need to view work experience as a stepping-stone to learning more about themselves.



Junior exams begin next week and the students need to make sure they are prepared for them. The best way is to ask for assistance if needed. These exams are aimed at challenging the students and getting them to reflect on their knowledge. Making regular revision notes of class work is always a good place to start.



Congratulations to Roy Herbert and Jed Hoare who have been studying a shearing course at TAFE Dubbo. The boys are attending TAFE for two weeks to learn the skill of shearing. I was very impressed with the boys on their enthusiasm and commitment towards their learning. It is great to see these young men eager to learn new skills and be part of the rewarding Primary Industries sector.

N Walsh - Head Teacher TAS/Careers/PDHE

Science Report

On Tuesday 8th May, a group of prospective innovators from Stage 5 embarked on a journey to Cobar to compete in the NSW Science and Engineering Challenge. The students participated in a range of activities, from designing modern electrical distribution networks to creating a functioning trebuchet.

The day held some memorable moments including:

- ◆ Olivia, Katie and Lilly producing a near-perfect score when set with the challenge of creating and using a digital encrypted message.
- ◆ Brett Moon and his team of bridge builders proudly competing for the strongest performing construction.
- ◆ Jaynie and Ebony fabricating an extremely dependable suspension on a prototype space rover.
- ◆ Dakota and Kailee creating an amazing bionic arm.
- ◆ Monica, Fallon and Amber scoring high with their “ElectraCITY” webs.
- ◆ Finally, a memorable outcome from Jordan, Bailey and Jeffery’s trebuchet.

The NSW Science and Engineering Challenge inspired many students of Nyngan High School to continue trying something new, to be innovative, and to return next year with renewed drive and the wisdom to win.

*J White
Science*



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
LARKIN OVAL, NYNGAN
WEDNESDAY 6th JUNE, 2018

All students to be at Larkin Oval at 8.45am ready to have your names marked off the roll
and commence the carnival at 9.00am sharp

Bus students will be dropped off and picked up from the oval

Sports uniform and correct shoes, hat (school jacket /or jumper in case of cool weather)- and you may like
to come dressed in your House Colours:

BOGAN - Blue

MITCHELL - Yellow

CANONBA - Red

Canteen Facilities will be available on the day selling:

***Toasties, Hotdogs, Sausage Rolls, Pies, Drinks/Water, Hot chocolate
and Lollies***

**** please be advised that the Canteen will close at 2.00pm***

Please bring plenty of water - ***NO GLASS BOTTLES THANK YOU***

