



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

THURSDAY 7TH JUNE, 2018

TERM 2 WEEK 6

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

Monday 11th June - Queens Birthday Holiday

Wednesday 13th June to Saturday 16th June - HSC Modern History Study Days in Sydney

Wednesday 13th June - 15's Girls Rugby Union in Coonabarabran

Monday 18th June - P&C Meeting 5.45pm

Thursday 21st June to Sunday 24th June - Open Girls Rugby Union in Sydney

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

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Tom Kemp Rugby League Team



Congratulations to Nyngan High Schools Tom Kemp Rugby League Team - *pictured above* - who were successful in winning their game against Gulgong this week. Well done to everyone on a great game and great sportsmanship.

Principals Report

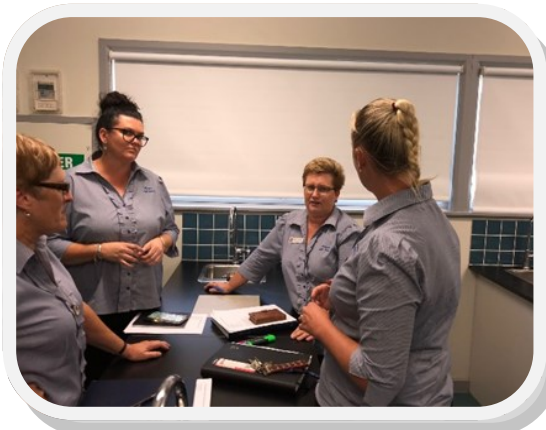
Dear School Community,

The past fortnight has certainly been an eventful and enjoyable time. A mixture of great teaching, report writing, the athletics carnival, excursions and sporting competitions, photos and a mid-term break has really kept us on the move. I congratulate our students on a tremendous effort this term; it has been pleasing to see the level of engagement in learning, complemented by a noticeable acknowledgment of positive school citizenship in existence each day.

The professional approach of our staff.....

The education in our classrooms and our care for kids are our reason for being in education. We are consistently improving as our teaching staff work collaboratively on effective teaching practices and professionally share successes with each other. Our administrative and learning support staff also strive to develop their own capabilities, together, each day. This reflective practice of teachers and all staff is a key factor in improving our craft and support of students, which provides greater amounts of quality teaching in our school and a supportive approach. The end result: *to provide opportunities for our students to grow their knowledge and skills in all areas of learning.*

We work hard behind the scenes to improve ourselves. This sets the tone for our expectations that your kids, our students, will work hard to improve themselves.



Partner School Visits

I was lucky enough to visit two of our partner schools, Marra Creek and Hermidale Public Schools, with our teachers and students from the Ngiyampaa LOTE program. Whilst at the schools our students and staff led the younger boys and girls through the Acknowledgement of Country and some great language games. This not only strengthens our partnership but also continues to keep Aboriginal language alive within our wider community.

I would like to thank our staff for their leadership on these days and the students who attended, showing outstanding mentoring skills and teamwork.



This time of the year is generally when things get a little tough.

- ◆ The cold weather can be a bother
- ◆ Endless trips away for sport can be draining
- ◆ Maybe you're a little sick and feeling low
- ◆ Work and school keep us busy and we feel the pressure

*Whatever your hassle, know that it will go away!
Stay strong and see the hard times through.*

Have a wonderful long weekend

*Michael Gibson
Principal*

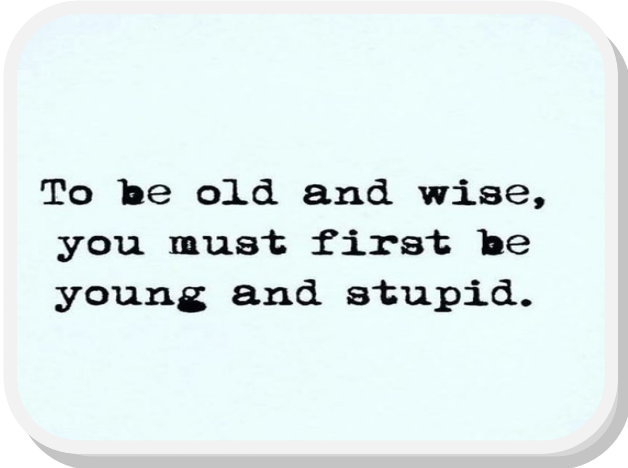
**Your hardest times
often lead to the
greatest moments of
your life. Keep the
faith. It will all be
worth it in the end.**

Deputy Principal Report

We are now half way through Term 2 and the Semester is nearly finished. Nyngan High School is very busy with our many variations coming in thick and fast. Students have been doing many extras including public speaking, playing various sports, trekking through mud at the Macquarie Marshes and teaching younger students Ngiyampaa language.

With so many extracurricular activities it is important that when students are at school they are trying their best and preparing themselves for their upcoming exams; a time that can be stressful for students. These tests, however, are just times for teachers to check to see students' progress and where they need to improve. This feeds in well to our Positive Education message of Wisdom.

To develop wisdom we are required to put ourselves out of our comfort zone and try new ideas. The most important aspect whilst doing this is to not be afraid of making mistakes. It is only through making errors that we can learn and grow. I'm sure our parents will resonate with our message for the week and could tell a few tales about mistakes they have made in the past.



**To be old and wise,
you must first be
young and stupid.**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Nyngan High School on their excellent behaviour both in and out of the school grounds. We have seen a significant decline in misconduct records and it is very pleasing to see our students being respectful, safe and polite whilst striving for their best. Thank you.

As a reflection for the week, you may like to ponder a lesson you have learned through making a mistake. Where do we even start?

Angie Bush
Deputy Principal

English News

It has been a busy fortnight in English with speeches across Stage 4 and 5 on the novels 'Then' and 'The Happiest Refugee'. Students worked hard to write their own speeches and convey their knowledge and understanding of the characters, plots and themes in the books.

All subjects in Stage 4 and 5 are also preparing for their examinations with revision and special activities. Amongst all this, we have had some very exciting opportunities for HSIE students in Stage 5 as well as Dance and Drama students in Stage 5 and 6. It has been a very busy time at Nyngan High!

Field Excursion to the Macquarie Marshes

All of Stage 5 went to the Macquarie Marshes to do some research in the field for their current study, wetlands. Students and staff were accompanied by Nicola from National Parks and Dave from Wambangalang.

They moved around the wetlands looking for wildlife, water levels and their effect on the environment and looked at the negative effects of cotton farming.

They also did some water testing- finding some interesting species and learning about the appropriate saline levels of the marshes

Everyone came but exhausted and soggy, and it seems a good time was had by all.

Drama Helpers at Volunteers Week

Four Year 10 students performed at a special brunch organised by Australian Unity to thank the people who generously give up their time in Nyngan. Bailey McBrien, Jordan Willcockson, Naite Holmes and Amber Bates devised a short skit of a poem titled "The Gift of Time is Priceless" with movements. As if that was not impressive enough, they also helped cater for the event. They cut up slice, cakes, fruit and so on, arranged them on beautiful high tea platters, made tea and coffee, set up tables, served and cleaned up.

In total, they were in the Town Hall for more than 3 hours, volunteering for the volunteers! How sweet is that? When it came time for their performance they simply whipped off the aprons, performed and then got back to serving. Talk about multi-tasking! This outing demonstrated great leadership and willingness to serve their community. All four students were a credit to Nyngan High, thank you and well done!

'Too' Incursion

Six students from CSU Bathurst travelled to Nyngan to deliver a special performance last week. All students are recent graduates from Theatre Media degrees and had created a Verbatim Theatre performance called 'Too' which focussed on the difficulties people face in relation to self-image. The performance used real people's words, as well as physical theatre and dance and was well received by the Stage 5 and 6 Dance and Drama students.

Stage 5 and 6 Drama students then participated in a workshop run by the performers. Students were able to experiment with physical theatre and verbatim theatre to create their own short performances.

B Scott
English Faculty





**Volunteers Thankyou
Tea**



**Verbatim
Theatre
Performance
Group**



Macquarie Marshes Adventures !!



Maths/CAPA Report

A reminder about upcoming Stage 6 assessment tasks:

- ◆ Year 12 General Mathematics and Year 11 and Year 12 Mathematics is on **Tuesday 19.6.18**
- ◆ Year 11 Dance is in **Week 8**

Stage 4 and some of Stage 5 have completed their examinations. We are very proud of the effort and results our students have put into their Half Yearly Examinations. Please ask your child to have a look at their examinations once they have been returned to see what your child's strengths are in Mathematics.

We had three people submit the correct answer to last fortnight's hexagonal puzzle, Jack Buchanan, Mandy Martin and Reuben Stapleton. Mr Matheson did comment it is great to see Mandy back solving the puzzles.

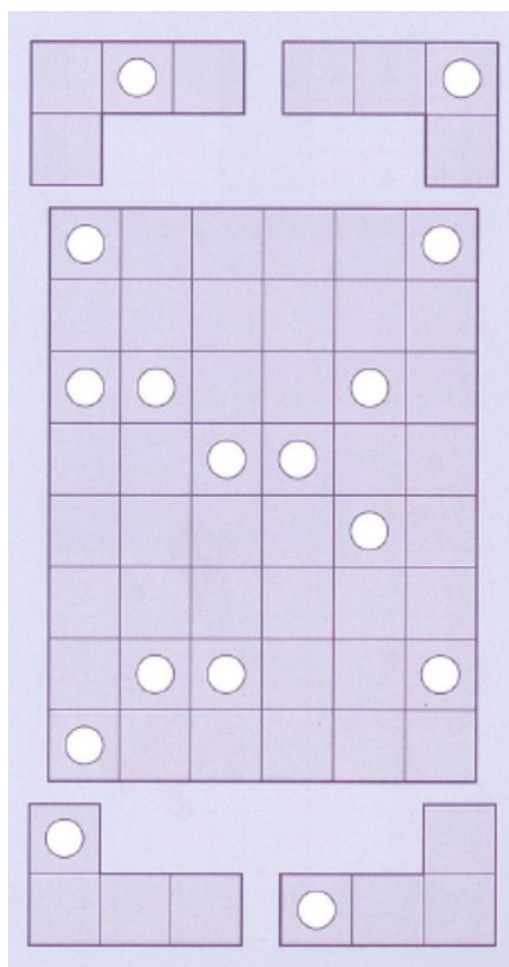
The puzzle for this week is:

Twelve L-shapes like the ones here need to be inserted in the grid and each L has one hole in it.

There are three pieces of each of the four kinds shown here and any piece may be turned or flipped over before being put in the grid. No pieces of the same kind touch, even at a corner.

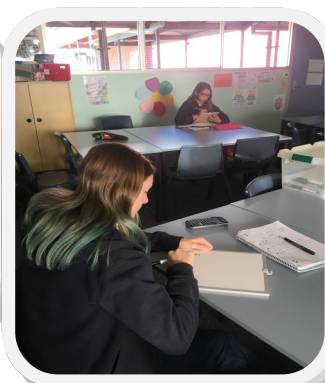
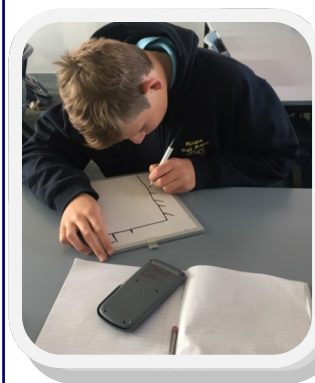
The pieces fit together so well that you cannot see any spaces between them; only the holes show.

Can you tell where the Ls are?



T Buchanan

Head Teacher Maths/CAPA



*4V designing the table they will use to collect
the makes of cars in Nyngan*



Science/Special Ed. Report

On Wednesday 30th May, the Year 12 Biology class attended HSC Kickstart workshops run by Sydney University in Dubbo. These workshops were very interactive and hands on, involving lots of practical work from the Blueprint of Life unit and The Communication elective. The students really enjoyed the access to equipment and specimens which we don't have at school, along with the small group workshops run by highly accomplished scientists.

Stage 5 have been continuing to study the Biology unit of Co-ordination and Control. This topic has allowed them to carry out a brain dissection to get a first-hand view of the parts of the brain. In addition these students have just completed their Half Yearly Examination and should expect their results back before the end of next week. I hope students will take their feedback on board and try to build on what has been a great first semester of learning.

Stage 5 Agriculture have been learning about Pastures and grazing management with Miss Hogg. They have also continued to work with the school steers in their practical time, gaining from her extensive showing experience. The Agriculture class have recently completed practical assessments on the ag plot, research assignments on pasture management and their Half Yearly Examination. There has been significantly improvement show by the class and they should be proud of their results when they receive them.

Stage 4 Science is learning about Chemistry. It's lovely to see students in the labs so keenly experimenting with different chemical reactions and discovering why they happen. We wish them luck with their upcoming examinations.

This week is sadly Miss Hogg's last week with us as she completes her last teaching practicum placement for her Master's in Education through the University of New England. She has been both a pleasure and an asset to have as part of the Science team, we wish her well as she moves into the teaching profession, her school will be very lucky to gain such an enthusiastic and capable newly qualified teacher. Good luck and Best Wishes Jordon.

Till the next newsletter.... ***"Don't study science. Play with it."***

E Partridge

Head Teacher Science/Special Ed.



Buckley Shield Report

A couple weeks ago, the Under 14's Buckley Shield team travelled to Dubbo to take on the might of Dubbo South. Nyngan High started the game beautifully, 4 first half tries to a barnstorming and unstoppable Rory Quarmby gave the boys a 22-10 lead at the halftime break and confidence and belief was sky high.

The start of the second half didn't quite go to plan, with some questionable officiating and too many defensive lapses allowing South to take the game by the scruff of the neck. With 4 unanswered tries down our right edge, this allowed them to take an unfathomable 32-22 lead and with 10 minutes to go our boys were searching for answers and rapidly losing that half time confidence.

A tactical move to inject Isac Drady into the game to shore up our edge defence, and bring much needed energy, paid dividends immediately. He put his body on the line to take on much bigger opposition and almost single handedly helped his team stem the flow of points.

With an even share of possession, Nyngan High were always going to hit back, it was just a matter of when, not if. With Will Richards carrying the ball strongly, aided by Hunter Carter absolutely killing it out of dummy half, Nyngan marched down the field and looked better than they had all game.

The opposition defence was on the back foot and, like all good halves, Will Black took advantage, making use of his limitless potential, skill and talent to cross for a brilliant individual try and put his team back in the game.

With confidence growing, Nyngan High were on the rampage and when Rory Quarmby again found space up the left edge, Dubbo South were in dire straits! Rory used all his strength and speed to charge away for a 60 metre special and bring the scores level at 32 all. Troy Forrest had a difficult kick to put us back in front, but, just as he had all day, he absolutely nailed it, leaving Nyngan holding a slender 34-32 lead with 5 minutes to go.

Directions were sent out to complete their sets and defend like their lives depended on it. Unfortunately, an error from the kick off immediately after scoring gifted Dubbo South the ball in prime real estate. Despite this setback, Nyngan defended their backsides off, repelling charge after charge. In what was the story of the day for Nyngan though, another error from a kick gifted Dubbo South a repeat set and they took full advantage to put a dagger into the heart of Nyngan and take a 36-34 lead with only 90 seconds remaining.

With time running out, Nyngan had one last crack to cross for the game winner, but it wasn't to be as we spilled the ball with the line wide open. A tough loss to swallow in the end, but the boys should be proud of their efforts nevertheless. Rory with 5 tries was the clear standout. Hunter Carter, Will Black and Isac Drady were exceptional for young fellas taking on older boys. Jack Gadsby, Will Richards, Troy Forrest and Reg Herbert also showed glimpses of excellence.

Isac Drady was asked his thoughts on the game *"Yeah it was good and that. Aw I mean not good that we lost, but I'm gonna get a big feed of KFC in me!"*

L Matheson

Buckley Shield Reporter

Tom Kemp Report

On Tuesday the 5th of June the Under 16's team travelled to Gulgong to play the semi-final of the Tom Kemp competition. Mr Lennon was very sceptical of his team's chances of winning going into the match after just coming off mid-term break.

The first few minutes of the game looked to be tight with both teams completing their first set and not gaining much ground. That was until Cooper Ryan broke the line and went 60 metres to put the ball over for a try. From there on, Gulgong struggled to match the aggression displayed by the Nyngan side. Our Bruise Brothers (Sonny Knight and Xander Wood) were picking their attack apart.

With Gulgong not making any metres in attack it was our play maker's turn to capitalise. Harry Blake, with his ability to read his oppositions defence lead the team around the park well from hooker. Both Colin Piper and Cale Dunn were busting the line and putting players through holes making Gulgong look completely outclassed.

The final score ended up 56-4. With the win under their belt and the condition met set by Mr Gibson, the team all enjoyed going through Dubbo for a feed on their way.



Poetry in Action

On Tuesday afternoon classes from Years 7-10 got the chance to experience the wonder and joy of poetry, as we were visited by performance group Poetry in Action. Perhaps sceptical heading in, students were treated to a highly engaging and energetic interpretation of the history of poetry all over the world. From Ed Sheeran to haikus to Wordsworth, the group took the students on a wonderful tour of poetry in all its shapes and causes.

Some attendees shared their thoughts:

“Wow” – Carol Lord Year 9.

“That was *actually* awesome” – Reuben Stapleton Year 11.

“I saw Kane Nankervis laughing at all the jokes”- Luke Matheson, 2004 graduate.

It's not often we get to see quality live entertainment out here; this was certainly that.

T Miles

Head Teacher English



Year 12 Biology Excursion



Stage 5 Ag

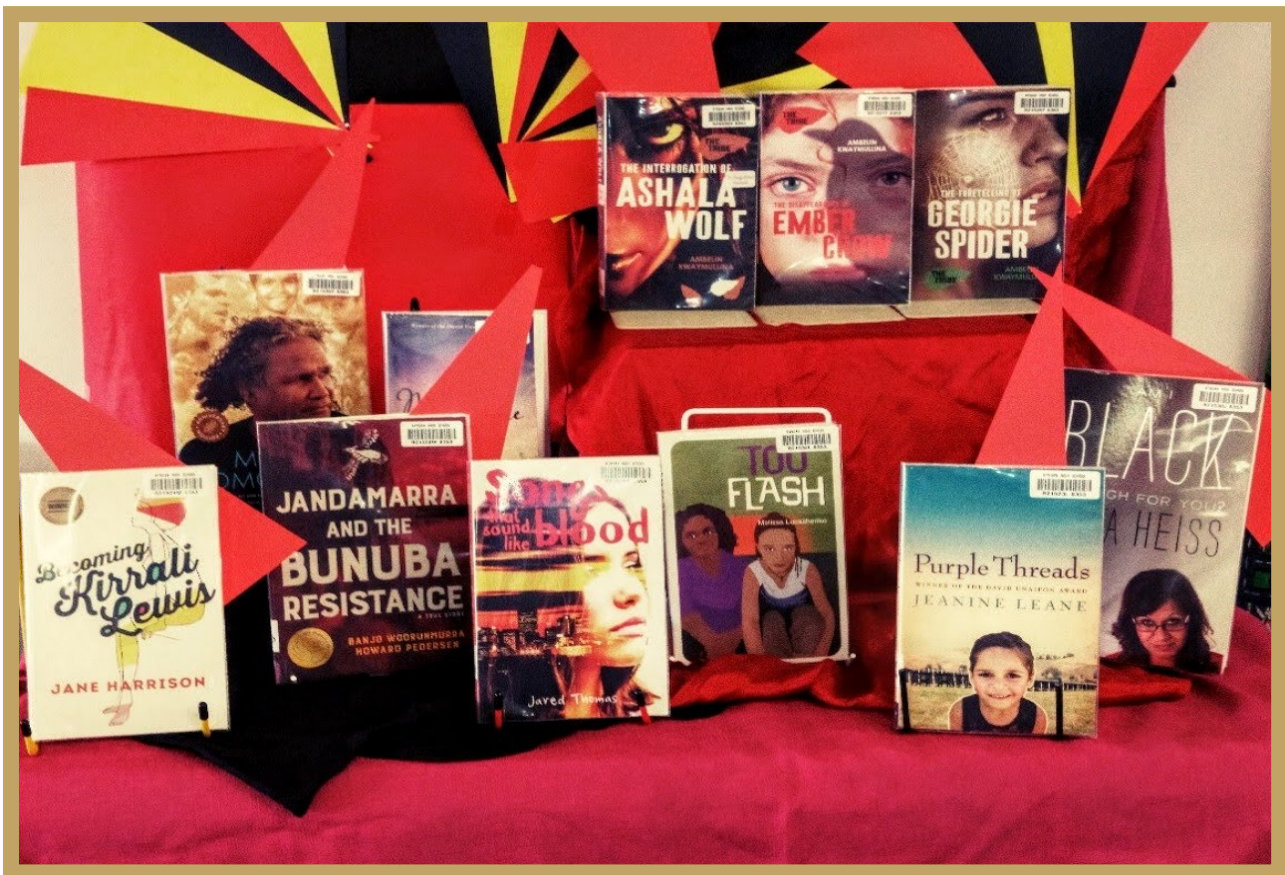




Checking in with the Chook.

Deadly new books leading up to NAIDOC week

As part of the Learning Hub's ongoing commitment to providing our students with as diverse and representative a selection of inspirational new material as we can, we have recently shored up our Aboriginal Australian authors collection with some great new books. Young Adult fiction, fascinating memoirs and an insight into a brave warrior of the resistance make up the range. Come into the Learning Hub and take a closer look.

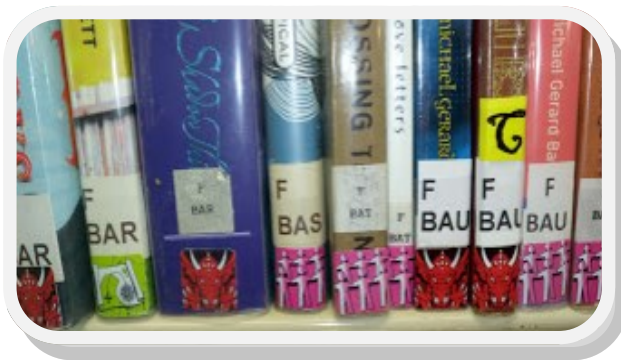


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Genre in the learning hub.

You may have noticed some new stickers appearing on the spines of books in the fiction collection. We are in the process of genrefying to make it easier for you to find the books that you might like to read. There will be posters going up soon that will explain the meanings of the different stickers, and we welcome your feedback. If you think that we have put a particular book in the wrong genre category, then let us know. It is all being done to make it more efficient for you to find the perfect book.



Headphones update

As our existing headphones are becoming a bit decrepit we have purchased a set of adapters that will allow us to use some listening post headphones we had stored. You will see that they are stored in plastic bags, they must be returned to the draw in the plastic bag to keep them fresh for as long as possible. We are counting on you all to help us look after the equipment as we don't have unlimited funds.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Things are heating up in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Angela Tang has raced through and read the required amount of books already! Leaving a bit of a race between Shannon Bourke and Jack Buchanan. Olivia Piper is still on track to complete her Principal's Reading Challenge with only 6 books to read over the coming 2 months...easy peasy.



Whisper, Lynette Noni

For 2.5 years Subject 684 – 'Jane Doe'- has been locked underground enduring tests and torture at Lengard, a secret government facility. In that time she hasn't uttered a single word. Until Now.

When Jane is assigned a new, and unexpectedly kind, evaluator, her resolve begins to crack. As she uncovers the truth about Lengard's mysterious 'program', Jane will discover that her own secret is at the heart of a sinister plot...and she must decide whom she will trust and whom she will help. Suddenly, finding her voice is a matter of life and death. One wrong move, one wrong word, could change the world!

Remember, Readers are Leaders

**N Booth
Librarian**







