



# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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**THURSDAY 21ST JUNE, 2018**

**TERM 2 WEEK 8**

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

**Thursday 28th June** - Careers Expo Nyngan

**Monday 2nd July to Thursday 5th July** - Rock Camp 2018

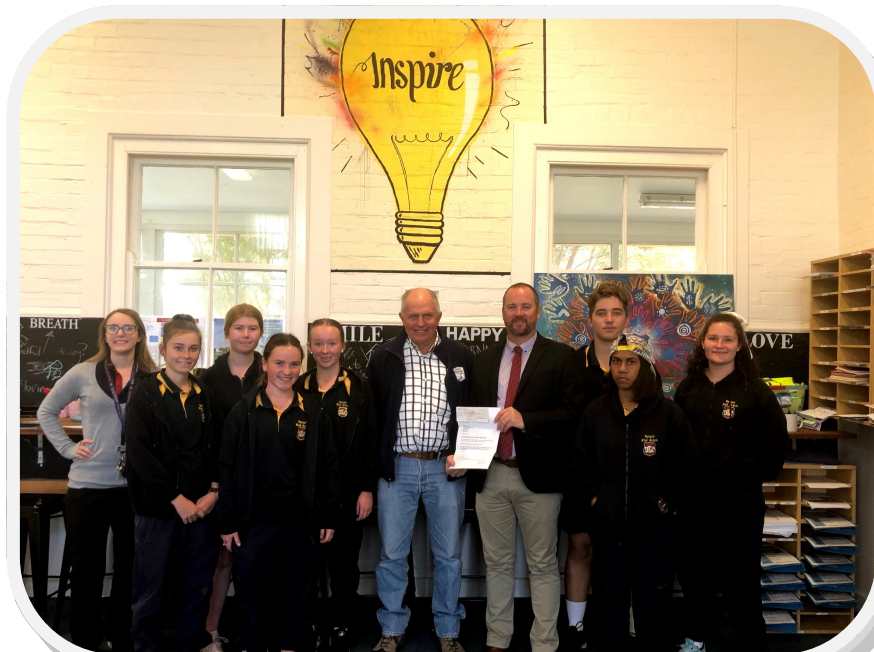
**Thursday 5th July** - Formal Assembly

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

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Nyngan High School Tongling Delegation for 2018 were very lucky to have received donations from Nyngan Toyota (pictured above) and EMC Mining (pictured below) this week. We would like to thank our business partners for these much appreciated donations and look forward to working with you in to the future.



## **Principals Report**

Dear School Community,

Welcome to one of the toughest times in our school year. The weather can be bleak, each of us are busy in our own lives, school/ sport/ sickness/ travel/ family/ work influences all seem to be colliding; and the never-ending cycle of meeting everyone else's needs before our own, can be a draining affair.

These times provide us with countless opportunities: we can either make excuses or progress in each situation. How will you answer the call?



This fortnight I have reminded our staff of a commitment we made at the beginning of the year to ensure we lead the school well- **No Excuses!**

During these trying weeks we must remain tenacious throughout our roles. In the leadership of students, we set the standard and must demonstrate to our kids what it looks like to:

- ◆ Remain focussed on our responsibilities
- ◆ Meet deadlines no matter how busy we become
- ◆ Keep high expectations for learning and behaviour
- ◆ Treat others as you would like to be treated

### **What Does an Education Mean to You?**

Following the long weekend, I had the privilege to spend three days at the annual NSW Secondary Principals Conference. This event is always thought provoking and a great opportunity to learn with and from other Principals, many of whom are very experienced.

Of the many educational areas covered, one emerged as a leading area for my focus at Nyngan High School. ***The challenge of ensuring that we provide the education that each of our students need for their future.*** Education has become much more personalised in recent years and this must be maintained as we progress to a more automated and technologically advanced workforce and future.

However, and it is the big HOWEVER, what we do know is that **as a school we can only control approximately 50% of a student's education.** Longitudinal studies of education and classroom learning have proven that, approximately:

- 50% of influence on education comes from what a student brings to the classroom on a personal level
- 30% of influence comes from the classroom teacher

- 5-10% of influence comes from school leaders such as the Principal
- 5-10% of influence comes from the educational environment

As a school we are working hard on quality teaching, high expectations for learning and behaviour and a professional approach at all levels. We also strive to personalise learning and subject selections from Year 9 onwards, as we best can.

**The most influential layer though is the student and how they approach education.** This encompasses areas such as home life, health, attitudes towards education and attendance. It provokes questions such as:

- ◆ Do you see education as something everyone gets or something you must earn?
- ◆ Is an education an entitlement or a privilege?
- ◆ Why do we go to school at all?

In line with our high expectations and a no excuses attitude, I can confidently say that our teachers and all staff put their 50% into this joint venture each day. Also, if we identify an area for improvement we focus heavily on making progress.

I ask you all, is the other 50% from the student and family being consistently contributed also? If not, how can we provide the education so desperately needed for our young people? An education is something you must earn; a 'contract' entered equally where those who wish to receive it must put their 50% forward. Without the reciprocal effort, you may only end up with half an education.

How will that help you fulfil the future you desire?

***Michael Gibson***  
***Principal***

### **P & C News**

Well we are nearly half way through the year, and a lot of us are very busy with winter sports.

I wish to thank Di Dunn, Glen Fisk, Jody Smith, Mansi Patel, Leonie Ryan, Noelene and Caroline Walsh, Bec Smith, Amie Taylor and Tanya Buchanan for manning the gates at the last two Nyngan Senior Rugby League footy games.

Once again I am asking for volunteers for the next four games. Dates are: 1<sup>st</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> August.

**Shift times are:** 9:30 am to 11:30 am

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Please ring or text me on 0427322205 to volunteer to do a shift. 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 these dates, I thank you and really appreciate it.

Our meetings are held on Mondays - Week 3 and 10 at 5:45 pm in the staff common room. Please come along. Your questions, opinions and suggestions are very welcome and we really encourage this. As Mr Gibson and Mrs Bush attend our meetings they are very informative. I hope to see many new faces at our next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August.

**‘Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in’**

Thank you

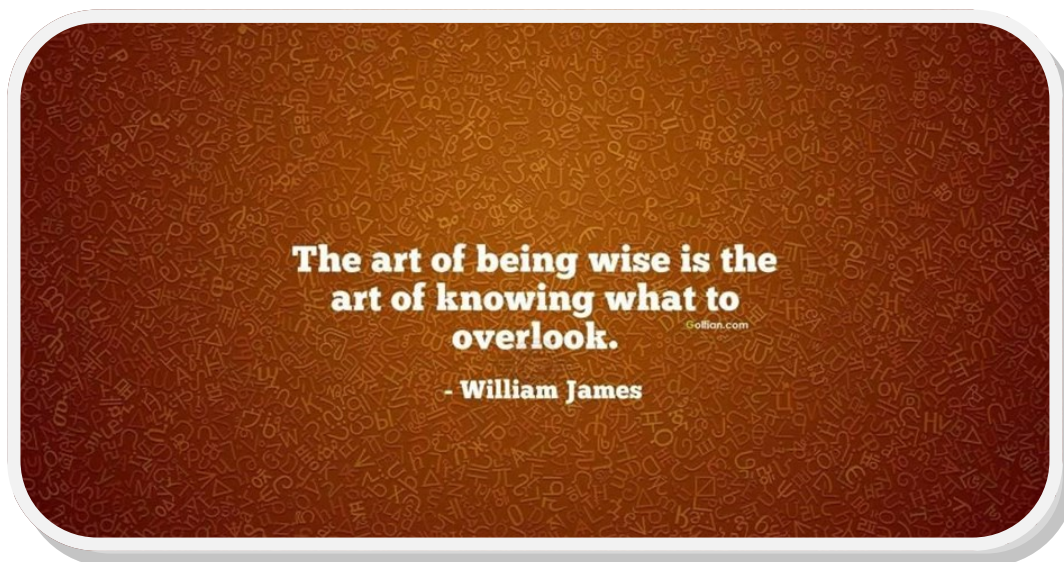
***Neralie Quarmby***  
***P&C President***



## **Deputy Principal Report**

Semester 1 is drawing to a close with only 3 weeks to go. This is a time that is busy, cold and can get a little stressful. It is important to know that there are always people here to help if you are struggling. We are a supportive school community who value caring for each other. If you are a student, a staff member or parent/carer, please know that someone's door is open for you if you need help.

Our Positive Education message is a good reminder that we often hold on to things we don't need. We worry too much about the small things and it can lead us down a negative path. Being wise is knowing when to let something go and picking our battles carefully as we will never win them all. A good way to look at this idea is to ponder whether it will matter in 5 years' time. If the answer is no, we may be spending too much time worrying about it.



Congratulations to all students on another great fortnight of positive behaviour and demonstrating our core values. I am proud of everyone's efforts and look forward to the last few weeks of the term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything.

What will you overlook this week?

***Angie Bush***

***Deputy Principal***



### English/HSIE news...

Certainly a busy time for teachers and students alike, the English faculty is running on all cylinders. Here's a snippet of what's going on inside and even outside classrooms:

**Senior Drama:** Working on their group performances. This is being watched eagerly as these girls have a lot of potential. Reece Painter is working on his Goodfellas monologue which promises to be another cracker from the kid from Gerry.

**Society and Culture:** The Year 12 boys are working conscientiously on their PIPs, wary of the fact that judgement day is just around the corner. Brynn's examination of gender roles and how they are represented in agriculture is intriguing and will be a great read.

**Modern History:** Just returned from a trip to town to attend the Jewish Museum and some seminars at Sydney University. By all accounts, the trip was a great success and will hopefully assist the talented students in reaching their considerable potential.

**Stage 4 LOTE:** Participated in a fantastic cross-faculty afternoon on Monday. Students from Mr Dal Forno's SLR class led the kids from language classes in a series of traditional indigenous games. Great fun was had by all; some photos caught the positive vibe of the session:



*T Miles  
English Head Teacher*



## Stage 5 Food Technology

This week Stage 5 Food Technology created Children's Birthday Cakes as part of their assessment in "Food for Special Occasions". The students worked very hard to create individual cakes and the results speak for themselves. A big thank you to parents who assisted their children with purchasing decorations and goodies to be put on the cakes. They all looked amazing!

***T Orchard***

***Food Technology Teacher***



## **TAS/PDHPE/Careers Report**

**TAS:** The athletics carnival is over and we now move on to the Regional carnival in Dubbo. Mr Dal Forno is currently organising this event and it is wonderful to see so many students eligible to compete.

Good luck to the Girls Rugby Union Team who leave tomorrow for their games in Sydney.

Well done to the girls who travelled to Coonabarabran with Mrs Smith last week to take part in the 7's Rugby Union. They did extremely well to win all but one game and no injuries! As a mum I was very impressed with that.

**Year 10:** Take on Work Experience next week and we are sure they will represent Nyngan High School with 'integrity'. On Thursday there is a Careers Expo in Nyngan and students from Years 8-12 will attend during the day.

**Netball News:** Congratulations to the 29 girls who travelled to Dubbo to compete in the NSW Netball Cup. Our Year 8 girls team made it through to the Regional Final to be held in Orange on 8th August. A big thank you to the girls for their excellent behaviour and showing wonderful sportsmanship on the day and to Miss Horne, Mrs Tulenew and Mrs Smith for assisting on the day. Well done.

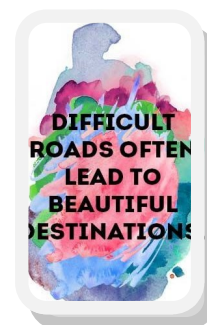
**Year 6 Transition:** Is going well and it is lovely to see their keen and eager faces.

**Merino Sheep Team:** This Friday 22nd June, our team begins training. This week we will be in Room 4 from 7.45am to 8.15am. Before we can get practical we need to know the basics about the animals we are dealing with.

**Classroom Visits:** It is always refreshing to visit rooms and see hands on what everyone is doing. As the term comes to an end in a few weeks the school seems to get busier. I am continually grateful to work in a school that values extra curricular activities and where staff are willing to take on extra roles.

*N Walsh*

*Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE/Careers*



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## **Year 12 Raffle**

**1st Prize      Whole Lamb**

**2nd Prize      Trailer Load of Wood**

**Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 - Tickets will be for sale at the Front Office or look out for our Year 12 students**

*Thank you for your support of Year 12*

***Raffle will be drawn on Friday 3rd August***

Thank you

***T Dal Forno***

***Year 12 Student Advisor***

## Maths/CAPA Report

### **Year 9 Maths**

Year 9 Math enjoyed their lesson using M&M's to create tree diagrams. This is part of their unit on probability with multistage events. An example of this would be finding the probability of choosing a certain colour followed by another such as choosing an orange M&M followed by a red.

The students were able to restrain themselves from eating their M&M's before they finished the activity!

*J Lennon*

### Stage 6 General Maths

General Maths 1 have been humming along pretty well, having recently completed their third assessment task. Zoe has again been the star, setting a new personal best with regards to results whilst also displaying new levels of self-confidence and belief. Jed and Nalani also performed extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts.

Over the next week or two they will be learning about the pitfalls of credit cards and how they can sometimes operate as both a blessing and a curse. Maths lessons coupled with life lessons always make for a fun and engaging time.

I thought I might also use this fortnightly space to just give my thoughts as to how the Newcastle Knights are travelling, allowing you, the reader, an opportunity to ride the emotional rollercoaster of supporting a substandard NRL side with me.

As it currently stands, Newcastle are sitting in 12<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder, three wins adrift of the top 8. Three consecutive home games against the lowly Bulldogs, Eels and Titans are all very winnable games and should see the Knights make a slow climb towards the top 8. If they lose any of those games, finals are out of the question, my support for them will come into question and my mental health will be impacted detrimentally.

*L Matheson*

### Maths

Congratulations to **Year 12 General and Mathematics** and **Year 11 Mathematics** who completed their in class assessment task on Tuesday. Please ask your children how they went in this task when they receive feedback from their teachers.

**Year 10 and Stage 4** are both working on **Statistics**. Stage 4 are learning how to collect, sort and interpret data and Year 10 are drilling into interpretation of data by examining the mean, mode, median and range.

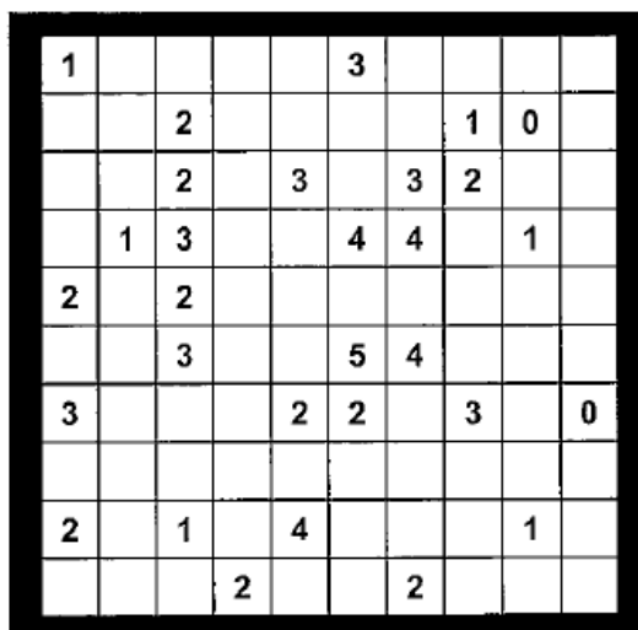
### ***The puzzle for this week is:***

*An amateur coin collector has been out with his metal detector, searching for booty. He didn't have time to dig up all coins he found, so mad a grid map, showing their locations, in the hope that if he loses the map, at least no-one else will understand it...*

*Those squares containing numbers are empty, but where a number appears in a square, it indicated how many coins are located in the squares (up to a maximum of eight) surrounding the numbered one, touching it at any corner or side. There is only one coin in any individual square.*

*Place a circle into every square containing a coin.*

*T Buchanan*





## Art

The artists of Nyngan High School have been very productive this term. Year 12 Visual Arts have been working extremely hard on their Body of Work which are due to be sent to Sydney on the 3rd of September. Year 11 have been working on mini Body of Works practising developing meaning into their artmaking. Stage 5 have studied Pop Artists Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein and have begun creating artworks inspired the PopArt movement. Stage 4 have completed a research task on a portrait artist and are currently study the printmaking method of lino printing.

*E Hughan*

## Music

Back stage in the Music department we have seen a number of exceptional opportunities pop up. Earlier in May, Melanie Bodycott from Year 11 was chosen out of a select bunch of around 20 students to perform for Hillary Clinton as part of the Growth Faculty's Women World Changers conference. Melanie went to Melbourne and then back to Sydney to perform at 'An Evening with Hillary Rodham Clinton'. This was an incredible opportunity provided by Moorambilla, which Melanie was very humble to except. First time on a plane and I'm sure the first, hopefully not the last time she will ever get to work alongside some of today's most inspiring women in politics.

Later in the term Melanie was approached again alongside Kailee Jackson from Year 9 to work with the Moorambilla MAXed Out Company, spending a week in Sydney to record live at Studios 301. Melanie and Kailee were two of twenty students selected to be a part of this amazing opportunity. The 'Yarragaa' CD will be available for purchase in September, showcasing the two girls as well as some of Sydney's finest session musicians.

I'd like to send out a huge congratulations to both girls for their commitment and dedication.

*N Horne*



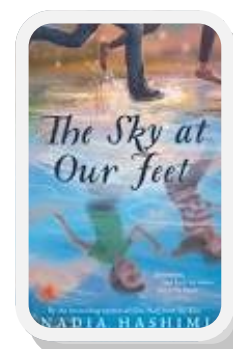
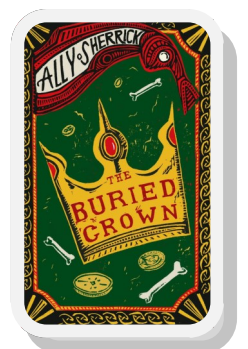
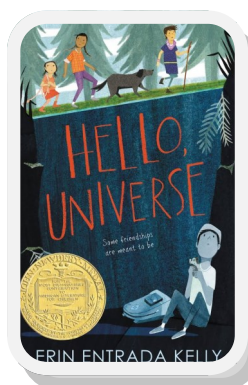
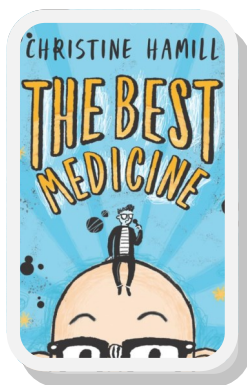


# Checking in with the Chook.

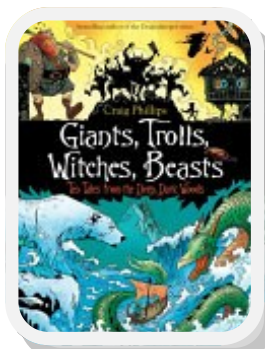
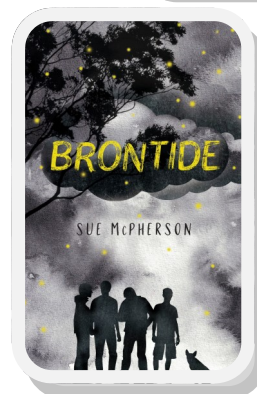
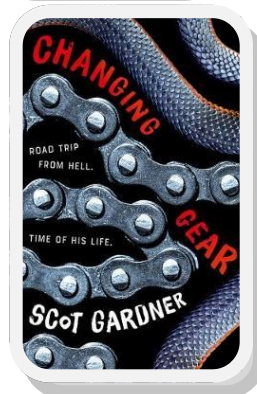
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