



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST, 2018

TERM 3 WEEK 2

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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 2nd August - League Tag Gala Day in Coonabarabran

Friday 3rd August - Regional Athletics Carnival in Dubbo

Monday 6th to Friday 10th August - STEAM Science Festival in Sydney

Monday 6th August - P&C Meeting NHS 5.45pm

Tuesday 7th & 8th August - Year 8 Regional Netball in Orange

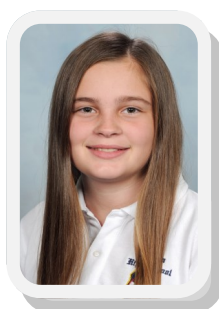
Monday 13th August to Friday 24th August - Trial HSC exams commence

Monday 13th August - AECG Meeting

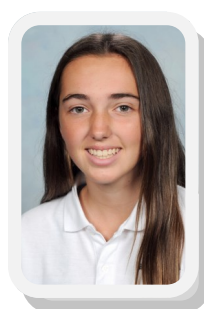
Friday 24th August & Monday 27th August - MID TERM BREAK

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Students of the Term for Term 2



Year 7 Brydie Hoare



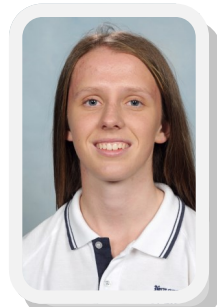
Year 8 Serenity Sheather



Year 9 Mia Taylor



Year 10 Katie Boland

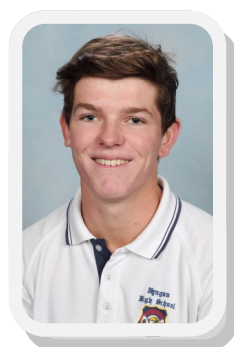


Year 11 Abbey Buchanan



Year 12 Chloe Vernon

Congratulations to students of the term and sportspersons for Term 2

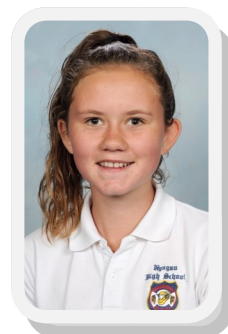


Sportspersons for Term 2

Harry Blake

&

Mia Taylor



Principals Report

Dear School Community,

Welcome back to Term 3. This is by far the most exciting and diverse term in our high school year!

This term encapsulates major exam weeks for Years 11 and 12, NAIDOC Week celebrations in Week 10, the culmination of HSC Major Projects and Performances, Year 12 festivities and farewell assembly prior to the HSC, subject selections for 2019 in Years 8 and 10, the finish of Preliminary HSC courses for Year 11 students, our Year 12 Formal and the Nyngan Ag Expo.

Connecting to Country

The Staff Development Day on Monday 23rd July was a day of Connecting to Country. The day was run by our Nyngan Local AECG and NSW AECG. There was a great array of learning available from local elders, specialists in Aboriginal Education, opportunities to eat traditionally and take in learning on country.

I would like to extend our deepest thanks to Marea for her leadership of the day, Veneta, Raylene and Melissa for their organisation. Thank you to all of our staff for making the day a true event for collaborative learning for our kids and to all those who helped behind the scenes.



Subject Selections

I would like to thank the students and families who attended the information evening on Monday 30th July, for our Year 8 and 10 students regarding their subject choices for 2019/20.

For Year 10 this means making choices which will place them in a good pattern of study to support their future. This is a wonderful time and a chance to shape your future. Picking the “right subjects” is difficult and requires some honest discussions between students, parents and the school. For Year 8 this is the chance to have some say in your subjects and an opportunity to pick some subjects which interest you and will provide you with new and exciting opportunities to develop.

There are some important dates for the next few weeks listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Year 10</u>
Term 3, Week 2 Friday 3 rd August	All students will be interviewed by experienced staff, regarding their subject choices. Students hand in subject selections form if happy.
Term 3	Subject lines will be developed based on student interest in subjects and available school resources. Students will be re-interviewed if their pattern of subjects does not entirely fit the developed lines.
Term 4	Students will receive confirmation of their Preliminary Course selections for 2019.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Year 8</u>
Term 3, Weeks 3 Monday 6 th August	<u>LAST DAY TO HAND IN SUBJECT SELECTIONS FORMS</u>
Term 3	Subject lines will be developed based on student interest in subjects and available school resources. Students will be interviewed if their pattern of subjects does not entirely fit the developed lines.
Term 4	Students will receive confirmation of their Elective selections for 2019.

Year 12's Last Term!!!

This term is a busy and at times, stressful occasion for our HSC students. Significantly, all students will undertake the Trial HSC Exams in weeks 4 and 5, finish their study of courses and celebrate school life in the last week of the term. Many students are finalising major projects and performances and preparing for the educational challenges of the coming months.

I encourage all students to stay on-task until all the work is done. Make sure you maintain a strong work ethic and give your very best. Parents can support their child by making sure there are good amounts of study occurring, along with some relaxation, exercise and good nutrition.

If you need support or would like to get some information on your child's progress, please phone the school and arrange a meeting with the relevant teacher or myself.

Refurbished Cricket Nets

We would like to extend a huge thanks to the following people and companies for helping our school refurbish the cricket nets for the upcoming season and many years ahead:

- ♦ Aeris Tritton Operations, and Anthony Holmes in particular, for providing Nyngan High with the recycled conveyer belt. This donation was a fantastic win for our school and the environment.
- ♦ Greg Woods and Dean Black for their great work in refurbishing the netting, frames and fitting the conveyer belt. Truly top work.

How good are the nets now! They will serve our school and the wider community very well for many years ahead.



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.**

P & C News

I wish to thank the following people for donating their time to man the **Nyngan Senior Rugby League** gates over the last few weeks: Kristin Bunting, Leah McClelland, Lorraine and Matthew Wales, Loretta Pears, Alison Sheather, Mandy Martin, Deanna Stephens, Kirsty Burley, Jo Yeomans, Nikki Russell and Tanya Buchanan.

The Tigers have a home game here on Sunday. Please ring or text me on 0427322205 if you are able to fill the 11:30 am to 1:30 pm shift. I am pretty sure this is our last home game for the season. A big thank you to the **senior Tigers** for giving us this opportunity which allows us to raise funds for the P & C.

A **heartfelt** thank you to Jenny Lane who is still continuing to volunteer her time to sell tickets at the Nyngan RSL on various Friday nights. Jenny's dedication to the P & C is greatly appreciated, she is a great example of a volunteer, a real inspiration.

**‘Here’s to all volunteers, those dedicated people who give selflessly of their time, talent and treasures.
Thank you for making the world a better place’**

Thank you

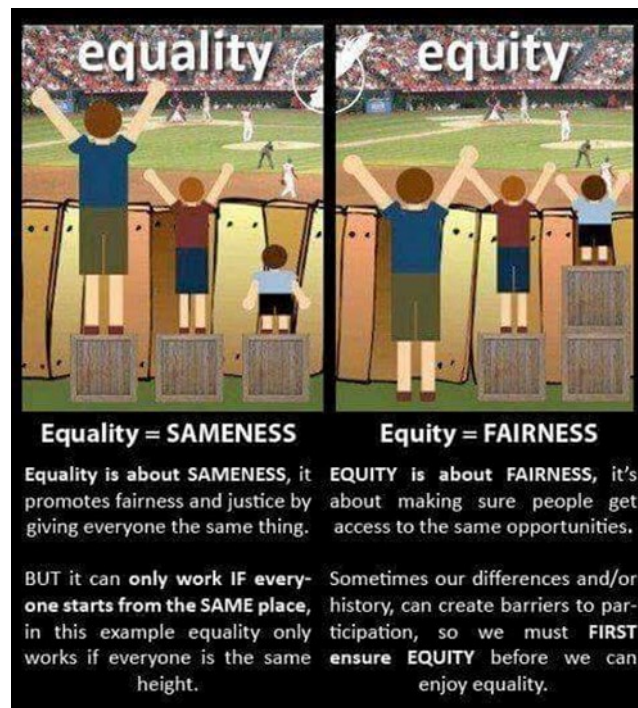
Neralie Quarmby
P&C President



Deputy Principal News

Welcome back to the start of Semester 2. I hope everyone had a restful and fulfilling holiday. It is nice to feel the days getting longer and the weather getting a little warmer. Our staff was welcomed back to the term with a Connecting to Country professional development day which was hugely successful. Congratulations to the local AECG led by Marea Johnson who provided an exceptional day of learning and enabled staff to become better equipped to cater for all students at Nyngan High School and work at decreasing the gap that exists between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children across the entire country in Education.

Our Positive Education focus looks at the virtue of justice and incorporates the character strengths of leadership, fairness and team work. This week we are discussing what we know about equality and equity and the following visual gives an excellent explanation. In life some people are not born equal and need a little extra help to be on the same playing field as everyone else. Maybe someone has lost a leg and needs a walking stick; maybe a student is a little anxious and needs to be met at the door every day, this does mean we meet every student at the front door. At Nyngan High School we cater to the individual needs of students and sometimes this means treating them differently. Fairness isn't about giving everyone receiving equal treatment, but ensuring everyone has access to the same opportunities.



Last week there were 26 positive phone calls home to parents. Many times when students get to high school, parents only get calls or notifications that have a negative connotation or are informing them when a child has misbehaved. Teachers' days are generally filled with many satisfying moments of student engagement and learning and we have decided to share those with parents as much as we can. This doesn't take away from students who may still at times be experiencing difficulty with behaviour or focus but shows that they can also show positive behaviour.

Have an awesome Term 3 and know that our door is always open if you need us.

Angie Bush

Deputy Principal



English/HSIE News

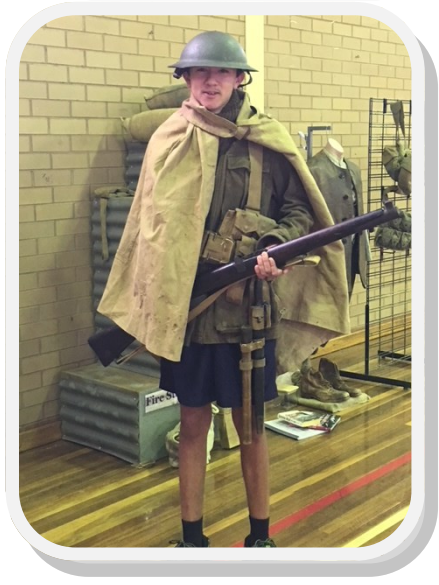
WW1 display

Students at Nyngan High were treated to a fascinating display of World War 1 memorabilia and stories last week.

Visiting historian, Shane Blackman, set up a cross section of a trench and had all the gear and knowledge to bring it to life. Students from all stages learnt about different types of trenches and weapons and the lives of the men in the trenches on different fronts. They learnt about the day-to-day happenings; how useful a letter from a mother-in-law could be when a soldier ran out of toilet paper, and how to knock out a German sentry.

It was a fantastic experience and catered for the different needs of students in different stages.

Here's some photos from the day:



Maths/CAPA News

As always, it is full steam ahead for the staff and students of Nyngan High School.

During the last week Miss Hughan, Miss Horne and Mrs Robb spoke to all **Year 8** and **Year 10** students about what is involved in **Visual Arts, Photography, Music and Dance**, for Stages 5 and 6, concerning subject selections for 2019. If your child still has any questions regarding these subjects, please encourage your child to speak to the relevant teacher.

Year 12 students are very busy in the Mathematics/CAPA department. This week in Mathematics and General 2 Maths students are completing work on series and graphing non-linear physical phenomena respectively. Week 3 will be dedicated to revision for the **Trial HSC in Week 4**. Miss Hughan, Miss Horne, Miss Stafford and Mrs Robb will also be dedicating time in Week 3 for revision for trial examinations in Visual Arts, Music and Dance. Students are encouraged to bring along to class any questions or concepts they are having trouble with so staff can assist. **Year 12 Dance** have been given the date, **14th August**, for when the HSC markers will be in to assess Lucy, Petria, Brittany and Alahna's core performance and composition. A big thank you to Abbey (her birthday), Kailee, Amy and Saranna for learning the dances Year 12 have individually created and performing for the markers. Your time and devotion are truly appreciated! A big thank you also to Miss Stafford and Mrs Robb for the constant support and encouragement they have provided to Year 12 Dance.

Following is the puzzle for Week 2:

The grid should be filled with numbers 1 to 6, so that each number appears just once in every row and column.

The clues refer to the digit totals in the square, eg $A\ 1\ 2\ 3 = 6$ means that the numbers in squares A1, A2 and 3# add up to 6.

1 CDE2 = 11	7 B234 = 7	A	B	C	D	E	F
2 CD3 = 9	8 C45 = 4	1					
3 EF4 = 7	9 D45 = 6	2					
4 AB5 = 10	10 E56 = 7	3					
5 CD6 = 3	11 F56 = 8	4					
6 A12 = 5		5					
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Please submit your answers to the Maths/CAPA staffroom for a merit and a little surprise!

Following are photos of Stage 5 Achievement working on the surface area of a cylinder:



T Buchanan

Head Teacher Maths/CAPA

TAS/PDHPE/Careers News

It has been a busy start to the term and I thank Mr Dal Forno for relieving in my absence.

The Ag Plot is a hive of activity and over the holidays we welcomed new lambs. It is wonderful to see them so healthy and active. Our merino wethers are looking good and are off to Dubbo in Week 6 to compete in the school's competition.

Our three steers seem to always be friendly and are proving to be an asset for us. While they do not go to a show until Term 4, it is important for them to continue to have human contact.

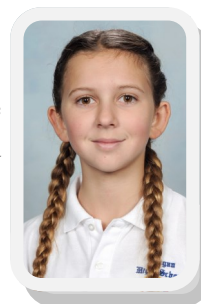
Sport as always is a big part of school life at Nyngan High School and the work the teachers, who coach a team, put in is greatly appreciated. Currently our girls union team is in Sydney, while our league tag heads to Coonabarabran tomorrow. The Year 8 Netball team travel to Orange next Tuesday to compete in the next level of the school cup. We wish all the teams success and look forward to hearing about their adventures.

Regional Athletics

On Friday 3rd August, Mrs Smith heads to Dubbo with 15 students to compete at Regional Athletics. Congratulations to all these students and we wish them all the best for their individual events.

Good luck to Amber Dutton !!

Best wishes to Amber Dutton in Year 8 who, on Tuesday 7th August, competes at Newcastle as part of the Western Region team in the NSW CHSSA Secondary Gymnastics Championships. Amber is a talented gymnast and has been practicing continually to be prepared for this. We wish her every success.



NAIDOC Week

A reminder to all girls interested in performing/dancing at NAIDOC week to see Mrs Walsh to put their name down. Practice is after school at the Public School on Thursday. If you have anymore questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Careers

Year 12 have a busy term ahead with their trials in a few weeks. Congratulations to Jed Hoare, who has been working continually with Mr Webb to finish his major work which is due in on the 16th August.

At this time of year in particular there are many questions that need to be answered about the future. I would like to encourage everyone to visit the Nyngan High School website and in particular the careers section. The information here is up to date and often answers your questions.

If not, please use the site to send me an email. I encourage this as a means of communication as it allows me to answer /reply to you at anytime and also review your concerns/questions.

N Walsh

TAS/PDHPE/Careers Head Teacher

Science/Learning Support

Welcome to Term 3. It's lovely to see the students back and invigorated after the break and ready to learn.

Stage 4 have been super excited to learn about rocks from the topic "Our Earth", it appears that we have a few budding geologists among us!

Stage 5 have now moved onto the Genetics topic. In learning about the structure of DNA, some classes have had a great time creating edible DNA models. In addition Year 10 students have been discussing subject selections, I encourage students and parents to please contact me if they have any questions regarding the science subjects on offer.

Stage 6 Chemistry and Physics now in the final term of the new preliminary syllabus. **Year 12 Biology** are working on the Communication elective and are also consolidating their learning in the lead up to their trial HSC examinations.

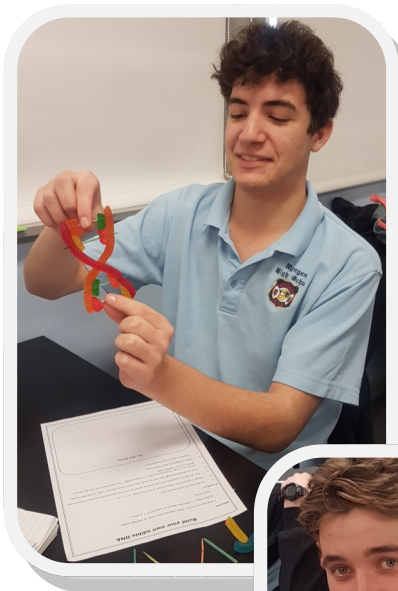
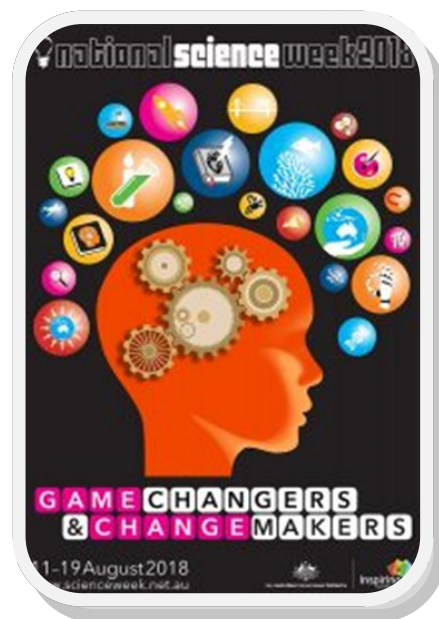
Our learning and support unit students have had a positive start to the term. Currently Abbey Carter is undertaking work experience at Nyngan Preschool.

National Science Week is coming up, to celebrate this, during science week there will be lots of wonderful science based activities running in the library, with some great prizes up for grabs. The theme for the week is Game Changers and Change Makers. I encourage all students to come to the library at lunch times during the week of the 11th to 19th of August, and get involved. Our **STEAM** class is lucky enough to be heading to Sydney next week with Mr White and Miss Strong to participate in a number of Science week activities, this will be a wonderful experience for these students and I look forward to hearing of their adventures and discoveries. A full report on this excursion will be in the next newsletter.

Till then, Happy Discovering!

Emma Partridge

Head Teacher Science/Learning Support





Checking in with the Chook.

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Science Week 13th—17th July

One of the issues that we have seen being raised globally is the impact of our rubbish on the Earth's Oceans. Huge islands of plastic are being formed when the currents trap rubbish in massive gyres. The television show, War on Waste has been bringing to our attention just how much damage is being done and to follow on from this we have decided to create our own small demonstration of the relationship between rubbish and the Reef.

The library will dedicate a corner to the construction of a reef and it's inhabitants make out of rubbish and waste products. Hopefully students will join in demonstrating their creative talents crafting coral, fish, sea weed, or any ocean occupant out of the (clean) rubbish.

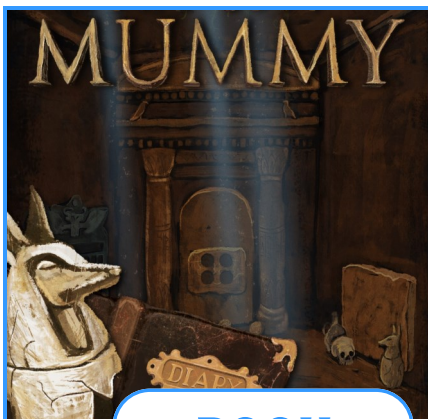
Prizes will be awarded randomly for aptitude, understanding, creativity, dedication, and skill.

The documentary film Blue will be projected on the wall for the whole week.

This is a truly inspiring film. [“BLUE is a cinematic song for our oceans; beautiful, intimate and grand.”](#)



Fearlessly truth-telling, yet passionately hopeful. See this film and you will want to rise up with the waves.”— GREENPEACE AUSTRALIA .



BOOK

Can you find your treasure in the Mummy's Tomb?

Book Week 20th—23rd July is nearly upon us, this year we are doing something a little different.

The theme is ‘Find your treasure’

An escape room will be set up in one of the Senior Study rooms, there will be a series of challenges that need to be completed in order to reveal the treasure.

Make up teams of up to 5 students to complete to escape the Mummy's Tomb with the treasure!