



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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TERM 3 WEEK 10

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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*

**Friday 27th September - Year 12
Farewell Assembly 10.00am school
gymnasium**

**Monday 30th September to Friday
11th October - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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School Captains 2019



Our outgoing School Captains and Vice Captains for 2019 with Mrs Ange Bush, Acting Principal Nyngan High School - pictured from L to R: Abbey Buchanan, Jack Ryan, Mrs Bush, Robbie Robb and Ella Meldrum.



Year 12 student's dressed ready for combat with the teachers in the fun activities yesterday

Principal's Report

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wongaibon people and pay my respects to elders past and present. It is a privilege that we get to work on this land each day and educate our students to build a more inclusive society for all.

Term 3 has come to an end and with that my 10 weeks of Principal. It has been a whirlwind of learning experiences and I am happy to say a very enjoyable one. It has cemented for me the love I have for a challenge; the love I have for Nyngan High School and the love I have for learning; 3 things I encourage each staff member and student of our school to reflect on and build on each day. It is very easy to get bogged down in the stress of our busy lives, but it is also important to think about why we are all here and I hope among many others these three things prevail.

I will go back to the Deputy Principal chair with renewed vigour and hopefully a little more stamina from the lessons I have learnt. It is this resilience I wish to speak about today. Resilience is the ability to recover quickly from difficulties, to spring back from life's adversities. Resilience enables us to keep going and it is toughness and grit that ensures we get there in the end. Nothing worth having is ever easy, but I think life would be very boring if it was. Sometimes it can be easier to blame the situation, the department, the boss, the teacher, the other kids; anything but ourselves. But it is this self-reflection that is necessary to gain progress; to be better. This is not just something students need to do but staff and parents too. Something our farmers can teach us a thing or two about in these devastating times.

We need to build our strength to take feedback both negative and positive and use it to improve. It can be difficult to do but we must try to remember that we may not know everything; just because you think someone is wrong, doesn't mean it is true. Everyone has their own truth and perspective. I encourage everyone to work on their resilience by being grateful, by overcoming the tough times and by asking for help. It's a tough gig this life of ours but it is also a great one and one worth working hard for.



**WE DON'T GROW WHEN
THINGS ARE EASY,
WE GROW WHEN WE
FACE CHALLENGES.**

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Although we will congratulate Year 12 in the coming days at their formal and graduation, I would like to thank them for being such exemplary students of Nyngan High School. As a cohort they have been outstanding; exceptional role models for our younger students. They epitomise resilience, pride and always show an attitude of giving things a go. I am extremely sad to see them leave but as they make their way into the world, I hope their legacy of individuality will be lived through our younger students. I hope the remaining and new students of Nyngan High School can develop the same bravery and confidence to stand up for others and not let what others think of them be the deciding factor in who they become. What a great trait to possess; one we could all gain a lot from.

I would like to thank our school captains of 2019, Abbey, Ella, Robbie and Jack. You are impressive individuals who I have loved getting to know and work alongside. You show initiative, innovation and positivity in all that you do, please do not lose this. Year 12, you will be missed but I am so proud of the individuals Nyngan High School are sending out into the world.

It has been a huge term. We have lacked staff members and been inundated with extra-curricular activities, but we did it. I would like to give a special mention to our relieving DP. I could not have made it through the term without the support and hard work of Mrs Buchanan.

Mrs Buchanan has stepped in to the Deputy Principal role with ease and her openness to learn, look from different perspectives and keep trying even when it seems like there is no solution, has been impressive. Mrs Buchanan has shown that she is a leader of Nyngan High School and is invested in our students' futures. I am extremely grateful for her support.

Thank you to our efficient, professional and capable exec staff, Mrs Walsh, Mr Miles and Mrs Partridge who have continued to grow and rise above adversity, showing resilience every day and modelling this to our staff and students. Thank you to Miss Hughs who joined our team as a relieving head teacher and kept the Maths/CAPA Faculty on track. Your hard work and outstanding time management skills have been appreciated. Thank you to our staff who work in a tiring and emotional field yet show professionalism and stamina to create opportunities for our kids, you are all valued. And to our students I adore you all. You are the reason we are all here and I am so grateful to be part of your life journey. Even though sometimes you push the boundaries, you keep me grounded and certainly teach me 10 times more than I could ever teach you. To everyone in the community and our parents who support our school and me personally, thank you for entrusting us with your children. I honestly walk in and out of school each day happy, which is such a wonderful feeling.

I look forward to working with our new Principal: Mr Benn Wright, who comes to us with an array of experiences and skillsets. I have no doubt Mr Wright will help us continue on our path of improvement and ensure Nyngan High School stays the best school in NSW as Mr Gibson used to say.

I wish everyone a safe and happy spring holiday. I hope that you have an opportunity to spend time with those closest to you. I hope we don't have too many dust storms and maybe just maybe we could get some reprieve from the severity of this awful drought with some rain. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Angie Bush
Acting Principal

P and C News

I wish to thank Mrs Bush, Acting Principal and Mrs Buchanan, Relieving Deputy Principal for their continuing dedication and leadership to our school for Term 3. They are to be commended for keeping the school running to its very high standard. Well done to you both!

I wish to congratulate Mr Benn Wright on his successful application to become our new Principal. Mr Wright will commence at Nyngan High School term four. I extend a very warm welcome to Mr Wright and I look forward to welcoming him and his family to Nyngan.

A huge thank you to Miss Booth for transforming our library into Hogwarts during book week. For her superb efforts Nyngan High School was one of three runners-up from schools across Australia receiving a Harry Potter prize pack valued at \$308.00. Congratulations Miss Booth!

Wow! Congratulations Nyngan High School on a wonderful evening last night at the Year 12 formal dinner. Sincere thanks to everyone involved in making it such a memorable occasion for the students and their families.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students and we wish you all the very best as you start your new adventures...

*'Best of luck for success to be there with you in every walk of life
May all the dreams that your heart holds come true and
May each day of life bring the best for you'*

Thank you

Neralie Quarmby - President



Relieving Deputy Report

Thank you to everyone for a fabulous Term 3! The last 2 weeks have been filled with exciting opportunities and activities for our students: Year 12 HSC Music 1 students and Miss Collier survived the HSC markers, Mr Webb and Troy accompanied Cale, Tyler, Roy C, Kyle and Tobey to the mines and Carol, Lilly, Dakota, Elizabeth and Kailee went to the Rising Stars Leadership Camp at Macquarie University with Raylene for 4 days.

I am thankful for the privilege of being the Relieving Deputy for this term. This term has had a few challenges covering classes but the staff of Nyngan High School stepped up to the plate and helped each other out; no job has been too big and for this I am grateful. Our SASS and SLSO staff are tremendous as they assist the teaching staff to do their job and provide quality opportunities for the students of Nyngan High School. I have left the best to last...our students. They are honest, reliable, have each other's back and are the easiest students to teach as they are willing to learn. Thank you for making our job easy!

Punctuality is a sign of professionalism and helps you stand out as a reliable and trustworthy employee and students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels. The following students were recognised at the Formal Assembly this week for 100% attendance: Jasmine Bourke, Zoe Lord, Jack Buchanan, Jesse Gonzalez, Fira Tresnawati and Max Hoare.

The Positive Education Awards are decided and beautifully written by our amazing year advisors and I would like to share with you these awards:

Grace Williams has implemented a positive attitude throughout the term in a range of contexts, demonstrating an acceptance of diversity and inclusivity through her kind gestures, such as her lovely cupcakes of which we want more, allowing for a positive growth mindset.

Tyson Deebank is always willing to put his hand up to give opportunities a go. He is a role model to his peers and some-one people should aspire to be like.

Shannon Bourke is consistently striving to be the best member of Nyngan High School he can be. He is forever displaying pride in his school and proves to be a friend to all, going above and beyond to help any of his peers. He has an unwavering enthusiasm and determination that makes him an incredibly positive influence to those around him.

William Gudgeon is a constant positive force around Nyngan High School, accepting people for who they are and standing up for what is right. Will has made excellent contributions to Year Advisor workshops, demonstrating his willingness to learn and improve himself and the school. He demonstrated his understanding of identity, stereotypes and showed genuine empathy for others.

Harley Yeomans brings along a ray of infectious positive energy, a great sense of humour and a fantastic attitude every day. She has worked tirelessly throughout the term showing great leadership skills with her invaluable contribution to the SRC. Keep up the good work.

Have a relaxing holiday and recharge the batteries for a busy Term 4.

Tanya Buchanan
Relieving Deputy Principal



Year 12 Fun Activities



TAS Faculty

Wow what a term it has been. Firstly on behalf of the TAS faculty I would like to recognise the work that Mrs Bush and Mrs Buchanan have done throughout this term. Their leadership has been supportive and inspiring. To my own faculty members thank you for a huge term and always being so willing to step in and support.

It is time to say goodbye to Year 12. We wish them every happiness and success as they embark on the next step of their journey in life. We will miss you popping in to our faculty and feeling at home. We have enjoyed teaching you and watching you grow into mature young adults.



Next term I will be taking some leave so that when I return I can dance in to the classroom and not limp. Miss Stafford will be the relieving Head Teacher and I know my faculty is in good hands.

A huge thank you to Mr Dal Forno for taking the students to Dubbo last Friday for a visit to Charles Sturt University. The students enjoyed the insight of what university life is about and hopefully it may have sparked some ideas.



This week Year 9 Peer Support Leaders completed their training ready for their Burrendong excursion with the 2010 Year 7 students in February. We trust you found the training very useful.

Congratulations to Year 11 students who completed their Preliminary Final exams last week. We look forward to seeing your eager faces Term 4 when Year 12 starts and the hard work really begins.

A special mention to Mrs Smith, Mrs Milligan and Ms Booth for all their assistance in the TAS faculty this term. Your unconditional support has been very much appreciated.



Mrs Walsh
Head Teacher TAS

Mandatory Technology – Food Technology

What a wonderful term Mandatory Technology 1 and 4 have had cooking in the Hospitality Trade Centre!

Each practical class focused on a different cooking technique such as measuring dough for quality control for Choc Chip Cookies, trying out different pastry folding for Sausage Rolls, using a slicing technique to chiffonade a lettuce leaf for San Choy Bau, the scoop and scrape technique for Mini Chocolate Brownies, monitoring the cooking time for the perfect Chocolate Lava Cake and seeing the difference in consistency between cake mixture and muffin mixture for Blueberry Muffins.

Students were given a recipe book at the beginning of the term to put their recipes in. They will get to take them home this week as next term they will be sewing and weaving for Textiles Technology.

C Milligan
MC class Teacher



Tasty creations from
Mandatory
Technology 1 & 4

Yummo !!



Maths/CAPA News

And so Term 3 for Maths/CAPA faculty has come to an end.

This fortnight Miss Hughan had to admit defeat as her attempt to melt all the Stage 4 Art clay monsters failed. Which may spell doom for us all as the monsters now have free reign of the Art room. I think we should be safe as long as we don't feed them after midnight and keep them away from water.

Art in Stage 5 is top secret, but an informant has revealed that they are hard at work on their drawing skills and glazing their pottery.

Stage 6 Visual Arts have been focusing on critical and historical studies, they have been putting themselves to the test analysing a variety of unseen artworks. They have been using the frames, conceptual frame work and artmaking practice to decode and deconstruct artworks and then writing about them using TEEL paragraphs.

Stage 6 Photography have been watching "Howl's Moving Castle" and writing about the ideas and actions of Hayo Miyazaki. While STILL working on their stop motion animations.

Miss Collier's **Stage 4 Music** classes have had a focus on music found in games which has led to some very interesting insights, and quite frankly a whole list of games that will be played during the holidays. No matter how playful they are, they have also been hard at work completing their performance piece 'Oh, Pretty Woman'. And what pretty people they are.

In Stage 5 Music, students are getting close to performing their piece 'Dumb Things' – the song that is.

Stage 6 students I'm sure are relieved that they have survived their HSC Performance day and are looking forward to a well-deserved break from performing. They are now working on revision for their Aural exam.

In Maths, Mr Lennon's **Stage 4** class have started looking at congruent figures which is leading into proving that triangles are congruent using congruency rules for triangles. I don't know what that means but I'm sure all the Stage 4 do!

Students in 50 have started learning what I believe to be some form of code, Mr Lennon says it's called 'algebra'. I just don't understand why he keeps asking everyone to find his "x".

In Extension 1 Abbey is relieved to have completed her last class for extension 1 in Maths. Her next milestone is her HSC exams. We wish her and all of Year 12 the best for their exams.

E Collier
Maths/CAPA faulty



Science/Special Education

The end of term has arrived, it's hard to believe! Students have been working really hard in Science and Special Education right to the end.

The MC students have had visits to the supermarket and have been purchasing ingredients to produce all sorts of yummy meals and treats.

Breanna Henry, Amber Dutton, Ashleigh Hall, Toby Palmer, Jack Meldrum and Latrell Weldon attended the Lake Burrendong STEM Camp this term with a focus on Aboriginal Education in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Day 1 had students off to the races with dreamtime Maths, coding, cultural yarning, and stellar navigating. Day 2 of the camp saw them heading over to the Parkes Radio Telescope where they learnt a bunch about the telescope and astronomy. Day 3 was experimenting with boomerangs and drones, Jack even won a boomerang. They all had a great time with the activities the NSW AECG had organised. Students can check their student emails for a copy of all the great photos taken. Thank you to Mr Casley for giving up some of his mid-term break to allow our students to attend.

Stage 4 Science are learning about the human body with some fabulous activities happening in class, such as producing booklets to teach primary students about the different systems of the human body, to designing and producing Bionic arms!

Stage 5 Science have completed the Chemistry topic and are now studying Biology. Students have been learning about and studying various ecosystems, including walking to the Bogan River to look at the Biotic and Abiotic features of our own local ecosystem.

iSTEM have wrapped up their dragster challenge and are having fun doing STEM escape rooms.

Our seniors have finally made it! With both Year 11 and 12 having now completed their courses. Best of luck to Year 12, 2019 for their HSC examinations and best wishes for their future and all the exciting things ahead.

Unfortunately as the term ends, we are also saying farewell to Miss Hoy who has been with us for the last four weeks, doing her prac. teaching in Science. She has been a real asset to the team and we wish her well as she continues with her studies.

For everyone else, best wishes for a restful holiday and I look forward to working with everyone next term.

Emma Partridge

Head Teacher Science/Special Education



Happenings in Science



Checking in with the Chook.

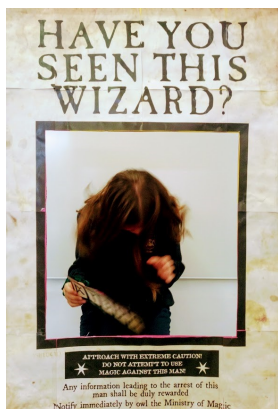
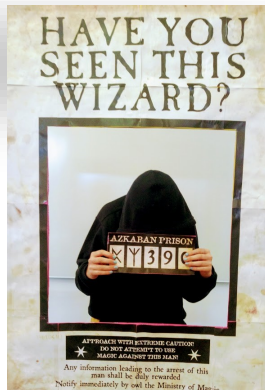
ESCAPE ROOMS A SUCCESS!

All students with either zero or only one negative Sentral entry were given the chance to take part in an Escape Room experience this week for being such great representatives of Nyngan High.

Four groups immersed themselves in Hogwarts to search for some missing Snitches (the tiny but very fast flying ball that is the ultimate prize in Quiddich). All teams managed to crack the codes, solve the puzzles, and work out the clues to find the essential Quiddich equipment. All teams enjoyed the opportunity to think outside the square and have some fun at the same time. In related news, the school has won a \$300 package of JK Rowling books because of the transformation of the library into Hogwarrts.



Students are warned to look out for the dodgy wizards pictured below, they are armed and dangerous.



Premiers Reading Challenge Superstars!

Three of our best and brightest managed to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge this year by reading and logging 20 books between the start of the challenge in March and the conclusion at the end of August.

This year the sisters were doing it for themselves, with all three winners being of the female gender...girls really can do anything!

As a reward all three were taken for a tasty lunch at Mart's Café and shared stories of their favourite books encountered while taking part in the challenge. After lunch the serious business of establishing a Wii champion took place in the library as they battled till the bell.



The Superstars

Cate, Tsitsi and Jasmine were spotted by photographers as they sashayed down the red carpet to their PRC winners excursion.

They will be available for autographs when their schedules permit.



SRC Report Term 3

This term the SRC have been working very hard to assist and facilitate activities in the school and in the community.

We have started up our regular visits to the Mick Glennie, these visits are always extremely enjoyable for the students and have allowed us to gain new insights. We always get many great laughs on the stories told from the residents and it is often the highlight of our days. Thank you to Richard and Mrs Robb for taking us down and taking time out of their day. We also thank Rebecca Harris and the Mick Glennie Hostel for being so welcoming to us.

At the start of the term we brainstormed ideas of what events we wanted to run in the school for this term. We decided to plan a footy colours day and donate the proceeds to Nyngan CanAssist. The day was a great success with a few great roosters jumpers on display and many other less exciting ones as well. There were delicious treats being sold at the cake stall for bargain prices and lunchtime activities providing great entertainment for an assortment of staff and students. In the end we raised \$320.00, we are glad to see that this money will be used to help vulnerable people in our community.

A big thankyou to everyone who helped, especially to Byron Warren and the NRL for donating the great prizes.



The SRC have also decided to become a part of The Blue Tree Project. Angie White spoke to us about this project where we paint a tree blue to raise awareness for mental health. The Blue Tree Project aims to encourage people to start difficult conversations about mental health and open up if they are suffering from depression or anxiety. We are still in the planning stage of this endeavour with Angie and the Bogan Shire Council but we do hope that this small act will make a great change in our community.



Please mark Wednesday 30th October on your calendar. The SRC will be cooking Breakfast and we are sure the Bacon & Egg rolls will be perfect. Look out for the flyers and notices early next term and join us in assisting to raising funds for our Breakfast Club at school and future SRC endeavours.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable if ever so slightly crazy term and look forward to bringing many more great days and plans into the future.

Remember:



Jack Buchanan
SRC Secretary

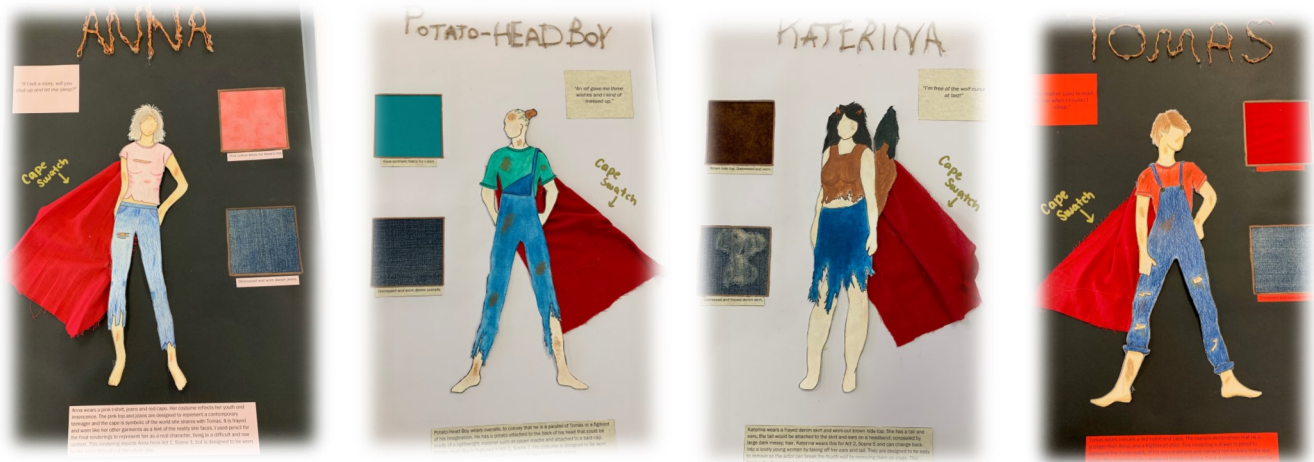
English News

It's been a helter skelter term for the English Faculty; and it's time for a quick breather one feels!

Around the classes:

All of our Year 12 students are done, and what a year group it is. In my time I've not come across a group of such decent young adults and I speak on behalf of all Year 12 teachers when I say it's been an absolute pleasure.

Melanie Bodycott's project for Drama - Melanie completed her costumes designs for Drama HSC Individual Project. She designed costumes for 'Stories in the Dark' by Deborah Oswald a play about the power of story telling in a difficult setting. Both the protagonists are orphans living in a war torn city. Congratulations Mel for all your hard work on this and a shout out to Miss Hughs for all her artistic advice and support.



Society and Culture had one last Japanese cooking and culture lesson. Bailey said eating gyoza and drinking green tea was a real eye-opener! Abbey and Reuben are finished the course and should do really well in their final exam.



Mr Partridge is confident his standard English class can utilise their fantastic work ethic to score high in their exams.

Miss Rixon's Legal Studies have all the tools for success also.

Go hard on the books in the holidays, success in the HSC opens up many doors and provides life changing opportunities.

Finally, congratulations to Miss Scott who is the Learning and Support Teacher for 2020 and the irrepressible Miss Boyden who takes on the permanent job in the English faculty; a much deserved appointment.

T Miles
Head Teacher English

