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THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 2019

TERM 4 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*

Tuesday 22nd to Saturday 26th October - Sydney Drama Excursion

Wednesday 23rd October - 15's Netball Gala Day Larkin Oval Nyngan

Monday 28th October - P&C Meeting 5.45pm

Monday 28th October - GRIP Student Leadership Conference Dubbo

Monday 4th November - Stage 5 exams commence

Monday 11th November - Stage 4 Exams Commence

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Term 3 Students of the Term



Joe Healey Year 7



Ella Rose Year 8



Jack Buchanan Year 9



Fallon McClelland Year 10



Bailey McBrien Year 11



Ella Meldrum Year 12

Sports Persons Term 3



Jade Wye



Brett Moon

Cale Dunn



Jackson Cox



Saranna Fisk

Principal Report

I will start by saying thank you. Thank you to the whole community who have been so inviting, accepting and welcoming to my family and I. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks as a resident of the Bogan Shire and look forward to many, many more ahead.

I also want to say thank you for the brilliant professionalism the staff demonstrated while the search for a new Principal was taking place. Thank you in particular to Mrs Bush, Mrs Buchanan and Ms Hughan for relieving in new duties during this time.

I was very pleased to attend the morning tea with the NSW Governor alongside our School Captains and Mrs Bush. It was a lovely way in which to meet community members and our Captains spoke with the Governor at length on a range of issues.

I have been getting to know the students over the last few weeks and will endeavour to know as many names as possible by the end of the year. I spoke with the students during Week 1 on my two core values; 'Honesty' and 'Integrity'. I believe these two values set us all up to succeed in life and give us an easy framework to work by. Being honest and humble in what we can and cannot do and what we want to do is a foundation for learning. If we are humble and honest with our skills, then we as students and lifelong learners can identify areas of needed growth or areas in which we excel.

Having integrity is essential. Being trustworthy and dependable is a core value that I would hope for all our students. Developing and supporting these actions, and an individual's integrity coming to the forefront, even after a negative incident is something I aim to promote moving forward.

On the Friday of Week 1, I had the pleasure of attending the Local Aboriginal Land Council and spoke with the committee about education and a range of initiatives in planning and in place in Nyngan. It is very exciting to work alongside such proud and passionate people. I am thankful for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

I wish the HSC students all the best as they complete their examinations. I am impressed with the diligence of students coming in and working hard with their teachers in the last few weeks. These efforts pay off in the long term, sometimes in marks but more so in work habits and approaches to achieving your best. Well done Year 12!

We have handed out the HSC Assessment booklets for Year 12 2020 and we are straight into preparing our students for the rigours of the HSC for 2020. Students are well aware of their requirements and the opportunities they have coming up in the next 12 months.

I look forward to meeting and speaking with in the coming weeks, months and years. Please come in and see me or stop me for a chat if we cross paths.

HSC NATIONAL MINIMUM STANDARDS

Students are required to sit tests of reading, writing and maths for everyday life. Students get two chances a year to pass each of the tests from Year 10 until a few years after the HSC.

If your student passes the online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills they will show they've met the HSC minimum standard.

The standard is set at level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), which means students will have the basic reading, writing and maths skills needed for everyday tasks and future learning after school. It includes skills for tasks such as:

- following safety instructions in equipment manuals
- understanding a mobile phone plan
- writing a job application
- creating a personal weekly budget

Students in Years 10 and 11 who need to sit the online HSC National Minimum Standard testing will be able to attempt the tests between Week 4 to Week 6. Students will need to contact the coordinator to organise a time and nomination for the testing. They will also need to download a lockdown browser onto their device, or alternatively use one of the pre-downloaded school devices.

As a school we would encourage all students in Year 10 and 11 who are required to sit the testing to do so this term in order to get a clear idea of how they are going moving into 2020.

Benn Wright - Principal Nyngan High School

School Spectacular - offer of tickets

Dear Families/Caregivers and students,

We are excited to announce we have very kindly been offered tickets for students to attend any of the performances of School Spectacular, 2019.

If you wish to attend any of the shows please come to the front office during Week 3 and we can organise tickets to the show you wish to attend. The offer is for **show tickets only**; families/caregivers and students will need to organise their own travel and accommodation.

We sincerely thank Rosemary Davis, Director, Arts, Sports and Initiatives for this very kind offer.

Benn Wright
Principal
Nyngan High School



The banner features a dark background with a starry, blue and green light effect. In the top left is the NSW Government logo. In the top right is the Schools Spectacular 2019 logo, which consists of three overlapping circles in blue, green, and yellow. The word 'SPECTACULAR' is written in large, white, outlined letters, with each letter containing a different image of a performer. Below the word 'SPECTACULAR' is the text 'SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2019' in white, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom left is the Ticketek logo, and at the bottom right is the text 'QUDOS BANK ARENA FRI 22 & SAT 23 NOVEMBER' in blue, bold, sans-serif font.

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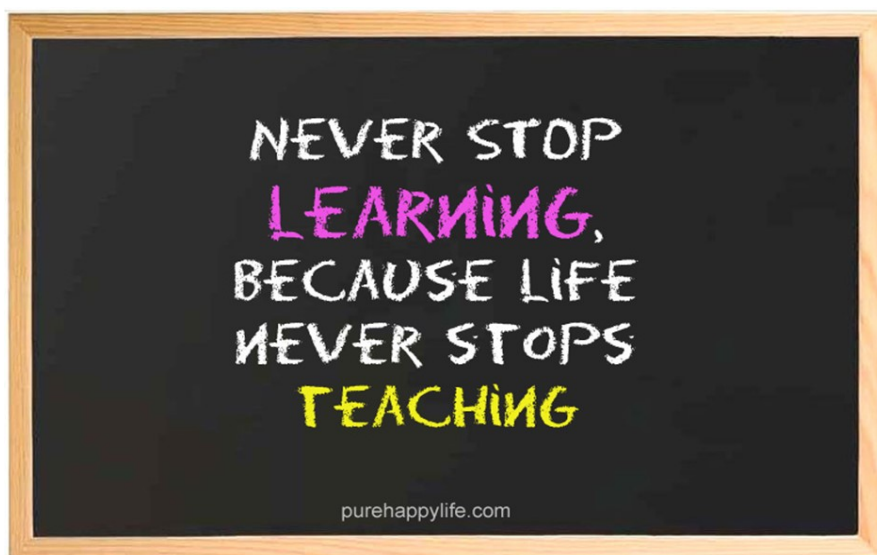
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Deputy Principal News

Welcome to Term 4, our busiest term finishing up our content for the year and preparing for 2020. Our Year 12s have started their Higher School Certificate and it is great to see our students studying hard to prepare for their future. We have also had lots of students applying for apprenticeships and their work ethic and attitude during this time has been extremely commendable. Our younger students are heading in to their yearly exams and although they may be significantly less stressful than the HSC, they are a great way to start the studying process and show dedication and pride in their schooling.

Our Positive Education focus for this week is to keep learning. Whenever we think we have nothing left to learn, I think we are admitting failure. From my friend's new born baby learning to drink to my 90 year old pop who has an iphone...we all have something to learn. Life is always there to teach us something, something hard, something easy, something we don't want to know...but always a learning experience. Let's be grateful we have this opportunity as not everyone is so lucky.



I'm grateful to be back in my normal chair interacting and chatting with the students and solving problems. I look forward to a great term ahead. The first week back at Nyngan High School was extremely pleasing and students were meeting high expectations, particularly in the later part of the week. Let us continue on this path of success for Term 4. As always, my door is always open to staff, students and parents should you have any concerns.

Angie Bush
Deputy Principal

P and C News

I wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new Principal, Mr Benn Wright.

Our next meeting is on Monday 28th October at 5:45 pm in the common room.

'Welcome the new day with a smile on your face, love in your heart and good thoughts in your mind'

Thank you
Neralie Quarmby - President



Aboriginal Education Report

This year, the Nyngan High School Aboriginal Education Team have designed and created a logo that represents Aboriginal Education at our school. Using LOTE classes, students were given the task of designing their own logos.

Ideas from Ethan Eckhart, Shannon Bourke, Dan Kennedy and Sonny Knight were combined, and elements of their designs incorporated into the new logo. We also looked at all the other designs and upon seeing a common theme, realised that all students have had their designs represented.



The logo was designed to tell the story of the school, a central meeting place of learning represented by the circles. The blue lines that lead to the school represent foot tracks. The notion of leaving the school as bigger and better human beings is represented by the larger blue lines and the orange wavy lines representing a path. The accompanying words Wangaaypuwan meaning Wongaibon; the traditional owners of this land and Thiipikarri (our garden) meaning to know/to learn knowledge.

You will be seeing this logo on correspondence and information relating to Aboriginal Education in future at Nyngan High School.

Tristan Dal Forno
(Aboriginal Education Team Secretary)

TAS/PDHPE Newsletter Report

A very special welcome to Term 4 from the TAS/PDHPE faculty. We have started with a bang and this term is packed full of sporting activities, work placement, work experience and awesome learning experiences in each of our classes.

We welcome Mrs Robb back into the faculty after being on loan to Maths/CAPA. Mrs Robb will be taking a mixture of VET Primary Industries, Exploring Early Childhood, PASS and Science classes this term. Mrs Noelene Walsh will be on extended leave up until Week 8 after having an operation. We definitely miss her and wish her a speedy recovery. We are sure she will be up and beating Dalf in a running race in no time.

Mr Dal Forno is smashing it as Sports Organiser and has spent countless hours coordinating our sporting endeavours for Term 4. The Under 15s Divisional day is being held in Nyngan on Wednesday 23rd October with winners progressing to Orange, to be held during Week 4. This same week will also see our 14s and Opens League Tag teams compete in a gala day in Dubbo.

Willyama High School unfortunately had to forfeit against our Opens Cricket team who will now play the winner of the Parkes and Dubbo game in Nyngan, to be announced at a later date. We wish all our sporting teams the best of luck as they continue to represent Nyngan High School to the best of their ability.

Term 4 also signifies the start of a new cohort completing Major Works in each of our classes. Students should be finalising their chosen projects in Timber, Dance and their topics for the Individual Research Project in CAFS. We look forward to seeing how these projects take shape over the coming year.

Stage 5 PDHPE have begun a new unit of work titled "My Independence" where students explore a variety of decisions they will need to make as they grow up and move beyond school. They explore future challenges and opportunities, including applying for a job, moving out of home, obtaining a Medicare card, buying a car and participating in a lifetime of physical activity.

Stage 4 PDHPE have also begun a new unit of work titled "I've Got Your Back" where students explore the skills and strategies needed when seeking help for themselves and others. Students will delve into real-life first aid in both a theoretical and practical setting.

Tiarna Stafford

TAS/PDHPE Head Teacher (Rel)



Maths/CAPA News

This fortnight in Music:

Once again, I am so proud of the 3 students, Whitney, Carol and Kailee, for performing so well at Moorambilla in the holidays. They had fantastic stage presence and performed their parts with enthusiasm.

Moorambilla is incredibly excited to have the MAXedOUT Company heading to Sydney to be a part of an ABC Compass Recording/Documentary. Nyngan High School is really excited as our own **Carol Lord** has been offered a place in this selected tour group. This is an invaluable opportunity to represent Nyngan High School and Moorambilla to a wide audience and showcase her talent and creativity. Congratulations Carol!

In Stage 4 Music, we have had some fun with rhythms. During a more mathematical minded challenge, students created and used a cube covered in different rhythmic patterns to create a composition to perform on the djembe, maracas and clapsticks. I was blown away by their enthusiasm to hit stuff in a consistent manner, my standouts for the week are Cooper, Zoe, Latrell and Tiana.

As we move on to other areas of focus, I would ask if any of you eat ice-cream and have some plastic ice-cream lids or buckets at home to clean them out and bring them in. Same goes for 1.25L soft drink bottles with their lids (I need around 90). I have some big projects in mind and would love to see you bring these in if you have them, and if not, ice cream and soft drink consumed for the greater good of music surely can't contain calories.

Stage 5 Music students have also impressed me with their ability to solve rhythmic challenges this week to play unseen pieces using only my solfa bells. Shout out to Jesse (last time I get to do that!), Holly and Chyshanna this week for getting up and trying new things.

Stage 6 Music students are learning parts to their performances for HSC already and learning about the instrument families and their repertoire.

Please remember, **Stage 4 and 5 Music** students have an exam this term! Make sure you are studying!

Stage 4 Mathematics are studying Statistics where they are collecting, sorting and analysing data. 40 are conducting a census of Nyngan High School to find out the average number of children in the families. They are amazed that some families have 1 child but other families have 10! The semester exams for Stage 4 are all on **Tuesday November 12th**.

Stage 5 are studying equations including solving algebraic fractions, binomial expansions and inverse operations. The semester exams for Stage 5 are: 5MAO and 5MAA are on **Tuesday November 5th**, 5MAV is on **Wednesday November 6th** and 5MAE is on **Thursday November 7th**.

All Stage 4 and 5 classes will be doing some revision in class but the responsibility lies with the student. Ways in which they can revise the content is from using their books, past in class test and utilising Mathletics.

Year 11 are settling nicely into their new classes for the HSC year and by all accounts are working very hard and completing homework.

Best wishes are extended to Year 12 who sit **Mathematics Standard 2 on Friday from 9:20 to 12:00**, **Mathematics on the same day from 1:55 to 5:00** and **Mathematics Extension 1 on Monday 4th November from 9:25 to 11:30**. We hope your diligence and commitment pays off.

A little puzzle for you to ponder this fortnight:

A group of 49 Year 9 students are trying to cross a river. There is only 1 raft available and it can hold 7 people. It takes 3 minutes to get to the other side of the river.

How long will it take for all 49 of the Year 9 students to cross the river?

Tanya Buchanan

Head Teacher Maths/CAPA

What's happening in English and HSIE?

As we commence Term 4, we'd like to give you a look at some of the things we are very excited about in the English/HSIE faculty!

English

Stage 5 English:

They have hit the ground running in Term 4 by finished off some awesome multimodal texts for our unit in William Shakespeare's "Macbeth".

Macbeth is a play about one man and his thirst for power. Although the play was written hundreds of years ago, Stage 5 have been absolutely loving it, and we have absolutely been loving their assessment tasks so far! Jack Meldrum's prop that he made with the help of Mr Webb is fantastic, and Jaidyn Wherrit's scrapbook of letters from the characters is beautifully done.

Fun Macbeth fact!

"Macbeth" is said to be a CURSED PLAY! If someone says "Macbeth" in a theatre, they have to walk around three times and then spit on the ground to avoid the curse.

Stage 6 English:

As the HSC begins, Year 11 move in to Year 12 and begin their first HSC module: *Texts and Human Experiences*. During the Module, they will study the film *Billy Elliot*, a film about a young British boy that discovers a love of ballet. In the meantime, everyone in the English/HSIE faculty is wishing Year 12 the best of luck with the remainder of their HSC exams.

HSIE

Stage 4:

Stage 4 have started an assessment task for their unit "Water in the World". Their task is a geographical report which deals with a natural disaster of their choice. The majority of Stage 4 have chosen to research the Nyngan flood and have been asking a lot of the staff members about their own experiences. They have also been looking at all of the amazing resources we have in the library to help them out!

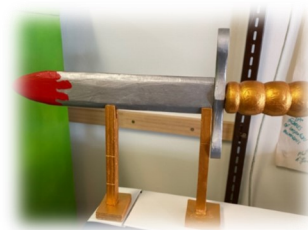
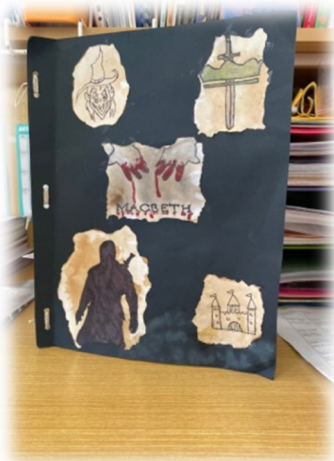
DID YOU KNOW? (Water in the World edition)

75% of the human brain is water and 75% of a living tree is water.

A person can live about a month without food, but only about a week without water.

There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed.

The water from your tap could contain molecules that dinosaurs drank.



A Boyden
English/HSIE

Science/Special Education

Welcome back to Term 4!

Firstly I would like to wish our Year 12 students good luck for their HSC, they have worked hard and deserve all the success coming their way. It has been pleasing to see them coming into school seeking help from their teachers and they should be encouraged to do this till the end.

Stage 4 have started a new topic this term on the Solar System and will also have an in class practical assessment task this week and next week, in which they can complete the write up at home. Please support your children and encourage them to apply themselves to this task.

Year 8 will have their VALID testing in the next two weeks, please see the attached note for further information and do not hesitate to contact myself if you have questions regarding this testing.

Stage 5 are continuing on their Ecosystem topic, learning about cycles through nature this week. They too will be working on their research projects during the first half of the term, so be sure to ask your child about their chosen task.

Year 11's have now all started there HSC modules and have impressed staff with the commitment which they have shown from day 1. Well done Year 11.

On Friday we will have a visit from Mr David Arnall who has accepted a Science/Maths teaching position for 2020, we are looking forward to welcoming David and his family to the community.

Till next time, keep discovering!

Emma Partridge

Head Teacher Science/Special Education



Year 12 Formal Assembly



Deputy Principal
Ange Bush

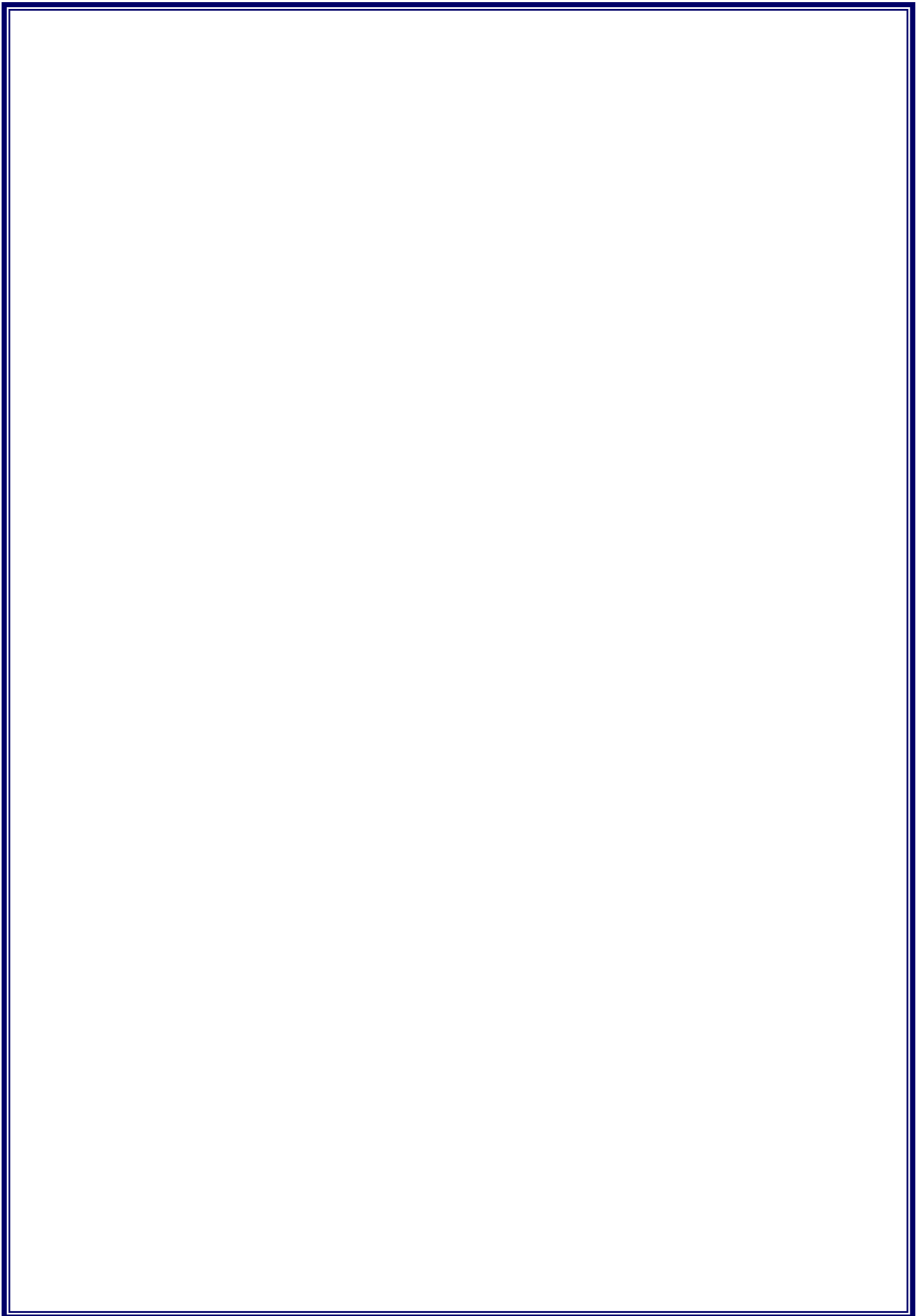
Vice Captain -
Caroline Walsh

Vice Captain -
Xander Wood

Captain - Bill
Quarmby

Captain - Bailey
McBrien

2020 School Captains and Vice Captains



Checking in with the Chook.

Winner, winner,
chicken dinner!

We were delighted to discover that our Hogwarts library dress up had won one of only three runner up prizes in the recent Bloomsbury Publishing 'Transform your classroom into Hogwarts' contest.

A prize box with over \$300 of beautiful Harry Potter, and Harry Potter adjacent books arrived and are now displayed in the library, guarded by Dulcima the Dragon. Pop in and take a look.

The Hogwarts library props have been sent to Blacktown Girls High School for the term so they can enjoy the experience too.



Rehoming our unwanted books.



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“Aussie Books for Zim is an Australian registered charity with deductible gift recipient status (ABN 13462778021). We collect books and stationery from Australian communities, schools, families and individuals to set up school libraries in rural Zimbabwe. The organisation seeks to improve literacy in these communities, in order to empower children with knowledge and the confidence to contribute to shaping the world they live in. Connecting communities. “

So in December the Chook is going to load up her car with the 16 or so boxes of books that we don't use anymore and take them to the shipping point for this wonderful charity. It's a good feeling to know that just because a book is a bit old, or not appealing to our very discerning clients that they will in fact go to good homes where they will contribute to building a future for some of the poorest kids in the world. Lots of warm fuzzies for all of us.

If you would like to know more or maybe donate to help this great cause, please take a look at the website.

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