



# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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*Pakil kiya-thu ngini Ngurrampaa Wangaaypuwan wara-nha*

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 2020

TERM 4 WEEK 4

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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*

**Monday 2nd November - Friday 13th November** - Stage 5 Exams commence

**Monday 9th November** - Stage 4 Exams commence

**Thursday 12th to Monday 16th November** - Duke of Edinburgh / Port Stephens Excursion

**Friday 13th & Monday 16th November** - MID TERM BREAK

## NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

**"Integrity"**

*Under 14's Rugby League Team*



## Principal's Report

Dear School Community,

What a busy time of year for the whole community! It is fantastic to see the harvest in full swing and I wish everyone working in this industry the utmost health and safety over the next few weeks. In the coming weeks we have a large array of significant events occurring and this continues to add to an already very busy school calendar.

The Nyngan AECG AGM was last week and I congratulate those voted into office. Community representation is such an important thing so I congratulate all that put their hands up to represent the community. It is exciting times as the NSW DoE and NSW AECG INC ratified the 2020-2030 partnership agreement, solidifying the ongoing relationship and partnership between both groups at state level, and more so our own local level, will continue working together for the benefit of all Aboriginal students.

Unfortunately, the Nyngan High School P & C haven't been able to meet due to Covid restrictions in schools, but we will be working on community consultation with the P & C and AECG moving to deliver a new school plan for 2021-2024. If you would like input on these, please contact the respective member for each body.

Our Year 12 students are continuing to complete their HSC examinations and we wish them well for the next week, with all examinations concluding by November 11. To celebrate finishing the HSC we will be holding a Covid restricted Year 12 garden graduation on the school oval on November 12 2020. All RSVPs are due by November 7 and I ask all attendees to follow the Covid restrictions that will be in place. Outside of the guests invited, no other guests are able to attend the event which is unfortunate, so please be understanding of this. I look forward to celebrating Year 12s achievements at this event.

### Stage 4 & 5 Exams

All junior school students will be completing their Yearly exams and assessments during this fortnight. This is a great opportunity for all students to continue striving for great results in their courses and impressing the teachers before student reports are written.

For Year 10 students particularly, this is the chance to cement the results they desire for their Record of School Achievement (RoSA) and prepare themselves for the rigours of Year 11.

### Week 5 celebrations and commemorations

We are going to be tremendously busy during Week 5. We have student and staff acknowledgement of NAIDOC week activities on Monday and Tuesday. Remembrance Day acknowledgement on Wednesday, as well as Our Day to remember Shelley Lane. Wednesday also sees the completion of the HSC examinations, with the graduation on Thursday as mentioned earlier. Friday is Mid Term Break. We will take photos and recordings of the different events so the whole community can see what we are doing.

As the Covid restrictions ease in Week 5, I look forward to speaking to more of you in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

*Benn Wright*  
Principal



## Deputy Principal News

Welcome to Week 4. It is a busy time with junior exams starting and finishing up programs towards the end of the year. The literacy and numeracy team are in full swing with focus on decimals and reading occurring across all Stage 4 classes. Students at Nyngan High School are lucky to have such dedicated teachers who are striving to better themselves in order to create increased learning opportunities for our students.

Many of our students have been coming late and signing out early. It may not seem like much, however minutes in education are very precious. Over the coming weeks, months and even years we will be focusing our high expectations on attendance. Particularly at this time of year when things are wrapping up, it can be tempting to have a day off, but it can have lasting impacts. We understand that things come up and children get sick, but please let us know when this is the case.



Last week focussed on acceptance of difference. It can be so easy to judge others and feel fearful if someone is different to you, however it would be a very boring world if we were all the same. Accepting difference means understanding how we are alike, how we are different and treating everyone with respect and understanding regardless of the differences. There are so many benefits from being accepting of others: we can learn new things and make better decisions, we can be more progressive and have more interesting friends and we will overall make the world a better place.

Accepting difference is when you recognize and respect people who are different to you, but also embrace their differences and see what you can learn from them.

Have a great fortnight and find empathy for others, particularly those who are different to yourself.

*Angie Bush*  
*Deputy Principal*

## MATHS/ CAPA Report

*We have some student shout outs this week!*

Congratulations to Carly and Julian for their hard work and effort in Numeracy.

**Stage 4 Mathematics** are studying Directed numbers and the number plane and also preparing for Yearly Examinations on either **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** or **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** (see Examination Timetable). **4E** enjoyed the challenge of combining their skills in using directed numbers with algebraic expressions, very impressive! **Congratulations to Elle Montgomery, Meg Richards and Charlotte Ryder from 4E who presented brilliant Decimal assessments on Eating Out in a timely manner.**

**Stage 5 Mathematics** completed their examinations during Week 4 and 5E, 5A and 5O will resume work on algebraic expressions and solving equations and 5V will continue with earning an income. **Congratulations to Jack Melchior and Cruz from 5V who have been working really hard to improve their numeracy skills.**

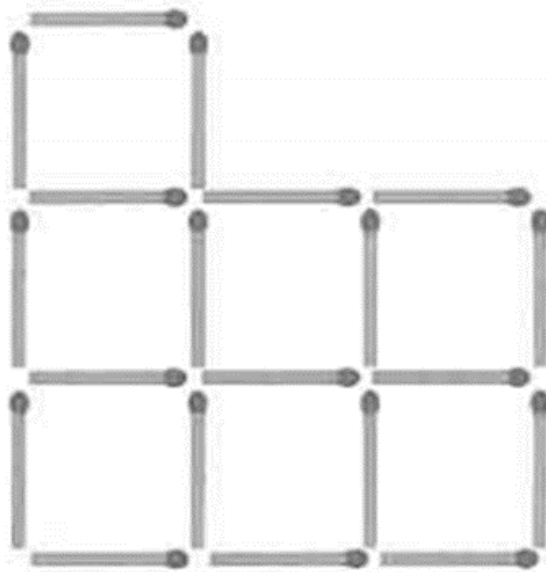
**Stage 6 Advanced Mathematics** is studying Sequences and Series and **Fira is to be commended for her diligence and homework completion.**

**Congratulations to our Year 12 students:** Olivia, Katie, Saranna, Max, Bailey, Brett, Bill, Cody, Jordan, Xander and Harley who survived the HSC exams and we eagerly await your results!

### A little puzzle for Week 4:

*The seven square below have been made with 20 matchsticks.*

*Can you move 3 matchsticks to make 5 squares with the same number of matchsticks?*



**S Mason**  
*Maths/CAPA Faculty*

## Under 14's Rugby League

Jubilee Oval in Dubbo hosted the Nyngan High School Under 14's as they battled a number of bitter rivals in a bid to emerge victorious as the greatest rugby league side this side of the Blue Mountains. Seven teams were split across two pools with Nyngan drawing the death pool of Gilgandra, Kandos and Orange High Schools.

Gilgandra was the first cab off the rank for our boys and, after a poor warmup, the boys started equally as poor and conceded two soft, early tries. The alarm bells were ringing on the sideline, with team manager and assistant coach Tim Tulenew offering some sage advice: "Get the ball to Cooper and let him do his thing". The boys then threw the ball to young Cooper Wynne who bravely carried the ball straight at the opposition's biggest player and put a dent in the Gilgandra defence.

Cooper Black took advantage of young Wynnie's excellent lead-up work, chipped over the top, regathered and ran 50m to score an outstanding individual try and give Nyngan a glimmer of hope, although going into halftime down 3-1 didn't augur particularly well for our chances of victory.

Cooper Black put the team on his shoulders in the second half and looked like a man among boys making breaks for fun and tackling like a prime Trevor Gillmeister whilst scoring another brilliant try to bring the score to 3-2. He wasn't the only difference maker, however, with Darcy Yeomans, Brook Cadrakilagi and Harry Gudgeon holding the middle together brilliantly which allowed Riley Wood and Blake Heenan to put the polish on the end of several Nyngan attacking raids.

Blake's tenaciousness and effort ultimately ended in him crossing for the all-important leveller as the game ended at 3-3. A disappointing result really but a positive after the early adversity.

Kandos was up next and our boys were full of confidence after their earlier comeback. Cooper, Darcy and Blake again starred but the standout was Riley Wood, who played with rare intensity and aggression, maybe thanks to Dad being there taking high definition photographs on his Canon 90D. Riley and Brook crossed for a couple each as did Cooper and Nyngan ran out comfortable 6-2 winners, in what was a trouble and injury-free encounter.

The final clash ahead of the finals saw Nyngan High take on the might of Orange High School. A school of 1000 up against a school of 175 was always going to be tough, and, coupled with a lack of shade, a limited bench and energy-draining heat, the boys were up against it early on, looking flat, disinterested and unmotivated.

A poor first half saw us down 2-0 at the break and desperately searching for answers. Cooper Black was the man with the knowledge, and his two individual pieces of brilliance gave the boys hope, quickly levelling the scores with 10 minutes to go with Nyngan looking strong. Unfortunately, fatigue got the best of our boys and Orange quickly gained the ascendancy once again, eventually emerging comfortable 5-2 winners.

A countback with Gilgandra saw our boys' finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pool and set to take on Delroy High in the consolation final. Delroy took one look at the size and skill of our boys and said "No thank you!" deciding to instead forfeit and allowing the boys to end the day on a high.

A quick trip to KFC followed, before a decent bus trip home where the boys listened to some terrible music. All boys should be proud of themselves for their efforts and the way they carried themselves across the day. Good stuff.

***L Matheson***

***Rugby League Coordinator***



## Science/Special Ed

Congratulations to our 2020 Game Changer team of Byron Mulheron, Jack Buchanan, Riley Wood, Tsitsi Dhedheya, and Tyson Deebank, who competed in the Dubbo Semi-Finalist competition last week. We are very proud of all members who worked so well together throughout the entire day. Their final pitch was fantastic, and they learnt a lot about design thinking.

Congratulations to Menindee Central School who won the semi-final challenge. We all had a fun day and took away a lot in the end. Thank you must also go to Mr Casley for his outstanding mentorship of this team.

Best wishes to our Stage 4 and 5 students who are soon to be sitting their Science examinations. Revision booklets have been given to all these students to help them prepare. If your child has lost their booklet or needs support in studying, please contact their classroom teacher.

Congratulations to Year 8 for their outstanding effort and application during their VALID Examination last week. It was pleasing to see them all take it so seriously and try their hardest.

Last week the MC classes were very "Spooky" with a Halloween themes running across a number of subjects. It was lovely to read some of their creative writing around the topic, along with the history of Halloween and the art activities meant that the rooms were very well decorated. Well done to these students.

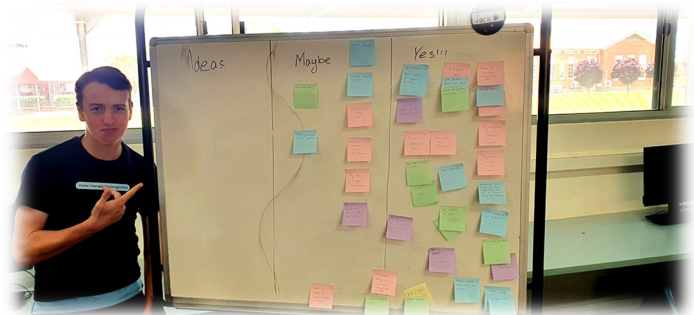
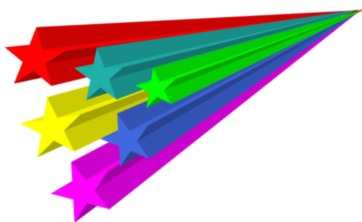
Till next time, happy discovering!

**Emma Partridge**  
*Head Teacher Science/Special Ed.*



**Nyngan High School Game Changer  
Challenge Team  
competing in the  
Dubbo Semi-Finals last week**

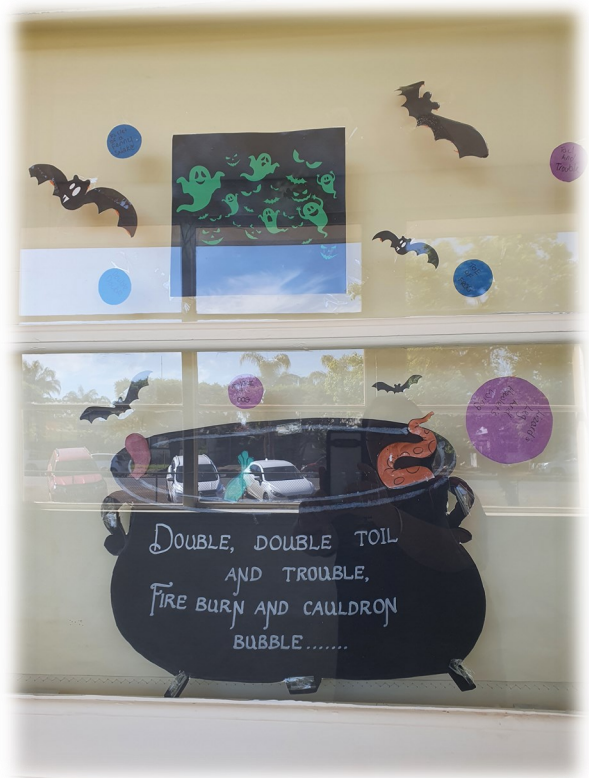
**Well done team—great work**



## Halloween

How good do the doors and windows look in the MC classrooms that were decorated for Halloween !!

Great work by everyone - it looks amazing



## **CHS 2020 Bowls Gala Day**

On Friday the 23rd of October, two of Nyngan High Schools best bowlers and Jack travelled to Orange with Mr & Mrs Milligan in order to compete in the fabled CHS 2020 Bowls Gala Day. The bowlers had a very, very, very, early start, and it was a particularly shocking start to Connor Ryan who was awoken by the sound of the school car arriving in his driveway. Thankfully though, Jaidyn Wherrit was right on time. After only one Macca's stop and some amazing driving skills from Mr Milligan the team arrived in Orange twenty minutes late. Mrs Milligan and the boys rushed out of the car, Mr Milligan wasn't seen again, well for the next few hours at least.

The team started strong with Jack Buchanan as Lead, Jaidyn Wherrit as Second and Connor "Ron" Ryan as Skip. The first three games were easy victories, with some very good bowling being displayed after the first few wild throws. After an alright middle section with some wins and losses the boys were feeling fairly confident. Unfortunately though tragedy struck as the young, up and coming bowler Jaidyn Wherrit came down with a bug, and was quite ill, not on the green thankfully. The boys trudged on but without the team at full strength it was a struggle.

The boys finished lunch in second place and were feeling slightly better, despite some problems with the expelling of liquids. In the last three games the Nyngan team had to defeat both Blayney teams and Gulgong, who were the front runners. They did not beat Gulgong. They did however nudge out a victory against Blayney 1, and this put silver within reach. The boys now only had to beat the Blayney girls, who were running third to last at the time. It was the unlosable game. Mr Milligan had shown up to voice his support and truly displayed his lack of knowledge on the game by sledging his own school. Victory was in sight, however thanks to Jack Buchanan quite frankly realising that he was a better socialiser than bowler, Jaidyn being confined to the bathrooms, the Blayney team magically learning how to bowl and a truly wild through the legs "Secret Weapon" shot from Ronny - Nyngan High School lost the unlosable game.

Due to this ever so interesting ending, you wouldn't expect anything less, Nyngan High finished fourth and Gulgong won the day. That's alright though because Nyngan beat Gulgong in football quite convincingly last year! A massive thank you to CHS for hosting us and putting on the day. Thank you also to the Milligan's for taking on three of the wildest boys in Nyngan bowls and enduring a 13 hour day. Thank you to Nyngan Bowling Club and Jake for lending equipment and helping out in every step of the process. The team really appreciates the school allowing us to go on one of the first excursions in a long time, sorry for the result. Lastly many apologies to Mr Walsh who will surely be distraught after hearing that Nyngan High School did not win bowls.

***Jack Buchanan***  
***The "Last Resort" Bowler***





## **English Faculty Report**

One of the great things about teaching the humanities is the scope we have as teachers to run off on tangents and teach interesting things for the sake of it. We love learning new stuff as much as the kids and sometimes we find gaps in our students' knowledge that needs to be acted on and developed.

Such an occasion occurred in English Studies last week, when a routine contextual discussion for the film Billy Elliot helped identify an area that needed developing with Adrian, Reagan, Ebony and Tyson. We were talking about the UK, in particular the mining town in the north of England that is the setting for the film. After a brief discussion about Europe, the students suddenly fired a barrage of comments and questions about our world, that indicated excellent curiosity.

### ***They included the following:***

“Where in South America is Texas?”

“I definitely thought Canada was in Europe!”

“The UK is made up of England, Germany and Turkey.”

“Was Madagascar actually filmed there?”

### ***I suspected some mapping tasks needed to be done, and the budding geographers got to work:***



Stage 4 Exam Timetable Week 5

Week B

Period	Monday 9th November	Tuesday 10th November	Wednesday 11th November	Thursday 12th November	Friday 13th November
1		4MAE - Buchanan		4MAO 4PEA	MID TERM BREAK
2	4ScA		Remembrance Day and Shelley's Memorial		
3	4PEE - Waterhouse				
4	4ScO 4ScE	NAIDOC Celebrations		4ENO 4MAA	
5			SPORT		

Stage 4 Exam Timetable Week 6

Week A

Period	Monday 16th November	Tuesday 17th November	Wednesday 18th November	Thursday 19th November	Friday 20th November	
1	MID TERM BREAK				4PEO	
2			4HGA- Rixon	4GHE 4A Music performance		
3						
4				4E Music performance	4LOO	4HGO- Rixon
5			4O Music performance	SPORT	4ENA- Mason	

# Checking in with the Chook,

Library in stasis, but Halloween couldn't be ignored

Due to the 'wait to see what was going to happen' with the much anticipated Air Conditioning workmen, I was reluctant to embark on any displays in case they would have to be torn down the next day. But workmen being workmen, they still haven't arrived, so I threw caution to the wind and cobbled together a little Halloween selection of some of our most ghoulish or ghostly books.

I hope everyone enjoys their Covid safe Halloween, I have to say it is one of my favourite times of the year....any excuse to dress up.

