



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

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*Homework Centre Mondays 3.30pm to
5.00pm Weeks A & B
Thursdays Week A ONLY*

*Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Wednesdays*

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

"Integrity"

*Wishing all of our students and parents and carers, and community a safe and relaxing
holiday break
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2021 to all*

Students finish on Wednesday 16th December, 2020

*Years 7, 11, 12 return on Friday 5th January 2021
and
Years 8, 9, 10 return on Monday 8th January with everyone else*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Dear School Community,

I sat down to write this article and it dawned on me that this is the last one for 2020. Every year we say a range of things occur that alter the way we do things or make us stop and change course, but 2020 has been a big one! Drought, Covid 19, learning from home, no extra curricular activities, no visitors, no public on site, and yet the kids and staff haven't missed a beat, they have been tremendous in their approach and application to achieving their personal best throughout it all. I thank the whole community but particularly the staff, students and parents/ caregivers for continuing to put the needs of the kids of the Bogan Shire first in all that we do.

I am exceptionally proud to be the Principal of Nyngan High School, we have dedicated students, dedicated staff, supportive parents and caregivers and a supportive community who create opportunities for our kids that has to be admired. Throughout a time when so many opportunities were lost for so many people, we as a community, have managed to increase opportunities for our kids. We are very proud of the students who are leaving us for the workforce, apprenticeships, traineeships and further tertiary education. We are very proud of the Year 12 cohort and how they have followed their own and collective paths. Mostly we are proud of the resilience and capacity of our kids to keep trying and keep moving forward in what has been a difficult year.

At this point I would usually write specifically about all the awesome extra-curricular events we have taken part in, but today instead I will acknowledge the efforts all parents/caregivers made in keeping their children home and working with them. It was a challenge and we will continue to increase opportunities into 2021.

Reminder for the Start of 2021

Whilst our school staff return to duty on Tuesday 2nd February, 2021, students commence the following three Staff Development Days:

- ◆ *Years 7, 11 and 12 students return on Friday 5th February*
- ◆ *Years 8,9 and 10 students will return on Monday 8th February*

An SMS and Facebook reminder will be sent out early next year.

School & Community Partners

I would like to thank our two major partner associations for their ongoing support of our school and a continued commitment to helping provide an environment which supports kids at all times.

The **Nyngan Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group**, led by Mrs Marea Johnson, is an asset of our community; who continually advocate for the best interest of our Aboriginal students, which is beneficial for all students. Our language program is exceptional and this was shown during the NAIDOC week celebrations, I thank all those involved. I encourage all school community members to come along and get involved with the AECG to help provide great opportunities and education for our kids.

The **Nyngan High School Parents & Citizens Association**, led by Mrs Neralie Quarmby, has been hamstrung this year by Covid 19, we are trying to further engage next year when we can all be together again. I thank the P & C for their continued support during a difficult year.

Major decisions in all capacities of our school are made in consultation with both of these community bodies, to influence the direction of the school, joining these bodies is the best way to have your voice heard.

Farewell to Staff

As with every school year, we farewell some staff members who are taking new adventures in 2021. This year we are only losing a few of our team, some short-term losses and some for good.

Mr Webb has gained himself a transfer and is moving to Belmont High School. Justin has proven to be a wonderful staff member, who engages students exceptionally well in the TAS faculty and across the school.

Mr Webb has been an asset to our school community and the wider community during his time here. We are exceptionally proud of Justin and wish he the best in the future.

Ms Shannon Mason is moving on in 2021. We thank her for her service and particular dedication to increasing literacy and numeracy capacity and the numerous classes she took on short notice. We have thoroughly appreciated Shannon's approach and application to making our school the great place it is.

Mrs Carol Field retired this year and we wish her well in retirement.

Mrs Tammy Hamblin will be having 2021 off on long service leave, which she has thoroughly earned! We will miss having Tammy around, as will the kids but look forward to hearing what she gets up to for 2021.

Mrs Angela Bush is off on the 'Big Bushy Adventures' for Semester 1, I look forward to hearing about the Bush's adventures when Ange returns for Semester 2.

Thank you for 2021

Finally, I thank you all for your efforts this year and wish you a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. I look forward to what the 2021 school year brings.

Kind regards,

Benn Wright
Principal



A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

Deputy Principal News

I acknowledge the Traditional owners of the lands of the Wongaibon people and pay my respect to the Elders – past and present – for they hold the memories, traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the country.

As a school community, we all have a role in creating an environment that values, supports, and upholds the rights of all its members. This year we have acknowledged country in language and with great pride sang the national anthem in Ngiyampaa which was a very proud moment for Nyngan High School. It is so wonderful after 5 years that we are still forging ahead with reinventing the local Aboriginal language.

It is always with great pleasure that I acknowledge our students, our staff and our parents at the end of a school year. It has been such a difficult year and I am sure we will be glad to put it behind us. But with challenges come learning experiences and 2020 has certainly been a learning curve. It is essential we take these lessons into our futures and put our new skills in to practice so we can be the best we can be.

This year our students have been resilient, inspiring and tough. True country kids who can beat any challenge. It is not always easy living in an isolated rural setting, but this year, I think we have all been grateful that we have the space and isolation to cope with COVID. There are always silver linings if you look hard enough.

For our students this year was particularly tricky and we may not have always got it right, but mistakes are what make us stronger and without them, we cannot grow. Trust me, as adults we do not always get it right either, but we need to learn from these challenges and rise together through tough times as we have done in 2020. Thank you for being you and reminding us that life and learning are challenging, but also fun and exciting.

The following students have exemplified these very characteristics and are recipients of the positive education awards for Term 4.

Year 7 Oliver Fitzalan

Oliver is the quiet achiever and he has had a smile on his face every day this term. Always polite, Oliver makes sure his mates are right before he himself is.

Year 8 Jet Besant

Jet you are vibrant, fun and an outgoing student. You bring a positive vibe and hilarious spin to everything you do, which brings a smile to the faces of many. This year you have worked very hard to do your best in class and have been willing to venture out of your comfort zone to try new things. You are a great friend to your peers and all-round good guy.

Year 9 Brydie Hoare

Brydie consistently shows respect for her school, teachers and peers. She demonstrates, on a daily basis what it means to have integrity and dedication. Brydie is always available to lend an ear or support her friends and peers when in need. Her bubbly personality and radiant smile is enough to brighten the darkest of days.

Year 10 Jack Meldrum

Jack is a quiet achiever and his consistent determination and enthusiasm is infectious and admirable. He demonstrates integrity inside and outside of the classroom and he makes Nyngan High School proud.

Year 11 Jaynie Smith

Jaynie is one of the most fun loving, resilient and hard-working students at Nyngan high School – talk about getting on with it. She approaches everything with an excellent attitude and infectious smile. Jaynie always compliments others, is grateful and makes the time to chat about the little things in life. She is truly a beautiful soul.

The students who have received 100% attendance for the term are:

Shania Dutschke, James Flis, Joseph Healey and Kearah Dutschke

Finally, I would like to thank our school community for the opportunity to lead a wonderful school. It is this opportunity that has placed me in great stead to face many challenges in life and to be brave enough to make the decision to take a 6 month break to travel Australia full time in a caravan. I am super excited for the journey ahead and know that the school is in very good hands. I look forward to returning to see the wonderful progress we have made and jump back in to the team.

Have a wonderful break with your families and I hope you get a well-deserved rest.

Angie Bush
Deputy Principal



P and C News

Our final P and C meeting for 2020 will be held next Monday 7th December at 5:00 pm, staff common room.

A very big thank you to Donna Smith – Vice -President, Tanya Buchanan – Secretary and Noelene Walsh – Treasurer, for all your time and support this year and thank you to our parents and carers who came along to our meetings.

I would also like to sincerely thank Mr Wright and Mrs Bush for their invaluable guidance and time to our P and C this year.

We farewell Loretta Pears and Narelle Fisk due to their children finishing school. A huge thank you for your willingness to always help and for attending our meetings.

Due to Covid-19 our fundraising efforts ceased this year, hopefully our fundraising will be bigger and better next year!

**“May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill.
And may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy.
Have a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2021.”**

Thank you

Neralie Quarmby
President



Life Ready Excursion

Year 12 got 'Life Ready' at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre last week. 15 students attended the camp that used to be known as 'Crossroads' for some important life lessons. After a few snack stops, we arrived at the centre at 10.30am for a Police Liaison presentation about safe driving, this was followed by a drug and alcohol information session. After all that heavy business, we slipped and slid the afternoon away, Maverick and Adrian winning the awards for most enthusiastic slip and slide participants for sure. After some night sports in the activity hall and some practical advice for looking after each other at parties, the gang was well and truly ready for bed.

On Thursday, we enjoyed an extensive canoeing session on Lake Burrendong, which is looking much fuller and greener than our previous visit for Peer Support, so this was a treat indeed. We played a number of team building games in the canoe, even directing each other on the lake while blindfolded. This set them up nicely for some raft building challenges by the pool. That afternoon, students engaged in a seminar delivered by nurses from Dubbo Sexual Health. After this big day, the girls opted out of anything too strenuous for their free-time and got 'party ready', turning the cabins into beauty salons, for all the hair, brow and tanning needs of their peers. That evening they requested not to get too sweaty (so as not to disrupt the fake tanning process) and opted for trivia which was organised by Burrendong staff. This got incredibly heated, and while there may not have been any sweat, I feared it might end with blood or tears! Special shout-out must go to Will whose knowledge of big icons in NSW got his team the win at the very end.

On Friday, we started the day with combat archery, again putting students' teamwork skills to the test and exposing the ruthless and competitive streaks in the cohort. After some fun in the combat zone, we moved down for the final seminar. This was delivered by Headspace Dubbo, reminded students how to identify if they are suffering from poor mental health, and gave some practical strategies for resilience, hugely important stuff as they move towards the HSC.

After a relaxing drive home (and pit stop at the much anticipated sushi train), we returned home tired and hopefully having learnt some important skills for Year 12 and beyond.

A huge thank you to Kyri for all her organising and Tim for joining us on our trip and transporting us there. We loved having you along.

Ms Scott and Year 12





Science/Special Ed

I can't believe that this is the final newsletter for the year, and what a year like no other it's been!

The MC classes are starting to work on Christmas projects, making their rooms all festive. The Stage 5 students have been making cards which light up when a complete circuit is formed, as part of their Science work. The Stage 4 students out for the week will be to the pool for their PE practical lesson, which sounds like the perfect place to be in this hot weather!

Stage 4 Science have been continuing to work on their Ecology unit, focusing specifically on our local area.

Stage 5 are working on electricity and are enjoying the circuitry prac. work, which seems to be coming in handy as the Christmas lights are coming out of boxes and need fixing.

Stage 6 Biology and Chemistry are nearing the end of their first HSC module, with both classes completing their first assessment task next week.

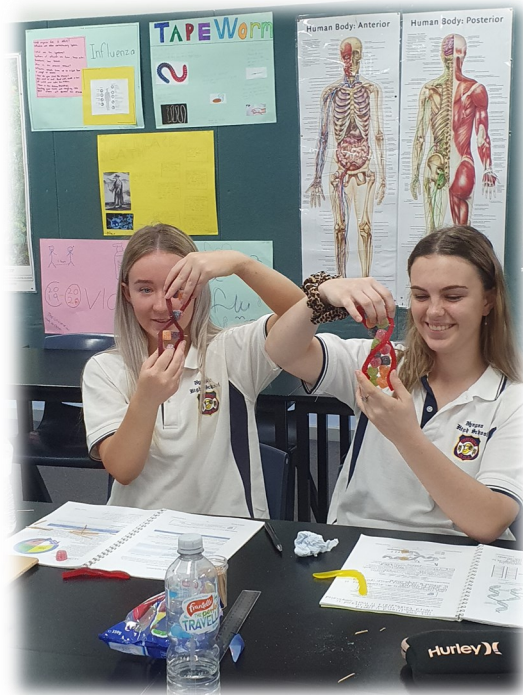
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard working Science staff of Mr Casley and Mr Arnull, and the amazing MC staff of Mrs Hamblin, Mrs Milligan, Miss Mason and all of our SLSO's along with Ms Scott as the LaST for a fantastic year.

As the year draws to a close, we farewell Miss Mason and wish her all best for the next placement.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Hamblin, as she takes a leave for 2021. We hope she has a wonderful, well deserved break with family.

Best wishes to all our families and students, may you all have a happy and healthy Christmas.

Emma Partridge
Head Teacher Science/Special Ed.



Checking in with the Chook,

An exciting opportunity for Nyngan High School

Earlier this year I submitted an application for a grant to purchase technology. The main reasoning behind the application was to support our Principal and Executive in their drive to increase the skillset of our girls, and to provide interesting, authentic projects that make a positive difference in our community.

At this stage the projects have yet to be refined, but loosely speaking we were hoping to engage a group of our Stage 5 Aboriginal students to work with Mr Kunkel to learn all there is to learn about drones and what opportunities these amazing little flying machines can offer. We will be in touch with the Land's Council to see if there are any chances for collaboration. If you are interested in how this technology is being used by our First Nation Rangers, take a look at this article. <https://dronedj.com/2019/09/05/aussie-rangers-skies-drones-protect-sacred-land/>

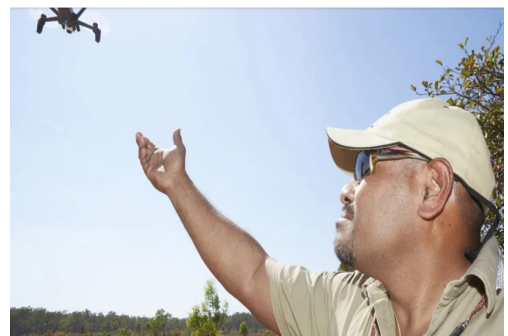
The other main focus of the technology would be to increase engagement in STEAM amongst our Stage 4 girls, with an ongoing project that would involve CAD, Woodwork, Coding, 3D printing, and even Textiles.

We are very lucky to have the support of the Smartgrant donors to enable us to continue to build a brighter future for all our NHS students. Watch this space for ongoing developments.

Aussie rangers are taking to the skies to protect sacred land

A press release from the Northern Land Council explains the forum was mainly focused on bio-security, with Indigenous rangers set to be recognized as conservation officers due to changes in the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976.

Nicholas Hunter, a ranger from Mardbalk explained using drones would allow them to save time and help with general safety. Nicholas also said that drones will be able to protect sacred sites along with ceremony grounds.



U/15's Girls Touch Football Team



The Under 15's Girls Touch Football team had a great day in Orange with lovely weather greeting us.

The girls had a rocky start but showed great sportsmanship and gave support to each other over the 3 games. They all played well, but unfortunately didn't come away with a win. Victoria did well playing in the centre and passing the ball around, Claire Robb as Captain of the team did a wonderful job leading the girls and Lucy-Jane was just everywhere ! Each and every girl did an amazing job. Well done.

We are very proud of the girls and they were commended on their efforts for being a part of the gala day considering we travelled from the furthest region.

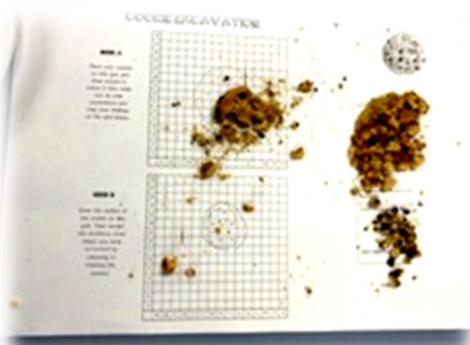
Thank you girls for a great day and representing Nyngan High School with pride.

S Mason



Year 6 Transition:

Last Friday, Nyngan High School was abuzz with excitement, as Year 6 students experienced their first transition day. Undoubtedly, one of the highlights was Miss Rixon's History lesson which had an archaeological focus with a yummy twist. Students used toothpicks to dig into chocolate chip cookies as a simulation for a dig, the cookie being the dirt, and the chocolate chips the valuable artefacts. The lesson educational and fun, and best of all: student got a free cookie at the end. Thank you to Miss Rixon for arranging such a unique and enjoyable way to learn about archaeology!



English/HSIE News

Stage 4 and 5:

As the year winds down, Stage 4 and 5 students will be relieved to have completed their yearly exams. Stage 5 English have moved on to the post-production phase of their film-making project, with final cuts to be submitted next week. Stage 5 Geography are studying biomes, with a focus on food sustainability and security to come. And Stage 4 History are studying pre-contact Aboriginal culture and the effects European contact on that culture. Stage 4 English have been completing a film study on Taika Waititi's brilliant adventure-comedy, *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*. If you haven't seen it, do yourself a favour, and check it out!

Stage 6:

In Society and Culture, Fallon has begun to research and develop her PIP (Personal Interest Project) about the effects of screens on the cognitive development of preschool children. Standard English continue with the *Texts and Human Experiences* module, focusing on the ways gender roles can be challenged or subverted in the media. Despite the challenges of 2020, this group continues to persevere, working hard through to the end of the school year.

From all of the English/HSIE faculty, have a safe and happy holiday season and may 2021 bring us all good fortune (please!).



Cricket Report

The good book gave us the narrative framework for the Open Boys Cricket game last week, with Nyngan High taking on the might of Dubbo College. And while the David and Goliath legend seemingly provided the perfect metaphor for battling underdog and sporting behemoth, the outcome was less tale-for-the-ages and more status quo.

Dubbo batted first on a muggy Monday and it was clear from the outset they knew what they were doing. Despite the best efforts of opening quicks Connor Burley and Will Black, the opening sticks got the college to 0-142 in the 16th over. Digby Barrow was the first to strike with the ball, snicking off the lesser of the openers during an eyebrow raising spell.

Cooper Black was typically sharp in the field and enforced a direct hit runout that would have had Andrew Symonds salivating. Tyson Deebank bowled well for little reward, and Harry Gudgeon jagged a good wicket in his solitary over. The runs just kept coming for Dubbo however, and Nyngan were short of fielders and at times, ideas. Skipper Trae Smith was the pick of the bowlers and managed to keep the scoring rate down from the Larsen's Transport End. One of the sights of the day, no matter who you were supporting, was Lachlan Lewis' mullet flapping in the breeze for two overs. Dubbo finished with a more than formidable 274, but Nyngan drew satisfaction from bowling them out in the 39th over.

In response, Bomber Healey got to work and he and his skipper turned the strike over beautifully. They put on thirty odd before Bomb snicked off. Will Black went early before Nyngan's two most experienced cricketers, Smith and Deebank, put the Dubbo bowlers under pressure with a lovely cocktail of fast singles and lusty blows. Barrow joined Deebank and he too scored at a decent clip. Unfortunately, NHS lost regular wickets and although Cooper Black hit a couple of massive bombs and Gudgeon batted sensibly, they were all out for 135 in the 37th. It was good to see Max Montgomery and Julian McDougall get a hit in their first outing for the school team. Batting with patience when facing a mammoth total always pleases coaches and it was no different here.

The team is young and will regroup. There is talent and no doubt one day Nyngan High will wield the slingshot to good effect.

T Miles



U/15's Boys Touch Football Report

Nyngan High School's under 15's boys travelled to Orange last Tuesday to contest the prestigious COVID-19 Western Touch Football Carnival.

The overnight stay saw spirits high but confidence middling once the boys saw that their pool contained the might of Blayney, Parkes, Dunedoo and Mudgee, much larger schools and notorious touch football powerhouses.

First cab off the rank was Blayney who tried to intimidate the boys by warming up in front of them. It worked initially, but once Coach Tulenew showed them a tactic that he said has worked since the halcyon days of the 80's, the boys were up and about and ready to dominate.

A 5-2 win was just what the doctor ordered. After ignoring Tulenew's tactics for the first 10 minutes of the game the boys eventually pulled it together and played a real solid team game. Cooper and Will Black were the glue, whilst Tyson Deebank and Harry Gudgeon were the velcro.

Another win followed, this time against ex-teacher Tristan Dal Forno and his Mudgee troops, 5-3 in the end but a game completely dominated by Nyngan High. Jet Besant, Oscar Sheather, Blake Heenan and Riley Wood were great in this one.

Next up was a really tough game against Parkes High. The boys started a little cocky and it bit them hard as they found themselves 1-0 down after 20 seconds. Flat throughout, it was a struggle until the final whistle. A couple of pieces of individual brilliance by Cooper Black kept us in the game just enough to pull out a miraculous 6-6 draw. Darcy Yeomans and Connor Burley were rock solid and reliable here and really helped swing the result Nyngan's way.

The final pool game saw Nyngan emerge victorious 4-2 over an outclassed Dunedoo side and make the semi-finals. Will Black again starred in this one and scored two long range pearlers, whilst Tyson Deebank was also a superstar and held the middle well all game long.

The semi-final saw Nyngan face Canobolas High, a well-drilled side with plenty of skill, pace and confidence. Our boys again started slow but eventually bounced back in what was a nail-biting encounter throughout. Will Black rose to the occasion and stepped up to lead Nyngan High to a 4-2 lead, which they unfortunately couldn't hold as the heat helped fatigue and laziness set in and they lost in an extra-time drop off.

Myself and Tim were super proud of the boys. It was a warm and competitive day but they each carried themselves with great sportsmanship and represented the school well. 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss, coupled with a semi-final appearance is a super effort from a small school like ours. Well done to all and sundry.

L Matheson

Touch Football Organising/Coach



COVID Cup

Nyngan High School held their inaugural (and hopefully only) COVID Cup this past Thursday, taking on the might of Cobar and Bourke High Schools in a battle for regional school supremacy. Rugby League and League Tag were the sports at play and served as a precursor for what will hopefully see the much-vaunted Davidson Cup re-established in 2021.

Hot and uncomfortable conditions greeted the students and ensured that whilst it was a day of fun, it wouldn't be that fun. The Nyngan High School under 14's boys took on their Bourke counterparts in the first game and dominated throughout. Those in attendance were treated to a little bit of Cooper Black dominance in this one, as he weaved his magic early and often, either scoring or setting up tries at will.

This kid is a special talent and will be a huge asset to Nyngan High for a few years to come. He was ably supported by Blake Heenan, Darcy Yeomans and Harrison Gudgeon who were also pretty great. Nyngan eventually ran out 5-3 winners and took the early ascendancy in the overall standings.

The under 14's and under 16's league tag teams were up next and were utterly dominant against both Bourke and Cobar who had no answer to the big game experience and skill of our girls. The 16's girls conquered their Cobar rivals 8-0 in a game dominated by Millie Smith at fullback and Brooke Bunting, who played one of the best debut games you will see. Serenity Sheather, Jaynie Smith and Abbie Smith were their usual brilliant selves as well. Bourke were too scared to play after watching this game and forfeited due to a combination of low numbers, heat and fear.

The 14's girls dominated both Cobar and Bourke, with Hollie Smith a phenom in defence and Carly Waterhouse and Charlotte Ryder dominating with ball in hand. Both games showed that the future of League Tag at Nyngan High is bright and that talented parents often produce talented offspring.

Cobar's under 16's boys took on Bourke in what was an eye-opening game for our boys, who had expected to cruise through the day unbeaten and with minimal effort. Their inflated confidence quickly dissipated as Cobar put on a clinic against Bourke, who looked like a group of boys taking on men, and ran out convincing winners in what was an impressive performance.

When our under 16's boys' time came, they tried hard, but were really no match for Cobar, who had taken great confidence from that Bourke performance and hit the ground running. Nyngan High were down 2-0 early and were desperate for any semblance of life or will to win.

Nyngan soon found their will in the form of Will Richards, a tireless and hard-working backrower and Will Black, a crafty and smooth running fullback who took it upon themselves to pull their team back into the contest and level things up at 2-2. Nyngan's confidence was growing but unfortunately the heat proved too much for our big men, who lacked the experience, skill and fitness of their opponents and Cobar again took the ascendancy, eventually winning a tough encounter 5-3.

The 16's match against Bourke was the last match of the day and with Nyngan having already wrapped up the Cup, thanks to the dominance shown by the 14's boys and League Tag girls, it became a game that saw Cobar, Bourke and Nyngan mix players and have a bit of fun, with the result meaning little. It was great to see the sportsmanship and friendship on display and capped off the day in a pleasing way.

Thanks to Brendan Smith for officiating throughout the day in trying conditions and also to Kayla who did double duty as both coach and referee. Mrs Waterhouse also deserves some plaudits for organising the day.

L Matheson

Maths/CAPA News

I have had a wonderful 2020 as I got to work with the following members of the Maths/CAPA faculty: Miss Hughan, Mr Lennon, Miss Collier, Miss Mason, Mr Kunkel, Mrs Waterhouse, Mr Matheson and Mr Arnall. I thank them for all of the hard work they have put into creating lessons which challenge our students, but at the same time still having fun!

Miss Mason is leaving Nyngan High School and I would like to thank her for the guidance and intervention she provided our students; some students improved dramatically in literacy and numeracy and it was because of her instruction. We hope you enjoyed your time in Nyngan and will take a little piece of us with you.

Miss Collier reports:

Stage 6 Music have their first performance as Year 12s in Week 9 and they are sounding AMAZING! They have all been working so hard and have come along in leaps and bounds this term. I can't wait to see what they achieve next year as well.

In Stage 5 Music, students are hard at work working out the fine details and last minute kinks in their own like a version of a very famous song. Keeps your ears open for their performance.

Stage 4 Music have been learning about the Samba and playing new and challenging rhythms on the drums. Hopefully Miss Collier's hearing returns sometime soon. Kudos to Hayden and his super enthusiastic drumming and Carly for her ability to quickly learn drumming patterns.

In this newsletter you will see photos of the absolutely amazing Body of Work from our Year 12 Visual Art students: Cameron, Dean, Caroline, Harley, Lily and Saranna. Their hard work, self-doubt and tears certainly paid off!

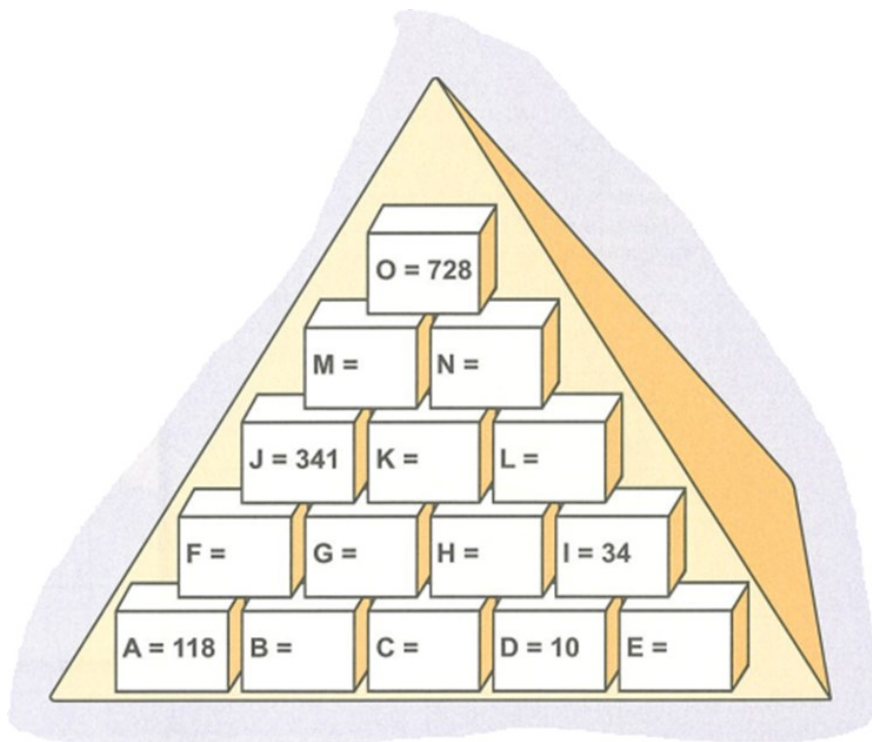
Mr Kunkel reports:

Many Stage 5 students will begin to consider their future career. 5MAA will be working on a "Dream Job Project" for the last two weeks of this term. This will involve students completing a questionnaire to determine their aptitudes and work preferences, as well as looking at the prospects of future jobs. Job salary, income tax, vehicle purchasing using loans, and budgeting will also be looked at.

A little puzzle for you to work on during the Christmas holidays:

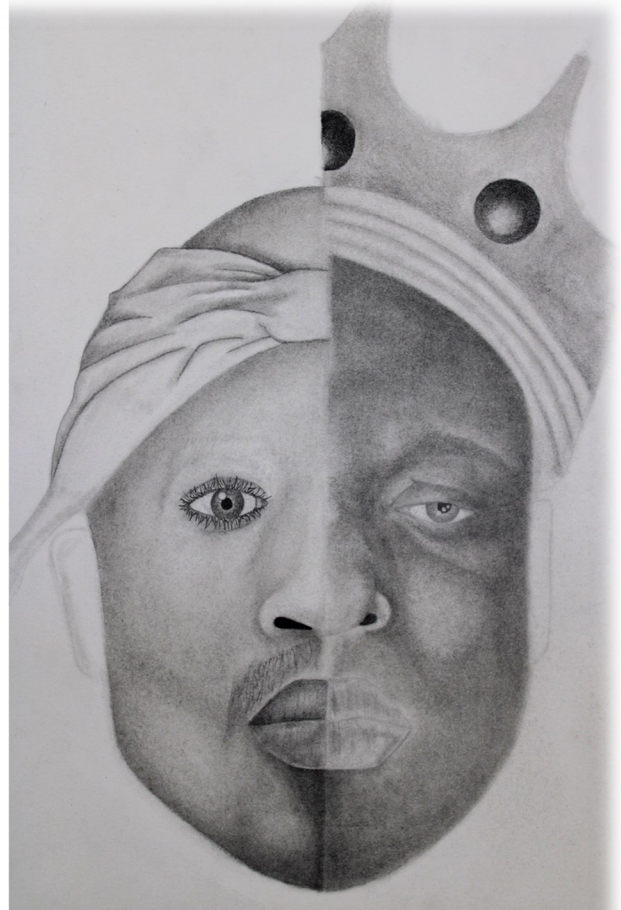
Every brick in this pyramid contains a number which is the sum of the two numbers below it, so that $F = A + B$, etc.

Just work out the missing numbers...

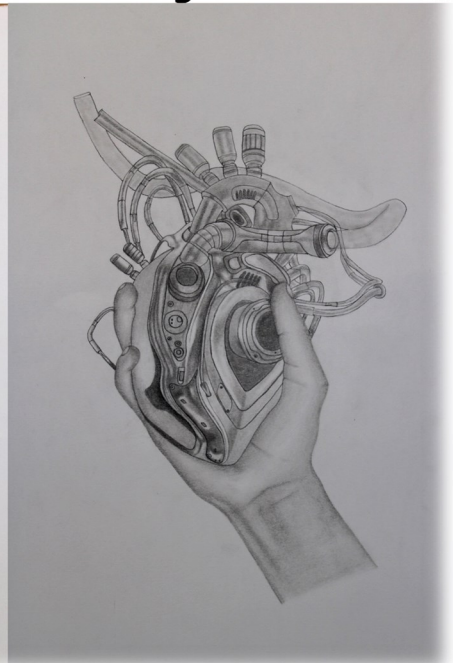
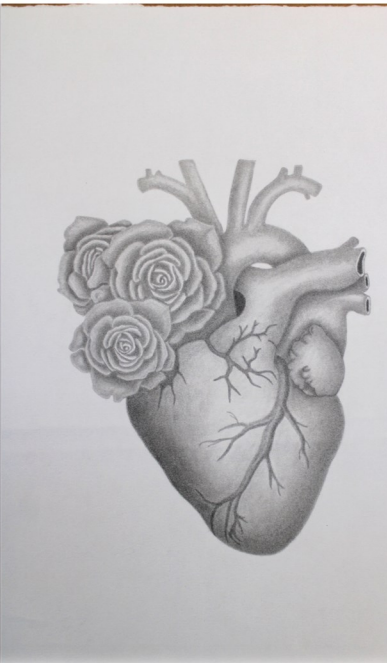


Have a safe and happy holiday and be kind to all those around you, particularly yourself!

Tanya Buchanan
HT Maths/CAPA



Above: Dean Fitzalan
Below: Cameron Ryan





Caroline Walsh





Harley Yeomans





Lily
Smith



"My heart rejoices in the LORD,
in the LORD my horn is lifted high.
My mouth boasts over my enemies,
for I have trusted in your deliverance.

"There is no God like the LORD;
there is no one besides you;
there is no one like your God.

Do not boast proudly
or let your heart be such
as the heart of such
a man who knows,
and is weighed,
and is not afraid.

"The bows break
but the arms of the LORD
are not broken.
The nose of the arrogant
is broken,
but the LORD is exalted,
and he is not brought down.
The LORD brings death and makes
alive,
he brings down to the grave and
raises up.
The LORD sends poverty and wealth,
he humbles and he exalts.



Saranna
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