



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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TERM 3 WEEK 6

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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 25th August - HSC Trials commence

Thursday 17th September - SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

"Integrity"



Dear School Community,

We have reached a critical time for our Year 12 cohort with the Trial HSC examinations starting on the 25th August. I discussed the importance of trial examinations with Year 12 and outlined how this is one of the last formal assessment times they will get and that this feedback can lead students into a fantastic 'value-add' mode if they enable themselves. Students can increase their knowledge and capacity dramatically between now and when the HSC examinations start on 20th October 2020, if they apply themselves with diligence, rigour and consistency through the coming 2 months. I wish all of Year 12 the very best for the trial and expect to see students valuing adding in the coming weeks, with the assistance of their teachers and peers.

Student directives and Community support

Unfortunately during Term 3 we have seen an increase in some behaviours that do not meet the standard in which we hold at Nyngan High School. Conversations are regularly occurring and interventions put in place, but I also ask for community and student support for us to be better in the future. Of specific concern is the inappropriate usage of school grounds during the evening. The school grounds are beautiful and Mark Keighran works diligently to maintain them, it is not acceptable for unsupervised children to be onsite after dark. We have had some damage, graffiti and inappropriate actions from some individuals in the last few weeks and I ask your support to make sure your children do not enter the school after dark in the future.

I also ask parents and caregivers of Stage 5 and 6 students to have ongoing conversations about appropriate interactions with and about their peers. We have had some incidents this term that have started as gossiping then escalated to further grievances. Our policies and procedures enable us to work with students with issues arising from events that occur at school, however it is with your support that we can continue to model and expect better behaviours all the times.

I thank you for your support moving forward in both these areas.

Covid 19 update

Covid 19 restrictions have increased in Department of Education schools as of last week, reaffirming the 2020 year 12 cohort and the school's decision to delay all Year 12 formalities until Term 4. As I stated in our last edition, it was a proud moment when the group came to a collective decision to attempt to postpone the formal and activities till after the HSC examinations conclude.

I would like to again remind the community about some important updated Covid-19 advice the school received early last week. This advice is from the NSW Education Department and applies to every NSW public school.

Any student absent from school or sent home due to flu like symptoms will need to have a Covid-19 test before they return to school. The negative Covid-19 test result must be received or sighted by the school before the student will be allowed to return to school. A reminder that parents are still not allowed on school grounds. Students and parents are encouraged to continue safe hygiene practices including practicing cough etiquette and regularly washing hands.

SASS Recognition Week

It is SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Recognition Week, and I could not be any more thankful to the fantastic team we have here at Nyngan High School. These staff are often the first point of contact for parents, students and the community and play a vital role in customer service. With an incredible year so far – drought and COVID-19 – our staff have had to be increasingly flexible to adapt to changing scenarios and pandemic restrictions. Make sure you take the time this week to thank our wonderful SASS staff for all they do to keep the school running smoothly.

I know we are all eagerly anticipating the day Covid 19 restrictions are lifted, and here at Nyngan High School we can not wait for the days when we can have community members onsite to resume.

In our practice we have been busy working on student opportunity, student outcomes, data driven practice and striving for continual improvement, we look forward to being able to show this work in the future. For our infrastructure and grounds, we have painting occurring, LED light upgrades, computer upgrades, laptop rollouts, cooler classrooms and a range of other works in the pipeline. We are continually striving for our school to not only deliver exceptional curriculum but continue to be an exceptional site for the whole community, and look forward to you coming along and checking it all out in the future.

*Have a great fortnight,
Kind regards,
Benn Wright
Principal*

Deputy Principal Report

Welcome back to the second half of the term. I hope everyone had a productive and relaxing mid-term break. The past fortnight has been one of business as usual as well as more COVID restrictions in place, which are seemingly becoming the norm. Nyngan High School was already ahead of the game on this one so it won't really affect how we are operating too much.

In the coming weeks, many students will be moving forward in their schooling life. Year 12 have commenced their HSC Trial exams and Year 11 are preparing for the final Prelim exams. Years 10, 9 & 8 will be looking forward to hearing about the courses they hope to study for their next years of school as we formulate the subject lines for 2021.

These are exciting yet challenging times, especially for families of our soon-to-be graduating students. Over the past couple of weeks, our Year 12 students have conducted themselves with grace and diligence, working to the best of their ability and showing a mature and resilient attitude to the current restrictions. I will endeavour to meet with all Year 12 after their exams, to talk about future directions including study and post school pathways and just catch up before they leave us.

The next few months will be the hardest with lots of study and revision to be done. Some students are preparing for major performances in Drama and Music, whilst others have or about to submit major projects in IT Timber, Visual Arts and Society & Culture and our Dance students performed admirably last week. These are huge achievements and our whole school wishes the absolute best to all students undertaking major items for their HSC. I am always in awe of the creativity of our students and enjoy watching, listening and viewing their major pieces; it is a highlight of the year.

This week we are looking at having personal insight in order to be the best version of ourselves. We also need insight and understanding of other people in order to have empathy. As adults, if we are not happy or experiencing joy we have the power to change it. We can't rely on others to fix our problems; if we do, they may not be solved. Children on the other hand do not always have such flexibility in choice and this can be the case for many adults, however there is always something you can let go, something minor you can improve or simply changing your perspective could be enough to improve your situation. What changes can you make in order to live your best life?

We have made it through half of the term, and I am grateful to enjoy my job so much and find absolute joy in it. I hope you find joy if not in everything you do, at least something.

Angie Bush
Deputy Principal



Maths/CAPA News

During the last two weeks the Mathematics/CAPA staff and students have been involved in the HSC **Dance** performances. Congratulations to Caroline Walsh who calmly and purposefully went through the requirements of the day. Mrs Waterhouse (the old Miss Stafford) was very excited and proud of the preparation and diligence her dancers demonstrated throughout the entirety of the course.

The **Visual Arts** Body of Work is due for lockup on **September 14th** at **3.00pm** and Miss Hugan is very proud of the effort her Year 12s have made creating such fantastic work. Photos of these will appear in the newsletter after the marking process is completed.

Year 12 Music 1 will have the HSC markers in the school on **September 16th** from **10:15am -12:30pm**. The boys have been practising madly, yet diligently and are very keen to give their best performances ever on the day.

Stage 5 Music have been learning about lyric writing. A highlight has been witnessing the students participate in a game called 'Trading Lines', which is a bit like a rap battle, students take turns completing the next line, all off the top of their heads. Some rather interesting and colourful lyrics have been created and Miss Collier's personal favourite was about a boy who was deeply in love with a girl who looked like a toad. I'm sure we'll get a call from Disney any day now.

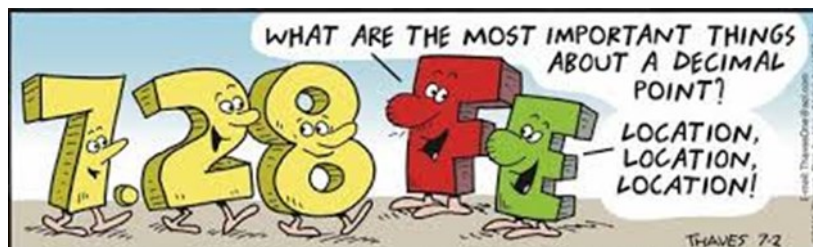
Stage 4 Music have been rockin' it out learning guitar tabs for *Lean on Me*, *Pumped Up Kicks* and *Lose Yourself*. Miss Collier was very impressed with how dedicated some of her students have been, particularly James, Jason and Shane who were stand-outs in the last fortnight.

LifeSkills for **Stage 4** and **Stage 5** have also been rockin' new songs, learning *Feel Good Inc.* and *Smoke on the Water* on the guitar.

Stage 6 Music 1 have the Trial aural exam on **Thursday 3rd** and performance on **Friday 4th**. I hope you are PRACTISING!

Mathematics **Standard 1**, **Standard 2** and **Advanced** will sit their Trial Examination on **Friday 28th August**. It is their final assessment task and all students have prepared soundly and should go well. Best of luck!

Stage 4 Enrichment are working diligently on decimals and working at the rules when you add, subtract, multiply and divide. A reminder there are Mathletics tasks set so students can practise these skills at home.



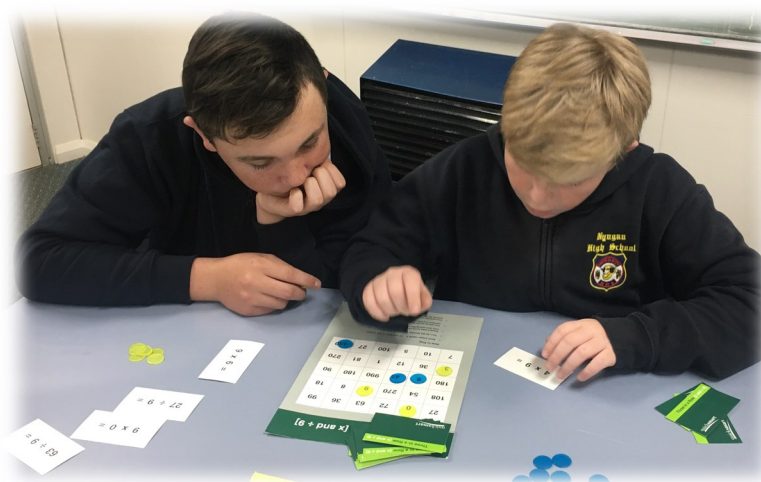
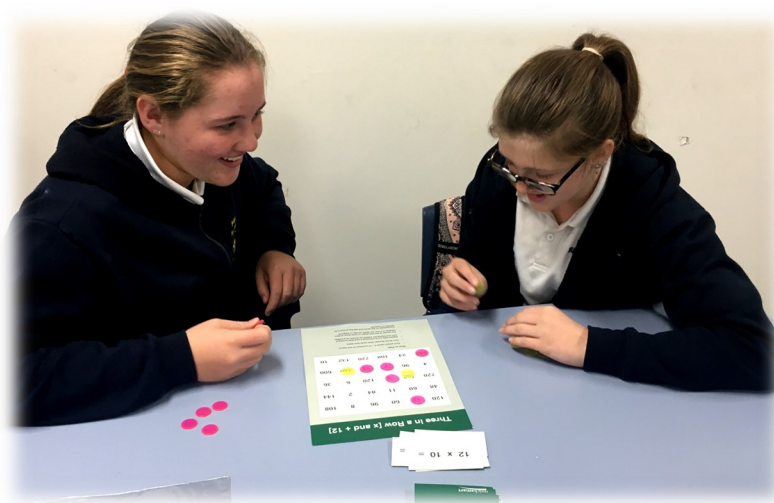
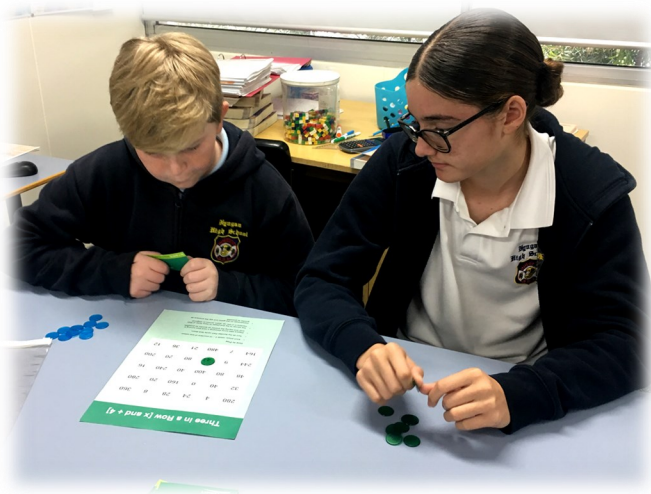
ASX Sharegame

This Term, students will be invited to participate in the ASX Schools Sharegame, beginning on the 27 August 2020. Students will receive a virtual \$50,000 to invest in the top 100 companies on the ASX stock exchange. Profits or losses will be based on the real-life movement of the share prices of those companies. The Sharegame goes for 10 weeks, with a nationwide prize for first, second and third for \$600, \$500, and \$400 respectively. There is also a prize for the student who is first in their state of \$600. A prize for the student who is first in the school may also be considered.

The problem for this week is:

It is 3am on February 26th 2020. What will the time and date in 100 hours from now?

Tanya Buchanan
Head Teacher Maths/CAPA



The photos above are of 4E playing 3 in a row; this game practises the foundation skills of multiplication and division.

Science/Special Ed

I hope everyone had an enjoyable mid-term break and ready for the rest of Term 3.

Good luck to Year 12 as they sit their Trial HSC exams this week and next.

Last week the Science faculty was a busy place, with lots of National Science Week activities taking place both in class time and during lunch breaks.

Stage 4 looked at the “War on Waste” learning about microplastics and where they come from. They even took this a step further by taking a walk to the river to survey the types of rubbish and waste that ended up in our beautiful water ways.

This created lots of interesting discussion on the confusion that consumers have about waste and the struggles we experience when trying to reduce the amount of waste in our lives, particularly during the current pandemic.

During lunch times, each day had a different Science theme: Chemistry, Physics and Biology. Students were able to participate in a number of practicals and cool demonstrations, working with lasers, creepy crawlies, blowing stuff up and cutting things up.

The students who took part enjoyed exploring the different science strands and being able to explore the wonderful equipment which we have in the Science Faculty.

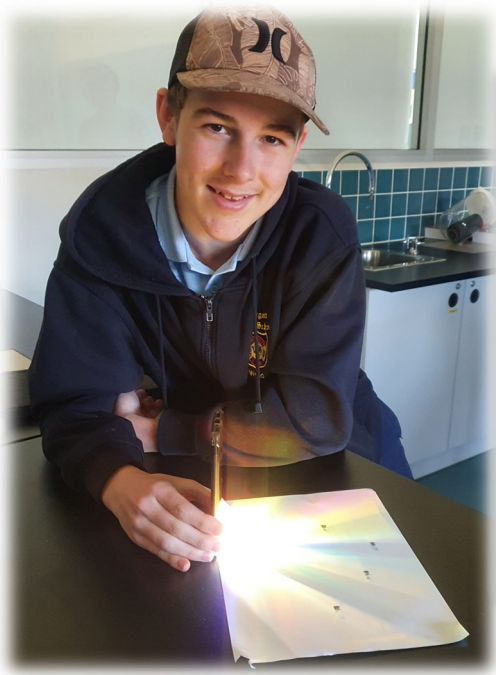
Mr Arnall, Mr Casley and Mrs Partridge also had a great time sharing their love of all things scientific!

The activities were such a success that we have decided to run a Science Club once a fortnight during lunch, so the fun and exploration can continue. Hopefully we will see more students joining in over time.

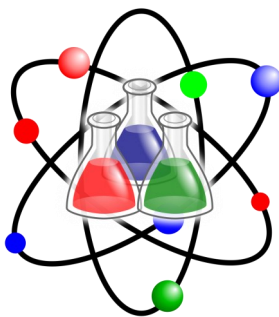
Till next time, happy discovering!

*Emma Partridge
Head Teacher
Science/Special Ed*





Science
Week
Activities



Conversations overheard in Stage 5 Drama

Stage 5 have started their Drama assessment task. In Week 9, they will be performing a completely original piece that they have spent four weeks working on.

How do you make something out of nothing? Well, you start with an idea and you go from there. This involves sitting down and chatting it out with your group members, seeing what works and what doesn't work.



Some interesting conversations have been heard in the past week...

"Can I be the parasite?"

"Fridge. Wifi. Computer"

"Let's do something where a ghost isn't scary so he goes to ghost school. And then he becomes scary. And then he disappears completely! AND THEN WE'LL DO A SEQUEL!"

"Miss, this is what we look like when we listen to you. When you tell your stories. When you have story time"

"Why does it always have to go to the weird place?"

"I call my brain Brian"

"I don't have any white pants"

"Okay, well you can just wear a sheet".

As always, I admire Stage 5 Drama for their dedication to the subject and I can't wait to see what they come up with. Judging by these conversations, it's going to be a fun time.

T Miles
Head Teacher
English/HSIE



TAS Faculty Report

It has been a very busy fortnight with so much going on. We have a new staff member who looks a great deal like our Miss Stafford. We welcome Mrs Tiarna Waterhouse to our faculty. We would like to pass on our best wishes to Tiarna and husband Danny for their future together.



Firstly congratulations to our awesome Year 12 class of 2020. They are currently sitting their HSC Trial examinations and have been working very hard. We continue to wish them the very best.

It is SASS recognition week and the TAS faculty is blessed to work with such a positive and caring group of people. We are grateful for their commitment to their work and thank them.

To our **Year 12 Industrial Arts Timber** students well done, your due date for major works is nearly here. A big thank you to Mr Webb for all his support and many out of hours working with the students.

Congratulations to all the students having a go at the carnival events Mrs Smith has offered every Wednesday. We are very appreciative of the time Mrs Smith has put in to coordinating this.



Year 11 Hospitality last week tried their hand at making Sushi and it was fantastic. They are a very productive class and a pleasure to teach.



My **Primary Industries** class started learning about tractors and machinery and over the next few weeks will learn the skills needed to operate tractors whilst following WHS rules. They will also be completing their TAFE Two wheel motorcycle and four wheel quad bike course as part of a department initiative. Students in the past who have completed this course found it very useful.



Mrs Milligan's **Technology Mandatory** class this week will be watching a demonstration to create Baked Passionfruit Custards before trying to create them in Week 7.

So last week we farewelled our beloved 7 Merino Wethers, our two teams of three and our beloved Jimmy. Our school farm looks empty but hopefully not for long. The students in Stage 5 Ag but in particular Stage 6 Primary Industries worked with the sheep to get them ready to be paraded. Unfortunately this was not to be the case. Instead we sent a video. The results are out and I am very impressed with our effort and would like to thank Kiero for his continued dedication to everything I put my hand up to take part in and David Motely for his support of the program. We will be back bigger and better in 2021.



*Mrs Walsh
Head Teacher
TAS Faculty*

Athletics Results – Stage 2

	1st	2nd	3rd
12 yrs Boys Long Jump	Julian McDougall	Samuel Milligan	
13 yrs Boys Long Jump	Oliver Fitzalan	Bradley Fitzalan	
14 yrs Boys Long Jump	NOT COMPLETED		
15 yrs Boys Long Jump	Jack Meldrum		
16 yrs Boys Long Jump	NOT COMPLETED		
17+ yrs Boys Long Jump	NOT COMPLETED		
12 yrs Girls Long Jump	Shania Dutschke	Carly Waterhouse	
13 yrs Girls Long Jump	Gemma Boland	Lily Crosland	Clare Kennedy
14 yrs Girls Long Jump	NOT COMPLETED		
15 yrs Girls Long Jump	Whitney Pack		
16 yrs Girls Long Jump	NOT COMPLETED		
17+ yrs Girls Long Jump	NOT COMPLETED		
12 yrs Boys Javelin	NOT COMPLETED		
13 yrs Boys Javelin	NOT COMPLETED		
14 yrs Boys Javelin	Riley Wood		
15 yrs Boys Javelin	NOT COMPLETED		
16 yrs Boys Javelin	Sonny Calton	Jack Buchanan	
17+ yrs Boys Javelin	Will Gudgeon		
12 yrs Girls Javelin	NOT COMPLETED		
13 yrs Girls Javelin	NOT COMPLETED		
14 yrs Girls Javelin	Brie Taylor	Jasmine Bourke	Charlotte Ryder
15 yrs Girls Javelin	NOT COMPLETED		
16 yrs Girls Javelin	Mia Taylor	Ebony Martin	
17+ yrs Girls Javelin	Jade Wye	Bailee Griffiths	Lilly Meldrum

Athletics Results – Stage 3

	1st	2nd	3rd
12 yrs Boys Shot Put	Samuel Milligan		
13 yrs Boys Shot Put	Linkon Sinclair	Oliver Fitzalan	
14 yrs Boys Shot Put			
15 yrs Boys Shot Put	Jack Meldrum	Tyson Deebank	
16 yrs Boys Shot Put	Shannon Bourke	Sonny Calton	Jack Buchanan
17+ yrs Boys Shot Put			
12 yrs Girls Shot Put	Shania Dutschke		
13 yrs Girls Shot Put	Roxy Robb	Clare Kennedy	Victoria Walsh
14 yrs Girls Shot Put	Brie Taylor	Lucy Dowling	Elle Montgomery
15 yrs Girls Shot Put	Whitney Pack		
16 yrs Girls Shot Put	Mia Taylor	Reagan Stanley	Ebony Martin
17+ yrs Girls Shot Put	Jade Wye	Emma Teale	Lilly Meldrum

12 yrs Boys Discus	Samuel Milligan		
13 yrs Boys Discus	Oliver Fitzalan	Linkon Sinclair	
14 yrs Boys Discus			
15 yrs Boys Discus	Jack Meldrum	Tyson Deebank	
16 yrs Boys Discus	Shannon Bourke	Sonny Calton	Jack Buchanan
17+ yrs Boys Discus			
12 yrs Girls Discus	Shania Dutschke		

13 yrs Girls Discus	Gemma Boland	Roxy Robb	Victoria Walsh
14 yrs Girls Discus	Jasmine Bourke	Elle Montgomery	Brie Taylor
15 yrs Girls Discus	Whitney Pack		
16 yrs Girls Discus	Reagan Stanley	Mia Taylor	Ebony Martin
17+ yrs Girls Discus	Jade Wye	Emma Teale	Bailee Griffiths

	1st	2nd	3rd
12 yrs Boys High Jump			
13 yrs Boys High Jump	Seth Hancock Oliver Fitzalan		Bradley Fitzalan
14 yrs Boys High Jump	Cooper Black	Craig Calton	Harry Gudgeon
15 yrs Boys High Jump	Tyson Deebank	Isaac Drady	
16 yrs Boys High Jump	Sonny Calton Jack Gadsby		Harley Klante
17+ yrs Boys High Jump	Jackson Cox		
12 yrs Girls High Jump	Shania Dutschke		
13 yrs Girls High Jump	Gemma Boland	Lily Crosland	Caitlyn Bunting
14 yrs Girls High Jump	Brie Taylor	Shelby Powell	Claire Piper
15 yrs Girls High Jump			
16 yrs Girls High Jump	Ebony Martin	Mia Taylor	
17+ yrs Girls High Jump	Jade Wye		

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Long Jump, Javelin, High Jump, Shot Put and Discus events.

I would like to thank Loretta, Di, Mr Webb, Mrs Hamblin and Mr Arnall for helping to run these events.

C Smith
PDHPE

Nyngan High School Anti Racism Group

This term the Nyngan High School Anti-Racism Group are holding a Logo Competition and are also spreading the word for a Department of Education competition that is held through the website WOKE. Over the next few weeks, all students have a chance to win a \$50.00 canteen Voucher.

All that is required to be entered into the competition is to design a logo for the Nyngan High School's Anti-Racism group. Your logo **MUST** include the words: **Harmony, Understanding, and Equity**. The logos are due on **3rd September, 2020**. Entries to be handed in to Mr Partridge.

The competition that is being run through the WOKE website is called: Me, My Culture, and NSW, and is open for anyone aged 12-19. The competition is about promoting awareness about racism and stereotypes around NSW. It is a state-wide competition. If you do decide to participate, whatever category you choose to do you must make sure that it is about racism or stereotypes. It could be about a time you witnessed someone being racist or a time you've experienced racism. The competition is split into three categories: Written, Short Film, and Photography. If you decide to participate it isn't compulsory to hand in something for all three categories.

- For the Written category you can write anything, it could be a poem, short story, or short essay, however your piece of writing must not exceed over **600 words**.
- For the Short Film category you can create a short film that must be **over a minute but no more than 2:30 (1:00—2:30)**.
- For the Photography category you can submit your entry as a single photo, a collection of photos, or a collage.

The competition also has some pretty outstanding prizes:

<i>1st Place</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>

Each category has a 1st, 2nd and a 3rd place winner. You can submit entries in more than one category, however you can only win 1 prize. To submit your entries you can either go to the WOKE website which will be included below or come see Mr Partridge and he can help you. The closing date for the competition is 3rd October, 2020.

For more information go to:

<https://www.ourwoke.com/me-my-culture-and-nsw>

Go and have some fun, get creative and you never know you might win a prize.

Nyngan High School Anti-Racism Group

Shania Dutschke & Jasmine Bourke