



# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

**INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS**

**THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**TERM 3 WEEK 10**

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## DATE/EVENTS

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

*Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm  
Wednesdays*

**Monday 28th September to Friday 9th  
October - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

## NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

**"Integrity"**

### Students of the Term



Year 7 Samuel Milligan



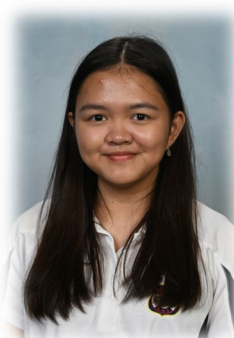
Year 8 Charlotte Ryder



Year 9 Jack Melchior



Year 10 Jack Meldrum



Year 11 Fira Tresnawati



Year 12 Bill Quarmby

**Congratulations to our Students of the term for Term 3**

*Wishing everyone a safe and relaxed holiday  
See you in Term 4*



## **Principal's Report**

Dear School community,

Wow, what a term! Different than regular Term 3's in reference to the amount of activities conducted, but still exceptionally the same in reference to the run towards the end of HSC and Year 11 courses. It has certainly been a very busy one for staff and students. The current Covid situation has seen us working in a very different way. Students and staff have certainly felt the impact of the restrictions and what it has meant in relation to extra-curricular activities.

We will be acknowledging Year 12's completion of 13 years of school at the beginning of next term. I know there has been a recent announcement from the Premier in relation to graduations and formals for Year 12. At the time of writing this, we know we can have some form of event after November 12 but we are yet to define what it would look like or how it will function. We will decide on this early next term.

Year 11 students have completed their yearly exams and are receiving feedback from their class teachers. It is vitally important that students reflect on this feedback and understand what it is they need to do to progress. Staff take a great deal of time to provide feedback and it is one of the most effective ways to assist students to improve. I would encourage all parents and carers to discuss the exams with their student and ask about the feedback provided and what the student is going to do next to improve on their results.

Our captain nominees for 2021 did an exceptional job in their speeches. These were delivered to voting students and were shown to staff who then also voted. We will be announcing these positions during this week.

This has been a different process due to Covid 19 but it is a consistent process for all of the nominees. We have some great candidates and I am excited to where they will take the school student leadership next.

Kind regards,

***Benn Wright***  
***Principal***



## Class of Year 12 - 2020

Best Wishes and Good Luck from Students & Staff of Nyngan High School

Olivia Ashton



Amber Bates



Katie Boland



Jeffery Carter



Max Hoare



Dean Fitzalan



Saranna Fisk



Cameron Ryan



Naite Holmes



Bailey McBrien



Brett Moon



Bill Quarmby



Randell Robb



Lily Smith



Emma Teale



Cody Thomas-Rope



Caroline Walsh



Jordan Willcockson



Xander Wood



Harley Yeomans



## **Deputy Principal's Report**

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

Term 3 has come to an end. What a busy term with no circuit breakers of excursions or extra-curricular activities. Let's hope next term is a different story. Working in such a changing and dynamic workspace always cements for me the love I have for a challenge and for our great school. It is very easy to get bogged down in the stress of our busy lives, but it is also important to think about why we are all here and I hope as we get the virus back under control we have more freedoms.

Although we will congratulate Year 12 in next term, I would like to thank them for being such resilient and respectful students of Nyngan High School. As a cohort they have been great role models for our younger students and have not had one Sentral entry this year. As we are at the end of each Term 3, we will be sad to see them leave but as they make their way into the world, I hope they achieve their dreams and, in some form, leave the levee bank knowing we are always here if they need us. Thank you, our school captains of 2020, Bill, Bailey, Caroline and Xander. You have been wonderful ambassadors of our school and we look forward to welcoming your replacements next term.

### **Our Positive Education awards for this term are:**

**Year 7 - *Nicholas Motley:*** Nick is a quiet student who has remained positive throughout Term 3. He always has a smile on his face and is willing to help anyone in Year 7, whether it be a lost timetable or a borrowed jumper, Nicks your man!

**Year 8 - *Meg Richards:*** Meg is a delightful, bright and talented student. Her willingness to participate in all aspects of school life and her 'have a go' attitude is one of her many great attributes. Meg is an outstanding role model and a great friend to her peers. Her talent as an artist is inspiring and it is a joy to see. Meg you are a kind, intriguing and spirited human. Keep smiling and continue to just be you. Nyngan High School and your peers are very lucky to have you.

**Year 9 - *Jack Melchior:*** Jack is a deserving student for the Term 3 Positive Education award. He consistently displays all that we value at Nyngan High School. He conducts himself with integrity and is most respectful of his peers and teachers. Jack is a hardworking and positive student who goes about his business on a daily basis with little fuss or fanfare. He is a great guy who others should and most do look up to.

**Year 10 - *Shannon Bourke:*** Shannon is a friend to all and a leader in the classroom. His dedication and enthusiasm that he shows towards all aspects of his life is admirable and he is an invaluable member of Nyngan High School.

**Year 11 - *William Gudgeon:*** Will has been an absolute superstar throughout Term 3. He has continually challenged himself, displaying perseverance in his academic pursuits and the courage to step outside his comfort zone and put his hand up for new things. Will has also been spotted performing thoughtful, completely unprovoked random acts of kindness for his peers. He is a kind, caring and mature soul who we could all learn from.

**Year 12 - *Jordan Willcockson:*** Jordan has consistently displayed an incredibly positive attitude, coupled with an excellent work ethic throughout the year. Nothing is ever a problem, and despite the chaos of Covid he has worked tirelessly during his HSC whilst remaining modest and grounded. He has always had clear goals in site and has never been shy of putting in the effort to achieve them. Jordan holds high expectations of himself and acts with integrity always. He treats all his peers with respect and kindness and truly is a valued member of Nyngan High School.

### **100% attendance goes to:**

***Congratulations to the following students who have 100% Attendance for Term 3.***

Year 7 - Gemma Boland, James Flis and Carly Waterhouse

Year 8 - Lucy-Jane Dowling and Kayne Taylor

Year 9 - Brydie Hoare

Year 10 - Jack Buchanan and Trae Smith

Year 11 - Tyson Stapleton



Thank you to our efficient, professional and capable executive team, led by Mr Wright, for your dedication and resilience this term and our staff who work in a tiring and emotional field yet show professionalism and stamina, you are all valued. And to our students, you are the reason we are all here and I am so grateful to be part of your educational journey. Even though sometimes you challenge me to my limit at times, I couldn't imagine spending my time with better people.

I wish everyone a safe and happy spring holiday. I hope that you have an opportunity to spend time with those closest to you and maybe even fit in a trip away. Take care of yourselves and each other.

*Angie Bush*  
*Deputy Principal*



## Maths/CAPA News

The end is in sight! What a fabulous and busy fortnight we have had!

Congratulations to Music 1 HSC students Jordan, Naite, Cody and Bailey for surviving their HSC Performance exam and to Visual Arts students Caroline, Dean, Cameron, Saranna, Harley and Lily for getting their bodies of work completed! They look amazing!

The Maths/CAPA staff have been busy marking Year 11s examinations and providing valuable feedback for areas of improvement before embarking on the HSC content next term. Staff are in the process of finalising Year 11 reports, which will be distributed during Term 4. We have also been providing Year 12 with opportunities to complete past papers in order to improve their practice further, in time for the HSC which starts on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

We are busy securing a space for Year 12 to study and revise without interruptions in the holidays. Year 12 are encouraged to check their emails as this information will be explained when details are finalised.

In music, Stage 4 classes have been busy writing their own riffs and challenging themselves to learn some new riffs and chords on the guitar.

In Stage 5 Music, students have finished their compositions for lyric writing and are busy ironing out the finer details for their performance piece 'Bow River'.

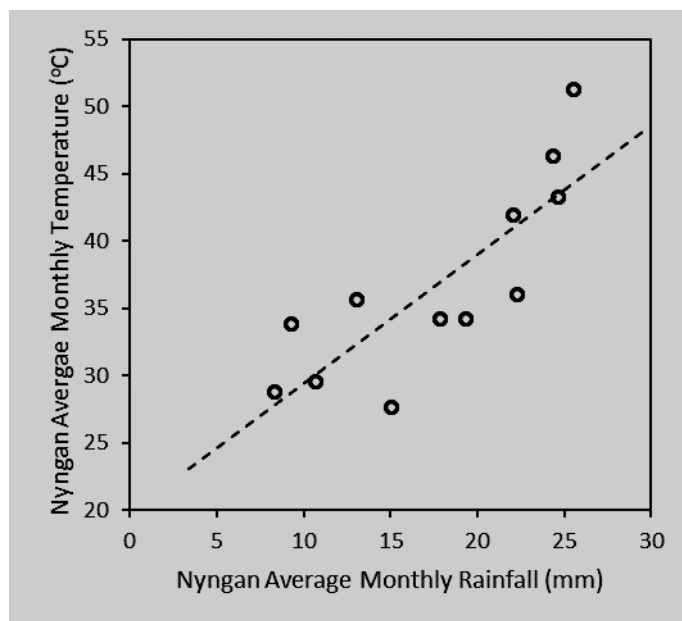
### **Visual Arts and Photography**

**YEAR 12 HAVE FINISHED THEIR BODY OF WORKS.... FINALLY!!!!** They are in, they are marked and they are awaiting the end of the exam period to be displayed. They should all be extremely proud of themselves.

Stage 4 and 5 Visual Arts are finishing up their lino prints. Year 11 Visual Arts are working towards a mini body of work, testing out the waters ready to start Year 12 term.

Stage 5 photography have been working on their stop motion madly trying to get them finished before the end of term. Attached are some photos of them filming their scenes.

Over the last two weeks, Stage 5 students have been looking at plotting two variables in a scatter plot, and examining the strength and direction of the relationship between them. On Tuesday the students in the 5MAA class plotted average monthly temperature against average monthly rainfall for Nyngan. The plot showed that there was a strong, positive relationship between rainfall and temperature over the year. In short, summer months, while hotter, also had higher monthly rainfall, than the cooler months of the year.



## ASX Sharegame Update

The top 10 list as at 4pm Monday 21 September 2020

1	<a href="#">vkunkel - teacher</a>	\$52,486.26
2	<a href="#">Ebony-1</a>	\$51,629.02
3	<a href="#">Jedd</a>	\$51,099.29
4	<a href="#">Mav</a>	\$50,453.86
5	<a href="#">Billi</a>	\$50,249.84
6	<a href="#">Acacia</a>	\$50,181.01
7	<a href="#">Siarra</a>	\$50,003.75
8	<a href="#">Front Squad</a>	\$49,972.11
9	<a href="#">Jessica</a>	\$49,936.43
10	<a href="#">Malakye</a>	\$49,918.00

**4MAE** were distributed with a decimals assessment task yesterday. Students are required to read a menu, calculate the cost of the bill and determine the change. This task is due October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**5MAV** have started using the 'Be Moneysmart' resource from the Australian Government. The module we are looking at is called *Saving, budgeting and spending* and students will look at their financial personality, what their strengths and weaknesses are, their goals, their budget, how they could save money and how they could invest money.

### A logic puzzle for you to solve over the holidays:

## Agility Competition - Logic Grid

Four dogs took part in a agility competition. Figure out which is the breed of the dog named Thor.

- Only the winning dog has the same initial letter in name and breed.
- The Boxer ranked 1 position after the Shepherd. None of them likes the tunnel, nor jumping through the tire.
- Cheetah and the dog who loves the poles were 1st and 3rd.
- Thor doesn't like the plank and didn't come 2nd.
- Cheetah either loves the tunnel or she came 4th.
- The dog who loves the plank came 1 position after the dog who loves the poles.
- Suzie is not a Shepherd and Beany doesn't like the tunnel.

		Breed				Best				Ranking			
		Boxer	Collie	Shepherd	Terrier	Plank	Poles	Tire	Tunnel	1	2	3	4
Name	Beany												
	Cheetah												
	Thor												
	Suzie												
Ranking	1												
	2												
	3												
	4												
Best	Plank												
	Poles												
	Tire												
	Tunnel												

Name	Breed	Best	Ranking
Beany			
Cheetah			
Thor			
Suzie			



## Stage 5 - Stop Motion



## Year 11 - Landscape paintings



## ATHLETICS 2020

The 2020 Athletics Carnival has finally come to an end. I would like to thank all the staff who have helped to run events, time keep, measure or fire a starting gun.

Thank you also to all the students who participated throughout this term.

*C Smith*  
**PDHPE**

### ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS 2020

12 YEARS - Shania Dutschke

Samuel Milligan

13 YEARS - Gemma Boland

Oliver Fitzalan

14 YEARS - Jasmine Bourke

Riley Wood & Cooper Black

15 YEARS - Whitney Pack

Jack Meldrum

16 YEARS - Ebony Martin & Mia Taylor

Sonny Calton & Jack Buchanan

17+ YEARS - Jade Wye

William Gudgeon

### CHAMPION HOUSE 2020

1<sup>st</sup> - **MITCHELL**

2<sup>nd</sup> - **BOGAN**

3<sup>rd</sup> - **CANONBA**



# Checking in with the Chook,

## CBCA Notable books



Once a year the Children's Book Council of Australia looks back on the books published in the previous year and decides which of them deserve special mention as outstanding books.

I am thrilled when the CBCA shortlist comes out and I find that we have managed to obtain many of the books during the preceding year.

This year is particularly pleasing as we have ALL the recommended books for older readers and even some from the junior reader category.

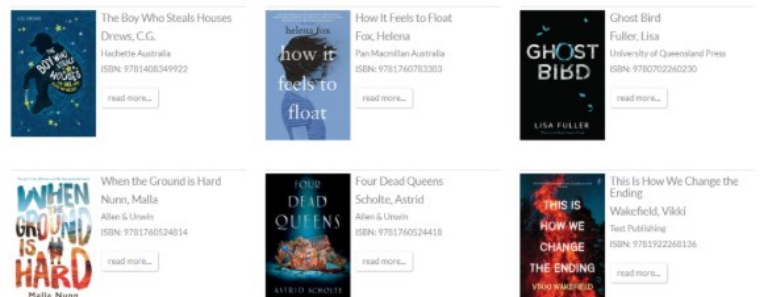


To drill down into what made these books stand out from the plethora of wonderful books released last year you can go to the CBCA website and explore for yourself.

<https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2020>

### BOOK OF THE YEAR: OLDER READERS

Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for readers in their secondary years of schooling. Ages 13-18 years (NB: These books are for mature readers in this category and some deal with particularly challenging themes including violence and suicide. Parental guidance is recommended).



In addition we have the following texts from the Younger Readers selection and Young Dark Emu from the Eve Pownall Award section.



## **Science/Special Ed**

Last week of Term 3 – Wow! Where did the time go? Thanks to all the kids for a great term.

A massive congratulations to the iSTEM students who put together a submission to the Game Changer Challenge 2020. Last week we were notified that they have been selected as semi-finalists in this state wide competition. Next term they will compete against other semi-finalists in the Western Region, via Zoom due to COVID. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing their submission. Last year they won the people's choice award, and they are hoping to improve on that result this year!

This term we started the science club which runs every second week during lunch on Tuesdays. We have a committed little group who come regularly and are loving it, we hope more students will take advantage of the club next term. This week the club looked at combustion and the conservation of matter, while also experimenting with different metal chloride solutions to make different coloured flames like you would see in fireworks.

Well done to our Stage 6 students who have now completed their Trial HSC and End of Course Preliminary Examinations. They have all tried hard and taken their feedback on board which is highly commendable.

Science has received some new equipment recently, most notable is a new set of both senior and junior microscopes. Stage 4 in particular have been enjoying testing them out as they are learning about cells. Both staff and students have been loving the upgrade in quality from our old microscopes.

The Room 1 students have continued to have their weekly outings in the community, so they can develop the skills to access facilities available in Nyngan. The students are really enjoying their outings and they are fast becoming a highlight of their week.

This week some new furniture is arriving for Rooms 1 and 2, their learning space is going to undergo a facelift to make the rooms more suited to the needs of so students. I look forward to sharing some pictures as the changes occur.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students as they reach the last weeks of their formal schooling and good luck for their HSC exams and beyond. You have been a wonderful group of students and I would like to wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

Wishing all our families and students a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready to go for Term 4.

Happy Holidays!

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





## English/HSIE News

A fortnight where the **English** faculty has been super busy.

School photos last week saw many of the faculty dressed to impress for their individual portraits. None of us were too happy with our individuals, although **Mr Miles** seventh take looked a little cute, with his cheeky smirk lighting up the room and his salad looking particularly impressive.

**Year 12** have been hard at work preparing for their HSC exams with stress levels reduced somewhat following some positive Trial Examination results. **Miss Boyden** was chuffed with **Jordan Willcockson** in particular who, through a combination of hard work and tenaciousness was able to finish at the top of the rankings in his **Advanced English** class. A remarkable achievement considering the stiff competition.

Mr Miles **Standard English** class have been re-enacting key scenes from *Billy Elliot* at The Shed Boxing Club. The footage I saw showed **Brett Moon** almost perfectly capturing Billy's combination of elegance and toughness as he avoided the testosterone fuelled punches of **Naite Holmes**. Potentially the best piece of casting in Nyngan High School history.

**Year 11** are doing good things and are demonstrating some of the tools necessary to succeed at the Year 12 level. A little work is needed on essays, but with the right teaching and a little bit of hard work, I can see some brilliant results at the end of 2021.

**Stage 5 English** classes are finishing up the *Documentaries* unit and learning more and more about the world around them. **5A** just watched *The Social Dilemma*, a truly eye-opening doco that shines a light on the control social media has on the world, particularly our children. I would encourage all parents to check it out. The goal next term is for all students to create their own group documentaries about key issues at Nyngan High or within Nyngan itself using the new faculty film kit. It's pretty great.

**Stage 5 History** are finishing up learning about The Industrial Revolution and ready to move into Slavery and its impact on the western world. They have a growing awareness of how easy their lives are these days, especially when compared to the six year old children forced to work 14 hour days back in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**Stage 4 English** are polishing off their *Poetry* unit with my class creating a couple of humorous limericks and some great little poems. Standouts were **Zoe Lord** and **Jacob Martin**.

**Stage 4 Geography** have been completely in love with learning all about the slums of India, gaining new perspective on how other people live on a daily basis. The fact that the people have so little, yet are so happy and have such a strong sense of community was of particular interest. My **4E** class also completely frothed on learning about *Latitude and Longitude*, a skill many of them were super chuffed to acquire and use.

With school holidays rapidly approaching our faculty have many plans in place to maximise their time off. **Miss Rixon** and **Miss Boyden** are headed back to the beaches and warm weather of Newcastle with Rixo planning on hanging out with a new friend and Boyden planning to work on her tan and hang out at the Sydney Junction most nights.

**Mr Miles** plans to head off to Broken Hill, sampling many of the towns and locations, whilst **Mr Partridge** is headed to Bourke for a few days to do a spot of Paddle Steaming and catch up with relatives.

**Mr Matheson** might head off to Adelaide if the borders are opened up in time. Either that or down the Central Coast somewhere, just to spend time at the beach and eat different types of food.

Anyway, stay safe and be happy during the break. Live a little and experience at least one new thing.

**Mr Matheson**  
**English Faculty**

