



# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

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

THURSDAY 20TH MAY, 2021

TERM 2 WEEK 5

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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 17th May to Friday 28th May -  
Stage 5 Exams**

**Thursday 20th May - ATHLETICS  
CARNIVAL**

**Friday 21st and Monday 24th May - MID  
TERM BREAK**

**Monday 24th May to Friday 4th June -  
Stage 4 Exams**

**Tuesday 25th May - CWA Public Speaking  
in Narromine**

**Monday 31st May - Tom Kemp Rugby  
League Larkin Oval Nyngan**

**Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th June - Captains  
Visit to Government House in Sydney**

**Monday 7th June - P&C Meeting**

**Monday 7th June - AECG Meeting**

**Monday 14th June - QUEENS BIRTHDAY  
HOLIDAY**

## NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

**"Integrity"**



Congratulations to Jack Buchanan in being chosen to join the DOVES Minister's Student Council (Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools). The minister's student council will be the peak forum for interaction between NSW public school students, Education NSW and the NSW Government. Jack was chosen as 1 of only 27 students state wide to join DOVES and that in itself is a huge achievement. Well done.



***Dear School Community,***

Already this term we have been extremely busy as a school and I continue to be impressed by the great work and attitude of our students and staff.

Let me begin by addressing Jack Buchanan's outstanding achievement.

The whole school community and wider community should be abundantly proud of the achievement of Jack Buchanan in being chosen as 1 of only 27 students state wide to join the DOVES Minister's Student Council. The minister's student council, known as the Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools (DOVES) will be the peak forum for interaction between NSW public school students, Education NSW and the NSW Government.

Jack has been chosen to be part of this innovative initiative that will ensure student voices contribute to inclusive and positive change in the NSW education system.

The first of the council meetings was held in Sydney from Tuesday 18 May -Thursday 20 May, with students meeting the Education Minister at Parliament House on Wednesday 19 May.

We are so proud of Jack for taking this opportunity and look forward to hearing his feedback and thoughts as he works on the council.

A plethora of events are keeping our school rolling along including sporting competitions, NAPLAN, Work-placement, Athletics Carnival, assessment tasks and school photos.

In the Nyngan Show our school had representation across many areas. Staff and students submitted wonderful photos, arts, crafts, paintings and cakes for judging; many students acted as Stewards for the show; and our Art classes exhibited a magnificent display in the Pavilion. All of our staff and students can take great pride in their achievements and efforts at the show, it was truly inspiring.

***NAPLAN Online***

NAPLAN on-line in 2021 has been a success again, with our Years' 7 and 9 students completing these tests during the past fortnight with great commitment and application. This style of test is the new normal for our students. The method of completing the tests on a screen, with ear-phones blocking out noise and distractions, is proving to be very accessible and the test platform is increasingly stable each year. Thank you to Ms Booth, and her team of administrators for their organisation and management of the testing for our students.

***School Uniform***

I need to remind everyone that now it's turning cold we must not let our uniform standards slip. The incorrect footwear has become a little issue of late and now with the cold weather around, jumpers, hoodies and track pants need to be navy blue and a correct school uniform item.

***Examinations, Assessment and Reporting***

We are in the busy time mid-year where examinations and assessments are being completed and teachers are transitioning to report writing. Please remember it is paramount that you inform the school of any absences and your student makes the appropriate actions, which are outlined in the student handbooks on how to address illness or misadventure. We have too many students leaving early or not attending at all for reasons that do not meet NSW DoE guidelines. These absences will be reported on as unjustified and if absent for an assessment or examination, the student will be given a 0% if no reasonable measures to mitigate this absence has occurred. Attendance and communication of non-attendance is of the utmost importance.

I look forward to the brilliant opportunities in play for the second half of the term and sharing our fantastic stories when they do.

Kind regards,

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

## **Deputy Principal Report**

Welcome to the busiest term on the school calendar. Students are pushed both academically and with extra-curricular activities. It is at this time students need to utilise their school diaries so they can schedule all of their commitments in for the week. By no coincidence is the following Positive Education message for the week:



***During the first 5 weeks of Term 2 our students have been involved in so many activities:***

- ◆ Stage 6 Sports Coaching and Mrs Smith organised a basketball competition for Stage 5 during sport
- ◆ Stage 5 Food Technology and Miss Strachan provided a beautiful morning tea for the senior citizens of our community
- ◆ Awesome ANZAC Day drumming by Shannon, Jack, Fira, Sam and Jasmine, who were superbly supported by Miss Collier and Mr Corby
- ◆ Brilliant speech by Bailee and Lilly for ANZAC Day
- ◆ Open Rugby League and Mr Lennon travelled to Dubbo and Parkes
- ◆ Mr Miles organised for Stage 5 Drama and all Stage 4 classes to attend Bell Shakespeare.

Stage 4 and 5 are doing their examinations during Weeks 5, 6 and 7. This is an important time for them to take a small amount of time each afternoon or evening revising the day's content and utilising platforms like Ed Perfect, Edrolo and Mathletics, which the school purchases so students can access at school or at home, to revise content and improve skills.

In the second half of the term we have planned a Sorry Day/ Reconciliation Week ceremony, Good Guys, our captains will visit Government House, Year 12 will attend HSC seminars in Dubbo and some Year 10 students will attend an Outdoor Education Camp at the Warrumbungle's.

As you can see our students and staff are involved in many activities, which enrich the whole experience of engaging in education. For the later part of Term 2 please assist your children in scheduling their priorities so they can commence or continue engaging in the many opportunities Nyngan High School present.

Regards

***Tanya Buchanan***  
***Relieving Deputy***

## **P and C News**

At our AGM held late March, the following people were re- elected:

Neralie Quarmby – President, Donna Smith – Vice President, Tanya Buchanan – Secretary and Noelene Walsh – Treasurer. I wish to thank Donna, Tanya and Noelene for their ongoing service to the P and C.

A big thank you also to Mr Wright and Mrs Buchanan for their continuing support and also to our parents/carers who come along to our meetings.

Once again this year we are manning the gates for Nyngan Senior Rugby League. A big thank you to Sonia Black, Donna Smith, Noelene, Anastasia and Victoria Walsh, Cath and Peter Healey, Rata English and Tanya Buchanan for doing the gates last Sunday, it is very much appreciated.

The dates and times we require helpers for are as follows:

### **Round 5 - 6.6.21 Wellington**

9:30 - 11:30

11:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 3:30

### **Round 7 - 27.6.21 Narromine**

9:30 - 11:30

11:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 3:30

### **Round 9 - 11.7.21 Forbes**

9:30 - 11:30

11:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 3:30

### **Round 11- 25.7.21 Parkes**

9:30 - 11:30

11:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 3:30

### **Round 13- 8.8.21 CYMS**

9:30 - 11:30

11:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 3:30

Please ring or text me on 0427322205 to put your name on the list. I look forward to receiving many names as the P and C fundraise for all your children.

**‘I may only be one person but I can be one person who makes a difference’**



Thank you

*Neralie Quarmby - President*

## Science/Special Education

Another half term completed! Students have been very productive this term and are currently preparing to show off what they have learnt in their Half Yearly Examinations. Best wishes to all our students.

**Stage 4** have completed their forces unit and are now learning about energy. They have been particularly enjoying the electricity practicals. Well done to a number of our Stage 4 students for their outstanding results in their first assessment task on forces and vectors. Those who applied themselves fully, demonstrated a very high level of understanding.

**Stage 5** have now completed their Waves and Communication topic. They enjoyed the last section where they were experimenting with light and how it behaved when it passed through different lens and substances of varied densities. They have been able to apply this knowledge to real life applications, such as glasses and using a focal point to intensify light energy. The new topic which Stage 5 have begun is Space and the Universe.

**Stage 6** have continued to work hard on their respective modules and assessment tasks, with their examinations not till Term 3.

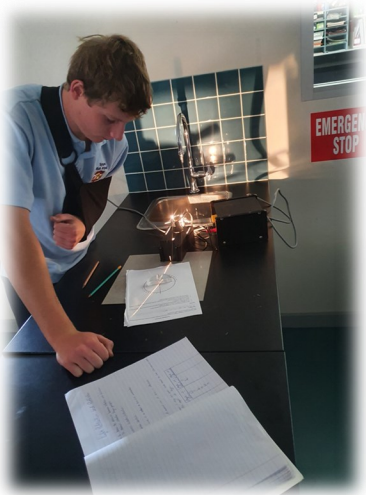
Mr Arnall has formed a group of keen Stage 5 students to compete in the Game Changer Challenge for this year. They are busy prepare for the preliminary stages of the competition and we wish them all the best.

**Room 1 and 2** students were very busy preparing cooking, art and schoolwork to exhibit in the recent show. It was wonderful to see all their prizes in the Pavilion over the show weekend and I would like to congratulate them on their efforts and the new skills in which they developed in completing these tasks. A new project which the MC students have started working on is the growing of vegetables in the Ag plot. During this project they will be incorporating their learning of Maths, Science and healthy eating as part of PE, as well as food preparation in Food tech. We look forward to watching how this project progresses.

I would like to wish all our school community a well earned mid-term break and look forward to seeing students back and refreshed for another busy half term of learning.

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





## CHS Swimming

At the end of Term One, the 13 year old girls relay team, which was made up of Kate Partridge, Mia Hancock, Shania Dutschke and Elizabeth Healy, produced an outstanding swim at the Western Region Schools Swimming trial held in Dubbo against some strong competition. To the girls surprise they qualified to swim at Homebush at the State CHS carnival. The girls continued to train till the pool closed, then they had to resort to dryland fitness and training, making it a huge challenge for them to maintain their swimming fitness.

They travelled to Sydney on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April accompanied by Mrs Cath Healey and Mrs Emma Partridge, ready to swim early on Thursday morning at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

On arrival they were presented with their Western Regional Representative swimming caps before being taken down stairs to marshal. The girls were in the 2<sup>nd</sup> heat of three and while they weren't fast enough to make the finals, they all swam personal bests to beat their qualifying time from Dubbo by almost 7 seconds, which was a fantastic result, particularly considering that they hadn't been in a pool for over two weeks.

Afterwards the girls enjoyed looking at the Olympic memorabilia within the aquatic centre and generally took in the whole experience, including watching some of the CHS diving which was beside the warm up pool and amazing to see live.

The trip was topped off with some shopping and taking in the sights of Sydney.

Congratulation to Kate, Mia, Shania and Elizabeth for a wonderful effort.



2021 C.H.S. F 13yrs 4x50m Freestyle		Event: 065 Heat: 2	
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4	YA - A	YA	2:11.45 6
5	PICTO - A	PICT	2:15.27 7
6	ELDER - A	ELDE	2:17.48 1
7	COLO - A	COLO	2:19.87 2
8	ALBHS - A	ALBH	2:22.95 8
9	GLNIN - A	GLNI	2:26.89 0
10	NYNGA - A	NYNG	2:34.83 9

95004 Aquatic

## Maths CAPA news

Week 5 and Week 6 are exams for Stage 5, and Week 6 and Week 7 are exams for Stage 4. Students need to be revising for their classes. Students should also come to exams prepared with the correct equipment, such as calculators for mathematics.

**Stage 4 Mathematics** are currently looking at percentages, and how to convert percentages to decimals and fractions.

**Stage 5 Mathematics** have been looking at trigonometry, with an excursion by the 5O and 5E classes to the town's water tower to find its height using trigonometry. Through measuring the angle of elevation, and using the distance from the base of the water tower, it was found to be approximately 28 metres tall.

**Stage 6 Preliminary Standard Mathematics** have recently started a new topic "earning and managing money". There will be a test on this topic in Week 9 this term.

**Stage 6 HSC Standard Mathematics** are currently preparing for their Task 2 Assessment, which will be on Networks.

## ASX Sharegame

The ASX Schools Sharegame finishes today (Thursday 20 May). The top three students (as of Wednesday 19 May) are Travis Giles, Brie Taylor, and Meg Meldrum.

## Music

It has been good to see the regulars turn up for rock band. I would love to see more people show up on Fridays.





## TAS Faculty

It is great to back and have so many opportunities for our students.

I would like to welcome Miss Molly Paton to the TAS staff and hope she loves teaching and being part of the Nyngan community as much as I do. It is almost time to say farewell to Mrs Waterhouse. We wish her and Danny along with Hudson and Lincoln all the best for the safe arrival of number 3. I personally cannot wait for visits and lots of cuddles.

On a Careers note we had 8 students complete their white card last week whilst another 38 will complete it by the end of this term. This is an excellent opportunity that has been funded by a government initiative.

This term we were successful in signing up 5 more school-based trainees. Bella and Amy are at the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre and completing a Cert111 in Early Childhood Education and Care. Anastasia and Billi are at the Nyngan Hospital completing a Cert111 in Health Assistance. Max is completing his Cert11 in Agriculture on his family property.

A number of Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend the annual Tertiary day in Dubbo with another 15 students attending a Careers day held at the Nyngan TAFE. A number of students also came along to watch the UAC that Mrs Walsh hosted in the library. Our Stage 5 School to Work classes have been discussing a number of important issues including how to read your pay slip and work timetable and group certificates along with calculating tax.



Thursday afternoons have been busy cooking with my community electives. We have practiced our culinary skills and are now ready to give support to where it is needed.

Congratulations to everyone who attended the Nyngan Show and in particular a special mention to Grace, Tazi, Tsitsi, Anastasia, Victoria, Sam, Ryan who gave up their time to be stewards at the show. The show is of great significance to our community and it is vital to keep it going. This week we are back on the field with the Athletics carnival. Congratulations to Mrs Smith on all her preparation and hard work.

Well done to Miss Strachan and her class for their preparation and service at the Seniors Morning Tea. It was lovely to be able to support our community in this way.



Our Merino Wethers are growing and hopefully will be ready to take first prize when they visit Dubbo in mid August. The Primary Industries class are enjoying working with them and calculating their feed ration.



A huge Congratulations to Max Montgomery who was successful in gaining a place at the Young Farmers Conference in Dubbo on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Max is a worthy recipient and a great role model for the future of the Agricultural Industry.

As always, we are very proud of our TVET Automotive class. We are very fortunate to have such a caring and knowledgeable teacher as Jaimie support our students.

*Mrs Noelene Walsh  
Head Teacher TAS*



## Shakespeare at Nyngan High School

At the mention of William Shakespeare, a collective groan of anticipated boredom can be heard in any high school across the country. Teachers and parents may even look back at the hours spent reading a 500 year old play line by line and getting lost in a sea of thees and thous. Luckily, teachers of Nyngan High School don't have to worry about that, thanks to their longstanding relationship with Bell Shakespeare.

Bell Shakespeare, a company founded in 1990, boasts that they “perform works that are timeless and borderless”. With their education program, they take works that are centuries old and make them fun and accessible for any age group.

Nyngan High School has been lucky enough to work with Bell Shakespeare a number of times in the past, and continue to work with them today. More recently, all of Stage 4 and Stage 5 Drama were able to engage with Romeo and Juliet in “Just Romeo & Juliet!”.

“*Just Romeo & Juliet!* was fantastic. They managed to get all the kids involved and even called on a few students to participate. It was great to see our young people so enthused and loving Shakespeare!” said Luke Matheson, an English teacher at Nyngan High School.

In 2019, George Kemp and Jane Mahady, two teaching artists and performers from Bell Shakespeare, completed the first Artist in Residence program at Nyngan High School. They worked with all year groups in the school, from the most enthusiastic performer to the most reluctant and nervous. Students were introduced to the Bard by hurling Shakespearean insults at each other (nobody could forget the insult-off between Travis Giles and Chad French), performing some of the most iconic Shakespeare scenes, and donning costumes to become some well-known characters like Romeo and Juliet. Bianca Scott, a Drama and English teacher at Nyngan High School, said about Bell Shakespeare “I’ve worked here for 7 years now and Bell Shakespeare have come out a number of times offering free performances for our kids. The students always love them. They make Shakespeare so accessible”.

In 2016 and 2020 respectively, Bianca Scott and Alexandra Butchers engaged in an intensive four day program where they developed their skills in engaging students with Shakespeare. Bianca Scott described it as “the best professional learning I’ve ever experienced”.

The way Nyngan High School teaches Shakespeare is constantly changing and evolving. Kids are engaged in the Bard now more than ever, and we understand that getting up and being active is the best way to learn.



# Checking in with the Chook,

## New Graphic Novels from ASO

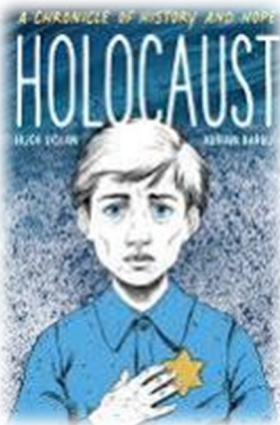
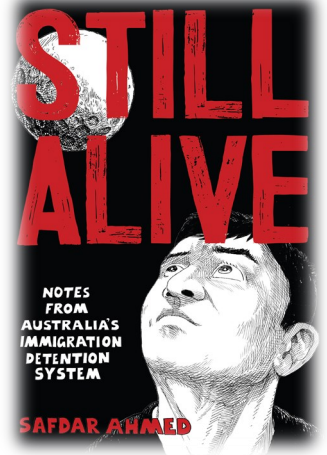
### Still Alive by Safdar Ahmed

Still Alive is a graphic novel that documents the stories of a number of people Safdar Ahmed met while running art classes in an immigration detention centre in Villawood, Sydney. These stories are told within the broader context of Australia's immigration detention systems.

Those seeking asylum in Australia due to war, strife, or violence in their home countries face extraordinary challenges both during their journey and upon arrival. Ahmed's book focuses on people who arrive in Australia by boat. For these people, a long, perilous, journey ends with the often equally perilous obstacles they face when dealing with Australia's legal processes, with the privations of onshore and offshore detention centres, and with inadequate health and psychological support.

Still Alive interweaves journalism, history, and autobiography with a striking visual style to bring to light the crucial untold stories of refugees in Australia, and the immigration detention systems they confront here.

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### Holocaust: A chronicle of history and hope by Hugh Dolan Illustrator Adrian Barbu

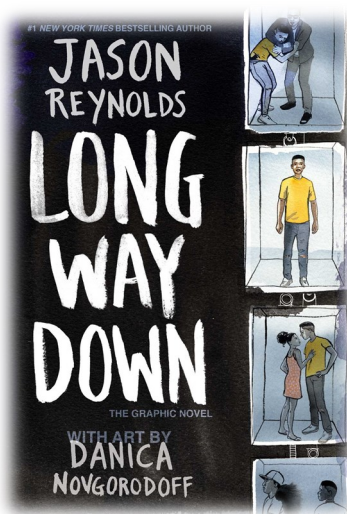
Adolf Hitler's regime has enveloped Europe, and now David, along with all Jews in the Nazis' reach, are in danger.

This extraordinary graphic novel traces the story of the rise of Nazism and Hitler's persecution of the Jews, merging historical imagery and documents with the haunting tale of David and his family. A story of fear, resilience, and compassion, and a legacy of love and hope.

### Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds, Illustrator Danica Novgorodoff

After Will's brother is shot in a gang crime, he knows the next steps. Don't cry. Don't snitch. Get revenge. So, he gets in the lift with Shawn's gun, determined to follow The Rules. Only when the lift door opens, Buck walks in, Will's friend who died years ago, and Dani, who was shot before Buck. As more people from his past arrive, Will has to ask himself if he really knows what he's doing. This haunting, lyrical, powerful verse novel will blow you away.

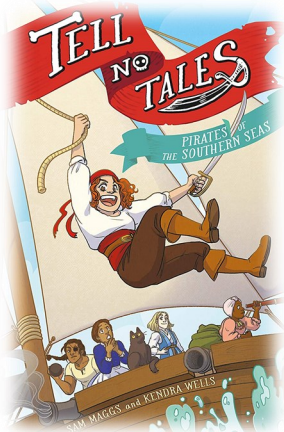
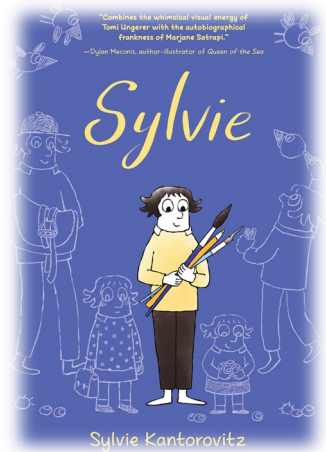
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## Sylvie by Sylvie Kantorovitz

Sylvie lives in a school in France, where her father is the principal. As a young child, Sylvie and her brother explore this most unusual kingdom. But in middle and high school, life grows more complicated. Sylvie begins to sense that her perceived 'success' relies on the pursuit of math and science - even though she loves art.

In a funny and perceptive graphic memoir, author-illustrator Sylvie Kantorovitz traces her first steps as an artist and teacher. Sylvie connects the ordinary moments of growing up to a life rich in hope and purpose.



## Tell no tales: Pirates of the Southern Seas by Sam Maggs, Illustrator Kendra Wells.

Anne Bonny had it all - her own ship, a pirate crew and a fearsome reputation - but a new enemy has her on the run and it'll take all of Anne's courage to stay afloat. The night before a major heist, Anne has an unsettling dream, and come morning, the robbery is thwarted by Woodes Rogers, a zealot who has sworn to eliminate piracy. With no plan to escape, Anne must persuade her crew to seek the meaning of her dream - or perish. Full of sass, solidarity, and swordplay, Tell no Tales is a graphic novel about belonging, belief and how far we're willing to go to protect the ones we love.



## The House Divided Series by Haiku Hornig Illustrations by Marius Pawlitz

The life of Henrietta Achillies is about to change. After years of living as an orphan, she receives a summons to the strange town of Malrenard. To her surprise, she is the only living relative of Ornun Zola - a notorious wizard, now deceased, who leaves Henrietta his house and everything in it.

Book 1- The accursed inheritance of Henrietta Achilles.

Book 2 - A light in the darkness, a lock in the door.

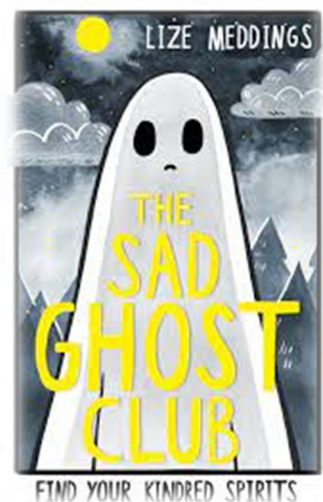


## The Sad Ghost Club by Lize Meddings

Ever felt anxious or alone? Like you don't belong anymore? Like you're almost...invisible? Find your kindred spirits at The Sad Ghost Club. (You are not alone. Shhhh. Pass it on)

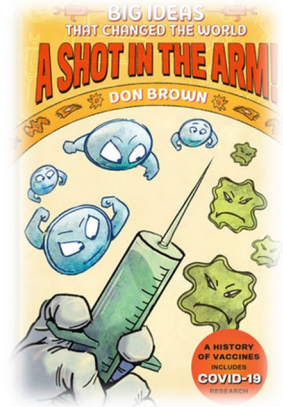
This is the story of one of those days - a day so bad you can barely get out of bed, when it's a struggle to leave the house, and when you do, you wish you hadn't. But even the worst of days can surprise you.

When one sad ghost, alone at a crowded party, spies another sad ghost across the room, they decide to leave together. What happens next changes everything.



### Big ideas that changed the world: A Shot in the Arm by don Brown

A Shot in the Arm! explores the history of vaccinations and the struggle to protect people from infectious diseases, from smallpox-perhaps humankind's greatest affliction to date - to the Covid 19 pandemic. Highlighting deadly diseases such as measles, polio, rabies, cholera, and flu strains, the author tackles the science behind how our immune systems work, the discovery of bacteria, the anti-vac movement, and major achievements from Lady Mary Wortley Montagu and from scientists like Louis Pasteur, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek and Edward Jenner, 'the father of immunology'. Timely and fascinating, a Shot in the Arm! is a reminder of vaccines contribution to public health so far, as well as the millions of lives they can still save.



### The Great Gatsby, adapted by K. Woodman-Maynard

F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 American masterpiece roars to life in this exquisite graphic novel. This faithful yet modern adaptation will appeal to fans with deep knowledge of the classic, while the graphic novel format makes it an ideal way to engage students.

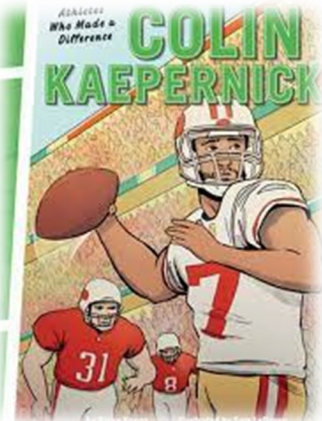
With its timeless critique of class, power and obsession, the graphic novel captures the energy of an era and the enduring resonance of one of the world's most beloved books.



### Colin Kaepernick: Athletes who made a difference. by Blake Hoena Illustrator Sam Ledoyen

This graphic biography shows readers the moments that have defined Colin Kaepernick's life as a quarterback and an activist. His talent and determination made him a college football success and brought him to the NFL. As a quarterback for the San Francisco 49s, he led his team to multiple playoffs and even competed in the Super Bowl.

When outrage over violence against African Americans became a national movement, Kaepernick joined the protests. His decision cost him his career in football, but he gained a voice heard world-wide.



### Brightly Woven by Alexandra Bracken, Illustrator Kit Seaton

Extraordinary things just don't happen to 14yo Sydelle Mirabil, a talented weaver who dreams about life outside of her tiny village. But that all changes when a mysterious young wizard named Wayland North appears and asks for Sydelle's help. He's got a shocking secret that could stop a war between kingdoms. North needs a navigator who can mend his magical clocks and Sydelle is perfect for the job. As they race to deliver the message, they must contend with a dark wizard who will do anything to stop them.

The more Sydelle uncovers about North's past and her own strange abilities, the more she realises the fate of the kingdom may rest in her hands.

