



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

Pakil kiya-thu ngini Ngurrampaa Wangaaypuwan wara-nha

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE, 2022

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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 30th May to Friday 10th June
Stage 4 Exams

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th June
HSC Seminars Dubbo College Senior Campus

Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th June
Outdoor Education Macquarie River Canoeing Expedition

Thursday 16th to Friday 17th June
ANSTO Nuclear Facility Excursion, Lucas Heights Sydney

Thursday 23rd June
Outdoor Education Carwash, Nyngan

Wednesday 29th June
Outback Science & Engineering Challenge, Cobar

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"Integrity"



Our very talented music teacher Mrs Elese Quinn was successful at the Nyngan Show with her Wedding Dress entry receiving first prize - beautifully made by Elese and a well deserved prize winner.



Principal News

Dear School Community,

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. You will see throughout this newsletter the tremendous opportunities created everyday at Nyngan High School and I am immensely proud what our students access with the fantastic support of staff.

I write to you in the midst of Reconciliation week and believe it paramount we all take actions everyday to 'close the gap' and reconcile as best we can for the injustices of the past for our first nations people. This years theme is 'Be Brave Make Change', and I think it is a great message. There are changes you can make every day, large and small to contribute to positive change. There is a brilliant list on the Reconciliation week website, [2022: Actions to Make Change - National Reconciliation Week 2022](#), two of these I challenge you to consider are acknowledging country as a moment of respect and connection and the second being learn your local history. We all reside on Ngiyampaa Wangaaypuwan Country, take some time and learn the stories of inhabitation and then colonisation to take another step in the reconciliation movement.

I am very thankful to Ms Strachan and her brilliant 'coffee club' team for catering the Reconciliation Week luncheon in the community. Once again, a tremendous opportunity and the whole community benefits from the brilliant dedication of staff and students.

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

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. It was tremendous for our STEM drone group to submit photos from around town for the first time. All of our staff and students can take great pride in their achievements and efforts at the show, it was truly inspiring. I am very thankful to Ms Hughan, as her leadership with the show is exceptional and I commend her on her efforts.

NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN on-line in 2022 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 upmost importance.

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

Kind regards,

Benn Wright
Principal

Deputy Principal News

Farewell to Mrs Bush, our Deputy Principal, friend, and all-round super woman! Tottenham Central School is very lucky, and we know Mrs Bush will take them on a super journey of continuous improvement.

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 their commitments in for the week. It is at this time we remember the quote 'nobody is too busy; it is just a matter of priorities.'

This week is Reconciliation Week and the theme for 2022 is 'Be Brave. Make Change.' It sets a challenge to all Australians – individuals, families, communities, organisations, and government – to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so that we can Make Change and strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous people, for the benefit of all Australians. It is an important, serious, and difficult job but it is also one that should be inspiring and uplifting for all Australians and all generations as we look to make reconciliation everyone's business. It will take time, but it will be an exciting journey that I will be honoured to be a part of.



During the rest of the term our student will be involved in many activities:

- ◆ Stage 4 exams
- ◆ Hospitality practical and service assessment
- ◆ RAGE
- ◆ HSC seminars
- ◆ Macquarie River excursion
- ◆ ANSTO nuclear facility excursion
- ◆ Outdoor Education car wash
- ◆ Outback Science and Engineering challenge in Cobar

It is important to remember when students represent Nyngan High School, they are to wear full school uniform, including white socks. If you are having trouble getting a uniform, please contact the school and we will assist.

Our attendance focus is going strong and congratulations to our 95% + attendance winners for Term 2: Brydie Hoare, Sophie Richards, Hayden Burley, Bella Leatham and Jasmine Bourke. Remember more days attended increases a child's academic success, improves their chances to earn higher credentials so they can earn higher pay in their careers!

Tanya Buchanan
Relieving Deputy

TAS Report

What a busy term it has been. Our faculty has been very busy in all areas. Miss Patons classes have completed mandatory WH&S and are now working on constructing picnic tables, and bedside tables in Stage 6. The metals classes are continually improving their skills in welding, folding metal and sheet cutting.

The coffee club run by Miss Strachan as a community elective is very popular with our Stage 5 students becoming quite skilled as baristas. This week they extended their skills to catering for the Reconciliation lunch.

Mrs Smith is enjoying her time as Year 7 advisor especially being able to attend the Lake Keepit excursion in Week 4. Im pretty sure her favourite activity was the mudrun. A big thank is also extended to Mrs Milligan, Mr Lennon, Miss Rixon and Ms Linke for attending the excursion. Photos from the trip demonstrate the awesome time everybody had completing the activities.

Mrs Waterhouse is busy preparing her Stage 6 CAFS students to complete their modules and practice past HSC exams whilst working with Stage 5 PDHPE on target and accuracy.

Congratulations to the following students for completing their Ref course run on the 25th May by Willi - Victoria Walsh, Hollie Smith, Claire Robb, Hayden Burley, Roxy Robb, Will Black, Charlie Kelly, Julian McDougall, Matt Lynch, Archie Black and AJ Katoa. It is great to see our students get involved in all aspects of sport.

Year 12 are very busy as they work towards completing their HSC. Last week they attended the Wambangalang to complete their Life Ready course. A big thank you to Mrs Butchers and Mr Casley for accompanying them. Next month a number of Year 12 students will travel to Dubbo to attend the ever popular and informative HSC Seminars.

Our merino wethers are growing and learning to be led due to the work of the Stage 6 Primary Industries students.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Nyngan Show for 2022. In particular I would like to recognise the students who participated as Junior Stewards: Kate Partridge, Jasmine Bourke, Harry Williams, Grace Williams, Ava Cummings (Nyngan Public School) and Piper Ashton.



Careers

Year 12 are currently applying for University in 2023 and looking at their options. The UAC book arrived this week and is great reading. Last month a number of our Year 12's attended the Careers Day at Dubbo Senior College.



Reconciliation Lunch

The Coffee Shop community elective have done a fabulous job this year from running their in-house school cafe to catering and serving at local functions.

On Tuesday the 31st of May, students were requested to cater and provide table service for Reverend Gloria Shipp's Reconciliation Luncheon.

As always, the group worked together as a team to showcase the many skills they have been learning this year. Miss Strachan is proud of these students and the great work they've been doing while managing to have a blast in everything they do!



Science/Special Ed

Stage 4 Science are currently studying Chemistry and have been learning about Elements, Compounds and Mixtures. This topic allows for lots of experiments to determine the difference and between each and various separation techniques which the students are really enjoying.

Stage 5 have begun a Biology topic at the beginning of term and have been looking at how their bodies respond to change. This has taken our prac work out of the classroom, so they can observe and measure the effects of exercise on the body. This week they will start to look internally with some dissections, starting with kidneys, as the students learn how the structure relates to water balance.

With a number of students out last week on excursions, the Science faculty used the time with the remaining students to focus on their team work and problem solving skills. This involved some STEM challenges, such as building spaghetti towers strong enough to hold a marshmallow. This activity was challenging, but all students enjoyed the challenge, creating a variation of both successful and unsuccessful structures.

As it is currently exam time for all our junior students, I would like to encourage students to take a little time to revise their classwork in preparation for their examination.

A number of our Stage 5 students applied to attend a Youth Leading in STEM camp to be held in Canberra at ANU. Grace Williams, Lily Francis, Elle Montgomery, James Flis, Jasmine Bourke and Meg Richards were all successful in gaining selection, with the organisers saying that they were very impressed with the outstanding quality of our school's applications. Congratulations to these students. They will travel to Canberra with Mrs Partridge during Week 9 and participate in a number of workshops at the university, which is a wonderful opportunity.

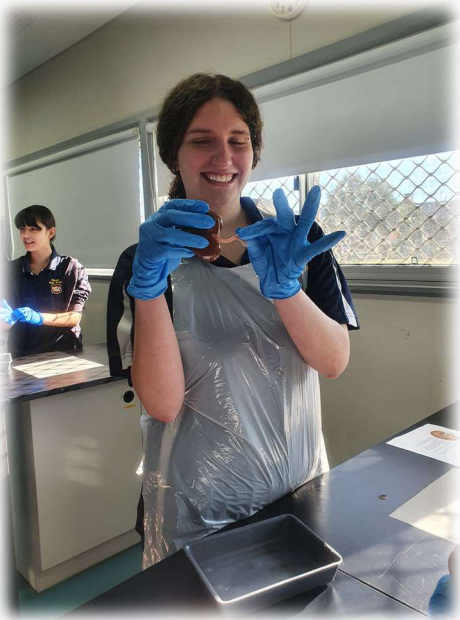
I will look forward to sharing news from the camp in the next newsletter!

Emma Partridge

Head Teacher Science/Special Ed



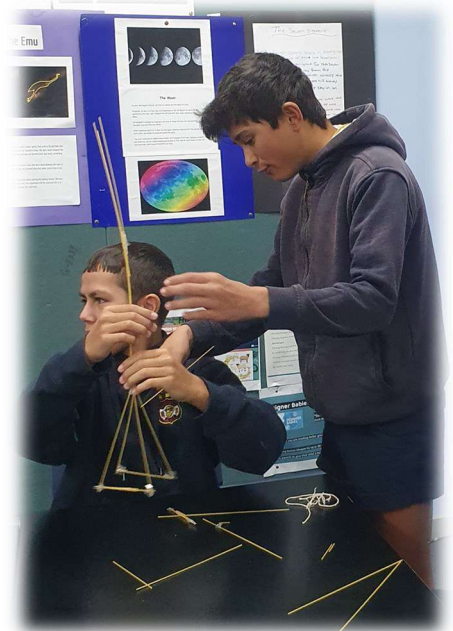
Congratulations to Dominic Radford and Ray Ernst on receiving second and first prizes for their cooking entries in the Nyngan Show. Well done to you both and they look delicious.

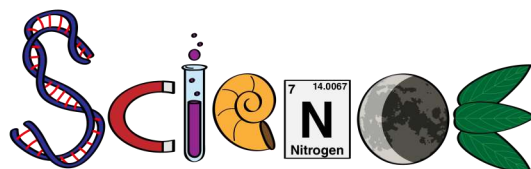
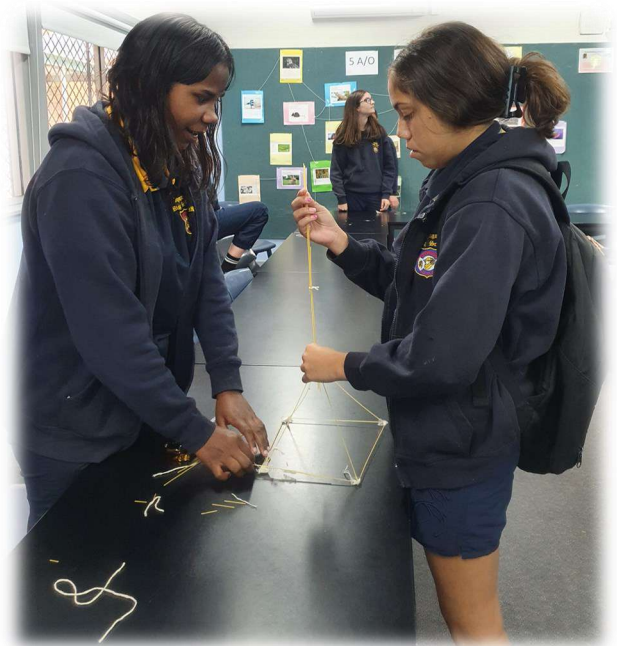
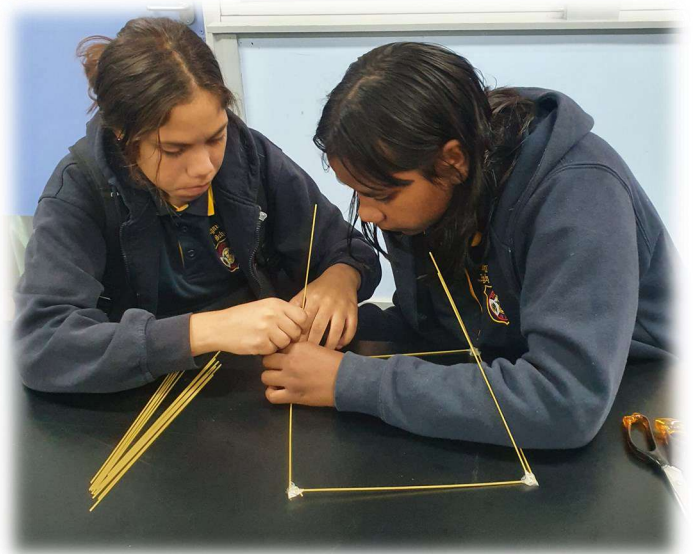
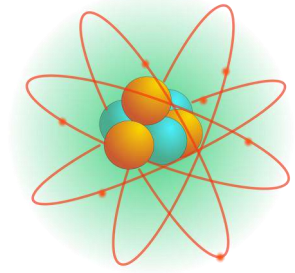


Science Experiments
and
Building Activities



SCIENCE
RULES





Buckley Shield Rugby League

Nyngan High travelled to Orange a couple of weeks back to take on Canobolas High, in a match that would decide whether they advanced in the Buckley Shield. Early predictions had the weather at a balmy 10 degrees, however, what we were greeted with was instead a warm day (if you subtract the cool north-easterly wind) almost perfect for rugby league.

After Mr Matheson messed up his calculations somewhat, the boys were forced to get dressed in their gear on the bus and basically leapt from the bus and straight onto the field. Nyngan High started well and AJ Katoa scored the game's first try. He was a beast throughout, using his size, speed and power to make numerous line breaks, whilst also showing great tenacity in defence.

He was well supported by Jayden Smith who also scored a try and saved myriad others with some brilliant defence. His strength far belies his size. Jayden is a real quiet achiever, not saying much but constantly reliable and safe.

Nyngan High were able to gain and maintain supremacy thanks to the leadership of Archie Black, who, whilst only being in Year 7, has a footy head far older. He steered the team around the park well, scored a try and was helped by Dominic Burley at hooker who scored two after great lead up work from his forwards.

Harry Williams, Mac Lawson and Jed Montgomery were also great at various stages with barnstorming carries and powerful defence.

AJ Katoa and Jayden Smith were voted joint best on ground by their peers, closely followed by Archie Black and Harry Williams.

Nyngan High 30 (Burley 2, Black, Katoa, Lawson, Smith) def Canobolas High 22.

L Matheson



Under 14's Buckley Shield Rugby League

Nyngan travelled to Dubbo on the 31st of May to compete in the final 4 of their pool in the under 14's Buckley shield. During the trip to Dubbo, some of the team were concerned about the weather as it was cold, windy and the rain was beginning to come down. We arrived in Dubbo at Apex Oval to gloomy conditions. The rain had cleared however, the wind was still swirling.

Nyngan's first round match was against Narromine High School. The pre-game talk consisted of concerns about Narromine's club team being one of the best in the Group 11 competition.

From the first touch of the ball, those concerns were quashed. The Nyngan forwards were very difficult to stop, making metres with every carry. Big Mac truck Lawson had Narromine on the back foot and AJ looked like a gazelle striding along for the try line. Throughout the game, Nyngan were solid in defence and their only concern came from a handy halfback and a strong running fullback. The end result was 34-16, with the win going to Nyngan.

Nyngan had made it to the final of the day coming up against Forbes High School. When the teams were shaking hands to begin the game it appeared as though Forbes had brought their Opens team instead.

Before they knew it Nyngan had found themselves 18 nil down which was due to a few lapses in defence. The game developed into a tussle for momentum which eventually swung Nyngan's way with a couple of favourable referee decisions.

Nyngan were 1 metre out from Forbes try line when slippery Docky Burley dove over for a try. Much to Forbes' disgust, he managed to score two more tries in the same manner. The final result was 24-16 to Forbes.

Congratulations on a fantastic day of football.

J Lennon



CWA Public Speaking Competition at Narromine

On May 24, Nyngan High School students, Jameson Bush, Tasi Dhedheya and Kate Partridge travelled to Narromine to compete in the CWA Western Region public speaking competition.

Jameson delivered a humorous speech about teaching a grandparent how to use a mobile phone; Tasi delivered an engaging, fact filled speech about the gigantic, weird and wonderful spider crab; and Kate spoke movingly about being proud of those who experience and overcome mental health issues.

Out of seven participants, all three received awards, an outstanding achievement for our three students and Nyngan High School. Tasi received an encouragement award, Kate was highly commended and Jameson was the overall winner! Jameson will now compete at the Intergroup Public Speaking Competition in Cowra. Congratulations to these talented and dedicated students.



Stage 5 Community Art Elective

Today we collected leaves and sticks etc to make our own brushes. We then used our brushes to paint an abstract background and then used oil pastels to draw a life-like animal over the top, juxtaposing realism and abstract to create our own unique art-works.



Stage 4 Maths: Probability



In Music we had the pleasure of hosting Michael Dolce (session guitarist from The Voice) for his Behind the Scenes school tour. He was very entertaining and taught us all a few things about resilience and patience when it comes to performing and creating music. Tasi wowed the group with his impressive vocal skills for his rendition (and duet) of 'Sunflower' with Michael playing the guitar. Michael also hosted a guitar workshop in which students created their own original song.





**Year 11
Life Ready
Lake Keepit
Activities**





Life Ready Lake Keepit Excursion

Below are some feedback comments from students who attended the Lake Keepit Life Ready Excursion:

Ebony

When we were doing the low ropes course, I felt supported and safe. I trusted the people I was paired with. It was very enjoyable.

Ella

Being in a room with friends, which helped my homesickness

Ashleigh

Being blindfolded during the low ropes course made me feel shaky. The two people I was paired with provided comfort and guided me through the course safely

Kearah

Made some great memories with my friends, and had some good laughs— especially blindfold low ropes challenge



Year 12 gets Life Ready!

On May 24th and 25th, Mr Casley and Mrs Butchers had the pleasure of taking all of Year 12 to Life Ready at Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre in Dubbo. Life Ready is a compulsory 25-hour course that aims to prepare Senior students for life outside of high school, offering a range of opportunities for them to develop real life skills in the areas of mental health, sexual health, healthy relationships, and safe driving.

Thanks to Mrs Walsh, who organised the entire excursion, the students had an incredible time. The principal of the school assisted them through a variety of activities, including archery and a low ropes course. In particular, the archery activities made Mrs Butchers question her previous assumptions that she was good at that particular sport.

The low ropes course allowed students to develop the skills in asking for help when they needed it, and in turn, allow them to learn the appropriate way to help their peers. A special mention goes to Katelyn, Anastasia, Brooke, Serenity, Jayne, and Amy for attempting the additional challenge on the course.

Students went back into town on Wednesday night to have dinner together and battle it out on the lanes at ten-pin bowling. Bella dominated the pins with an incredible 136 points, followed closely by Abbie and Billi at 134 points and 121 points respectively.

On Thursday, Year 12 engaged in a Safe Travel workshop presented by Transport NSW. Students, teachers, and presenters talked openly and honestly about complacency on the roads and hit on some important topics such as microsleeps, using your phone while driving, and misconceptions about speeding. Students were hit with some hard truths about the impacts of traveling even just 5kms over the speed limit.

Additional workshops that were presented to students was a mental health workshop run by Tradies InSight and a sexual health workshop run by NSW Health.

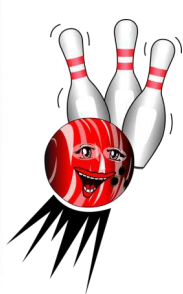
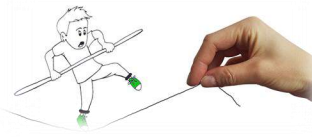
Overall, students and teachers had an amazing time. Mr Casley and Mrs Butchers were super proud of the effort students put in and the level of participation in both the physical activities and the workshops.

Next week, Year 12 will load up onto the bus again to attend the HSC Enrichment Seminars in Dubbo. This trip may not include a python named Gari, though.

A Butchers



**Year 12
Life Ready
Wambalang
Happenings**



checking in with the chook



Smartygrants Doll House finally hits the road! (metaphorically)

After a year of construction by the STEAM girls' group in 2021 the beautiful doll house has been collected from Nyngan High School to be transported to Stewart House, a charity that provides free holidays to country kids who need a break, in Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Ms Booth, who applied for the \$25,000 technology grant for the school and facilitated the house build, was frustrated to find that her car boot was 1 inch too small to fit the doll house at the end of term 4 2021. The plan had been for her to transport it to North Curl Curl during the Summer Holiday but, even after sawing off every spare bit of the wooden base that could be shaved off, it still wouldn't fit.

So, a courier needed to be found. Well, that's not a difficult proposition surely? Sadly, the dedicated efforts of Nyngan High School SAM Kyri Martin were continually met with unhelpful, inflexible responses from the ten different courier companies she tried. The school was beginning to despair until a wonderful offer was made.

Danny Ritchie, the owner of Western Parcel Express, Dubbo, supported by her manager Brett Hall came to the school's rescue, not only agreeing to transport the house, but to offer the leg of the journey from Nyngan to Sydney West for free! Much cheering was heard in the school library when Ms Booth heard this! Way to go Kyri.



Only a few short days later the wonderful Mr Brett Carter fronted at the library to load the house onto his truck. Double wrapped and carrying all the miniature furniture that the STEAM girls had made on the 3D printers and emblazer, the precious, and quite large package, is now on its way to provide enjoyment to the little girls who are lucky enough to win a holiday at Stewart House.

Once the Doll House is set up Nyngan High School will set up a video link so that the girls who put so much effort into designing, building, decorating, wiring, and furnishing the house will get to see their work in situ.



Once again, Nyngan High School is enormously grateful to Western Parcel Express, Dubbo, a great company with a large heart for coming to our rescue.

Nyngan School of Witchcraft and Wizardry!

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To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the publication of the first Harry Potter books (yes, 25 years!) there will be some activities for young wizards and witches in the library during Week 10 of this term.

Open to Stage 4 only this time, students who have zero negative entries in Sentral will have the chance to come from an English class and participate in a range of fun stuff.

The muggles won't know what's hit them!



May delivery from ASO.



With such a wide range of novels and graphic novels there is sure to be something to interest even the most picky reader.

Come on into the library and check out the Newest of the New.

Always remember that Readers Make Leaders.

The dinosaurs didn't read, and look what happened to them.