



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

Pakil kiya-thu ngini Ngurrampaa Wangaaypuwan wara-nha

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 2023

TERM 1 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 27th & Tuesday 28th February
Encore Excursion to Sydney

Friday 17th March
Aboriginal Dance Workshop in Dubbo

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

"Integrity"

Term 1 95% Attendance Awards

| Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 |
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| Willow Powell | Ida Gibson | Brydie Hoare |

Congratulations

Nyngan High School Swimming Age Champions 2023

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Champion House for 2023

MITCHELL



Principal Report

We are proud of the numerous and ever increasing opportunities we give to our students at Nyngan High School, the access students have to a range of excursions, curriculum, activities and agencies is something we strive very hard to maintain and increase. In organising the logistics of all these opportunities, I ask the community as a whole to support the school in exploring your children, our students, to take the opportunity, access what is on offer and engage in the educational process on a deep and meaningful level. This engagement will lead to true post school opportunities in the future and a more holistic experience in the present. If you are unsure of what is on offer or how your child can access an opportunity, please get in contact and we can help make the connection for you.

We welcomed 5 new teachers this year and they are doing a brilliant job. Anthea Boyle, Tamika Baker, Robbo Roberts, Sam East and Brendan Nelson are welcomed to the team!

Over the last fortnight our school has been humming along nicely, as we head towards the middle of Term 1. A few highlights for me have been:

- ◆ Seeing engaged classes across the whole school
- ◆ Having many teachers step into new leadership roles
- ◆ TAFE Automotive beginning for a large group of students in 2023
- ◆ A fantastic day at the swimming carnival last week

We are trialling releasing newsletters in Week 5 and Week 10 and putting articles in the newspaper, on our Facebook page and on our website during 2023.

Our *Educational Focus in 2023 are as follows,*

- Fantastic HSC results last year, very proud of the students and staff, so thank you.
- Reinforce vocabulary work and progress, while implementing numeracy strategy in each lesson.
- Quicksmart literacy and numeracy running
- Reviewing assessment procedures
- Continuing our work on trauma informed practice through implementing aspects of the Berry St model.
- Engagement in new curriculum for English/ Maths and Aboriginal Languages
- Attendance strategy to continue in 2023, going to be asking for community sponsorship to increase opportunities
- External validation of school on 27th July, then we will write a new school plan with community consultation
- Accessibility works in toilets and ramps to be conducted this term, shed/gym extension later in the year.

Yondr Pouch Implementation

Nyngan High School will be refreshing our understanding and usage of Yondr pouches to make our school a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning. The Yondr Program employs a simple, lockable pouch that stores a mobile phone. Every student will secure their phone in their personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school each morning. They will maintain possession of their phones, and will not use them until they are unlocked at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

In an effort to best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.

Community support

Further to Yondr pouches, we ask parents to communicate with their students during the day through the front office. We also ask that if you are intending on picking a student up early or giving permission for your student to leave that you record your reasons with the fantastic and helpful ladies in front office.

We are also working through the logistics of running more activities at lunch to enable students to participate in activities that stimulate play and enjoyment during break times.

School Uniform

Our school has always set a very high standard with the wearing of school uniform. It is a wonderful feature of Nyngan High School and is something that visitors to our school always make positive comments about.

I will remind everyone that in 2023 students who are consistently out of uniform, without explanation, will not be allowed to represent the school or attend some excursions. This is a high expectation and I make no apologies for that. Where families require financial support for some items of school clothing, I am happy to negotiate and support those needs.

Kind regards,

Benn Wright
Principal



Deputy Principal News

Welcome to Mid term Break Term 1 2023!

The highlight for the term so far has definitely been the swimming carnival; student engagement and support were paramount, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate some individuals and groups of students who made my day:

- ◆ Kade Neyland – this student epitomises what determination, strength and courage are; he went in every race and never gave up and the entire school population was in awe of his positive attitude.
- ◆ Dominic Burley – just kept swimming and winning all day; he was polite in the marshalling area and gave 100% effort on all occasions.
- ◆ 13 year old girl swimmers – this age group was by far the most represented group on the day. They swam in all races and were always supportive and respectful to their peers.
- ◆ Year 12 – thank you for being the funny individuals you are; I loved the SUPs for the novelty race.

This is a timely reminder that if any student has misplaced their Yondr pouch, please pop in and see me and we will get you a new one. Also, if any parents wish to contact their child, they are asked to ring the front office and contact/messages will be arranged. At Nyngan High School we are committed to providing a block of time where students can take a break from their phone and help them to bring balance to their digital and real-world lives. Do you know that soaking up real-time instead of screen time may ease anxiety, increase happiness and allow you to connect more with the people in your life?

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 95%+ attendance vouchers for the canteen:

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| ◆ Term 4 Week 10 | Ray Ernst |
| ◆ Term 1 Week 3 | Willow Powell |
| ◆ Term 1 Week 4 | Ida Gibson |
| ◆ Term 1 Week 5 | Brydie Hoare |

This week we have been looking at prioritising our time – identifying tasks that are important so that we feel in control and less anxious. However, like all skills, it needs to be practised regularly so we get better at it. Doing so can mean we get better at doing the important things and still allow time for the fun things. I shared with students my priorities for the week and at the time of writing I have achieved 2 out of the 3...best get going with those QuickSmart groups...



What are your priorities for the following week?

Tanya Buchanan
Deputy Principal

Maths/CAPA Newsletter

Please join us in welcoming some new additions to the Maths/CAPA faculty. Joining us this year we have Emma Roberts who will be taking over for Elese Quinn in Music, Anthea Boyle who will be teaching Art this year while Miss Hugan is on maternity leave and Sam East who will be teaching Mathematics. We are very fortunate to be adding these fabulous teachers to our team at Nyngan High School.

Year 11 Advanced have been working through their first topic "Algebraic Techniques". They have been perfecting their skills in factorising expressions, expanding expressions and simplifying surds.

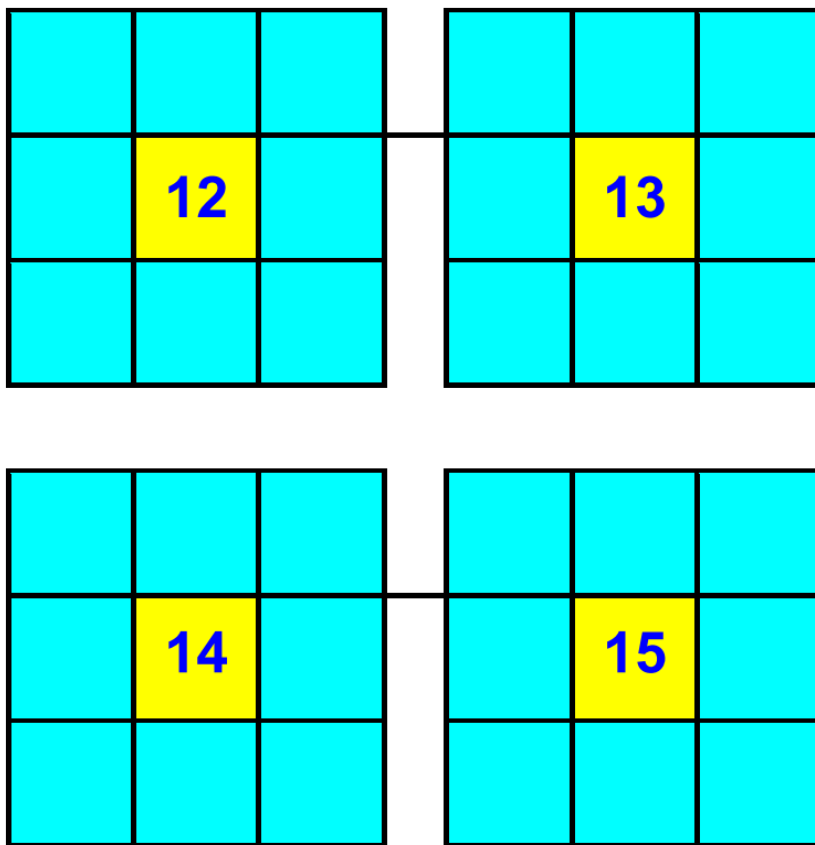
Year 11 Standard were issued their first Mathematics assessment task this week which will be due in Week 8. They are required to create and calculate the area of a maze using a variety of shapes including polygons, annuluses and sectors.

Stage 5 have been revising content to ensure they have the skills necessary to complete the Stage 5 course. They will then be moving onto indices and simplifying algebraic expressions using the index laws.

Stage 4 have started the year fine-tuning their foundational maths skills including estimation and order of operations. They will soon be moving onto directed numbers and the number plane. For Year 7 this will more than likely be their first introduction into negative numbers.

Maths puzzle

Can you place the numbers 1 to 8 in the boxes to make each line add to the number in the centre? Come and see the Maths faculty with your solutions.



Stage 6 Music is getting ready to head off to Sydney to see this year's performance of Encore at the Sydney Opera House. They have also been working on performance pieces of by a range of different music artists, such as Journey, The Young Professionals and Cian Ducrot.

Stage 5 Music is hard at work learning their performance pieces for this term. They have begun learning about Technology in Music. We look forward to seeing some brave souls performing at our end of term assemblies.

Stage 4 Music have been learning the foundations of Music and is currently learning how to play the guitar. They have been learning the A, D and E chords.

Science News

In Science at Nyngan High School, we've had some exciting experiences to start off the year as our students continue to develop their laboratory skills and explore the natural world.

One of the highlights of the term so far was the Geology incursion led by Phil from TESEP, in which students learned about different types of rocks and minerals, and how they are formed. The students were thrilled to examine different samples under the microscope and conduct experiments to test their properties. TESEP also taught them how to identify different types of rocks and minerals based on their properties.

(Phil from TESEP Presenting to Stage 4 Students)



(The view from the top of the Avoca Pit at Girilambone)

Mr Arnall and Mrs Milligan also had the opportunity to visit the Murrawombie mine at Girilambone along with teachers from Nyngan Public School. The visit provided a unique opportunity for teachers to see firsthand how minerals are extracted from the earth and the processes involved in mining. They observed the use of drilling machinery and the intricacies of the mining process, learning which will be used to bring their classroom learning to life.

Back in the lab, students have been developing their skills in using equipment such as the Bunsen burner. The students have been developing their observation and data recording skills and learning how to analyse and interpret their results.

With the continued support of their teachers, the students are excited to continue their exploration of the sciences and all that they have to offer.

As the school year continues, we look forward to seeing more exciting developments from Science at Nyngan High.

(Jett from 4SCKuya doing his Bunsen burner license test)



English/Support/LOTE

Welcome back to the 2023 school year! The staff have been so excited to see new and returning faces, and we have all launched into our learning with enthusiasm. We have had some staffroom changes this year, seeing HSIE now grouped with Science, and Learning Support join us over this side of the school. We are really pleased to welcome Support class teachers into our staffroom; Mrs Cora Milligan, and new staff member Miss Tamika Baker.

Support Classes

Students in Support classrooms have shown exceptional effort and determination to succeed and have embraced our learning goal of personal growth and achievement. Year 7/8 have commenced their HSIE unit 'Vikings' and created their own Longboat Houses, whilst Year 9/10 created posters to advocate for their rights and freedoms. We cannot wait to explore further units of study in 2023.



Year 12 Standard English

Students have jumped straight into their second term of study in Year 12. They have started a close study of Mark Haddon's novel *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, and will be showcasing their knowledge later in the term through their submission of essays for their assessment task. But it's not all essay-writing and note-taking in senior classrooms.

Students are experts at letting their teachers know when they need a brain break. This week students went head-to-head in a game of scissors, paper, rock...with a twist!

They used their whole bodies to make their selections. It was a great way to get their bodies moving, enjoy a bit of friendly competition, and give their brains and hands a rest before they launched back into learning.



Staff in the Spotlight...

Name: Tamika Baker

Nicknames: Bakes

Role at NHS: Support classroom teacher

Other jobs I've had: Team Leader at Grill'd and SLSO at Mt St Patrick College

Favourite colour: Blue

Favourite dinner: Butter Chicken

Favourite dessert: Pavlova

Favourite sport to watch/play: Netball

Favourite subject at school: English

What was your favourite game as a child: Elastics

A cool place I have visited: The Bungle Bungles in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

Something I love about Nyngan: The Big Bogan and Rusty the dog

A movie I would recommend: The Lion King

Favourite type of music: Anything that Harry Styles sings

A great book I've read: The Happiest Man on Earth- Eddie Jaku



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2023 Nyngan High School swimming carnival was held on Wednesday the 15th of February. This year saw the highest attendance rates for years, so I would like to congratulate everyone who got wet on the day, your participation made this carnival the great event that it was.

The results were as follows:

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Records Broken

This year we had 5 records broken:

Emily Martin – 3 records – 12 yrs 200m Freestyle, 200m Individual Medley and 100m Backstroke.

Lilly Robb – 2 records - 13 yrs 200m Freestyle and the 200m Individual Medley

Congratulations to both these little fishes.

The race to become the Champion House was once again fiercely contested. However, in the end it was Mitchell who were crowned 2023 champions with a resounding victory.

A big shout out to the Sports House Captains who did a great job encouraging their teams and organising relays.

Bogan – Joe Healey, Elle Montgomery and Nick Motley.

Canonba – Charlie Kelly, Ella Rose, Jack Melchior.

Mitchell – Tyson Deebank, Claire Robb, Hayden Burley and Shelby Powell.

I would like to thank all the Nyngan High staff for helping to make the day run smoothly.

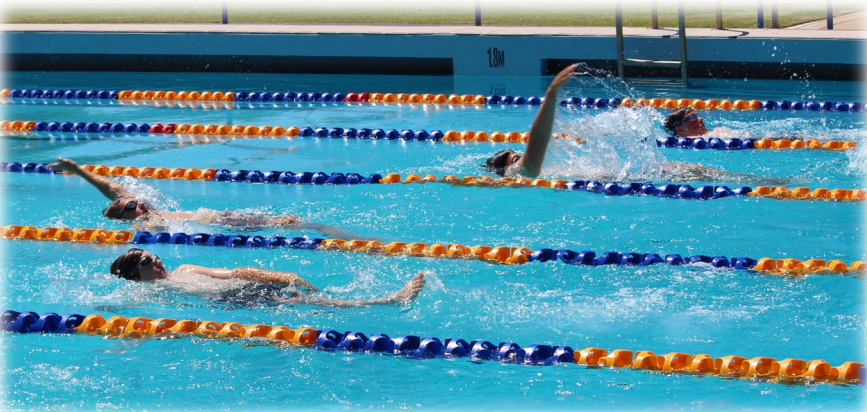
Congratulations and good luck to all the swimmers who have qualified for the Western Championships which will be held in Dubbo on Thursday the 9th of March.

Catherine Smith
Sports Coordinator



Splish, Splosh, Splashing - Swimming Carnival

2023









TAS Faculty Report

Welcome back to another year of great learning opportunities at Nyngan High School. I am very proud of my faculty, Mrs Waterhouse, Mrs Smith, Miss Paton and Miss Strachan and all the effort they put into their teaching.

In School to Work classes in Stage 5 we have been investigating what the world of work is like and where to next after school. Year 12 students are receiving regular emails from me, regarding opportunities for helping them transition from school after completion of their HSC.

Miss Paton's Stage 6 have just started their Industry Study on the company IKEA. This is a very interesting assessment as it investigates how the business runs.

Stage 6 CAFS with Mrs Waterhouse are learning about marginalised groups in society.

Well done to Mrs Smith on her organisation of the Swimming Carnival. It was a wonderful day with great results.

Primary Industries have been learning how to calibrate machinery to deliver the correct amount of chemicals when drenching. As always we are busy preparing for the arrival of our Merino Wethers for the school challenge.

Regards,

Noelene Walsh
Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE

Congratulations to Miss Strachan and her hard-working team of Stage 5 Food Technology students who catered for the Senior's Morning Tea. It was an awesome experience.



checking in with the chook

Hello 2023!

A new year and a new start...and of course, new books to start your heart beating faster, or your brain working better. As we head into World Pride Week the library will be displaying a selection of work by LGBTQI authors opposite a display of Deadly First Nations authors. Come in and take a look.

New Books

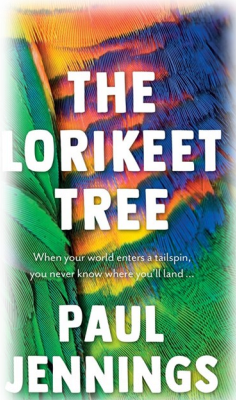
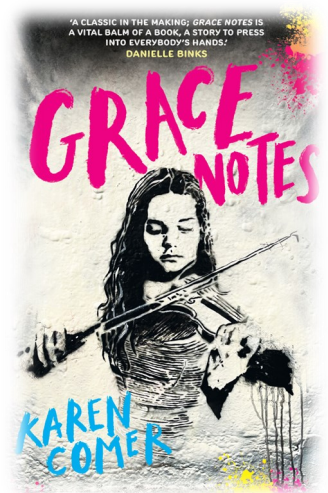
Grace Notes by Karen Comer

Grace Dalfinch is a talented violinist who longs to play contemporary music in bars, but her mum forbids her.

James Crux is an aspiring street artist who promised his dad he wouldn't paint in public until he's finished school.

When Crux witnesses Grace's impromptu performance on a deserted tram, he's inspired to paint her and her violin; and when Grace stumbles across her portrait in a Melbourne alley by an anonymous street artist, she sets out to find its creator.

Yr 8 up.



The Lorikeet Tree by Paul Jennings

'I still visit the treehouse at least once a week and sit there remembering those days and what they led to...'

Set on a fragile reforestation project in rural Australia, this moving tale of family, loss and love comes from the pen of one of our most beloved and inspiring storytellers.

All years

Once Upon A Fever by Angharad Walker

This story follows two sisters in a London-inspired city full of fantastical illnesses and sprawling gothic hospitals where dark secrets linger beneath the surface.

'We do not know why some feelings turn into illness, Ms Darke. That is the mystery of the Turn. Medicine is only a small light, shining in the darkness.'

All years



Rapunzella, or, Don't Touch My Hair by Ella McLeod.

A genre-bending YA novel that weaves together inner-city life and a wildly dangerous fairy tale universe.

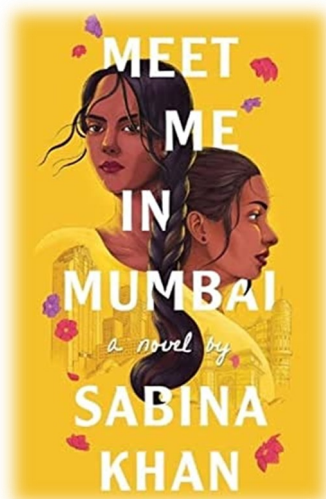
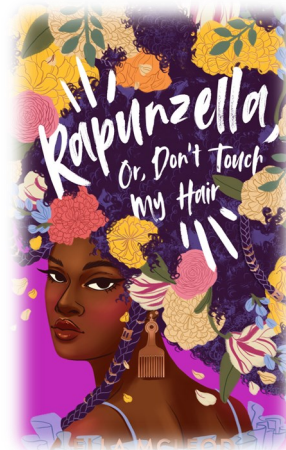
Be afraid, Your Majesty, of this Black Girl Magic.

A girl spends her time at the hair salon—a space of safety, possibility, and dreams of hair so rich that it grows into something alive and magical.

Rapunzella is imprisoned in an enchanted forest made of her own Afro, and the might of the evil King seems unstoppable. But is it?

Two girls. Two Worlds. Will they find the power to change their futures?

All years.



Meet Me In Mumbai by Sabina Khan.

Two generations, eighteen years apart.

Ayesha is a world away from home when she meets the boy of her dreams, but a twist of fate takes him away, right when she discovers she's pregnant.

Almost eighteen years later Mira finds letters addressed to her from her birth mother. Ayesha writes that if Mira can forgive her for putting her up for adoption, she should find a way to meet her in Mumbai on her eighteenth birthday.

Mira knows she'll always regret it if she doesn't go. But is she ready for what she'll learn.

Year 9 up.

The Stars Did Wander Darkling by Colin Meloy

Maybe Archie Coomes has been watching too many horror movies.

All of a sudden, the most ordinary things have taken on a sinister edge: a penny on a doormat. A man in a brown suit under a streetlamp. The persistent sound of an axe chopping in the middle of the night.

He keeps telling himself that this is Seaham, a sleepy seaside town where nothing every happens. Or at least nothing did, until his dad's construction company opened up the cliff beneath the old—some say cursed—Langdon place.

Soon, though, he and his friends can't deny it: More and more of the adult in town are acting strangely. An ancient, long-buried evil has been unleashed upon the community, and it's up to the kids to stop it before it's too late.

Yr 8 up (Ms Booth is currently reading this, and it's great so far, definitely a 'Stranger Things' vibe.

