



# NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

**INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS**

**THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**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*

**Friday 28th September** - Year 12 Farewell Assembly starting at 10.00am

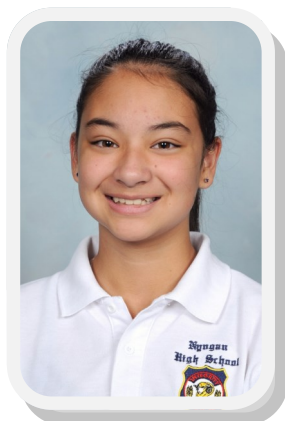
**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** - from Monday 1st October, 2018 to Friday 12th October, 2018 - All students and staff return to school Monday 15th October, 2018

**Wednesday 24th October** - Year 7 Vaccinations and catch-ups

**Thursday 18th October to Friday 17th November** - HSC exams

## NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

### Students of the Term for Term 3 - 2018



Year 7 Kearah Dutschke



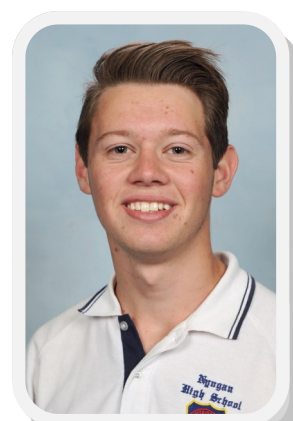
Year 8 Shannon Bourke



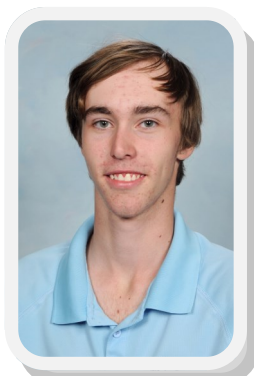
Year 9 Bailee Griffiths



Year 10 Saranna Fisk



Year 11 Robbie Robb

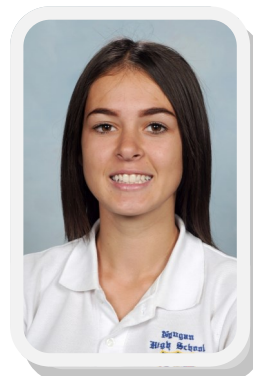


### Sportspersons of the Term

Brett Moon

&

Rachael Forrest



## **Principals Report**

Dear School Community,

I would like to reflect on the past 10 weeks. Term 3 is by far our busiest time of the year. It is a term where we have 2 major examination periods for our senior students; the NAIDOC week celebrations; literacy and numeracy week; book week; Nyngan Ag Expo showcase; students moving into different stages of their learning go through the subject selections process; Year 12 bring their face-to-face lessons to a close in their school life and take part in celebrations accordingly; at Nyngan High we have also run around 20 extra-curricular activities which cover sporting, cultural, wellbeing, artistic, community service, educational, employment and career development areas of student development; and before all of this we the teachers have to look at our core business: the education of kids in our school. The teachers are required to plan and deliver 500 hours of curriculum delivery each school term, to ensure we continually grow knowledge and skills in our students so that they can all reach their end of school destination.

So, it has definitely been a busy term. However, it is also a great term where students start to take more control of their education and future. It's a time to celebrate with Year 12. A time for our students to be involved in things they are good at and to also showcase the school's talents and excellence. That is the excellence of our students, our staff and each other. On that note I wish to thank every single staff member who works at Nyngan High. Regardless of their position or role, every single staff member has worked tirelessly during this massive term to ensure our students receive every opportunity possible for a holistic education and to be involved in a vast array of learning opportunities. To single out any one person would be disrespectful, so thank you all.

### **Farewell Year 12**

Our most senior students end their face-to-face time at Nyngan High tomorrow and will now face the challenges of the HSC exams and ultimately life. It was truly pleasing to share Wednesday evening with our students, their families and the staff at the Year 12 Formal. Each student looked amazing in their formal wear and no doubt were the pride of all family members on the evening.

As our students move forward I remind them of three key things:

- ◆ The first is it's not over yet. You still have exams to prepare for and you need to stay focused on the end goal of marks good enough to get you to your destination.
- ◆ The second is your personal responsibility to the community. You have an opportunity to move into adulthood and become a productive member of our community. Someone who gives back in their job, to a local group you are involved with and socially as a possible mentor to other young boys and girls in town.
- ◆ Lastly, always know where you came from and show gratitude for the people who have helped you get here.

I would like to congratulate our students and their families on reaching this stage of schooling. It is a remarkable accomplishment and we wish you all the best for the HSC exams.

### **Happy Holidays**

I wish everyone a safe and happy Spring holiday time. I hope that you have an opportunity to spend time with those closest to you; I hope that you can relax and refresh. If you are travelling at any time, please be safe in your journey.

*When life is at its busiest and when I may be searching for perspective on how to move forward, I often think about times when I personally struggled.*

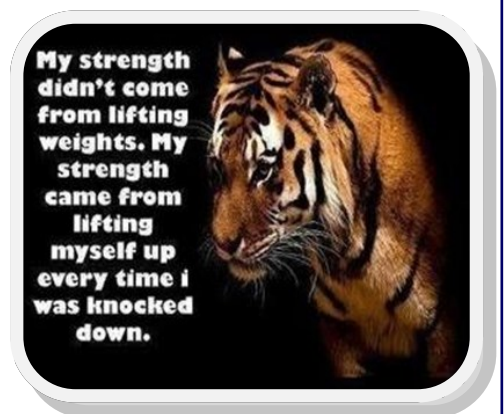
*Remembering the hardships, I may have faced, remembering the feelings of loneliness or the moments when all seemed lost. We all have these times.*

*What makes the difference is your response.*

*The only way forward is to pick yourself up and go again. If it hurts, then you know you are alive, and you should then know there is still opportunity.*

**YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED.**

*Michael Gibson - Principal*



## **P & C News**

Firstly I wish to congratulate Nyngan High School on a wonderful evening last night at the Year 12 formal dinner. Sincere thanks to everyone involved in making it such a memorable occasion for the students and their families.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students and we wish you all the very best as you start your new adventures...

### **Graduation**

#### **A celebration...**

**A time for looking back on lessons learned,  
adventures shared, bright memories filled  
with special meaning**

#### **A farewell...**

**A time for saying goodbye to old friends,  
to good times you've known, a time for  
packing away memories, treasures for tomorrow**

#### **A beginning...**

**A time for looking forward, a time to set new goals,  
To dream new dreams, to try your wings and see what lies beyond**



Thank you to Jenny Lane and Tanya Buchanan for selling tickets at the RSL foyer last Friday, it is very much appreciated.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays and have a relaxing break.

Thank you

*Neralie Quarmby*  
**P&C President**

## Deputy Principal News

Yamakarra. I would like to acknowledge the Wongaibon people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay my respects to Aboriginal peoples who have passed and those who are here with us today. Acknowledging country is a sign of respect and at Nyngan High School respect is a core value that we promote every day and we should utilise every opportunity to use respect in any way that we can to build strong connections with people.

Respect not only makes other people feel good but also benefits ourselves. Feeling good ensures that we are giving ourselves the best opportunity to learn and grow. This not only goes for students but certainly adults as well. This term we have focused on the character strength of justice which encompasses leadership, fairness and also a positive mindset. Growth mindset is also something we have been focusing on and is a term used to describe the underlying beliefs people have about learning and intelligence. When people believe they can get smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. Therefore they put in extra time and effort, and that leads to higher achievement. Some people in life are going to be naturally talented at sport, at art, at maths, or even writing. We can't change that but what we can change is our effort and our work ethic and the way we perceive ourselves. I am sure we have all felt at some point I'm not good at that so we don't even try. For example I honestly used to have a fixed mind set around sport thinking I am no good at team sports so I would never even try. If I had stayed in this mindset I would never have had the opportunities and enjoyment of knowing how valuable team sports are, such as playing league tag and being part of the winning futsal team this year. This is a good lesson we can all take with us. Over the past ten years at Nyngan High School I have seen many students come and go and also many teachers and by far the most successful are those who build resilience and who work their butts off knowing they can overcome barriers. Let's try not to get caught up in the thinking trap that this is just how it is. Because maybe, just maybe we can change ourselves to play a team sport, go up a grade in maths or who knows even change the world.

*The following students work at these qualities all the time and were recognised this term.*

**Year 7 Jack Melchior.** Jack always brings a friendly and positive attitude to class and demonstrated great resilience this term through difficult circumstances.

**Year 8 Cate Smith.** For consistently being a calm, kind, welcoming and understanding person. She is well respected among her peers and will give anything a try without a dull word.

**Year 9 Emmanuel Dom.** He always has a smile on his face, practices gratitude daily and has settled in amazingly well as a role model for other students around him.

**Year 10 Tyler Martin.** He consistently brings his warm and positive attitude along with him every day. He is a quiet achiever, and is always there to help out his peers.

**Year 11 Reuben Stapleton.** He is a student who always tries his hardest. He consistently challenges himself through both his academic and creative work. He approaches his studies with maturity and determination and stays with problems until a solution can be worked out. Reuben is always kind and polite, and displays a positive attitude even when things get difficult.

**Year 12 Jed Hoare.** Jed has proved himself a positive role model for his peers through kindness and fairness. He has demonstrated leadership ability by volunteering for various jobs without hesitation and always with a smile. He treats everyone in the same fair manner no matter the circumstances and is a true team player in any situation.

Also recognised this term are those students who have the determination to not let a day off get in the way of their schooling.

*The following students have attended school for 100% of Term 4.*

Siarra Chatfield

Angela Tang

Zane Bailey

Ethan Eckart

Millie Smith

Katie Boland

Max Hoare

Ella Meldrum

Jack Ryan

Reuben Stapleton

The end of Term 3 marks the end of 13 years of schooling for Year 12. I would like to take this opportunity to personally wish them all the best for the future and whatever it may bring. Remember that school is just part of your life journey and the fun really begins now. All I wish for each of you is that you believe in yourself and never sell yourself short or make excuses. There is a big wide world out there ready to be conquered, so take every opportunity that comes your way. And if it doesn't come your way, go and find it. Your future is bright and beautiful just like each of you.

Intertwined with the end of Year 12 are our annual NAIDOC Week celebrations where we recognise the achievements, culture and history of our first nation people. It is a time for all Australians from all walks of life to come together and recognise the valuable contributions Aboriginal people make to our nation, in particular this year, the strong women in our lives. On Monday I had the privilege of speaking about Raylene Weldon, our valued AEO and I would like to share these words with our whole school community below.

*Yamakarra. I respectfully acknowledge the Wongaibon people who are the traditional custodians of the land and pay my respects to elders past and present and extend that to everyone here today on this important and wonderful celebration.*

*With the theme "Because of Her We Can", NAIDOC Week 2018 celebrates the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make - to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation. One woman, who epitomizes this year's theme, is a young woman I call a colleague, an educator, an equal and most importantly a friend. Raylene Weldon is a leader, a trailblazer and an advocate for social change and equal rights for all Aboriginal people.*

*I have worked alongside Raylene for the past 7 years and during this time, I have learned so much. My relationship with Raylene has flourished and during our time together at Nyngan High Raylene has guided me, inspired me and most importantly supported me in making advances in Aboriginal Education. When I first returned to Nyngan High School in 2007 as a young inexperienced teacher I was surprised to find that Aboriginal Education was extremely limited, and without Raylene we would not have the outstanding programs we do today. We have been on an incredible journey, implementing the first Aboriginal Language program of its kind not just in Nyngan but, it has been widely acknowledged, across the state. We continue to provide educational opportunities for students' to learn about their culture, identity and self-determination and Raylene has been instrumental in ensuring this is delivered in a culturally appropriate format.*

*Raylene is a strong Wayilwan/Gomerioi woman and she has shared many stages of her story with me. She tells of her mother being born in a tent under a tree at Tiger Bay in Warren because she was unable to give birth in a hospital at that time due to Aboriginality. This was the start of the many struggles and injustices Raylene's family has faced and continues to face in our country today with the significant gaps in education, life expectancy, health and high incarceration rates. Raylene says she gained her strength from her mother and father who faced challenges of racism, discrimination, segregation, dispossession and Assimilation due to government policies. Amidst their adversity they taught her to be proud and fierce and to never give up. Today, Raylene is a mother, an elder, a grandmother, an aunty, a sister and a daughter, a friend and her most valued possession and time spent in this world is her family.*

*I feel honored that Raylene has shared her many stories with me – stories of heart break, racism and times of feeling invisible. These stories have provided me with insight and more understanding, and have ignited my own passion for fighting against Aboriginal injustices particularly in education. Raylene is a strong woman and is a positive example to many young Aboriginal students at Nyngan High. She has never allowed disadvantage to define her path and has embraced opportunities. She is currently studying a Bachelor of Educational Studies with Business Studies as a minor and previously completed her Aboriginal Education Assistant Certificate at Sydney University. She continues to encourage others to follow this path. Raylene is proactive in her political views and stands up for her beliefs by voicing these at rallies, protests and marches, calling for national reform and social justice.*

*Some people may be a little confronted by Raylene's passion and determination, in her quest for a better life, greater opportunities and equal rights - for children, families and all Aboriginal people. Her passion inspires, empowers and encourages me to stand beside her to help make a difference. Perhaps the biggest lesson Raylene has taught me is this - We do not choose the lives we are born into, but we can choose to use our disadvantage or advantage to affect positive change for ourselves and others. Raylene's achievements, her voice, her unwavering passion paves the way for generations to come and I hope she knows how much I personally value and appreciate her knowledge and support. She has told me on more than one occasion that she has my back and Raylene I hope you know I've always got your back as we continue to work together to make positive changes in bridging the gap through education.*

Thank you for another great term at Nyngan High School and remember 'nothing in this world worth having comes easy'.

**Angie Bush**  
**Deputy Principal**



## The Maths/CAPA

Oh my goodness, what a term!

The Maths/CAPA faculty have been very busy, like everyone at Nyngan High School. Term 3 has been busy with the CAPA staff and students and the production of their major works. Thank you to Miss Stafford, Miss Scott, Mr Webb, Miss Hughan and Miss Horne for the guidance, support and hard love they provided our students to ensure all students performed or submitted work. Congratulations to Alahna Ryan, Brittany Robb, Petria Quarmby, Lucy Buchanan, Leah Bailey, Rachel Fitzalan, Hannah Monaghan, Reece Painter, Jed Hoare, Maddison Harley and Zoe Thompson, who performed and submitted high quality projects. Please pass on the lessons you learned during this time to Year 11. It is interesting that over a half of Year 12 were involved in performances or major projects for the 2018 HSC.

Congratulations to Year 11 who have survived their first lot of formal examinations. Miss Horne, Mrs Buchanan, Mr Lennon, Mr White, Miss Hughan, Miss Stafford and Mrs Robb have busily marked the examinations and are in the process of providing valuable feedback so students can improve their current practice.

In the mail this week, we received three certificates from **Mathletics** to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of our top **Mathletics** students for the academic year so far. Nyngan High School's top **Mathletics** students were Matthew Wales, Tsitsi Dhedheya and Cameron Ryan. The **Mathletics** team asked us to pass on their congratulations to these students and to encourage our students to continue their tremendous effort in **Mathletics**. Following is the report **Mathletics** sent us regarding our progress, which has interesting data. Nyngan High School spends a lot of money on this subscription yearly and students mostly have tasks set, so this is a valuable tool for all students to utilise as a revision tool for the day's work. Please encourage your children to utilise this fantastic resource at home also.

The library will be open during the holidays for Year 12 to utilise. Mrs Buchanan will have it open from 9am – 3pm daily from Monday to Friday, starting from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Students will be required to leave their phones in the box as they enter and all food breaks will be taken outside of the library. They can come for as little or as long as they like but a good attitude and diligent work effort are required. Some other staff will attend and Mrs Buchanan will email students when she works out a schedule or if there is a change of times or days.

Lastly thank you to the wonderful students at Nyngan High School, we love working with you every day because you have integrity, are safe, do your best and have respect. Have a well-earned break and we will see you in Term 4 to get your brains full of more knowledge!

*T Buchanan—Head Teacher Maths/CAPA*

## Stage 5 Visual Arts

Stage 5 Visual Arts have been working on Pop Art inspired paintings this term. They had to choose their own subject matter from popular culture and create an image using bold flat colours. The results were very successful and they should be very proud of their efforts.

## Aboriginal Art Workshop

Over the past two terms students have participated in an Aboriginal art workshop based around this year's NAIDOC theme "Because of her we can". Students researched an aboriginal woman who has inspired them. They then created an artwork based on this woman. They were given free rein on media and each artwork is unique in materials and subject matter. The artworks were exhibited at our NAIDOC showcase day. A big thank you to Bailee Griffiths, Ebony Martin and Jaynie Smith who did a wonderful job organising the NAIDOC mural. They worked for hours painting hands, placing hands and mixing colours, without you girls the mural wouldn't be as amazing as it is.

*E Hughan—Art Teacher*

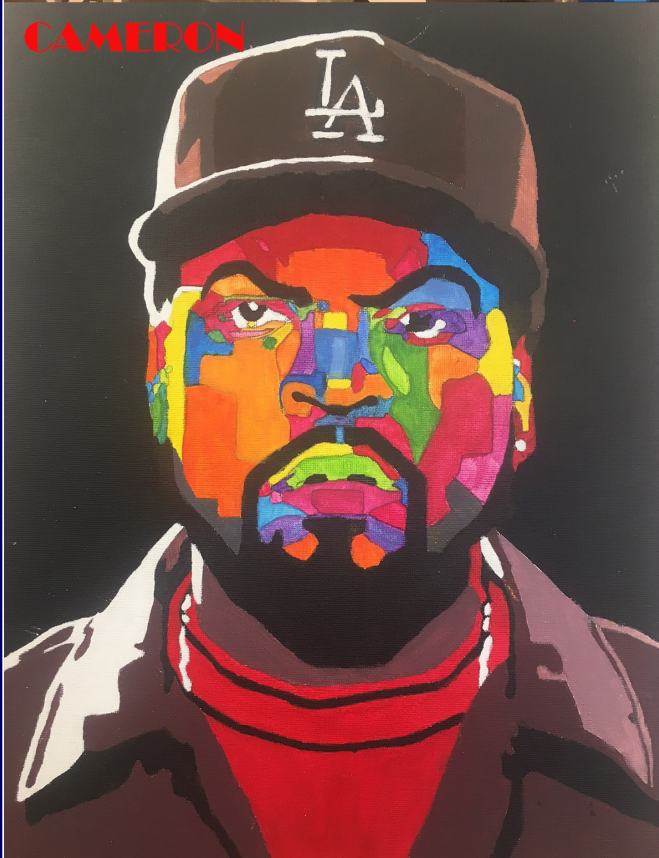
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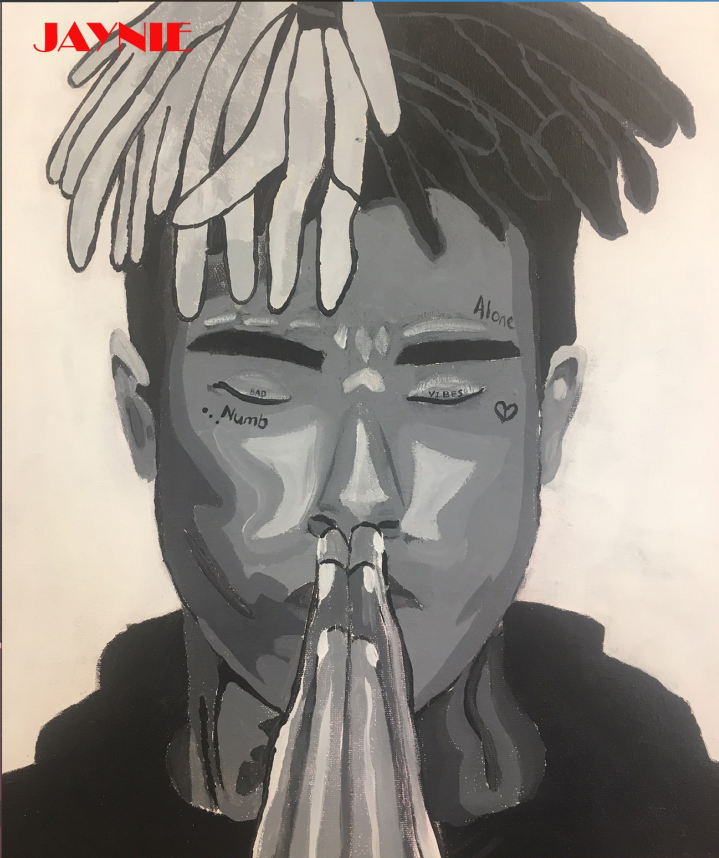
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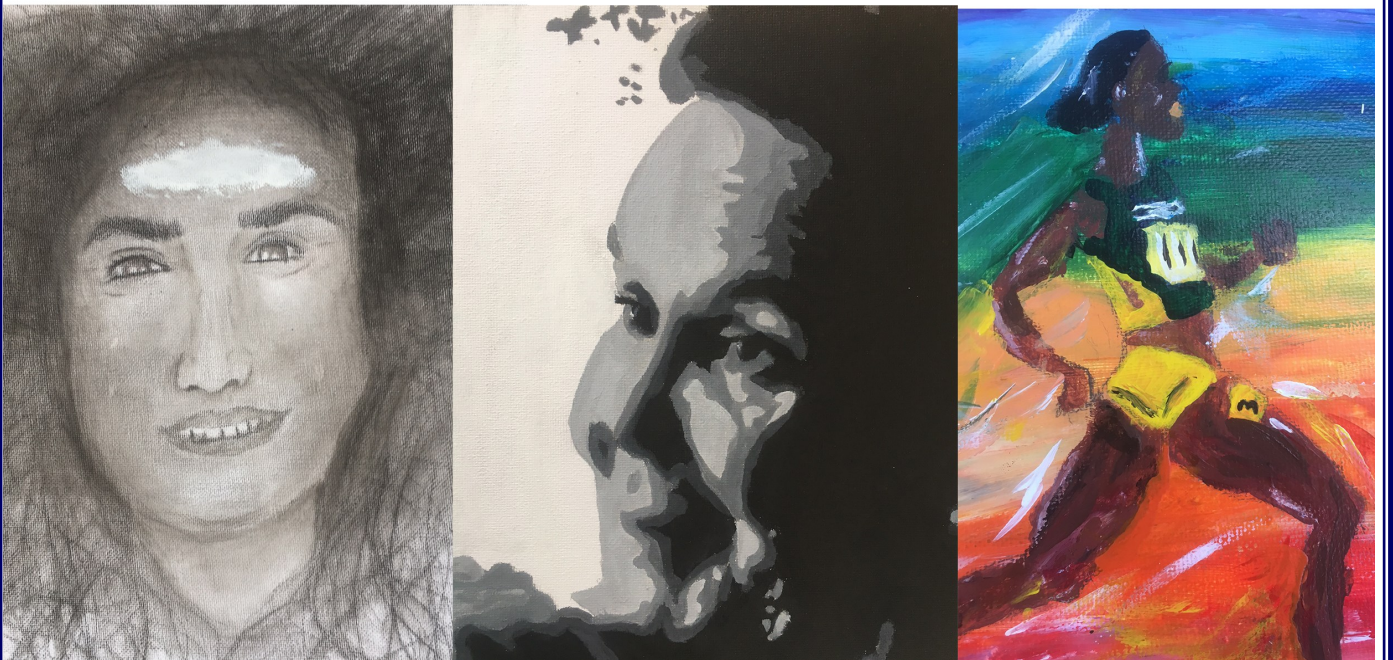
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# ABORIGINAL ART WORKSHOP 2018





## Science/Learning Support

And just like that, another term is done! And for Year 12, the end of thirteen years of formal education. Congratulations to our Year 12 co-hort, on behalf of the Science and Learning support team, I would like to wish you good luck for your HSC examinations, and for bright and exciting futures ahead.

For our Year 11 students, congratulations on your examination results and for completing your Preliminary HSC courses. From next term, they will be starting afresh on the HSC syllabi, so they need to get a good rest over the holidays, so that they are ready to work when they return as there will be no time to waste!

Stage 5 have been challenged of late, as they learn about Biotechnology. This topic has been lending itself to some great debates around the ethics of Biotechnological advances and how far is too far. It has been providing some great opportunities for persuasive writing, and practicing analyse and justify questions.

Stage 4 are also doing topics which create debate and discussion, as they look at renewable resources and environmental sustainability.

The MC unit will be saying goodbye to our Year 12 boys this week, as Ben and Reece transition onto further education and employment. It has been great to watch their skills and confidence develop, and we wish them well. They will be going out to lunch this week as a treat, and also to practice their skills out in the community. I'm sure they will enjoy trying something new.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and restful holiday, and I'll look forward to seeing everyone next term.

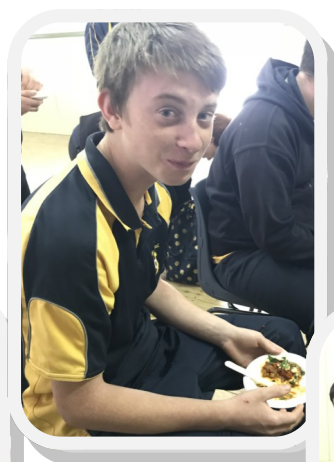
*E Partridge*

*Head Teacher Science/Special Ed.*

## Pantry to Plate Excursion

Last Wednesday, we were fortunate to have Kate Bracks (Masterchef winner 2011) visit Nyngan for a "Pantry to Plate" workshop in conjunction with the Cancer Council NSW Love Food Hate Waste Food Smart Program, a campaign promoting the reduction of food waste, and the eating of more fresh fruit and vegetables in our diets. The MC class attended the workshop and enjoyed an interesting talk on all things food, along with a cooking demonstration of Kate's own recipes of Shaksuka, Flat bread and Hommus. There was a "hands on" go at making flat bread for anyone who wanted to have a try, kneading up lovely little soft balls of dough to take away to cook at a later time. The students tasted all the dishes, which tasted amazing, of course!

*Cora Milligan*



## **Terrific Awesome Spectacular Faculty**

As this term draws to a near it is time to wish Year 12 2018 all the very best for their future. May it bring you success, happiness and above all good health. The road after the HSC might seem scary but is also exciting and change is good even if at the time it might not seem like it. Above all be the person you want to be. Be the first person to say your name and shake someone's hand. Stand strong and tall and leave Nyngan High School wiser than when you came and above all follow our core values even outside of school. You'll be surprised how well they fit it to life. A big Thank You to Mr Dal Forno for his work as Year Advisor. At times this position is hard but it also comes with wonderful memories of being able to be part of these students' lives and their time at Nyngan High School.

Thank you to all the TAS staff Tristan, Trish, Cath, Michael, Justin, Wendy, Kiero and Tiarna who have worked over and above as always this term making sure our Nyngan High School students are prepared for life and in particular Year 12 for their HSC examinations.

I wish everyone a wonderful break full of memories, lots of laughs and good health.

*Go the Roosters!!*



*N Walsh*

*Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE/Careers*



### **NAIDOC week**

Congratulations to everyone involved. To my awesome dancers Sienna, Ashleigh, Ella and Amber. Well Done for having a go and making the effort each week to practice.

Your positivity made you excellent role models. To Chelsea Ribaux and Tiarna Stafford thank you for your ongoing commitment to dance. You are amazing women. Congratulations to the organisers for the dinner on the Monday night. It was a lovely special occasion I had the opportunity to attend.

### **Term 4**

Changes are happening in the staffroom. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Mrs Wendy Robb for her assistance in filling Miss Stafford's position for terms 1, 2 and 3 this year. Mrs Robb has been a pleasure to have in the faculty as she brings with her commitment, boundless energy, bright and cheerful personality and above all has worked tirelessly to assist our students. We wish her the best for term 4 and beyond. Term 4 we welcome Tiarna Stafford fulltime back although she has been teaching Year 12 all year and therefore we have been fortunate to not completely been without her. We know Tiarna will be full of energy when she returns and thank Danny, Hudson and Lincoln for sharing her.

The Ag plot was bursting on Monday with sweat and energy as my three favourite shearers shored our sheep. Roy Herbert, Roy Carlton and Jed Hoare did a wonderful job with the assistance of Brittany, Byrne and Caroline. The boys did a tremendous effort shearing the sheep and I was so impressed and proud of them. They are definitely an asset to Nyngan high school and our sheep look fantastic. Even King Hawley feels better without all his wool on.





## NAIDOC – 2018 – “Because of her we can”

It's that time of the year again when the whole community joins in to celebrate the oldest living, surviving and thriving culture in the world of our First Nation People. The theme this year **“Because of Her we Can”** the journey of equity while highlighting the great contribution of all the predominate Aboriginal women in our community, who have created pathways of equity and social justice outcomes. Because of these successful women our current and future generations have gained access to equal opportunities, within the diversity of the Australian population.

Our community continues to strengthen and become more knowledgeable in regards to the impact of colonisation of Australia's First Nation People and their continued plight for social justice and equity. Only in Unity we can overcome barriers of suppression, allowing us to transform a nation of equity and inclusiveness of cultural diversity.

***We pay tribute and solute all the strong Aboriginal women in our community who have paved and created an equitable environment for us to grow and learn. Thank you for continuing the journey of social justice and equity.***

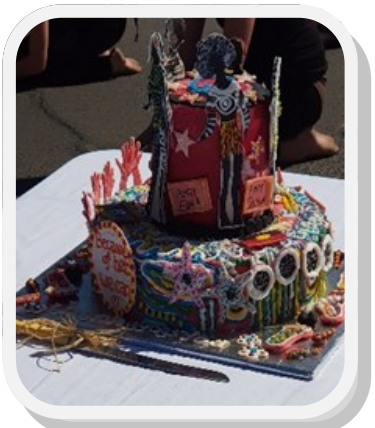
We hold great pride in our school environment in regards to strengthening our cultural knowledge via the transmission of professional learning and a culturally inclusive curriculum. This process involves the implementation of Aboriginal perspectives to be embedded in our everyday learning at Nyngan High School.

Our NAIDOC Week Celebrations begun with the Official Opening and march down our main street, and a ceremony at the Bogan Shire Council. Following on from this was the Community Day at the Bogan River. Robbie Robb delivered a speech in regards to Mrs Edna Weldon our community elder and her two sisters Charlotte Hall and Sheila Couley. His speech detailed Mrs Weldon's life and her involvement in the establishment of the Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

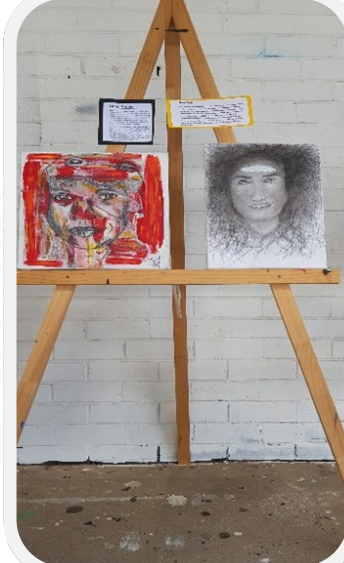
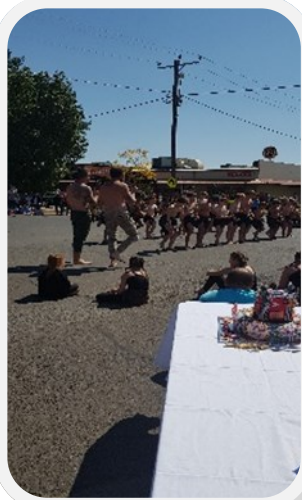
It also highlighted the involvement of her two sisters Charlotte and Sheila's, establishment of the Bogan Aboriginal Corporation. These two valuable services are still functioning in the Nyngan Community today by strong women – Veneta Dutton, Marea Johnson and Lesly Ryan. Ella Meldrum delivered a powerful speech in regards to the Honourable Linda Burney. Mrs Ange Bush delivered a speech in regards to a predominate Aboriginal women who has made significance in her life, speaking about the challenges and successes of our AEO- Raylene Weldon and her professional teachings allowing Mrs Bush and staff to gain cultural wisdom and knowledge.

Tuesday delivered our annual “NAIDOC Cultural Showcase Day, which begun with a special morning tea and a flag raising ceremony with invited Elders, Aunty Betty Carney and Uncle Dick Carney and guests Mitch Munro, Tim Naden, Marea Johnson, Katie White, Katie Sinclair and Priscilla Lord joining us in our celebrations. Our special guest speaker was Mrs Judy Patterson who spoke about growing up in our beautiful community and life achievements of hairdressing, NAISDA – Aboriginal Dance, Boarding House Parent, family and the importance of showing up every day for work or school. Our day concluded with several activity stations operated by staff and guests consisting of art, dance, school band, johnny cakes and TIG games.

## Snap Shots







WE ALWAYS LIVE BY THE OER  
THEY SAY HOPE IS BARK YOU FIND IT  
WILL THE FORCE EVER SATISFY ME?  
MY ISLAND HOME  
MY ISLAND HOME  
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MY ISLAND HOME  
IS WAITING FOR ME  
SIX YEARS I LIVED IN THE DESERT  
AND EVERY NIGHT  
I GAZE AT THE SEA  
FROM MY ROOM HERE, LIVING IN THE CITY  
WITH ALL  
OF MY FAMILY  
IF MY ISLAND HOME  
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IS WAITING FOR ME  
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MY ISLAND HOME  
IS WAITING FOR ME

Christine Anu



### **Walanga Muru – Rising Stars Leadership Camp**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September five of our students Sonny Knight, Kyle Hall, Cody Thomas-Rope, Rachael Forrest and Katie Boland were successful applicants to attend the annual “Rising Stars Leadership Camp” hosted by Walanga Muru at Macquarie University in Sydney.

The camp consisted of three days of leadership development, a taste of university faculties and study modes, cultural teachings, education empowerment, challenges and entertainment. There were 60 secondary students on the camp from across the state. For Sonny and Katie the journey included their first ever air travel to and from Sydney.

For all five students the camp has given them new friendships, increased leadership skills and an experience of cultural pride, knowledge and identity while experiencing university life. We can proudly say at Nyngan High School we are fortunate to have Rising Stars in our presence, congratulations to you all.

**Raylene Weldon**

**AEO**

