



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 2018

TERM 4 WEEK 2

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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

Thursday 25th October - Parent/Teacher Evening 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Monday 29th October - P&C Meeting 5.45pm

Monday 5th November - Stage 5 Exams commence

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th November - Under 15's Netball in Orange

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th November - Northern Schools Steer Competition Narrabri

Monday 12th November - Stage 4 Exams commence

Friday 16th November & Monday 19th November - MID TERM BREAK

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL



A few new additions to Nyngan High School which include our electronic sign (pictured left) to display messages, dates, excursions and general info on.

We are also loving our new covered area at the entrance to the school which provides shade and shelter when it decides to rain!!



And our grounds and oval are looking absolutely amazing at the moment - what a great area for our students to play, learn and relax in.



Principals Report

Dear School Community,

Welcome back to Term 4, which is a super 10 weeks by anyone's measure!

I sincerely hope many of you had a chance to refresh and relax in the beautiful spring holidays and are geared up for this wonderful sprint to the finish of the year. I say a sprint because already great things have been happening at Nyngan High and this term is a whirlwind of activities, assessment, transition and presentations.

Good Luck Year 12

We wish our finishing Year 12 class the absolute best for their HSC Exams, which commenced on Thursday 22nd October. In speaking to the students prior to the first English exam, there were definite nerves for most and plenty of optimism for getting through this essentially tough time.

The timetable for the HSC can be found at the NESA website:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au>

Welcome to our new Year 12 students

Term 4 broaches the beginning of the HSC journey for a new cohort and this group of students have the potential to achieve exceptionally. I encourage our Year 12 students, as always: ***DON'T WASTE A MINUTE***. The next twelve months will fly.

Options arise also for finalising courses in the HSC and some students will be looking to drop a course or move classes within a course. Students changing courses and classes will have this take effect from Week 3. I spoke with our students at the beginning of the term about the possibility of changes, however, here is a reminder of the process to follow:

- ◆ Seek and return a completed Change of Course form (available from Mrs Bush).
- ◆ Have a meeting with Mr Gibson and/ or Mrs Bush to discuss reasons for changing or dropping courses.
- ◆ Commit to an agreement for their Year 12 study pattern.

The privilege of flexible attendance also becomes available to Year 12 students and it can occur under the following circumstances:

- ◆ Year 12 students may sign-out, if they do not have a class during Period 5.
- ◆ Year 12 students may sign-out, during Weekly School Sport, each Wednesday during Period 5.

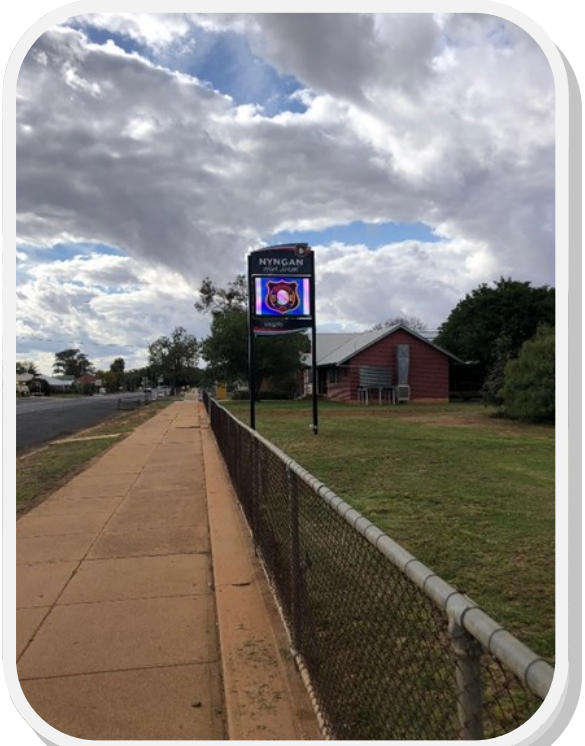
At all times, parents must be aware that they accept responsibility if their child signs-out and leaves school grounds during these times.

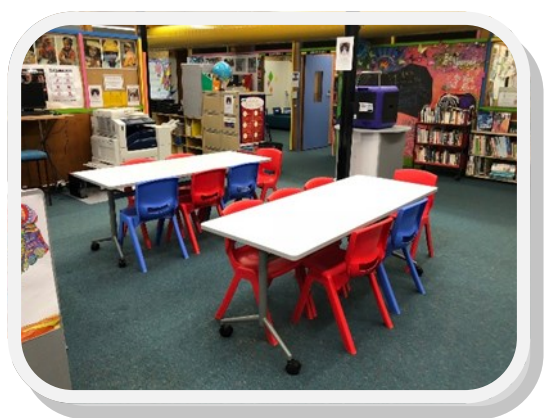
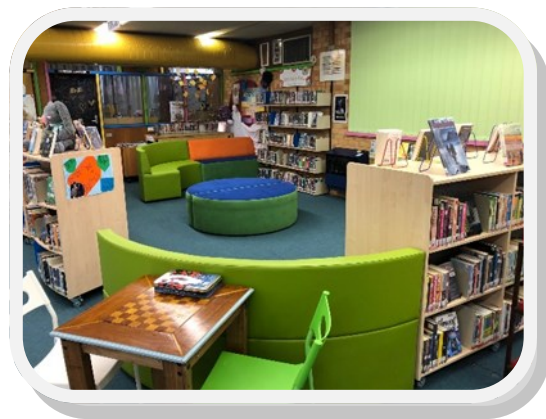
Nyngan High School - Better than Ever for our kids!!

During the holidays, our school facilities continued to be improved. We added some contemporary learning furniture which the kids love and had the final learning spaces painted in our school, with some innovative colours being prominent. Our grounds also look amazing and inviting.

If you would like to see any of our spaces in action, please drop in and Mr Gibson or Mrs Bush will happily take you on a tour.







This term our positive education focus is humanity.

For me, interacting positively with our fellow community members and society relies on respect.

The starting point of respect is good manners.

Being polite, saying please and thank you and being courteous are hugely important.

Beautifully, these cost nothing and returns us so much value in life.

Have great fortnight in sunny Nyngan.

*M Gibson
Principal*



Deputy Principal Report

Welcome to Term 4, our busiest term finishing up our content for the year and preparing for 2019. Our Year 12s have started their Higher School Certificate and it is great to see our students studying hard to prepare for their future. We have also had lots of students applying for apprenticeships and their work ethic and attitude during this time has been extremely commendable. Our younger students are heading in to their yearly exams and although they may be significantly less stressful than the HSC, they are a great way to start the studying process and show dedication and pride in their schooling.

Our Positive Education focus for this term is 'humanity'. It incorporates the character strengths of kindness - being generous to others, love - valuing close relations with others and social intelligence - knowing how to fit in to different social situations. Students and staff have been challenged to be self-reflective this week and look inside to see what they could improve. Sometimes it is very easy to pick out the faults in others, however if we recognise ways we can improve, it will be easier to help others with these struggles.



The first week back at Nyngan High School was extremely pleasing and students were meeting high expectations. Let us continue on this path of success for Term 4. As always, my door is always open to staff, students and parents should you have any concerns.

Angie Bush
Deputy Principal

English goings on!!

Tumultuous would be the word most apt for describing the start of term 4 in the English faculty. With year 12 gone, we thought it would be cruisy, but as always there's things happening that sometimes scrape under the radar.

HSC exams

These don't scrape under the radar, but with staff putting in the extra hours to get the kids best prepared, it makes for a busy time. The English exams are completed, as is Legal Studies. Next week is Modern History and Society and Culture, followed by Drama. The English exams may have thrown up some doozies, but we're sure the students were fantastically prepared and wish them best of luck for the remaining ones.

State Drama - State Drama is a program run by the Department's Arts Unit of out Sydney. For students to get selected, they need to endure a lengthy application and audition process before being selected for workshops and three performances at Chippendale's Seymour Centre. This year Reuben Stapleton was selected as one of only twenty students across the state; thousands applied. This is an incredible achievement from a bloke that just gets in and has a go and is testament to the benefits of pushing yourself and getting out of your comfort zone.



This week Miss Scott is taking Reuben and Mel Bodycott to Sydney so the two can participate in rehearsals and workshops, respectively. They will be going to a performance at the Belvoir Theatre and indulging in a variety of cuisines the multicultural paradise has to offer. The trip will culminate with a performance from



Reuben's ensemble on Friday night; the performance is a wry take on the recent leadership spills experienced in our major political parties.

Miss Scott would like to thank Natalie Stapleton for taking Reuben to Sydney in the holidays for rehearsals and just her general, awesome support.

Professional Learning

As teachers we are lifelong learners. We are also committed to improving our professional practice and thus it is important to continue to engage in learning about our subjects and broader areas. Here's what we've been doing and what's coming up:

Digital Literacy – Rick Partridge and I attended a course at Canobolas Rural Technology High to do with digital storytelling. It is a faculty goal of ours to become more equipped at involving new technologies in creative tasks and we found the course extremely valuable.

Aboriginal Education – Miss Scott is attending the NSW Teacher's Federation Aboriginal Education K-12 Conference. These reputable courses provide some great practical strategies for teaching Indigenous students and perspectives.

Mental Health First Aid – Miss Boyden is attending a course that will guide her on how to help people that may be experiencing some mental health issues. This is a fantastic opportunity and it's great to see an increase in the amount of professional learning dedicated to this critical element of teaching.

Geography 7-10 – Miss Rixon is also attending a Teachers Federation course, this one is about engaging kids in Geography. The presenters look great and should be another fantastic opportunity for our teachers.

That's about it from the faculty, as always, read a book!

T Miles

Relieving Head Teacher English

TAS Faculty

Welcome back to Term 4 which is already proving to be very busy. We miss Year 12 and trust they are working hard to be prepared for their exams and wish them the very best.

Work Education

The students have been given an assessment task to complete about the world of work and how it has changed. Students need to interview 2 people about their thoughts. The task was given to all students and also emailed to their school email addresses. I am currently working with Year 10 to organise a suitable place for them to again experience life out of school - Work Experience. I am also currently in talks with the Nyngan TAFE about a program for some hands on experience before the end of the year for some of our students. I will keep you informed.

The kitchen is the height of activity with the students working towards a cooking challenge. Mrs Orchard also has the Year 11 Hospitality looking at how they can improve their time management when organising both food preparation and actual cooking time.

Mr Webb has begun the task of the 'new' Year 12 students working out what to build for their major works in Timber. This is a big decision as the next few terms will be spent not only building but recording the process in a portfolio.

Mr Dal Forno, Miss Stafford along with Mrs Smith will this term be running the program known as **SEPEP**. It is a student centred approach to Physical Education which takes the best parts of community sport to enhance student learning. The philosophy behind **SEPEP** is for students to experience a program which mirrors "real life" sport. Students take on all positions of responsibility eg sports board, captain, coach, referee in addition to playing. The **SEPEP** approach promotes student participation because results matter. There is also a greater opportunity to develop game based skills, decision making and tactics. The students always love this approach and we look forward to hearing how it is going.

Miss Stafford has been busy with her CAFS class they begin working on their IRP (Individual Research Project). It focuses on the processes of inquiry and research, allowing students to pursue an area of interest.

Cattle Team



Congratulations to Mrs Partridge and the wonderful cattle team members. The steers are looking good and thoroughly enjoying being fussed over.

We wish you good luck as you continue to prepare them for the show coming up in Week 5 and hope all your early morning preparation sessions all year pay off.

HSC Marking

On Friday I head off to take part in marking the HSC Primary Industries paper. This is a great professional learning opportunity and one I continue to enjoy.

Mrs Walsh

Head Teacher TAS/ PDHPE/Careers

Maths/CAPA Report

Welcome back to the very busy Term 4.

Congratulations to Year 12 who have been busily revising for their HSC exams. In Mathematics/CAPA, Year 12 has sat the Music 1 and Visual Arts HSC exams, Mathematics General 2 and Mathematics are on Thursday 25th October and Dance is on Wednesday 7th November.

In Mathematics/CAPA the assessment tasks due this term are Music 1 in Week 7, Dance in Week 8, Photography in Week 9 and Visual Arts in Week 10. Notifications will be distributed to students no less than 2 weeks before the task is due for submission.

Year 10 Mathematics had an assessment on Algebra and Equations yesterday. Mrs Buchanan is eagerly marking it and it will be handed back to students next Monday. They are now studying properties of geometrical figures.

Stage 4 are studying Pythagoras' Theorem or Percentages. Enrichment are in the process of creating a draw and spreadsheet for their chosen competition as the assessment for this topic, which is due on November 2nd.

Following is Amy Motley and Abbie Smith working collaboratively on the draw for their competition.

During Term 4 the Mathematics/CAPA are embarking on a project where we would love to help our students show pride in themselves, so we thought we would tackle bookwork first. This also builds upon the fantastic job English/HSIE did in this area last term. For us to help your children take pride in their bookwork we ask you to check on your child's stationery supplies, particularly a book, pen and lead pencil.

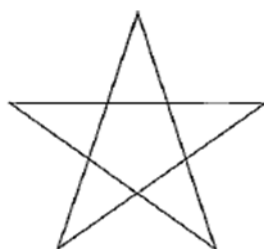
This is also a timely reminder that all students in Stage 6 Mathematics, Standard 2 and Standard 1 are required to bring a calculator to all lessons. The calculator Nyngan High School uses is a **CASIO fx-82AU PLUS** and it is available from Nyngan Newsagency.

Each newsletter we will be recognising some students who are bringing equipment and producing bookwork of which they can be proud. This fortnight we would like to acknowledge the well presented bookwork of: Ella Meldrum, Robbie Robb, Jaynie Smith, Saranna Fisk, Joc Doyle, Isac Drady, Serenity Sheather and Digby Barrow. Well done everyone and keep up the fantastic effort!

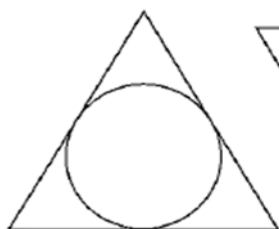
A little activity for you to ponder over during the next fortnight:

Can you draw each of the following drawings on one stroke (without stopping in the middle or going back over any part)?

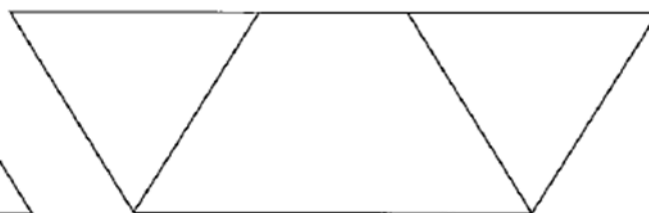
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T Buchanan
Head Teacher Maths/CAPA



Science/Learning Support

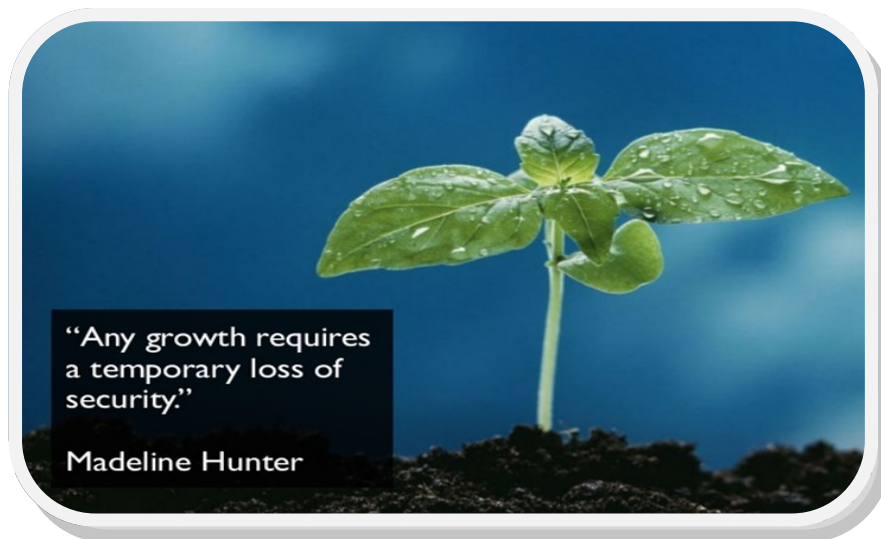
Welcome back for the final and very busy Term 4 of 2018.

Year 11 have now commenced their HSC courses in Physics and Chemistry and should be taking full advantage of not having the Year 12's in with them, dividing their teachers' attention.

Stage 5 have started a new topic called the Savage Earth and are looking at plate tectonics and the disasters which occur as a result of the movement.

Stage 4 have moved onto a biology unit and will be growing radishes as part of their guided research project. All of Stage 4 are also having one lesson a week, when they are working on an istem project. This project will run across the whole term and is a dragster challenge. Students will design a balloon powered dragster and build it for a race which will be held in the last week of term. The students are currently learning how to use Tinkercad software to design their dragster, which they will eventually be able to manufacture with the aid of a 3D printer.

The MC classes have settled back into the school routine well after their holiday and are looking forward to their yearly excursion to Dubbo which is coming up later this term.



E Partridge

Head Teacher Science / Special Ed

