Welcome to our New Staff

We would like to welcome our new teachers and staff and hope that you enjoy your time at Nyngan High School. Pictured above from left to right front row are: Caitlin Taylor, PDHPE; Mrs Melanie Murray, Deputy Principal; Elvina Hughan, Visual Arts; Mrs Nicole Hunt, Principal; Mrs Neralie Quarmby, Technology Support Officer; and back row: Richard Perry, Mathematics & PDHPE; Peter O’Neill, Science; Matthew Mould, Industrial Technology and Ngaire Booth, English, Language & HSIE.
Principal’s Report

Welcome!
Welcome back to Nyngan High School for 2013! A special welcome to new families and students. All students have started the year well, learning and working well in classrooms.

New Staff
Welcome to the new teachers that we have working at Nyngan High School.

Melanie Murray moves into the Deputy Principal position, coming from Northern Beaches Secondary College, Cromer Campus where she was the Head Teacher Mathematics. Mrs Murray will be teaching Year 11 General Mathematics amongst her Deputy Principal duties.

The Mathematics faculty is also joined by Richard Perry who is a trained Mathematics and PDHPE teacher. Elvina Hughan has taken on the Visual Arts position. Peter O’Neill moves into the Science faculty under the leadership of Mrs Montgomery. Peter will be teaching Science and Senior Science, as well as working with xsel students for their Science practical lessons. Matthew Mould is working on Industrial Technology. Ngaire Booth will be teaching English, Language and HSIE. Caitlin Taylor is a PDHPE trained teacher who will be working across the school replacing absent teachers under the Teacher Relief Scheme. Neralie Quarmby is taking on the Technology Support Officer position in managing the Digital Education Revolution laptop program.

All of our new teachers have settled in very smoothly and we look forward to working with them this year.

Burrendong
Year 7 and selected Year 10 students will be travelling to Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp next Wednesday. Mr Bockos provided all of the information on the first day of school for any families who had missed receiving it. Please contact the school if you have any questions about what students should be taking. We strongly encourage all students to attend. If there are financial concerns, please contact me and we can discuss a payment plan. Please hand in notes and money to the office as soon as possible.

Sport Day is Monday
Due to a timetable change, sport day will be Monday in 2013. This means that students wear their sports uniform on Mondays and their regular uniform on all other days of the week. Sports uniform is also required to PDHPE practical lessons. Students are asked to change back into their school uniform at the end of the lesson.

P&C Meeting
There will be a P&C Meeting at 5:45pm in the Common Room on Monday 11th February. We will be discussing the school uniform due to the fact that the fabric for the senior skirt is no longer available. There may also be other suggestions raised which can be discussed on the night. Any change to the school uniform will also go through the correct process and be discussed at an AECG Meeting and SRC Meeting. Hope to see you there!

Swimming Carnival
Swimming Carnival Pre Events will be held next Tuesday 12th February. The swimming Carnival will be the following week on Monday 18th February. Parents are invited to assist with the carnival again and all offers of help should be directed to Mr Bockos on 6832 1004.

State Cricket Carnival
We wish Oliver Hoare well as he represents Western Region at the NSW State Cricket Carnival this week. Let’s hope the weather isn’t too hot for four days of cricket outside in the sun!

Automotive
An additional engagement strategy is being introduced to our Stage 5 students. TAFE teachers are coming to Nyngan High School to teach Automotive once a week during school time in our Trade Training Centre. The list of students involved is being compiled by Mrs Walsh. Interested students should speak to Mrs Walsh to express their interest. There are limited places available. The Automotive lessons will begin next week.

2013 Homework Planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.


Doing Well In Class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Eight Ways To Get Your Kids Organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.


Smart Foods To Boost Learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?


Parents Pool Their Tips

Ask your child to write all their teachers' names on their timetables and make a copy for the fridge. If they have a mobile phone, have them take a photo of their timetable so they have it with them all the time. Read more tips from experienced parents.


Benefits Of Team Sports

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated.


Wishing you a smooth start to the school year.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Nicole Hunt

Principal

Deputy Principal’s Newsletter Report

I am honoured to be working at Nyngan High School as your Deputy Principal. Thank you to students, staff and community members who have already made me feel most welcome and I am looking forward to working with everyone.

I would like to offer a particular welcome to all of our Year 7 and new students and their families. I am sure you will enjoy your time at Nyngan High School and the myriad of experiences and opportunities available.

Nyngan High’s Core Values

Nyngan High has 4 core values: Be safe, Do your best, Have respect and Have integrity. Students will be taught what these values mean and how a student behaves when they display these values. Teachers have been sharing with students their expectations of behaviour in their classrooms in terms of these values. You can find them in the front of your student’s diary.

Throughout the year we will be looking at these values in more depth and what they look like both outside and inside the classroom. I will let you know each week what we are focusing on so you can talk about the value in the home setting.

Merit System

Students are rewarded at Nyngan High School with Merit Awards. All students start at the base level called White. Students only need 4 merit awards to progress to the Bronze level. The 4 awards can be from any of 9 categories. The categories are: Academic application, School service, School citizenship, Representing the school, Community service, Demonstrated leadership/communication skills, Demonstrated self-motivation, Co-operation and team work skills, Improvement/encouragement. I would expect most new students to have already achieved a merit award and be on their way to Bronze.

Uniform

Students who display our value of “Having integrity” wear their school uniform with pride. We will be focussing on getting all of our students into school uniform, in particular a Nyngan High School shirt, shorts or skirt, white socks and black leather shoes that cover the foot. Most students look great and thank you to those students and parents who have been supportive.

If your student does not have any item of the uniform because of financial reasons then please either write us a note or give us a phone call and we can assist you in getting your student into uniform.
If for any other reason your student is out of uniform, for example the shirt is still in the wash then if parents could write a note then the student can see me, Mrs Murray before school to get a Uniform Pass.

I am looking forward to working with you and your children in 2013 and beyond.

Kind regards,
Melanie Murray
Deputy Principal

P&C News
Hi Everyone, I hope you all had a great holiday and I look forward to a great 2013.

Our first meeting is tonight at 5.45pm, anyone who wishes to come will be more than welcome. We will be discussing the uniform so if anyone is interested in having a say I would encourage you to come. We will be discussing the senior girls skirt, the white and sky blue shirt and the boys grey shorts. No final decision will be made tomorrow night without more consultation, but we hope to make a start and then to finalise it before the end of term.

On another note, we are still trying to sell 300 Club tickets from last year so I would ask that anyone wishing to buy one to see myself or Jodi Douglas so that we can get this drawn and out of the way. Tickets are $10 each for a first prize of $1000 and then 5 draws of $100. All proceeds will go towards a new school bus eventually, but we have a lot of funds to raise in the meantime. If anyone would take some tickets off Jodi to sell please let me know.

Our AGM will be held for our next meeting and more details will follow closer to the day.

Thanks for listening. Hope to see you tonight.

Stephanie Waterhouse
Nyngan High School P&C Association
President

CAANTEEN
Hi everyone, Welcome back. I hope that we have a great 2013, just like 2012. Please do not hesitate to come forward with suggestions for the canteen. I am open to ideas—I do not know what your children like to eat unless you let me know.

NEW TO CAANTEEN
Zooper Dooper Iceblocks 60cents
Nippys Milk $2.50
Chocolate Mousse $1.00
Gelato $2.00 (2 scoops)
Salad Bowl (Seafood, Pasta, Chinese) $4.00

Our First Special for 2013
This Week:
PRAWN CUTLETS & SALAD $6.00—Lunch
Only Must Be Ordered

Thanks Annie—NHS Tuckerbox Canteen

Netball Registrations
All girls wishing to play Netball in Dubbo registrations are:
13th & 20th February at Nyngan Bowling Club from 5.30pm—6.30pm
Bring along a copy of your birth certificate
Uniforms will be there for you to try on
Welcome back to a jam packed school year in the Science and PDHPE faculty.

Stage 4 students are engaged in the study of Toys during this term. At present we are looking at the history of toys and how toys have changed with changes in technological developments. During this week, students should be asking you, their grandparents and any other older acquaintances, about the toys they played with when they were young. Students are using surveys as a research tool to gather information about how the types of toys have changed. Grandparents will be an invaluable source of information as their toys would more likely have been made of materials other than plastic, and not powered by batteries.

Stage 5 students are looking at communication through mechanical and electromagnetic waves.

**Stage 5 Independent Research Projects**

Students in stage 5 will begin to think about their Independent Research Projects this week. The projects will be presented in the middle of term 2, and this year we are planning to showcase the student’s achievements with a Science Fair. Please be involved in supporting your students learning through this mandatory investigation process. More information to follow.

**On this Day**

‘Genius is two percent inspiration, ninety-eight percent perspiration.’

Thomas Edison – born 11th February 1847. Responsible for the quotes above and below

‘It has been just so in all my inventions. The first step is an intuition—and comes with a burst, then difficulties arise. This thing that gives out and then that—“‘Bugs”as such little faults and difficulties are called show themselves and months of anxious watching, study and labor are requisite before commercial success—or failure—is certainly reached.’

(Describing his invention of a storage battery that involved 10,296 experiments. Note Edison's use of the term “Bug” in the engineering research field for a mechanical defect greatly predates the use of the term as applied by Admiral Grace Murray Hopper to a computing defect upon finding a moth in the electronic mainframe.)

Please feel free to contact me at the school to discuss your students progress, or any issues.

Leonie Montgomery

Head Teacher Science

**Dance**

There will be auditions held for the Combined and Aboriginal Dance Ensembles for 2013 on Tuesday 12th February from 3.15pm in Room 16. Students will be taken through a jazzy style warm up along with jazz combinations. Students who are successful in the audition process will then have the opportunity to audition as part of a group for the Schools Spectacular and State Dance Festival.

Successful students will also be required for numerous performances throughout the year including: P&C Dinners, NynanShow, Agriculture Show, School Musical, Education Week and the Western Region Dance Festival. Any questions please contact Miss Stafford at the school on: 68 321 004.

Miss Stafford

Dance
The English/HSIE faculty would like to welcome our newest member, Ms Ngaire Booth. Ms Booth comes to us with a passion for English and Drama and we look very forward to her innovative and creative ideas.

This term we are trialling a new English homework program focusing on increasing students’ vocabulary. Each Monday there will be two homework sheets attached to the newsletter, one for Stage 4 and one for Stage 5. No student has an excuse that they didn’t get their homework as newsletters can be found in various shops around town and are always available in the front office. Students need to complete their worksheet and hand it to their English teacher by the following Monday. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could encourage their students to complete these sheets as increasing vocabulary has major literary benefits and will lead to the improvement of the quality of writing that is produced by Nyngan High School Students.

This year Nyngan High School is giving each family a Writing Handbook. These will be given out in roll call this week to the youngest student in each family. The purpose of this booklet is to help students when writing different types of texts and help with all assessment and writing tasks. This booklet will be an essential tool for both students and parents. The handbook can be used to guide parents in helping their students with homework and assessment tasks and encouraging them to be the best they can be. It has useful information on referencing and plagiarism and we believe it will be an invaluable tool for success in 2013 and beyond.

The English/HSIE faculty are a big believer in positive thinking, so I’ll leave you with this…

Angie Bush

Head Teacher English/HSIE
STAGE 4 VOCABULARY WORK

Ever wanted to be more loquacious? Here is your chance. Attempt our weekly worksheets and submit it to the English department each Friday.

Week 3 Words

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State the meaning of..........................diary, eerie, camera
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Use in sentences.....................................bargain, impatient, happily
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Find synonyms in the list above for...... real, usual, smashed
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Find antonyms in the list for................. sad, none, confident
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Change to adjectives ....................... angle, ghost, length
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Which day this week will chocolate be more prevalent on?
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STAGE 5 VOCABULARY WORK

Ever wanted to be more garrulous and verbose? Here is your chance. Attempt our weekly worksheets and submit it to the English department each Friday.

Week 3 Words

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State the meaning of..........................summons, ransom, witness
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Use in sentences..................................mischievous, illegal, wary
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Find synonyms in the list above for...... thief, chase, admitted
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Find antonyms in the list for.............. lawful, true, shout
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Change to nouns .................................... Treacherous, confessed, violent
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*Mutiny* is mostly used to describe a rebellion by whom?
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