AUTOMOTIVE CLASS

Automotive Studies—Congratulations to the twelve students who were successful in applying to complete a TAFE Automotive Certificate whilst studying at Nyngan High School. This course was very popular and at the end of the year. Mrs Walsh will again apply for funding to support this initiative in 2014. The course began on Friday with TAFE Teacher, Mr Craig Barlow, from Dubbo. Craig was very pleased with our students and their effort in their first lesson. Pictured above is Craig with Nyngan High School students from left to right: Daniel Fitzalan, Jake McClelland, George Bennett, Pat Walsh, Nathan Shone, Brandon Hodge Piper, Jake Fitzpatrick, Billy Hayne, Reece Turk, Jayden Bonello, Travis Small and Jesse McBrien.
Luke Wye has been successful in his application for a Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarship. He will be part of a tour to Korea that will be undertaken in the 2013 July School Holidays. The Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarship program has the purpose of ensuring that the ANZAC story remains a living part of Australian history. Up to twenty scholarships have been awarded in 2013 to students in Years 10 or 11 (in 2012) enrolled in government or non-government schools who have a strong interest in the ANZAC tradition.

In 2013 the Premier or representative and the President of the NSW Branch of the Returned and Services League will accompany the selected students to significant overseas sites associated with Australia's participation in wars. The scholars may participate in ANZAC Day commemoration activities in one of the countries they visit. The tour will be of approximately fourteen days' duration.

Each scholarship covers all costs including travel, accommodation, meals, tour uniforms and a stipend.

Our congratulations goes to Luke on this wonderful achievement. We look forward to hearing stories from his trip.

Ixtend Success!

Congratulations to the 5 Nyngan High School students who were successful in their application for ixtend in 2013. Ixtend is a Western NSW Region program for Gifted and Talented students based on Renzulli’s Enrichment Triad. There are 3 levels of activity – enrichment, skills training and independent investigation. Students across the region completed at entrance examination last year. Those successful will be representing Nyngan High School in this regional initiative. The successful students are: Lucy Buchanan, Lara Hamblin, Ellita Hunt, Hamish McLaren and Petria Quarmby.

Selective Schools Test

There will be a Selective Schools Placement Test held at Nyngan High School on 14th March 2013. This is the entrance exam for Year 6 students interested in taking part in the xsel program in 2014.

Staff Training

Our Special Education teachers, school executive and school learning support officers were involved in additional training with Regional Disability staff on Wednesday and Thursday last week. The training will be ongoing and focused on enhancing our ability to cater for students in the special education setting in particular, but will also relate to other students across the school.

xsel Parent Meeting

Our meeting of xsel parents and students was very successful last Wednesday afternoon. The xsel students will be studying their Maths, English and Science from the Library this year, with their curriculum developed and delivered through xsel. These students will be in Nyngan High School Enrichment classes for all other subjects.

Position Vacant

Nyngan High School is seeking an energetic person to work with junior high school students on an individual basis three times a week in delivering the Quicksmart and Multilit remedial numeracy and literacy programs. The suitable applicant would demonstrate the following skills: sound literacy and numeracy skills; excellent interpersonal skills; ability to encourage, motivate and interact positively with high school students; and willingness to learn and deliver Quicksmart and Multilit. The position is temporary, three days a week, with a 3 month probation, and the contract ending towards the end of the 2013 school year following the successful completion of the probation period. Interested applicants should express their interest to Nicole Hunt, by email nicole.hunt@det.nsw.edu.au or deliver by hand to the front office. Please attach a resume outlining your skills and experiences. Applications close Friday 8th March 2013. This position is subject to a Department of Education and Communities working with children screening process.

Mid Term Break

A reminder that we will be having a Mid Term Break this Friday 1st March and next Monday 4th March. Automotive TAFE students will attend their automotive lessons as normal on Friday. All other students will not attend school.

Uniform Meeting

The P&C will be holding another meeting to discuss uniform tonight at 5:45pm in the Common Room. All interested parents and community members are invited to attend and express their opinion. We aim to finalise any changes to the uniform by the end of this term.

Uniform

Congratulations to those students who have been consistently attending school in their uniform. This demonstrates pride in our school and ourselves. Thank you to the parents who are supporting the wearing of uniform. It will be much easier for all of us once decisions are finalised. Thank you in anticipation of your tolerance and support.
Student Behaviour

Thank you to those parents a fortnight ago who raised concerns about some student behaviour in the classroom. Last week, several students were issued consequences for interrupting the learning of other students. It is the belief of the executive that we are making progress in correcting this problem. I have asked that all misdemeanours be acknowledged by staff, and appropriate action to follow. Should there be anything that is missed by a staff member, because that is sometimes the intent of students, I ask that you please inform the school immediately to allow us to rectify the problem and act accordingly. It is our aim that we deliver quality, uninterrupted, education for all students at all times.

Get Smart Attendance

On Monday, 18th March, Department of Education and Communities Attendance Officers will once again combine with Police School Liaison Officers to speak with poor attenders at school. We are currently collecting data to present to these officers on the day. We will be providing names of students who are absent from school regularly, less than 85% of the time available, or are habitually late or leaving the school with less than acceptable explanations.

Thank you to those parents who have been filling out exemption forms when their child has a planned absence. The extenuating circumstances, or medical appointments not available outside of school hours, among other reasons, parents can apply for an exemption from school for their child. We encourage all parents to apply for this prior to the absence.

Congratulations to those students who have attended 100% of the available days so far this term. Let’s keep up our great attendance record!

Homework Centre

A reminder that the Homework Centre is in operation each Monday and Wednesday afternoon. University trained teachers supervising will assist with homework, assignments or study. All students are encouraged to come along.

All About Apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.


When Older Kids Struggle with Reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they’re heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.


Multiplication Times Tables


Sorting Fact From Fiction

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.


Solving Equations

Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples:


Avoiding Injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Experts discuss and give tips on what to watch out for.


Have an enjoyable Mid Term break!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Nicole Hunt

Principal
Deputy Principal’s Newsletter Report

Good Guys Week

Students are rewarded at Nyngan High School with Merit Awards. There are 9 different categories from which teachers can recognise students displaying meritorious behaviour. 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.

This week teachers will be rewarding students for being a Good Guy. A Good Guy falls within the category of Improvement/encouragement. Teachers will be handing out special Good Guy awards where students receive the certificate of merit, a point towards the merit system levels and a chocolate from Mrs Hunt or myself! Teachers will be looking to catch students being safe, showing respect, displaying integrity or doing their best; that is displaying our core values.

Uniform

Nyngan High School students are looking great in their school uniforms. They are displaying our value of “Having integrity” by wearing their school uniform with pride and also our value of Being safe by wearing their black, leather school shoes. Thank you to the parents who have been writing a note if their child is out of uniform as students are learning to be responsible and following procedures and getting a getting a uniform pass from me in the morning. Students are also getting used to bringing their sports uniform in their bag and getting changed into it for PE and out of it again at the end of PE. Plain white socks are part of the uniform and there should be no writing or colour on them, and definitely not black.

Lockers

Year 7 and students who were not allocated a locker last year have received a Locker Application Form. Students need to return the signed contract to me in the Deputy Principal’s office by next Tuesday when they will be allocated a locker.

P&C News

Hi Everyone,

Just a quick reminder that we have an extraordinary meeting tonight at 5.45pm to discuss the uniform. Anyone interested and wishing to attend is welcome. Also a reminder that our AGM will be held on the 18th March, 2013 at 5.45pm followed by a general meeting.

Anyone wishing to purchase a 300 Club ticket please let me know as soon as possible so that we can get it drawn and out of the way, remember it is $1000 first prize. All proceeds will be going towards a new school bus in the future.

Thanks for listening.

Stephanie Waterhouse
Nyngan High School P&C Association
President

Year 11 Preliminary Assessment Meeting

We would like to invite parents and students of Year 11 to come to an information session on Thursday 28th February in the school library. At this meeting, the students will be given their HSC Preliminary Assessment Booklet which has all the information about upcoming assessments for each subject and information on the importance of keeping assignment deadlines to achieve success. Mrs Hunt, Mrs Murray and the Head Teachers will be present to explain and answer any questions you may have. It is very important that all attend to ensure they understand what is required over the next 3 terms.

Mr M Walsh
Year 11 Advisor

Two Ways Together Indigenous Student Scholarship

Applications are now open for Aboriginal Students in Years 9 to 12 to apply for this financial scholarship for academic achievement and commitment. Applications close on 8th March, 2013. If your child is interested in applying please see Raylene or Mrs Walsh to obtain further information.

Regards

Raylene Weldon
Nyngan High School
AEO/Aboriginal Student Learning Support Officer
English/HSIE News

A big shout out to the Stage 5 English Enrichment class who has been smashing the homework recently. There are still a few students not doing their weekly homework and just a reminder that you need to complete the homework sheet from your newsletter each week. If you complete a term’s worth of homework sheets you will receive a prize at the end of term.

SRC voting will take place this week and will be announced in the following weeks. Good luck to all those involved and congratulations to all who nominated.

A huge congratulations to the 5 Ixtend students who were selected on merit to participate in a gifted and talented project for term 2 and 3: Hamish McClaren, Lucy Buchanan, Petria Quarmby, Ellita Hunt and Lara Hamblin. An excellent result for these students and Miss Macdonald is looking forward to working with you on this project. Congratulations also to those who participated in the nomination and exam process: Jordan Rufus, Mitchell Sinclair, Kaleb Holmes and Liam Wherritt.

Lots of exciting case studies are being taught and learnt in classes across the English/HSIE faculty including life in the 1900s and German and French culture. If you have a child in Year 7 or 8, be sure to ask them to tell you the new words they have learnt in language.

As always, I leave you with some inspiration…

A Bush
Head Teacher English

TAS NEWS

The TAS Faculty warmly welcomes Mr Mould to Nyngan. Mr Mould has already settled in to his workshop and we look forward to seeing his student’s metal/wood projects in the future.

From Sydney we welcome TRS , Miss Taylor. This is an extremely important position and we hope that Miss Taylor enjoys her time in Nyngan.

Also helping us out in 2013 a few days a week is Mrs Carter. We are fortunate to have her reside in the TAS Staffroom.

Mrs Quarmby has also joined the TAS Faculty in her capacity as Technical Support Officer, and has been very busy in this area since she commenced. We look forward to working with all of our new staff members.

I would like to extend my thanks to Miss Lipman for relieving as Head Teacher while I was on the Burrendong Excursion. The excursion was a wonderful experience. Congratulations to the Year 7 students who attended and the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders. Your behaviour, cooperation and teamwork was highly commendable.

Mrs N Walsh
TAS Faculty Head Teacher
Interested in an extra Colour TV that would be perfect for games etc. Nyngan High School has three 68cm Colour TV sets for sale—$50.00 each—if you are interested please call 68 321 004.

Nyngan Junior Rugby League
Registration Day
Saturday 23rd February
10.30am—1.00pm Nyngan RSL Club
All ages from 5yrs to 16yrs
$65 a player or $110 a family (Inc. Players Polo Shirt)
New players require a Birth Certificate and Medicare Number
For details contact 0409 222 903